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Supporting Students
Sima Needleman (center, standing) sponsors scholars in social work. She is among many who help students succeed in school, and in life.
Building Homes, Building Community  Courtney Miller (left), a senior philosophy-neuroscience-psychology major, and Bob Pasque, a junior studying mechanical engineering, volunteer with the Washington University Habitat for Humanity® Campus Chapter. The two are among hundreds of students from the chapter who work with the St. Louis affiliate when their schedules allow, to help build houses in the St. Louis community. "I got involved because I was looking for a way to contribute to the community," says Pasque. "I've always loved building things, and Habitat seemed like a wonderful opportunity to genuinely help people and invest in other peoples' lives." In the fall, the chapter organizes monthly Saturday builds that provide 15–25 students the opportunity to volunteer on the work site each week. The chapter also provides assistance during the week when the affiliate needs volunteers. In the spring, the chapter's biggest building opportunity is during the annual Collegiate Challenge Spring Break Trip.
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Cover: Sina Needleman (center, standing), M.S.W. '74, provides scholarships for students studying social work. Among the recipients are Candace Williams (seated), Andre Benson (left), and Alexis Santi. (See page 10 for feature on scholarships.) (Photo: Joe Angeles; collage: Donna Boyd)

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Students Garden for Community

To raise consciousness of food and environmental issues, several students started a community gardening program, the Burning Kumquat, at the University. The student-gardeners, some 40 members, grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers to be sold to the St. Louis community. The garden, approximately 7,840 square feet, is located just east of Alumni House on the University’s Danforth Campus.

“Our purpose is to empower each other with the shared experience of practicing sustainable urban agriculture,” says Hitomi Inoue, an architecture student in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts and a member of the Burning Kumquat. “The garden is a place where Washington University and the surrounding community can reconnect with and care for the land. Through the work and joy of growing food, we hope to inspire responsible food practices and to provide local produce in our community.”

Some of this produce includes okra, eggplant, tomatoes, carrots, corn, cucumbers, squash, lettuce, potatoes, bell peppers, basil, and rosemary, to name a few. Students sell the food; flowers, such as sunflowers and marigolds; and spices at the North City Market in St. Louis during the summer and at the University during the academic year.

In addition to growing produce at the University, group members volunteer at other gardens and host events both on and off campus.

“Through the work and joy of growing food, we hope to inspire responsible food practices and to provide local produce in our community.”

The Burning Kumquat received start-up funds from the Campus Enrichment Fund through Student Union. The garden is recognized as a community garden by Gateway Greening, which provided a grant that paid for the majority of its soil. The garden started its seeds in the University’s Jeanette Goldfarb Plant Growth Facility.

To learn more, visit www.theburningkumquat.com.
Landmark Reached in Cancer Research

For the first time, scientists decoded the complete DNA of a cancer patient and traced her disease, acute myelogenous leukemia (above), to its genetic roots.

A team of researchers at the Genome Sequencing Center and the Siteman Cancer Center at the School of Medicine sequenced the genome of the patient and the genome of her leukemia cells to identify genetic changes unique to her cancer.

“Our work demonstrates the power of sequencing entire genomes to discover novel cancer-related mutations,” says Richard K. Wilson, director of the Genome Sequencing Center. “A genome-wide understanding of cancer, which is now possible with faster, less expensive DNA sequencing technology, is the foundation for developing more effective ways to diagnose and treat cancer.”

Fair Offers Volunteer Opportunities

Students, faculty, and staff participated in a University-wide Public Service Fair in the Danforth University Center on September 23, 2008. Sponsored by the Gephardt Institute for Public Service and the Community Service Office, this event featured more than 60 nonprofit organizations seeking volunteers and interns for a variety of opportunities. The Gephardt Institute hopes to make this an annual event.

Harry and Susan Seigle Hall Dedicated

Seigle Hall’s dedication on September 25, 2008, marked a significant milestone in ongoing efforts to encourage and facilitate interdisciplinary work between the social sciences and the School of Law.

The building—named for alumnus and philanthropist Harry Seigle and his wife, Susan—provides light-filled teaching, office, and meeting spaces for the law school and the departments of economics, education, and political science, all in Arts & Sciences.

Seigle Hall is the first academic building on the Danforth Campus to be named for an alumnus living outside of St. Louis. Harry Seigle, who earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University in 1968, and Susan Seigle reside in Chicago.

The four-story, 145,736-square-foot Seigle Hall contains 15 classrooms—the most of any Danforth Campus building—four seminar rooms, and 139 offices for faculty, staff, and graduate students. It also features three faculty lounges, six meeting spaces, three spacious conference rooms overlooking Francis Field, and a large lobby on each level.

Besides the economics, education, and political science departments, Seigle Hall houses the Center for Applied Statistics; Center for Dynamic Economics; Center for Empirical Research in the Law; Center for Interdisciplinary Studies; Center for New Institutional Social Sciences; Center in Political Economy; Center on Urban Research and Public Policy; Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy; and Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute.

Population Growth Puts Dent in Natural Resources

“Population growth is driving all of our resource problems, including water and energy. The three are intertwined,” says Robert Criss, professor of earth & planetary sciences in Arts & Sciences. “We cannot expect to sustain exponential population growth matched by increased per capita use of water and energy.”

For decades, Criss has taught a popular course for undergraduates, Human Use of the Earth.

“Ground water, fossil fuel resources, cropland, and forests are being depleted or degraded,” he says. “Arguments can be made that for a sustainable world, we already have too many people, far more than can live by decent standards.”

Criss says real change can come if the country can grasp the great risks involved with our present approach.

“There is an old saw that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result,” he says. “Oddly enough, that is our current energy policy, and it is not a winner.”
European Policy Debated in Mock Parliament

As part of a semester-long internship in 2008, students from the Olin Business School had the chance to present their ideas and debate possible outcomes to the European Commission in a mock parliament in Brussels, Belgium.

The event took place after the students spent a week researching the issue of European Union (EU) expansion and acquiring firsthand data. They traveled in pairs to 19 different capital cities where they met with government officials and other experts who could address the issue. During the mock parliament, the students represented the views and interests of the countries they had visited.

Olin students debated European policy during a mock parliament at the Espace Leopold, a complex that houses the original legislative chamber of the European Union.

During the semester, students learned about the financial aspects of the EU and its future development. They also had the opportunity to improve their interviewing and debating skills.

The European tour is part of a study-abroad semester for undergraduate finance students at the University. These students also complete research papers at the conclusion of their internships.

Physical Therapy Students Volunteer in the Dominican Republic

Josh VanRiper, president of the Program in Physical Therapy’s Class of 2010, was one of six physical therapy students to travel to the Dominican Republic in summer 2008. The students worked in Santo Domingo at the Cure Center for Orthopedic Specialties, a pediatric hospital that provides orthopedic surgeries to low-income children and adults. The team volunteered physical therapy services; helped recent surgery patients regain mobility, get out of bed, and use crutches; and observed surgeries.

Advancing Clean Coal Technology

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton announced the establishment of the Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization during a news conference on December 2, 2008. A news conference also was held in Hong Kong on December 8, 2008.

During the past year, the University has dedicated more than $60 million in financial resources to advance education and research related to energy, environment, and sustainability. The new consortium will receive additional support in the form of research partnership commitments of $5 million each from Arch Coal and Peabody Energy and $2 million from Ameren, to be paid over five years.

The consortium aims to make St. Louis the nation’s center for clean coal research by bringing researchers, industries, foundations, and government organizations together to research clean coal technology. "The knowledge and technology we will be able to create together will over time mean lower costs to customers and global environmental improvement," Wrighton says.

The consortium draws upon the strengths of the University’s Department of Energy, Environmental, & Chemical Engineering; the International Center for Advanced Renewable Energy and Sustainability (I-CARES); and the McDonnell Academy Global Energy and Environment Partnership (MAGEEP); as well as the St. Louis regional coal companies, Arch and Peabody Energy; and the utility company Ameren. It is anticipated that several additional corporations will join the consortium.
Understanding the Motion of Neutron Stars

University researchers have drawn the first detailed picture of the way a superfluid influences the behavior of a superconductor. These calculations could change scientists' understanding of the motion of neutron stars.

A neutron star, the high-density remnant of a former massive star, is thought to contain both a neutron superfluid and a proton superconductor at its core.

"Not many people have thought seriously about the interactions between a superfluid and a superconductor that are co-existing like this," says Mark Alford, associate professor of physics in Arts & Sciences. "They tended to treat the two components separately."

Separately, the two phenomena are well-understood. A superconductor allows a flow of current without resistance. Similarly, a superfluid flows without friction. Unlike superconductors and superfluids, a superfluid-superconductor does not exist on earth. But, understanding its hybrid behavior may be a first step toward creating one in the lab and understanding what occurs inside neutron stars.

Alford and graduate student Gerald Good studied the interactions between superfluids and superconductors.

"Not many people have thought seriously about the interactions between a superfluid and a superconductor that are co-existing like this."

Their research could be a first step to explaining the rotation of neutron stars.

"Sometimes you are pushing forward the state of knowledge a tiny step at a time," says Good, "but here maybe we pushed it two steps."

Architectural Competition Reinvents Children’s Theater

St. Francis de Sales church, popularly known as "the Cathedral of South St. Louis," has been a local landmark since the end of the Civil War. Its six-building campus is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

One of those buildings includes an 8,000-square-foot children’s theater in urgent need of renovation. In fall 2008, five teams of architecture students from the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts worked to develop plans for the theater as part of the Community Service Competition at the Sam Fox School.

"The agenda for this project was to create a schematic design proposal that can be used by St. Francis de Sales as both a fundraising tool and as a basis for construction documents," says graduate student in architecture Eric Cesal, who organized the competition with fellow graduate student Ali Lang.

A team led by graduate teaching assistant Ellen Leuenberger received the first-place prize of $300. Team members included students Denny Burke, Alexander Harner, Michael Heller, Rachel Kerr, and June Kim.

The winning design focused on the theater’s entry sequence, creating a large exterior courtyard filled with organic gardens and meeting areas.
University Exhibit Showcases Alum's Stage Designs

St. Louis native John Ezell, B.F.A. '54, is one of contemporary theater's most influential scene designers. He has created hundreds of sets for major companies and festivals across the world.

From September 11 through November 22, 2008, the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts' Des Lee Gallery presented Bold Strokes and Finesse: The Stage Designs of John Ezell. The exhibition surveyed the breadth and scope of Ezell's work.

Considered a "director's designer," Ezell is known for respecting the playwright's textual prescriptions while also infusing a sense of eclecticism, scholarship, and art history.

He has worked on more than 350 productions for many of the world's most prestigious venues, including the New York Shakespeare Festival, the Istanbul Theatre Festival, the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre, and the Royal Danish Ballet.

Ezell collaborated extensively with the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, where his credits range from Almost September and Death of a Salesman to The Mystery of Edwin Drood. His work on A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum and Heartbreak House were nominated for Kevin Kline Awards for Outstanding Set Design in 2006 and 2008, respectively.

In 2001, he received Washington University's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Currently serving as the Hall Family Foundation Professor of Design at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Ezell heads the theater department's scenic design area. He was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Theatre at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Recently, he was appointed by the International Theatre Institute and the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology to design the U.S. exhibition at the Prague Quadrennial in 2011.

Volleyball Player Featured in Sports Illustrated

Senior outside hitter Alii Alberts of the volleyball team was featured in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of Sports Illustrated in the November 3, 2008, issue.

"Faces in the Crowd" is a weekly feature in the magazine that highlights six athletes from all levels of competition across the country. Alberts was honored for her 50 kills and 45 digs that helped the Bears capture a 4–0 week and a 3–0 start in the University Athletic Association (UAAC) competition, and that earned her AVCA/Sports Imports Division III National Player of the Week honors on October 7, 2008. She was the first student-athlete from Washington University in more than two years to garner AVCA National Player of the Week honors.

Alberts also was named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Second Team.

During the 2008 season, the volleyball team finished 32–7 overall and won the UAA conference with a 10–1 record. Five members received AVCA All-America honors.
Treatment Filters Out Cholesterol

Diet and lifestyle changes, combined with medication, can lower the risk of heart attack and stroke in patients with high levels of so-called bad cholesterol. But some patients genetically predisposed to high levels of LDL (low-density lipoprotein) do not respond well to drug therapy.

Now School of Medicine physicians can help these patients with a technique called LDL apheresis, a treatment with an FDA-approved system known as HELP (Heparin-induced Extracorporeal Lipoprotein Precipitation), which filters LDL cholesterol out of the blood.

"Blood is separated into red cells and plasma, and the plasma is run through a device containing material that grabs on to bad cholesterol particles," says Anne Carol Goldberg, associate professor of medicine. "It removes them from the blood. Then the plasma is put back together with the red blood cells, minus the LDL, and returned to the body."

The therapy reduces LDL cholesterol levels by at least 50 percent, according to Goldberg, a cholesterol specialist. Unfortunately, the bad cholesterol will begin to build up again in the days and weeks following treatment, so patients must receive treatment twice a month.

The Center for Advanced Medicine at the School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital is the only site in the St. Louis area to offer LDL apheresis.

Pulitzer Foundation, Brown School Join Forces

The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts and the George Warren Brown School of Social Work announced a new partnership. Through events, publications, and community projects, the Brown School and Pulitzer hope to explore how social work and the arts can interact in a meaningful way.

A street festival on October 3, 2008, the first public event of the partnership, celebrated the Community Light Project (CLP), an initiative with the goal of bringing together people of all ages and interests around light, art, and community.

The CLP involved art and music projects with elementary, middle, and high schools as well as other institutions such as the Saint Louis Science Center and the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to other programming, select students from area schools, under the guidance of commissioned artists, created light installations in their individual schools. They worked together to build a collaborative light installation that is displayed in the Grand Public Arts Plaza in St. Louis.

"This project sought to open dialogue about what light means to different community members," says Lisa Harper Chang, manager of community engagement, a joint position shared by the Pulitzer Foundation and the Brown School. "The Pulitzer Foundation and the Brown School were able to explore what role light and art can play in the process for community change."

STEPHEN F. BRAUER, chairman of Hunter Engineering Co., was named chair of the University’s Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2009. (See page 8 for more on Brauer.)

The Board of Trustees also elected six new members: GEORGE P. BAUER, president and CEO of GPB Group Ltd.; GREGORY H. BOYCE, chairman and CEO of Peabody Energy; JOHN F. DAINS, CEO of Helm Financial Corp; STEVEN F. LEER, chairman and CEO of Arch Coal Inc.; GEORGE PAZ, president and CEO of Express Scripts Inc.; and HARRY SEIGLE, founder of The Elgin Co. For a list of trustees who were re-elected, see www.magazine.wustl.edu/.

BARBARA FLAGG, professor of law, was named the John S. Lehmann Research Professor for 2008–09.

JEFFREY I. GORDON and DAVID M. HOLITZMAN were elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Gordon is the Dr. Robert J. Glaser Distinguished University Professor and director of the Center for Genome Sciences, and Holtzman is the Andrew B. and Gretchen P. Jones Professor and chair of the Department of Neurology.

CHANCELLOR MARK S. WRIGHTON received the Catholic Campus Ministry Association’s first-ever Exemplary Administrator Award. Wrighton was recognized for his “endless support of the network of interfaith campus ministries at Washington University.”

YOUNAN XIA, professor of biomedical engineering, was installed as the inaugural James M. McKelvey Professor.
A major commitment from Stephen and Camilla Brauer will help implement the long-range, strategic plan of the School of Engineering & Applied Science, Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton announced in October 2008.

The commitment—made in the form of a challenge grant—will match all gifts and commitments from alumni, parents, and friends—up to the maximum of the commitment by the Brauers—that are earmarked for support of the annual and long-term needs of the engineering school.

"Steve and Kimmy Brauer are two of St. Louis' and America's most distinguished citizens," says Wrighton. "They have been steadfast friends of Washington University for many years, and through their leadership, generosity, and service, they have left an indelible imprint both on the University and the School of Engineering."

In fall 2008, ground was broken for the second building in a new complex for the engineering school. Wrighton announced that the building will be named in honor of the Brauers to recognize their long-standing devotion to and impact on the University.

When the Stephen F. and Camilla T. Brauer Hall is completed in 2010, the 150,875-square-foot facility will serve as home for the Department of Energy, Environmental, & Chemical Engineering; provide space for the International Center for Advanced Renewable Energy & Sustainability; and share facilities with the Department of Biomedical Engineering.

An innovative feature will be a 90-seat distance-learning classroom—the first of its kind at the University—that will be available for use by all academic departments and schools.

This building also is being designed as a green structure.

"Kimmy and I are proud to be so closely associated with Washington University," says Brauer. "The growth of the University and its rise in reputation in the last 20 years have been truly remarkable. We believe the School of Engineering has terrific potential both for the University and for society; as well, it can be a catalyst for economic development in the St. Louis region. We are happy to add our support to its success."

Stephen Brauer, former U.S. ambassador to Belgium, is chairman of Hunter Engineering Co., a leading manufacturer of computer-based, automotive service equipment for the global market, with its headquarters in St. Louis.

His long association with the University began in 1987 when he joined the National Council for the School of Engineering. Appointed to the University's Board of Trustees in 1991, he was just named Board chair effective July 1, 2009.

"The University has benefited greatly from Steve's wisdom and experience," says Wrighton. "As vice chair and now chair-elect of the Board of Trustees and chair of the School of Engineering's National Council, he is helping guide the long-term, strategic planning process that will set the direction for both the University and the School as we work to address the challenges facing society in our fast-changing world."

Camilla Brauer is vice chair of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. At the University, she serves as a member of the Danforth Circle Committee of the William Greenleaf Eliot Society. In 1996, the National Society of Fund Raising Executives named her the Outstanding Fund Raising Volunteer in the United States.

The Brauers have provided significant support for scholarships for students in the engineering school and in the Olin Business School. They endowed the Stephen F. and Camilla T. Brauer Distinguished Professorship in Biomedical Engineering and have contributed generously to support other initiatives, including facility expansions. They are Life Patrons of the William Greenleaf Eliot Society.
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BY JUDY H. WATTS

A university is a magnificent idea: a place replete with knowledge; alive with teaching, learning, and discovery; and vibrant with synergies in a richly diversified community. At Washington University, that ideal is actual and of the highest order. The University's academic reputation is towering, and the preponderance of its community are, by many measures, exemplary human beings. Almost to a person, the close-knit student body is astonishingly accomplished, altruistic, and kind. And a vast portion of alumni—leaders, healers, problem-solvers, innovators, builders, defenders, communicators, mentors the world over—display a strong bond to the school that tended their talent and nurtured their character.

In the years since a fledgling Washington University awarded eight scholarships on the eve of the Civil War, assistance to students based on need or merit has come to reflect many of the values implicit in the school's distinctive education. For scholarship recipients, the awards provide an immediate connection to other worthy young men and women who have scholarships themselves, to donors with exceptional personal qualities and experience, and to opportunities for participation, growth, and contribution to the University community and beyond. For alumni and friends of the University, supporting scholarships allows them to witness the fulfillment of possibility as the impact of their gift increases over time. As the following members of the University family explain, scholarships today are increasingly critical gateways to the rigors and joys of a Washington University education—and powerful engines for good in the world.

Marge and Art McWilliams relish getting to know their scholarship recipients. Here, they meet with Michael Young and Erin Albers, both juniors in the Olin Business School. Young was a member of the 2008 men's national championship basketball team, and Albers helped the volleyball team win its ninth national title in 2007.
We are such a high-caliber and competitive university that we have to make attendance as easy as possible for the kind of students the selection committee seeks—young men and women who are bright, accomplished, and eager to be part of the community...,” says I.E. Millstone, B.S. '27.

for that purpose.” In addition to providing much-needed buildings and facilities, Millstone and his late wife, Goldie, A.B. ’28, funded approximately 60 scholarships in architecture, arts & sciences, engineering, law, and social work. Among these are the I.E. and Goldie Millstone Scholarships in the School of Engineering & Applied Science and the Goldie G. Millstone Scholarships in Arts & Sciences.

By dissuading his own family members from accepting scholarships they merited—instead paying full tuition for as many as 20 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nephews and nieces at a time—Millstone has always made way for other students who needed support.

“Scholarships have been a wonderful source of interest for me all my life,” he says, noting that he tries to attend all the annual scholarship dinners for students, and often encounters former students again when they are “50, 60, and 70” years old. “Their accomplishments give me a lot of vicarious pleasure,” he says.

Millstone understands clearly that the best universities also vie for international students, adding, “When these diverse, intelligent young people meet one another in the course of their education, it’s a great ray of hope that the world may at least arrive at some way of living together.”

The importance of supporting students so that they can establish estimable lives and a presence in the world is a deeply held belief of William K.Y. Tao, M.S.M.E. ’50.

When he left China in 1947 to pursue graduate study at Washington University, Tao was offered a teaching assistantship. Raymond R. Tucker, a mechanical engineering professor and then-chairman of the department (and later mayor of St. Louis), also helped Tao get a part-time engineering design job, so that he could afford to bring his wife, Anne (Yu Tsai), and their infant son, David, to St. Louis. His family was able to get on the last flight out of China before the Communists took over in 1950.

Tao later founded the consulting engineering firm, William Tao & Associates, which specialized in designing high-rise and high-tech buildings systems. He calls himself a practical scientist who applies science to engineering systems in buildings.

Tao smiles broadly as he describes “my most important contribution to Washington University,” initiating the “annual scholarship concept” at the School of Engineering in 1974. This concept allows a donor to pledge a partial scholarship anywhere from one to four years, supporting a student’s financial need in lieu of an endowment. Tao himself started with a contribution of $1,000 per year for four years, and he also persuaded nine others to do the same. (Over time, the minimum contribution has increased to keep pace with inflation.)

The concept caught on with 30 sponsors the next year, and now there are nearly 400 annual and endowed scholarships in the engineering school. Moreover, the same concept now is implemented in every school and college at the University. Today, the combined total of endowed and annual scholarships exceeds 2,100.

An emeritus trustee and former affiliate professor in the engineering and architecture schools, Tao and his wife sponsored a total of seven scholarships—five in engineering, and, of these, two are named to honor their parents. They also sponsored two in the School of Social Work, plus a merit award in architecture.

“I feel it is our obligation to do this, because we have been recipients ourselves,” Tao says. “We both wish people would try to do a little bit more during their lifetime rather than after life.”
Both Judy and I were brought up in hardworking but financially challenged families who struggled to send their children to college,” says Jerald (Jerry) Kent, B.S.B.A. ’78, M.B.A. ’79. Kent is co-founder, president, and CEO of the telecommunications firm Cequel III, LLC. “I couldn’t have attended Washington University without the financial assistance extended to me, and I’ve never forgotten that,” Kent continues. “And Judy took out loans and worked three part-time jobs to get through school. So we’re thrilled to be in a position to give back and help students who could not otherwise afford to go to Washington U.—and to help the University remain competitive.”

As a member of the Board of Trustees as well as the Olin Business School National Council, Jerry Kent says the University’s success has three cornerstones: professors, infrastructure, and students. “It’s just tremendously important to invest in incoming students by helping to make their education affordable. I think eventually some universities with huge endowments may begin providing free tuition—so we must continue to develop the scholarship fund if we’re to attract the brightest students in the country and in the world.”

In the 2008-09 academic year, thanks to the Kents’ new $3 million, seven-year commitment to the Judy and Jerry Kent Scholarships, five freshmen in the Olin School became the first to receive the four-year scholarships, one through a merit-based competition, and four based on both merit and financial need.

“It’s so important to give back to the community,” says Judy Kent, who adds that their children, Matthew, 18, and Rachel, 15, are both “huge community volunteers.” The same spirit of mutuality will enlarge all the Kent business scholars.
Recent Recipients Share Successes

Focusing on empowerment, equality, and everyday needs • When Clare Masson, M.S.W. ’07, would tell people she was studying social work, she got pats on the back and smiles. But when she added that she planned to work against human trafficking, she was met with horror. “They’d say: ‘Isn’t that dangerous? Isn’t that sad? How can you do it?’”

But Masson continues, “The question for me was how could I not?”

After graduation, Masson completed a Fulbright grant in Chile and worked on a project there for the Gephardt Institute for Public Service. She utilized a model, initially created by classmates Kelsey Buchanan and Carrie Nardie, to understand human trafficking by using system dynamics to examine how the City of Valparaiso intervenes in the trafficking industry and what areas are being overlooked.

A former Danforth Scholar at the Brown School of Social Work, Masson says the assistance was invaluable. One benefit was that it kept her from getting further in debt, so that later she could search for jobs in which she truly believed.

“My goal is to develop viable programs that have a direct impact on people,” she says. “I know I can’t save the world, but I’m optimistic about the change I can help create.”

It takes a community • By many measures, Adeyinka (Yinka) Faleti, J.D. ’07, would seem tougher than steel. A new litigator at Bryan Cave, LLP, he was tempered at West Point, where he majored in human factors engineering. He served two tours in Kuwait and was tank platoon leader at Fort Hood, training for war with 15 enlisted soldiers on four M1A2 Abrams tanks. He was a captain and company commander when he left the military.

Yet after emerging unscathed from his six-year Army career, Faleti broke his kneecap playing pick-up basketball at the

Almost to a person, donors report that one of the greatest rewards of providing scholarships is the contact they have with the students themselves. Connections are made in a range of ways: annual scholarship dinners, home-cooked suppers, telephone calls, newsy notes, and e-mail messages—for starters. Arthur (Art), B.S.B.A. ’49, and Marge McWilliams, who both have accounting degrees and are ardent sports fans, sponsor three endowed and three annual scholarships, primarily for accounting majors who are student-athletes.

“The students are the backbone of the University,” says Art McWilliams. “Supporting such bright individuals from diverse backgrounds helps the University grow and builds its reputation.”

The McWilliamses take support for students to a new level, watching them play “whatever sport they’re into,” and traveling as often as 10 times a year to out-of-town Division III basketball and volleyball tournaments, sometimes alternating between men’s and women’s playoff games. If the venue is Boston, the McWilliamses like to cheer their students from the stands then hop a shuttle to Manhattan for dinner and a Broadway show.
School of Law. A Poscover Endowed Scholarship had made the
difference in his decision to enroll—but what happened next
touched his heart.

"There was such an outpouring of love and support, and this
was only my second week," Faleti says. "They were the most giv­
ing, friendly classmates in the world. Somebody took my books to
class; someone else pulled out my chair; my roommates drove me
to the store and helped me get upstairs. Somebody baked cookies.
And I thought, 'You know what, I made the right decision.'"

And he made the most of his time while at the University.
Faleti went on to become president of the Black Law Students
Association and to compete on the Trial Advocacy Team, earning
Best Advocate honors in 2005 and serving as captain on the
2006 finalist team.

**Surprise and Gratitude •** Scholarship donors
often say they are glad the University chooses the
scholarship recipients because the selection committees
have such prescience about potential and success. But had pedia­
trician Brian Saville, A.B. '95, M.D. '01, been on his own commit­
tee for the 1995–96 Elizabeth Gray Danforth Women’s Society
Scholarship, he probably would have chosen someone else.
Married with three children, Saville was running his own 10-year­
old residential communications systems business and pulling a 4.0
average at St. Louis Community College at Meramec on the side.

"I applied to the University not expecting to get in," he
recalls. "and when I found out that I got in and also got the
scholarship, I was shocked." (Later on he had another surprise—
his application to the School of Medicine was accepted!)Now an annual scholarship donor, Saville has served on the
Women’s Society’s scholarship selection committee, which one
year chose a brilliant young scholar from Vietnam. When her
equally talented sister applied the following year, Saville was
impressed that committee members were unconcerned about
two family awards in successive years.

"The sisters each deserved scholarships, and they got them.
When I saw that, it took my breath away," Saville says. "I think
that says as much about the Women’s Society as one could ever
hope to say."

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"We also love the annual scholarship dinners because
we can follow the students’ progress and development over
four years," Art McWilliams says. "After they graduate,
they call us whenever they return to campus."

"Scholarship programs are just wonderful," Marge
McWilliams adds. "I wish everyone would take part because it’s so rewarding to see the students grow as they do and
watch them develop increased confidence over time."

Art McWilliams can’t resist: "Of course, a lot of them
are coming in with increased confidence to start with!" he
says, laughing. "They're just great!"

Remarkable contributors to their many communities,
Philip and Sima Needleman, M.S.W. ’74, live the
ideal of making the world better—a closely held value
within the University’s entire scholarship family. At
the Saint Louis Science Center, for example, the couple
provides fellowship funding for Youth Exploring Science
(Y.E.S.), a four-year enrichment program that moves
children from inner-city schools to college.

A member of the Washington University Board of
Trustees, the National Academy of Sciences, and the
Institute of Medicine, Philip Needleman is past chair of
the School of Medicine’s Department of Pharmacology
and former chief scientific officer and senior executive
vice president of Pharmacia Corporation. Sima Needleman
One scholarship, perpetual effects • Acts of generosity, of course, can powerfully affect lives. Also remarkable is that recipients' attributes that lead to their being awarded scholarships often become amplified later in their lives. Take Gregg Walker, A.B. '94, as one example. Far beyond his vice presidency of strategy, mergers, and acquisitions at Viacom, Walker displays the intellectual and leadership abilities and commitment to community service that helped him win a four-year John B. Ervin scholarship.

A deacon in the Abyssinian Baptist Church, in Harlem, Walker is a member of the board of Harlem RBI, an organization that uses baseball to help focus city children on literacy and leadership. Among other major efforts, he chairs the board of the Harlem YMCA, which serves tens of thousands of Harlem youth and is involved with health issues of 3,000 adult African-Americans.

Walker's extensive service to Washington University includes membership on the Arts & Sciences National Council and the New York Regional Cabinet. An annual scholarship donor for many years, he recently created an endowed scholarship. Called the Harlem Scholarship, the goal is to fund a student from northern Manhattan or elsewhere in the borough. He expects both scholarships to continue "in perpetuity."

serves on the Social Work National Council, and she founded and led for seven years the Alumni Association's focus group "Healing Racism." She recently has begun writing and publishing interview-based biographies detailing the richly textured lives of individuals in her synagogue, Sharee Zedek.

The Needlemans believe that the challenging fiscal environment mandates a renewed commitment to scholarship support for students at every academic level. "These are vulnerable economic times in which the vibrant and very smart students we want to attract will need financial support more than ever," says Philip Needelman.

"We are very committed to education and helping to catalyze careers," Sima Needelman adds. "We wanted to help by providing two scholarships [for the School of Social Work], which are now endowed [meaning that the principal amount remains untouched but yields dividends to help fund the scholarships indefinitely]. One is named for my parents: the M. Alfred and Sadie Kolman Scholarship. The other is the Sima Kolman Needelman Scholarship." (Reflecting the caring that characterizes her profession and is part of her nature, Sima Needelman invites the scholarship students to individual lunches so that she can get to know them better.)

As a surprise upon her husband's retirement from Washington University, she created an endowment for the Dr. Philip Needelman Pharmacology Prize, awarded annually to a graduating student for outstanding achievements in pharmacology. The Needlemans also recently have endowed the Philip and Sima K. Needelman Professorship to help support the first leader of a new Clinical Sciences Division within Washington University's BioMed 21 initiative, which is designed to accelerate scientific discovery and to more rapidly apply those breakthroughs to patient care.

As energetic and intellectually wide ranging as the Washington University students he applauds, Gary Sumers, A.B. '75, graduated Phi Beta Kappa with degrees in history and political science, earned a law degree, and attended the London School of Economics. He is senior managing director and COO of the Real Estate division of the Blackstone Group, a private equity firm in New York City. A longtime contributor to scholarships in his college, Sumers found himself "in a position to do more, and so in 2008, I endowed a million-dollar fund for scholarships in Arts & Sciences," he says.

"The goal is to provide a four-year full ride for as many students as possible, depending on the economic climate, who maintain B averages. The first student, a minority scholar, began as a freshman last fall."

Although Sumers did not attend Washington University on scholarship, he prefers that the scholarships be awarded to entering freshmen who have financial need. "I grew up in a very solidly middle-class environment in which my parents made sacrifices that affected their lifestyle so that I could receive a first-class education. I realize how fortunate I was and how lucky I've been in my life," he says.

"I think the University has a very special and immensely admirable admissions process. Students are motivated, kind to one another, and altruistic, as well as outstanding scholars. I just wanted to help them."

The Joan Sumers Scholarship in Arts & Sciences honors his late mother, who Sumers says "was a big influence on my life, believing in education and in who I was and who I could be."

He concludes: "I want these scholarship students to have fun and enjoy the incredible things the University has to offer. If in the future they are as lucky in their lives as I have been, I hope they will do something for other students."

Both Howard Wood, B.S.B.A. '61, and Joyce Wood, B.S.B.A. '76, M.B.A. '77, say frankly that they could not have attended Washington University without scholarships. Howard Wood, co-founder of Charter Communications; CequillJ, LLC; and Gilead, LLC, is a member of the Board of Trustees, the Olin Business School National Council, and the School of Medicine Finance Committee; Joyce Wood is on the Medicine and Public Health National Councils. She serves on several for-profit and not-for-profit boards. They both are still actively involved in the many businesses in which they have investments, including real estate development and a commercial beef herd.

The Woods also are passionate about helping outstanding students afford a Washington University education.

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Howard and Joyce Wood both attended the University on scholarships and say it is one of their biggest joys to be able to give back to students now. Among their scholarship recipients and fellows are (right, from top) Brian Shaw, Katherine Tkach, and Michael Swift, all M.B.A. students.

“I just couldn't take my scholarships and not give something back,” says Joyce Wood, who commuted from Festus, Missouri, to complete the Olin School’s 3-2 program after her children were born.

Today, the Woods support up to 15 full-tuition scholarships, the Wood Leadership Fellows Program, and the Wayne Wood Scholarship in Howard’s father’s name. They heartily enjoy the satisfaction of helping others and the joy of knowing the students.

“We try to meet them all!” says Howard Wood, who recalls one young woman who was completing her surgical residency while enrolled in the M.B.A. program. “You tell me how these kids do it!”

At one annual dinner, Joyce listened as Howard’s 95-year-old mother—who has enjoyed attending the scholarship dinners as much as they do—spoke to a Canadian business student who casually mentioned relatives in Marquand, Missouri. Joyce says, “It turned out his mother and I were college roommates!”

The couple’s commitment to students also includes the funding of a simulation center at the School of Medicine; the center allows medical students to develop sophisticated clinical skills using computer-driven, lifelike mannequins.

“We get so much enjoyment from these scholarships—including watching graduates go on to do wonderful things,” says Joyce Wood.

Returning to numbers, Howard Wood adds: “It’s often harder to obtain scholarship dollars than bricks-and-mortar dollars. But because national competition for students grows more fierce every year, a great many more scholarships are absolutely essential.”

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Helen Piwnica-Worms cares passionately about science—and has since being a child. “Most little girls go to the store with their mother hoping to get a doll or candy,” she says, “but I asked for a science book every time.” Even so, it wasn’t until she reached graduate school that Piwnica-Worms realized she wanted to be a scientist.

“Growing up, I never knew any female scientists, so I thought I’d be a teacher,” she explains. Yet the nagging feeling that she hadn’t learned enough led her to more and more advanced studies. Finally, she entered graduate school in biomedicine. “When I conducted my first laboratory experiment—coming up with a hypothesis, testing it, and getting an answer—it was an endorphin-releasing experience,” Piwnica-Worms says. And she’s been hooked on research ever since.

As the Gerty T. Cori Professor of Cell Biology and Physiology in the School of Medicine, Piwnica-Worms uses her passion for research to answer fundamental questions about how cells divide—and about why they sometimes don’t stop dividing. Her work may one day provide valuable new tools for fighting cancer and other diseases. “Helen is a leader in cell cycle work at a very basic level, and she’s well-known internationally for her work,” says Philip Stahl, the Edward C. Mallinckrodt, Jr. Professor and head of the Department of Cell Biology and Physiology. “She’s also one of a few select scientists who can navigate between basic science and translational research.”

Piwnica-Worms has spent the last two decades studying the complex biochemical processes by which cells—the building blocks of nearly all living things—divide and pass on their genetic material. As a result, she’s discovered an important checkpoint moment where the cell stops, takes stock, and examines its DNA before giving the “all clear” for cell division to proceed.

To Control Cancer’s Spread

Medical Professor Helen Piwnica-Worms’ discoveries on how cells divide and pass on genetic material are proving central to cancer research. Colleagues are now testing ways to stop damaged cells from dividing.

BY JANNI L. SIMNER
When a dividing cell detects damage at a checkpoint, Piwnica-Worms says, that “all clear” signal never comes. Instead, the cell activates a protein called CHK1 (pronounced “check one”). CHK1 acts to get rid of another molecule in the cell, the CDC25A phosphatase. Since CDC25A is required for cells to divide, by removing it, CHK1 effectively stops division from taking place—and keeps damaged DNA from being passed on to daughter cells. When the checkpoint process breaks down, however, and cells fail to put the brakes on cell division, diseases such as cancer can result.

Because of these findings, Piwnica-Worms’ work shifted into the clinic, where colleagues now test ways to use CHK1 inhibitors to stop damaged cells from dividing—and thus control cancer’s spread. Preliminary clinical trials show particularly promising results with triple negative breast cancer—the disease’s progress has been slowed—and further trials are currently under way.

“It’s very exciting to take basic science from the laboratory into clinical trials, and to potentially be able to do some good,” Piwnica-Worms says. “That makes me want to get up and come to work every day.”

Piwnica-Worms is quick to emphasize, however, that her research—and science in general—is valuable for more than its clinical applications. She remains committed to the importance of scientific inquiry as an end in itself, and she points out that Nobel Prize-winning biochemist Gerty T. Cori, for whom her professorship is named, was a basic scientist as well. “It’s vital to understand how significant basic research is,” Piwnica-Worms says. “You have to let scientists ask important questions. That’s the base of the pyramid upon which scientific progress builds.”

She adds that no one can determine what research will have clinical applications down the road. “I had an interest in understanding what drives cells to divide,” she says. “That this now has clinical relevance is the icing on the cake. But it’s not why I did it. I love the basic mechanistic understanding of the science. Ultimately, I feel it all will be relevant at some point.”

Piwnica-Worms’ University colleagues agree that her research is top-notch. “She’s a tenacious and focused researcher,” says Andrey Shaw, the Emil R. Unanue Professor of Immunobiology and a sometime collaborator with Piwnica-Worms. “She has extremely high standards, asks tough questions, and is a very clear thinker.”

After earning a Ph.D. in microbiology from Duke University, Piwnica-Worms and her husband, David Piwnica-Worms (who is now professor of radiology and developmental biology at the University’s Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology), initially moved to Boston, where Helen Piwnica-Worms did her postdoctoral work at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She accepted her first faculty position at the Tufts University School of Medicine and then moved to Harvard Medical School a few years later. She and her husband originally planned to remain in Boston, but in 1994 Washington University’s Department of Cell Biology and Physiology contacted Helen Piwnica-Worms, looking for a faculty member with expertise in cell cycle control.

“It’s imperative for researchers to interact. Science is becoming so complex that one laboratory can’t have all the technology necessary to solve a problem,” says Piwnica-Worms.
"My husband and I had a great appreciation for the Midwest and what it could offer, especially in terms of family life and raising children," Piwnica-Worms says. When she was deemed the top candidate for the cell biology position, and when her husband was also offered a position at the Mallinckrodt Institute, they both accepted and moved to St. Louis with their young son and daughter. Those children are now themselves college students, and their daughter is a senior in Washington University's College of Arts & Sciences, studying pre-med and English literature.

Piwnica-Worms says she loves the University's atmosphere, which encourages collaboration among researchers. "No matter where your science takes you here, there's always someone with expertise who can help you," she says. "It's imperative for researchers to interact. Science is becoming so complex that one laboratory can't have all the technology necessary to solve a problem."

"It's great fun to collaborate with her, because she truly loves and is enthusiastic about science," Shaw says, adding that Piwnica-Worms is generous with her time and expertise. "Colleagues like Helen are what make Washington U. such a great environment in which to do science."

In her own department, Piwnica-Worms gives several lectures each year on cell cycle control and cell proliferation. She also mentors graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in her lab, where she enjoys watching students get the same endorphin rush she experienced as a young researcher. "They'll come running into my office to show me something, and that's so exciting," she says. "It's very rewarding to work with students and to see them develop into young scientists ready to launch out on their own."

She advises young people considering a science career to follow their passions as she did. "If you feel that endorphin release when you do an experiment, then I'd say this is the profession for you. Follow your heart and follow your biological questions, and the rest will all fall into place."

Piwnica-Worms repeatedly has been recognized, nationally and internationally, for her work. She's a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She's received a Spirit of Health Award for Cancer Research from the American Cancer Society and was elected to the board of directors of the American Association for Cancer Research. In 2007, she received the Carl and Gerty Cori Faculty Achievement Award from Washington U., and in 2008, she was named the University's first Gerty T. Cori Professor. The endowed professorship is part of the University's BioMed 21 initiative, which was created to encourage the use of research discoveries to diagnose and treat patients. "She is a national leader in research, a terrific teacher, a leader in developing the careers of young scientists, and a wonderful colleague," Stahl says.

Piwnica-Worms looks forward to continuing to understand cell cycle control and cell machinery in the decades ahead. She hopes to bring her work—much of which has been done on strains of cells cultured in the lab—to whole organisms. New noninvasive imaging techniques are making it easier to work with animals, and, along the way, those techniques have brought Piwnica-Worms a new collaborator: She now works with her husband at the Mallinckrodt Institute. "That's really been a lot of fun," she says, adding that it's the first time their work is overlapping.

Wherever her future work takes her, Piwnica-Worms says her focus on fundamental research will remain. "I'll always be interested in the basic mechanisms of cell cycles and how they're turned on and off," she says. "We still have a lot to learn."

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The University opened the Danforth University Center on August 11, 2008. It quickly became the hub of activity.

One of the nation's oldest college newspapers, Student Life, has a new home. The chronicler of issues of import to students now sits within the newest, most central gathering spot on the Danforth Campus, the William H. and Elizabeth Gray Danforth University Center.

"Our new offices in the Danforth Center are located in the center of campus and at the intersection of so many events," says Sam Guzik, editor-in-chief of Student Life. "It's really nice to be so close to the action and, at the same time, to have all the resources that the Danforth University Center affords."

Student Life isn't the only student organization enjoying the new Center. Count in Student Union; Office of Student Activities; Greek Life; other student media, including WUTV; and many more. University departments with a student focus have spaces there as well, such as the Community Service Office, Career Center, and Campus Life.

Since its opening on August 11, 2008, the buzz about the Center and its common areas, dining venues, courtyards, meeting and office spaces has been loud and affirmative. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors, and friends have a place at the table, so to speak.

"After the Student Life office, my favorite part of the building is the formal lounge," Guzik says. "It has one of the greatest views on campus, and it's a great place to go to relax and decompress from a busy day."
The Danforth University Center’s Tisch Commons proved the perfect spot for students to watch the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. • (Top, left) Jason Lin (left) and Peter Chieng, both Engineering Class of ’09, meet in another favorite gathering place in the Center, the second-floor “fun room.”
Another favorite gathering spot, visited by hundreds of students a day, is the Tisch Commons, aptly named to recognize a $2 million gift to the Center by University trustee Ann Rubenstein Tisch, A.B. '76, and her husband, Andrew.

"The Tisch Commons is one of the most architecturally interesting places we now have on our Danforth Campus," says Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. "This exceptionally generous gift from Ann and Andrew enables us to establish the Commons as an important center of campus activity, for which we are very grateful."

Near the Tisch Commons is another heavily trafficked area: the John F. and Stephanie Brooks Dains Dining Hall. The chancellor announced its naming in recognition of another generous gift—this one by Stephanie Brooks Dains, A.B. '69, and her husband, John, B.S.B.A. '68.

"Washington University is very grateful for this remarkable gift from John and Stephanie," Wrighton says. "The Dains Dining Hall is now the main dining area on campus, and, as such, it is destined to become a favorite setting for our students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, and parents who will gather here as a community."

Another hub of the Danforth University Center is the Angel and Paul Harvey Media Center, named for the late "Angel" Cooper Harvey, an alumna, and her husband, the legendary broadcaster Paul Harvey, both generous benefactors of Washington University over many years.

"Angel Harvey loved Washington University and wished to make it as special a place for current and future students as it was for her," Wrighton says.

The Harvey Media Center provides workspace for several print publications, including Student Life and The Hatchet, and for WUTV, which now has a professionally designed news set where students can create state-of-the-art programs.

"State-of-the-art" can be applied to the entire Center, for which students had design input. University administrators even took a group of student leaders to the Boulder, Colorado, headquarters of Communication Arts, Inc., which designed three dining areas and the "fun room." These leaders took part in a charrette that resulted in the fun
room's concept and design. Student input also influenced the style and menus of the eateries in the Center.

Overall design of the three-story, 116,000-square-foot facility was conceived by architects Tsoi/Kobus and Associates of Cambridge, Massachusetts. The construction, by Clayco of St. Louis, was supported in part by a gift from the Danforth Foundation. A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. (now Wachovia Securities, LLC) and the Edison, Newman, and Freund families also provided leadership gifts. Overall, some 50 generous gifts have been received from trustees, alumni, parents, and other friends of the University.

In speaking about the new Center, Chancellor Emeritus William H. Danforth says: "Ibby would be very pleased by having her name attached to this wonderful Center. I have countless warm memories of our years together at Washington University. She would see the new Danforth University Center as a special place where students can gather with their friends and classmates for activities and talks, for learning, and for growing,"

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Cycling for Hope, Housing ... Humanity

At 71, alumnus Robert Frick, a retired veteran of the banking and real estate industries, is still on the move. He recently completed a cross-country bicycle ride for Habitat for Humanity.

By Terri Nappier

Bob Frick chose to undergo a double hip replacement. “Having both sides operated on at the same time was both good and foolish,” says Frick, B.S.C.E. ’60, M.B.A. ’62. He explains it was “good” because he didn’t have to undergo two bouts of intense physical rehabilitation back-to-back, and “foolish” because he had to battle through twice the pain at once. Frick, ever motivated, was not content with coming through the physical therapy just in OK shape.

Having surgery in September 2003, he wanted to be cross-country skiing by Christmas day, of the same year.

Frick’s surgeon said: “I’ve done everything I can do. The rest is up to you, God, and the physical therapist, so get yourself a good one!”

His physical therapist was a former ballet dancer and, according to Frick, “meaner than heck, but just what I needed.” She had him dancing the hora up and down the halls of the rehabilitation center, over and over at a faster and faster clip.

“You have to work through the pain,” Frick says, “or your long-term results will be diminished.” (He skied on December 26, 2003!)

And judging from his latest adventure, his long-term results are remarkable.

At 71, Frick rode his bicycle some 3,200 miles across the country. A resident of Lafayette, California, just east of San Francisco, he started his journey from San Diego on September 3, 2008. Heading east, he touched water in St. Augustine, Florida, on November 15, 2008.

His motivation: to raise awareness and money for Habitat for Humanity. Naming the ride the “Habitat Cycle of Hope,” he zigzagged through eight states and visited nine different Habitat for Humanity (HFH) organizations.

His wife, Barbara, accompanied him in their Toyota Prius. She secured lodging, food, and supplies; kept Bob connected to the “Cycle of Hope” Webmaster; and arranged for Bob to participate in 14 phone meetings long distance, which was no small chore on the “back roads” where he traveled.

Bob Frick’s journey for Habitat for Humanity took him coast to coast. Starting from San Diego on September 3, 2008, he traveled through eight states—California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida—before touching water in St. Augustine on November 15.

While cycling, Frick confronted fissured highways in California, 130-degree asphalt in Arizona and New Mexico, incessant head winds and exhaustion in West Texas, high humidity all across the Deep South, and ominous tractor-trailers in every state. He also met strangers and made new friends, and saw volunteers and future homeowners work side-by-side.

In El Paso, Texas, he met a mother of six children, ages 7 to 14, who had lost her husband 18 months earlier.
in an industrial accident. The family previously lived in a dilapidated trailer, but was now working along with HFH volunteers on the frame for a new home.

"Barbara and I visited the site," Frick says. "The family was going to move in before Christmas, and the kids were just ecstatic. They would grab me by the hand, show me around, and say: 'This is going to be my bedroom, and my bed's going to be over there. This is where we're going to live!'"

Frick said the mother, who was about 45, inspired him. In addition to raising six children and working full time, she is less than a year away from getting her teaching degree.

Frick thinks highly of the HFH business model as well. The recipients of HFH homes buy a home just like anyone else but at zero interest. They have to be qualified; they have to have an acceptable credit score and a job. And they have to contribute somewhere between 300 and 500 volunteer hours.

"They can put in part of that work on another house, and part of it on their own," Frick says. "So we got to see potential homeowners working on someone else's home."

Frick appreciates the complexities of the business model, too, having spent nearly 25 years in banking. Joining Bank of America in 1963, he rose through the ranks, working in corporate finance, as president of the bank's venture capital subsidiaries, and as chief financial officer. He "retired" as vice chairman of its board of directors and head of its world banking group in 1988.

While in his early 20s, Frick idealistically planned to retire by the time he was 50. And he almost made it. At 51, he left Bank of America.

Not one to just sit back and relax, he and Barbara created a successful real estate business, KES Management Company. At first, the Fricks rented homes in Contra Costa County, east of San Francisco, and subsequently apartments for low- and middle-income families in Sacramento. At one time, they owned up to 1,000 units.

Frick notes that his wife was the catalyst for their success. At the apartments, she instituted day-care centers, preschool programs, free lunch programs, and English as a second language programs. She worked closely with police officers, trying to create a drug-free area for children. Their company's motto was: "You can do good and make money."

No longer landlords, this formidable couple still plans a new adventure every year.

"I always keep a checklist of things I want to do in life, and I've only got 29 years to go," he says with a laugh.

In July 2007, the two cycled 540 miles in Minnesota, about 77 miles a day for seven straight days. Bob, who also teaches in the Executive M.B.A. program at St. Mary's College of California, did so on a dare from a former student.

The ride, an annual event to raise money for Habitat for Humanity in Minnesota, gave the Fricks an up-close view of the organization.

"I got very impressed with the volunteerism and what they do for others," Frick says. "At Christmastime, I talked with Barbara and said the difference between 540 and 3,200 miles isn't that much. Why couldn't we do that?"

He adds with a grin: "I'm bad at arithmetic."

Actually, he's pretty good with numbers. His fundraising goal for the cross-country ride was $71,000, a thousand for every year of his life. At last count, he had raised more than $80,000.

Gifts came in large and small, from sponsors such as Charles Schwab Bank, Clif Bar, and Lucasfilm Foundation. A few came from folks he met along the way.

He reflects on the day he met a farmworker while resting at a Circle K somewhere in the middle of a desert: "I'm taking a drink, with sweat running down my face," Frick says. "And this guy, I guess about 65, pulls up in the most beat-up pickup. He gets out and asks me: 'What are you doin'? I told him, and he said, 'OK.' The man then went inside and bought something. When he came out, he gave me a handful of bills and said, 'Good luck, be safe, God bless you, and we need more people like you.' Then he jumped in his truck and took off. I didn't get his name or anything. I think he gave me $12."

Frick, a former recreational runner and hiker of such peaks as Kilimanjaro and Machu Picchu, has seen a lot in his lifetime, but nothing like the generosity of spirit he experienced on this trip. A trip that lived up to its name: "Cycle of Hope."

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For more information on the "Habitat Cycle of Hope," visit: www.habitatcycleofhope.com.
In her new memoir, *At the Elbows of My Elders*, alumna Gail Milissa Grant shares stories of her ancestors’ determination, grace, and perseverance during the time of “the great unknowing.”

BY CANDACE O’CONNOR
Before the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, any black person stepping out the door was facing uncertainty, taking a chance. St. Louis, like other cities, had its barriers and bigots. In her new memoir, *At the Elbows of My Elders* (Missouri History Museum, 2008), Gail Milissa Grant, A.B. '72, describes the courage of her older family members as they grappled with segregation and prejudice, surmounting the daily challenges of what she calls "the great unknowing."

"You always had to think about which places you could go," she said on a visit to St. Louis from her home in Rome, Italy. "Which restaurants would serve you? Which theaters would let you in? You didn't know when someone might call you 'nigger'; when a waitress might say, 'We don't serve colored. Get out.'"

Grant left St. Louis at age 23 and spent 22 years as a foreign service officer with the U.S. Information Agency, stationed in Norway, France, and Brazil. For a time, she also taught art and architectural history at Howard University. But she always hoped to pay tribute to her family's courage. Reflecting on their story has helped her "put everything in its proper place," she says—both good experiences and bad. "Writing this book further closes that chapter."

Through the generations, her family learned to navigate an unjust system, finding ways to earn a solid, middle-class living. The parents of her mother, Mildred Hughes Grant, founded and operated a funeral home; the parents of her father, David Marshall Grant, taught themselves chiropody, trimming the corns and bunions of the white St. Louis elite.

Both families cared deeply about education, expecting their children to attend college: Mildred Grant at Northwestern University, David Grant at the University of Michigan and Howard University School of Law. Still, getting that education wasn't easy. As a child, David Grant had a long streetcar ride to all-black Wheatley Elementary School; as a teenager, he took two streetcars to Sumner High School, the only black secondary school in St. Louis. Each day, he watched white students enter Central High School, only blocks from his home.

As a young attorney, he became a strong advocate of civil rights and economic justice. In 1931, he organized a successful picketing effort at a new Woolworth's store, located in a black neighborhood, that did not employ a single black clerk. Then he turned his attention to the poorly equipped and shockingly overcrowded City Hospital No. 2, where black patients were treated. In 1930, an intern had been electrocuted while using X-ray equipment with exposed wires.

Grant, an ardent Democrat, attended ward meetings throughout the black community, showing graphic slides of the conditions. He noted that black voters had supported a
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Gail Grant and her brother, David, were raised in a heady atmosphere of political debate, with dinner-table discussions of President Dwight Eisenhower, whom her father despised, and President Lyndon Johnson, whose domestic policy he admired. In their home at 3309 Arsenal, within a largely white neighborhood, they entertained such greats as Leontyne Price, Ralph Bunche, and Cab Calloway, Gail Grant’s godfather.

Yet the children faced racial challenges, too. In their Catholic elementary school, Gail and David were the first Protestants and nonwhites. When he was insulted, David responded physically and verbally; Gail felt hurt and miserable. “Taller than all of the girls in my class ... and with skin the color of a brown paper bag, fitting in quickly turned into an impossible goal,” she writes.

Throughout these years, their parents made fine role models, she says today. “My mother, nicknamed ‘Bubbles,’ had an effervescent personality and was very open to the world. She loved to travel, and that is where I got the travel bug. My father was a visionary, ahead of his time.”

It was a triumph for the elder Grant to see his daughter attend the once-segregated Washington University. When she participated in 1960s-era Civil rights protests on campus, he worried about her safety but ably represented her group at an official hearing. “I could feel he was thrilled to be back in the fray,” she wrote, “giving counsel to civil rights activists two generations removed from him.”

He did not live to read her new book; he died in 1985, Mildred Grant in 2007. Gail Grant is now a speaker and writer, married to Italian set designer and artist Gaetano Castelli. Yet in many ways, her parents—really, all her forebears—are still with her and forever will be. “I feel very, very bolstered by my parents and by their example,” she says with gratitude.
Howard and Horty Kuehner have been married for 66 years, but their lives have been intertwined since childhood. They were delivered by the same doctor a few years apart; they grew up on the same street in Webster Groves; and both of their fathers were bankers in St. Louis.

Despite these similarities, they did not know each other as children. Horty’s father was appointed the New York representative for First National Bank of St. Louis, and her family moved to New Jersey for eight years.

Howard and Horty first met at a freshman mixer at Washington University in 1937. Howard was enrolled in the John M. Olin School of Business and a member of Beta Theta Pi. Horty was a student in Arts & Sciences and pledged Pi Beta Phi.

Horty recalls: “I wanted to go to Northwestern to study interior design, but my family encouraged me to attend Washington University. There were only 15 students in my high school class, and when I walked into History 101, it felt as if there were 500 people in the auditorium!”

In 1939, Howard began his career at Hamiltonian Federal Savings and Loan, which his father had founded. He was drafted by the U.S. Army in the fall of 1941. After he graduated from Officer Candidate School, he and Horty were married in 1942. He served as a medical administration officer in the Pacific Theater and was a captain when the war ended.

A heritage of service

While Howard was overseas, Horty worked at Washington University in the War Training Office. The University was one of many institutions across the nation under contract with the United States Office of Education to train workers for the defense industry. Before the program ended in 1945, Washington University had offered more than 50 courses and had trained some 15,000 people. “We were very busy, and the work was demanding,” Horty recalls.

As students and faculty went into the service, the campus began to resemble a military post. The Army contracted with Washington University to train hundreds of officers and specialists in engineering, languages, and pre-medical and pre-dental studies. To accommodate the increase in students, the University transformed Givens Hall into a barracks and converted basements and storage spaces into classrooms.

After the war, Howard returned to St. Louis and his father’s bank, but he soon left to go into business for himself. “After my experience in the Army, I couldn’t sit behind a desk all day,” he says. He attended Aetna’s training program in Hartford, Connecticut, and then founded the Kuehner Insurance Agency in St. Louis. Ten years later he joined The Daniel and Henry Company, one of the largest privately owned, independent insurance brokerage firms in Missouri. He retired as a vice president of Daniel and Henry in 1995.

Howard is a past president of the Insurance Association of St. Louis. From 1966 to 2006, he served on the board of directors of Cass Information Systems, Inc., which was founded in 1906 as Cass Avenue Bank. Horty’s father, Harry C. Hartkopf, had become president of Cass Bank & Trust Company in 1936. Hartkopf’s leadership led to the development of Cass Information Systems, which today is the largest provider of freight invoice payment, audit, and rating services in North America.

A tradition of philanthropy

In memory of Horty’s father, the Kuehners endowed a chair in finance at the Olin Business School at Washington University in 1995. Today the Harry C. Hartkopf Professorship in Econometrics and Statistics is held by Siddhartha Chib, who is widely recognized as a leader in the field of simulation-based statistical methods.
Howard and Horty's children both graduated from the Olin Business School. Their late daughter, Kerry, graduated from John Burroughs School in 1968 and earned a bachelor's degree in art history from Webster University in 1972. A talented painter, sculptor, and graphic artist, Kerry founded the independent design firm Kuehner Associates in Washington, D.C., and St. Louis. She developed corporate identity programs for the Fox Theatre, the Butterfly House, and the Forest Park Balloon Race, among others. She earned an Executive M.B.A. from Olin in 1987. She died at age 55 in November 2005, after a brief illness.

Kerry's younger brother, Kim, graduated from John Burroughs School in 1971 and from Washington and Lee University in 1975. He earned an M.B.A. from Olin in 1977 and worked at Famous-Barr in St. Louis before leaving to establish his own clothing store. For the past 20 years, he has owned and operated Kim Kuehner Men's Sportswear in Ladue, Missouri. In 2006 Kim endowed the Kerry S. Kuehner Fine Arts Building at Burroughs in his sister's memory.

Howard and Horty also have created two endowed scholarship funds at the Olin Business School as part of their estate plan. One is in Kerry's memory, and the other is in honor of Kim. They also sponsor an annual scholarship in business, currently held by David Logan, a first-year M.B.A. student.

Howard and Horty Kuehner are important members of the University community, and we appreciate their extraordinary generosity and friendship,” says Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. “Their family tradition of philanthropy will continue to provide wonderful opportunities for generations of outstanding young people.”

Over the course of seven decades, the Kuehners have witnessed the University's transformation from a “street car school” to one of the finest universities in the world. “We are very proud of Washington University and what it has become,” Horty says. Howard adds: “We are proud to be a part of it.”
Celebrating
1st, 5th, AND 10th Reunions

Young Alumni will visit campus during Thurtene.

On April 17–19, 2009, the classes of 2008, 2004, and 1999 will commemorate their 1st, 5th, and 10th Reunions. Alumni Weekend provides the ideal setting for young alumni to renew old friendships and make new ones. Many exciting activities are planned, and all classmates are encouraged to participate.

Reunion Schedule of Events

**Friday, April 17**
Welcome Reception

**Saturday, April 18**
Brunch
Campus Tour
Thurtene Carnival
Residential Life
Happy Hour
Class Party

**Sunday, April 19**
Do Your Own Thing!

For more information on Alumni Weekend festivities, visit the Alumni Association Website at alumni.wustl.edu.
In 1988, seven graduates of Washington University decided to get together on New Year’s Eve in New Hampshire. They were all single and just starting their careers, yet had been friends since their freshman year as residents in Umrath or as members of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. And, it’s not surprising that 21 years later, that same group of friends continues to reconnect every year for their own reunion—now with spouses and children in tow.

“It’s definitely a different kind of reunion,” says Bennett Kleinberg, A.B. ’87. “I think it personifies what Washington University is like. It is this huge melting pot, bringing people of different backgrounds together.”

Gathering everyone and their families in one location for the three-day New Year’s event has become a challenge. Members of the group live in different parts of the country—from Texas to Massachusetts—and work in diverse fields: engineering, marketing, psychology, public relations, and software. But they share one common bond, and that’s friendship.

“We have gone through some of life’s significant events together,” explains Amy (Sonnenschein) Venetianer, A.B. ’87. “I think that brought us all closer. We were all single coming out of college, and then some of us went to graduate school. Eventually, everyone got married. Then we started to have kids. Once the kids came into the group, they all became close. It’s like a big family now.”

For their 20th reunion last year, nearly 30 people gathered in Tampa, Florida. “It was the first time we went to a resort,” says Todd Venetianer, B.S.C.S. ’88, M.B.A. ’88. “We wanted to do something different after 20 years. We do everything during our reunions—playing golf and flag football, and taking over restaurants. It’s just a fun time to catch up.”

Mark Krasnow, A.B. ’87, says attending the University provided him with a great education and lifelong friends. “The intimacy of Washington U. gives you the opportunity to get involved and really know people. It really is a community,” says Krasnow. “We still all enjoy getting together—maybe it’s because for a few days we all feel like we’re back in college. It gives us a chance to be a little bit nostalgic. It’s sort of a respite to take a few days and reconnect with old-time friends, and there’s a certain comfort in that.”
Revisit, Reconnect, Remember ...
That is what hundreds of alumni will do to celebrate their 20th–65th Reunions May 14–17, 2009. Alumni Weekend promises to be an exciting one as many activities are planned for classmates. Here are just some of the highlights:

**Thursday, May 14**
Alumni College
Join classmates and friends for presentations by University faculty on current affairs, science, and medical developments.

**Friday, May 15**
Deans' Receptions
Class Parties
Campus Tour

**Saturday, May 16**
St. Louis Architecture Walking Tour
See all the changes happening in St. Louis as a guide shares the city's history and its focus on the future.
The Reunion Gala
Participate in the Great Bear Parade and enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing.

Other activities include:
Tyson Research Center Tour
Classes of 1969–84 Family Picnic

**Sunday, May 17**
Reunion/Graduation Catholic Mass
Celebrate mass in the newly renovated Catholic Student Center Chapel.

For a complete listing of Alumni Weekend events, visit the Alumni Association Web site at alumni.wustl.edu.

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**2009 Reunion Leadership**

**Class of 1944**
Jerry Brasch, B.S.Ch.E. ’44, M.S.Ch.E. ’47, Executive Committee Chair

**Class of 1949**
Jack Barsanti, B.S. ’49, J.D. ’52, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Marie Prange Oetting, A.B. ’49, Executive Committee Co-Chair
George Fonyo, A.B. ’49, Gift Co-Chair
Art McWilliams, B.S.B.A. ’49, Gift Co-Chair
Hank Schreimann, B.S. ’49, Gift Co-Chair

**Class of 1954**
Roger Hebrank, B.S.B.A. ’54, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Walter May, B.S. ’54, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Frank Kuenz, B.S. ’54, Gift Chair

**Class of 1959**
Richard Hughes, A.B. ’59, Executive Committee Chair
Charlie Buescher, B.S.C.E. ’59, M.S. ’61, Gift Co-Chair
Arlene Kramer Jarett, A.B. ’59, Gift Co-Chair

**Class of 1964**
Barbara Lusky Nelson, A.B. ’64, Executive Committee Chair
Robert W. Galbierz, B.S.C.E. ’64, M.S. ’66, Gift Co-Chair
Nancy Early Wagoner, A.B. ’64, Gift Co-Chair

**Class of 1969**
Shirley Simpson Juster, A.B. ’69, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Richard Kornblith, A.B. ’69, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Sally Kopolow Silvers, A.B. ’69, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Nancy Jacobs Goldenberg, A.B. ’69, Gift Chair

**Class of 1974**
Tom Bugnitz, B.S.A.M.C.S. ’74, M.B.A. ’74, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Rob Meyer, B.S. ’74, M.S.C.E. ’76, D.Sc. ’78, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Dave Rossetti, B.S. ’74, Gift Chair

**Class of 1979**
Deborah Freund, B.S.C.E. ’79, M.S.C.E. ’82, Executive Committee Co-Chair

**Class of 1984**
Lisa Marcus Abramowitz, B.S.B.A. ’84, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Jeff Rosenkranz, B.S.B.A. ’84, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Nick Somers, A.B. ’84, Executive Committee Co-Chair
Chuck Okenfuss, B.S.Ch.E. ’84, M.S.Mat.S. ’90, Gift Co-Chair
Judith Okenfuss, A.B. ’84, B.S.Ch.E. ’84, J.D. ’91, Gift Co-Chair

**Class of 1989**
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**REUNION 2009: Come Back, Give Back**

Reunion is much more than reminiscing and reconnecting. It's also about reaching out to today's students. The Reunion Gift Program supports the Annual Fund, a major source for scholarships. When you support the Class Gift, you supply unrestricted funds that benefit students, faculty, and society. If you are celebrating a Reunion this year, you are encouraged to participate in the Reunion Gift Program.

To learn more about the Reunion Gift Program and how you can participate, visit the Alumni Association Web site at alumni.wustl.edu.

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Robert McCarthy, EN 42, SI 47, is a retired chemical engineer. He enjoys his grandchildren and warm weather.

Ed Rhodes, BU 43, is president of Focuser Consulting and works in strategic planning and brainstorming. He is active on the boards of the Roger Bacon Charter Day School and the Wilmington (N.C.) Symphony Orchestra. Rhodes enjoys rowing his dinghy on the Intercoastal Waterway. He and his wife, Mary-Lou, plan to move to Seattle/Kirkland in 2009. Mary-Lou is a full-time classical pianist.

Carol (Will) Coats, NU 47, and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in India in 2007 on the Palace on Wheels train. The couple enjoys good health and resides in Colorado. They have four children and 12 grandchildren. Carol is a nine-year breast cancer survivor.

Jean Aderton Stewart, NU 48, NU 49, and her husband, John, are enjoying retirement in Pebble Beach, Calif. Their son, John, lives with them part time. The couple is active with the Washington University Alumni Club of the Bay Area.

Murray S. Jacobs, HS 49, is employed by the College of Charleston, where he is taking sculpture. He attends medical and surgical grand rounds weekly at the Medical College of South Carolina. Jaife also enjoys running and exercising.

Mark E. Mason, LA 51, was honored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Western PA and WV Chapter, for 30 years of volunteer leadership in helping to find a cure for blood cancers, including more than 15 years of service on the society's national board. Mason is a retired vice chairman and co-founder of Oxford Development Company. He is a former trustee of Washington University, and he serves on the Arts & Sciences National Council. In 2003, Mason received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Arts & Sciences.

Marilyn Probe, LA 52, GR 70, has published an anthology of poems with three other poets. The book is titled Nothing Smaller than Your Elbow.

John Ezell, SA 54, was the subject of a retrospective, Bold Strokes and Finesse: The Stage Designs of John Ezell at the Des Lee Gallery in St. Louis (see paga). He has designed sets for the St. Louis Rep, among others.

Lucy Jane King, LA 54, MD 58, has published Madame President, 1901–1905: Nellie Fairbanks, Path Finder to Politics for American Women, a biography of one of the most well-known women in the country at the turn of the 20th century. Lucy resides in Indianapolis, where she is a clinical professor of psychiatry, emerita at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Robert (Aldridge) Gay, LA 55, is retired from real estate sales. She has moved to Imperial, Mo., to be near her grown children. Her home is located near historic Kimmswick. Gay enjoys being part of Toastmaster's International and the Jefferson County Democratic Club and Women's Group.

Virgil L. Fuchs, SW 56, has retired after serving as the first president and CEO of the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis. Virgil enjoys playing theater organ, gardening, growing orchids, traveling, and reading. He and his wife, Marilyn, are very active in their church and community. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Wayne F. Schlosser, FA 58, received a Generations of Success Award from Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, III. Schlosser graduated from the college in 1960 and entered the military as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean Conflict. Upon discharge in 1955, he entered Washington University. After graduation, he became an art director for a major St. Louis advertising agency. After a 44-year career of award-winning campaigns for national accounts, he retired in 1996 but has continued to work on serving his community and more than 55 organizations. Recently, he received President George W. Bush's Volunteer Service Award for completing more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service. He also is a veteran member of the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame.

Glen E. Stuckel, EN 60, has been elected to the board of directors of Kosair Charities, the philanthropic arm of Kosair Shrine Temple in Louisville, Ky. Since 1980, Kosair Charities has donated more than $150 million to medical care and research for children, and serves more than 125,000 children every year.

Walter R. Jacobs, Jr., LA 61, GR 65, received a doctor of education degree in 2008 at the age of 72. His dissertation was titled "The Journey of African Americans on the Path Toward the Doctoral Degree: A Revelation of Uncovering Factors and Themes."

John H. Jackson, BU 62, was selected for membership in the Quincy Blue Devil Sports Hall of Fame for his athletic achievements at Quincy High School in Quincy, Ill. In high school, he participated in football, track, and wrestling.

Tom McLaughlin, BU 62, and his wife, Jean, moved to Carlyle, Ill. Tom retired from the Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association in Denver, where he worked as a computer specialist. The couple will travel to Central America in 2009 to visit the Panama Canal. E-mail: mcb54@yahoo.com.

Barry Bannett, AR 64, received the Brunelleschi Lifetime Achievement Award from the Design-Build Institute of America.

Micki (Glassman) Lippe, FA 65, was selected to participate in The 9th Northwest Biennial at the Tacoma Art Museum. Her artwork will be on display from Jan. 31 through May 2, 2009. Lippe resides in Seattle.

Harvey M. Jones, MD 66, is working at UNC Medical School and Hospitals as a professor of pathology. He is active in the American Otolaryngology Society.

Carol Moman, Jr., GR 66, GR 80, retired as chair of fine arts at Wayland Baptist University and as pastor of River City Church in Lockney, Texas. He is an adjunct professor at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and Lubbock, Texas.

Marilyn Lammert, SW 67, is the co-editor of Once They Hear My Name: Korean Adoptees and Their Journeys Toward Identity, a book of nine stories of identity development of Korean adoptees growing up in white families. Marilyn has a psychotherapy and healing practice. Web site: www.drmarilynlammert.com.


Michael G. Goldstein, GL 72, established a new world record for his age group and weight class in the 100K indoor row with a time of 9 hours, 11 minutes, and 5.2 seconds. Goldstein is senior vice president and counsel of The Newport Group, Inc., in Newport Beach, Calif.

Joan (Haas) Kelly, LA 72, was listed as one of "The Innovators 2008" in Bank Technology News. "The Innovators 2008" is the magazine's annual ranking of the 25 most advanced people, companies, and technologies within the financial services community. Kelly is the group executive of systems delivery, global technology, and operations at MasterCard Worldwide in St. Louis. She was recognized for her leadership as chief architect in the introduction of the MasterCard global transaction network and for advancing its data and processing infrastructure. She serves on the board of the Washington University Center.
for the Application of Information Technology.

**Juan L. Garcia-Tunon,** GB 73, is the 2008-09 president of the Rotary Club in Carlisle, Penn. He retired from Lear Corp. in 1999.

**Carole Haber, LA 73,** is dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Tulane University in New Orleans. She previously was the Richards Chair of History and chair of the history department at the University of Delaware. E-mail: cbaber@tulane.edu

**Branch Morgan III, LA 74,** presented TAKE #14 at the Baltimore City College High School in Baltimore, Md., on Jan. 23, 2009. TAKE #14 is a new dance concert choreographed by Morgan. To get a copy of his first dance DVD, TAKE #13, send him an e-mail. E-mail: baswitam@yahoo.com

**Barry Tilson, FA 74,** won five American Graphic Design Awards in 2008. Barry is the president of Stan Gellman Graphic Design. This is the eighth year in a row that Barry and his firm have been recognized by this annual design competition.

**Stephen Yablon, LA 75,** and his architecture firm, Stephen Yablon Architect, recently have been awarded the following new projects: Columbia University Center for Student Advising, SONY ATV/Music Publishing, NYC Department of Health Chelsea District Health Center, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, and Beach Residence Guest Pavilion. Web site: www.syarch.com

**Solomon Wisenberg, LA 76,** is a partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP’s Washington, D.C., office and a member of the firm’s White Collar Crime Defense Group.

**Nicholas B. Couper, MD 78,** and his former wife, Elizabeth, remarried in June 2008. The couple resides in Columbia, Mo. Nicholas is an anesthesiologist with Mid-America Anesthesia Consultants.

**Bruce E. Friedman, LA 78,** is listed among The Best Lawyers in America 2009 in the area of family law. Friedman is a principal of Paule, Carmazina & Blumenthal, P.C., located in Clayton, Mo. He practices exclusively in the area of family law, with particular emphasis in substantial net worth cases, high-end alimony, prenuptial agreements, and surrogacy law.

**Thomas Gee, HA 78,** was elected chairman of the Tennessee Hospital Association at its annual meeting in Nashville on Oct. 1, 2008. Gee currently serves as the chief executive officer of Henry County Medical Center in Paris, Tenn. The Tennessee Hospital

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### Commencement Speakers

**ACROSS**

1. Muslim pilgrim  
2. Grave marker  
3. Heavenly instrument  
4. Egg: Lat.  
5. Eric or root  
6. Popular cookie  
7. Ill-gotten gains  
8. Nuclear device  
9. Sty cry  
10. “__ tu” (Verdi aria)  
11. Former New Jersey senator and 1994 Commencement speaker (full name)  
12. Treat badly  
13. Illini numeral after Thurston Howell’s name  
14. Most rational  
15. Former Missouri Senator Thomas who was the 1988 Commencement speaker  
16. One way to be held  
17. Secret stash  
18. Wedding vow  
19. Peter Pan’s enemy  
20. Choral work  
21. Melville novel  
22. Rustic lodging  
23. Francis who was the first Commencement speaker in 1905  
24. Runs smoothly, like an engine  
25. Sheets and pillowcases  
26. Neglect  
27. Appropriate  
28. Ice cream holders  
29. First African-American female president of an Ivy League school and Commencement speaker in 1975 (full name)  
30. Sault __ Marie  
31. Salted  
32. Sulty Brazilian dance  
33. Authentic  
34. Headliner  
35. Last name of the 1932 and 1971 Commencement speakers  
36. Killer whale  
37. Minute opening  
38. Female president of an Ivy League school and Commencement speaker in 1979 (full name)  
39. English prep school  
40. Verve  
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**DOWN**

1. Comedian Bob who was the 1984 Commencement speaker  
2. Swear to  
3. Commencement speaker in 2000 (full name)  
5. Metamorphic rock  
6. Kitchen furniture  
7. Organic compound  
8. Souvlaki meat  
9. Madeline who was the 2003 Commencement speaker  
10. Type of sweatshirt  
11. Seed covering  
12. Descartes or Russo  
13. Stang term for prison  
14. Very active  
15. Wing: Fr.  
16. Bird nose  
17. Indian honorific  
18. Make amends  
19. Have dinner at home  
20. Nail the exam  
21. Late NBC newsmen who was the 2007 Commencement speaker (full name)  
22. Smells  
23. Hanging need  
24. Inlet  
25. “Praying” insects  
26. Yorkshire river  
27. Business slumps  
28. Bowling alley needs  
29. Pakistani city  
30. Type of sweatshirt  
31. Bygone autocrat  
32. Early computer language  
33. Coarse file  
34. “What’ve you been __?”  
35. Bygone autocrat  
36. Scotch ingredient  
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Association represents more than 130 hospitals in the state.

Thomas Jagger, EN 78, SI 81, received a Ph.D. in statistics from Florida State University in May 2000. He is a research associate for the geography department at Florida State University. Thomas has recently published two papers. One is about his work relating solar activity to hurricane activity along the U.S. coast. The other is about his research showing that tropical storms are getting stronger globally. He enjoys mountain climbing and fitness. Web site: http://mailer.fsu.edu/~jsneter/www/.

Stephen R. Woodley, LA 78, DE 82, was listed in The Best Lawyers in America in 2009 in the personal injury litigation category. He also was named a 2008 Super Lawyer by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers magazine. Woodley is a principal in the St. Louis law firm of Greer, Butler, Groth & C.P.

Michele A. Bowen, LA 79, GR 81, SW 81, has completed her fourth novel, Up at the College (Grand Central Publishing). The book will be available in stores across the country in April 2009. She is working on her fifth novel, More Church Folk (Grand Central Publishing), due to be published in 2010.

William K. Bixby III, LA 79, is a partner at Trinity Hunt Partners, a leading private equity firm in the Southeast. He has been an active contributor to the arts and to the community. Bixby is married to the former Caroline Ann Fielding, and they have four children.

Laura Schweitzer, GR 79, is the president of Union Graduate College in Schenectady, N.Y. Laura was named the 2008 winner of the Women in Medicine Leadership Development Award, a national honor from the Association of American Medical Colleges. The award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to advancing women leaders in academic medicine.

Ethian D. Cohen, LA 80, is a researcher for visual prostheses for the blind at the Food and Drug Administration labs in Silver Spring, Md.

Carol L. Muskin, LA 80, resides in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., with her family. She works part time as a teacher educator and holds numerous volunteer positions. She and her husband, Chuck Pierret, have three children in high school: Joel, Leah, and Daniel.

George J. Nassar, Jr., GL 80, has been named a 5 Star Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Manager by Memphis Magazine and Crescendo Business Services. He also was selected for inclusion in Mid-South SuperLawyers. Nassar is chief manager of Glänker Black, PLLC, in Memphis.

David Alan Clark, FA 81, has a monumental sculpture in Memphis that is becoming a landmark for civil and human rights. On Nov. 2, 2008, Amnesty International, the National Civil Rights Museum, AFSCME Local 1733, the Memphis chapter of the NAACP, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staged a community event honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., at Clark's Tomb Lee Monument. They portrayed themselves as "flower-toting, heroic act" and explained: "We believe it is acts of courage and kindness like his, as much as mass protests and public demonstrations, that move historic decisions, that move history in the direction of equality and justice." Web site: www.davidalanclark.com

Gasser Simnett, LA 81, SW 81, was elected chairperson for the National Association of Social Workers Illinois Chapter Northeastern District. This is the district that includes the Illinois Service Resource Center, an Illinois State Board of Education statewide assistance center serving deaf and hard-of-hearing student bodies in need.

Linda Martinez, LW 82, was named director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development by Gov. Nixon. She has worked for 26 years advising businesses about tax credits, tax-exempt financing, and other economic development tools. She is a partner at the Bryan Cave law firm in St. Louis.

Mark A. Rohrer, SW 82, is a clinical social worker in primary care mental health with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Jonathan Smidt, LA 82, retired from the Army to become director of Big Oak Girls Ranch in Alabama. He and his wife, Joyce, have been married for 27 years and have six children. Web site: bigoak.org.

Sheila Williams, GR 82, is the editor of Asmus's Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror in the Magazine since 1982, when she was an editorial assistant. She has served as editor since 2004. Sheila also is the editor of more than two dozen anthologies, such as A Woman's Liberation and Intergalactic Mercenaries.

Brian Zachariah, LA 82, completed his first ironman triathlon on Nov. 23, 2008. Part of the Ford Ironman series, Ironman Arizona was held in and around Tempe, and consisted of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile marathon run.

Mark E. "Thor" Hearne, A.B. '83, J.D. '86, currently serves on the President's Commission on White House Fellows, America's most prestigious program for leadership and public service. The program offers exceptional men and women firsthand experience working at the highest levels of the federal government. Hearne is a partner-member at Lathrop & Gage, L.L.P. He serves as an active member of the Children's Mercy Hospital, a organization that has recently published two papers. He is a research associate with the Walt Disney Co. The company is deeply involved with the complete restoration of their 1915 Los Angeles home, which was designated as a cultural historic monument in 2004.


Bob Cunningham, FA 85, and David Pacheco were married in a civil ceremony in Los Angeles on Sept. 4, 2008. Rory creates costumes for films, television, and the stage.

The American Medical Colleges. The Knight is a research associate in the U.S. coast. The other is about his research showing that tropical storms are getting stronger globally. He enjoys mountain climbing and fitness. Web site: http://mailer.fsu.edu/~jsneter/www/.

Risa (Feit) Coleman, LA 88, and Mark V. Camps were married on Sept. 21, 2008, in Healdsburg, Calif. The couple resides in Berkeley, Calif., with their four children. Mark is a communications specialist at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, Calif. Nina is a stay-at-home mother and is active in the children's school, Windrush, as a trustee, member of the development committee, and vice president of the parent association.

Douglas E. Taylor, GF 89, is in the process of selling his 16-year-old art gallery and custom picture framing business, which will continue to represent his artwork. He intends to be a full-time artist and relocate near Eugene, Ore. In 2004, Taylor was invited to participate in an international exhibit at Indiana State University, titled Against Tradition: Trends in Contemporary Printmaking. He became the first solo artist to exhibit at Appaloosa Museum in Moscow, Idaho, in 2006. He has had successful solo galleries exhibits every since 1980. Web site: www.visagallery.com.

John A. Bagdasarian, LW 90, and his wife, Lana, announce the birth of Leila Rose on Nov. 20, 2008. Jonathan Fox, LA 90, and his wife, Hedva, announce the birth.
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WASHINGTON PROFILE

Beth Daniels, M.S.O.T. ’96

Bringing Families Closer Through Conversation

“Take my marketing degree, add a little occupational therapy, throw in a bit of mom, mix it all up, and you have Around the Table® Games,” says Beth Daniels, M.S.O.T. ’96, of her family game company. To date, she has created three games—Family Talk™, Family Talk2™, and Grandparent Talk—designed to bring families closer through conversation.

The idea for Around the Table® Games came to Daniels when she was a stay-at-home mom with two busy children, Kate and Nathan. “My friends, some who worked [outside the home] and some who did not, all experienced the same thing,” she says. “We raced between Girl Scouts and gymnastics and soccer and church events. We were not having those dinner table conversations with the family that we had growing up.”

In response, Daniels created Family Talk™, a game with 100 cards containing questions family members could ask each other while running errands, waiting for a restaurant table, or on the sidelines at a soccer game. Sample questions include “What was dinner time like when you were growing up?” and “What worries you the most?”

She then developed a second game, Grandparent Talk™. Years earlier when her great-grandmother turned 87, family members wrote down a list of questions to ask her. Daniels, her mother, and her grandmother videotaped the interview. Half of the questions for Grandparent Talk™ came from that videotape, she says.

Daniels’ educational and professional background prepared her for the development of these games. After graduating from college with a marketing degree, she held a business position at a nursing home but wanted to help patients directly. So, she began to shadow a friend at her occupational therapy job. Daniels then decided to apply to Washington University’s graduate occupational therapy program at the School of Medicine.

After graduation, Daniels worked at the University, teaching and supervising students’ fieldwork. She also worked with Ken Harrington, director of the University’s Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, to incorporate entrepreneurship into one of her classes.

Once she created Family Talk™ and Grandparent Talk™, she decided to contact Harrington for advice about turning her game ideas into a business. He suggested that she participate in Ideabounce®, a Skandalaris program that encourages entrepreneurship. Aspiring entrepreneurs post their business ideas on the Web site, Daniels explains. Periodically throughout the year, Ideabounce® selects “bouncers” to pitch their ideas to judges and entrepreneurs from the community.

To Daniels’ surprise, the judges selected her idea as a winner. At a dinner honoring the winners, she met Pete Peters of Innovative Venture Mentoring Service. He suggested that she develop a dinner conversation game for the home. Daniels modified the design, putting the cards on a clip for greater portability.

Today, Daniels uses an outside sales force to facilitate sales and a public relations firm to increase national awareness. Originally a local business, Around the Table® Games can be found in several stores, including Imagination Toys in Ladue, Missouri.

Beth Daniels’ family conversation games can be found in several stores, including Imagination Toys in Ladue, Missouri.
who has spent more than a decade reporting on U.S. jails and prisons.  

William Geideman, MD 93, set a world record on Nov. 7-9, 2008, playing 50 hours of continuous double dutch to raise money for the YMCA tennis courts.

Pamela G. Harnick, LA 93, and her husband, John Swedlow, have two children: Sylvie, 5, and Zane, 2. The family resides in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Lauren (Heller) Kerstein, LA 93, SW 95, wrote a book about sensory integration and emotions titled My Sensory Book: Working Together to Explore Sensory Issues and the Big Feelings They Can Cause: A Workbook for Parents, Professionals, and Children.

Cheryl is the medical director and Dan works in management and Dan works in emerging technologies.

Vickie Osborne, LA 94, SW 98, SW 08, is an assistant professor of social work and public health at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Her research involves women's addictions and health behaviors.

Stephen Smith, BA 94, and Bryant Harris, EN 94, are co-founders of mylyte, Inc., which provides a networking experience to users of the iPhone. In July 2008, their company created WhosHere, a social networking application for the iPhone. In just over 100 days, WhosHere surpassed 100,000 users. The application has users in more than 100 countries.

Andrea Fuhrman, GF 95, had her work featured in a group exhibit at Strecer-Nelson Gallery in Manhattan, Kan. She is rehabilitating a building in Abilene, Kan., to create a gallery, studio, and residence. She participated in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Seminar: “Planning Effective Arts Integrated Residencies for Students.” For her art, she also displayed her work in a solo exhibit at Visual Arts Alliance in McPherson, Kan.


Danielle (Dahlby) McCulloch, EN 95, is a consultant for Fuenteik, LLC. She interacts with innovators from university, government, and corporate clients to evaluate their intellectual property portfolios and assess opportunities for commercialization. Danielle also interviews industry experts to identify current market trends and dynamics. In addition, she helps clients market their technologies effectively and identify potential licensees. Web site: www.fuenteik.com

Michael Rodman, LA 95, and Laura Sato announce the birth of Catherine Elizabeth on Nov. 5, 2008. The family resides in Charlestown, Mass. Michael is the director of communications at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. E-mail: mrodman1032@yahoo.com

David Rosenberg, LA 95, and Hyia Kaplan were married on June 22, 2008. The wedding guests included many University alumni. The couple resides in Philadelphia, where David is the director of the Center for Social Responsibility for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

The wedding guests included many University alumni. The couple climbed the 14,500-foot Mount Rainier, outside of Seattle, in July 2008. Shira is principal of Trillium Creative, a graphic design and marketing firm. She founded the firm in 2003. Dan is a control­ler for Leo Burnett USA and Arc Worldwide. E-mail: shira@trilliumcreative.com

Ranada Y. Williams, BS 95, is a research officer for the Memphis branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Williams joined the St. Louis Fed in 1997 as a management analyst before transferring to the Memphis branch in 2006.

Jessica Zeldin, LW 95, GR 95, and Johnston “Jay” deForest Whitman, Jr., were married on March 16, 2008, in Beaver Creek, Colo.

Heather (Field) Benedict, EN 94, and her husband, Paul Benedict, EN 94, SI 95, announce the birth of Jacob Michael on Nov. 24, 2008. He joins big sister, Nicole Elizabeth, 5.

Mead Gruver, LA 96, and Lillie teammate were married in October 2008 in Saratoga, Wyo. The couple resides in Cheyenne, where Mead writes for the Associated Press and Laura is a children’s illustrator and sculptor.  

Lauren Henkin, LA 96, moved to Washington, D.C. She has a new portfolio, Apart of Place. Web site: www.laurenhenkin.com

Dan Messeloff, LA 96, and his wife, Wendy, announce the birth of Dahlia and Andrew on Aug. 18, 2008. The twins join big brother, Alex. Dan is a lawyer with Charles Deakin in Cleveland, and Wendy is a grant writer for the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

Maya Metni Pilkington, LA 96, and her husband, Guy, announce the birth of Liam Robert. He joins big sister, Madeleine Sloane. The family recently moved to Maryland, where Guy is working at the National Cancer Institute at Ft. Detrick.

Ryan Rhea, LA 96, GR 01, and Marissa Amur were married on Oct. 18, 2008. The couple resides in St. Louis.

Risa (Appel) Broudy, LA 97, and her husband, Matthew Broudy, LA 92, announce the birth of Shaina Helen on Dec. 5, 2008. The family resides on the Washington, D.C., area, where both Matt and Risa are practicing clinical psychologists.

Michael (Miller) Fischer, LA 97, and his husband, Ian, announce the birth of Benjamin Gabriel on Dec. 22, 2008. He joins big sister, Abigail. The family resides in the Angeles.

Milo Gralnick, GR 97, founded Goodvibe School in 2007 in Clayton, Mo. He serves as director of the school, which provides quality early childhood education by emphasizing creativity, imagination, and the arts. Web site: www.goodvibeschool.com

Bo Ji, GB 97, has started a company, YourPosting LLC, that specializes in online social networking. The company recently acquired another two social networking Web sites.

Rebecca (Fishman) Kurowski, EN 97, SI 98, and her husband, Brian Kurowski, EN 97, announce the birth of Samuel Edward in October 2008. The family resides in Quincy, Mass. Rebecca graduated from law school in May 2008 and is serving a one-year federal judicial clerkship. In September 2009, she will join AT&T as a staff attorney. Brian is a developer for Aspen Technologies and is working on the BatchPlus product.


Meg L. Thornton, LA 97, manages the cultural resources on the approximately 1.5 million acres of Army property in Alaska. Theresource include one National Historic Landmark, two historic districts, four archaeological districts, and more than 500 archaeological sites.

Lisa (Shusterman) Wolf, LA 97, received a doctoral degree from Harvard School of Public Health. She is director of research and evaluation at The Medical Foundation of Vermont, a public health organization in Boston. She and her husband, Russell, reside in Cambridge, Mass.

Melody Zhang, SW 98, received the 2008 Good Housekeeping Magazine's China's Most Benevolent Woman award. She is the associate director of Children’s Hope International of St. Louis. She directs Children’s Hope Humanitarian Aid work in China. Over the past four years, Zhang has arranged hundreds of life-saving surgeries for orphans and children of poor families. Her tireless work to assist the victims of the May 2008 earthquake in China helped put her in the running for this honor.

Laura Gulin, LA 98, and Craig Peterson were married on Nov. 8, 2008, in Los Angeles. The wedding party and guests included many University alumni. The couple resides in L.A., where Laura writes for sitcoms.

Sarah Katz, LA 98, and Paul Downey were married on Sept. 20, 2008. The wedding guests included many University alumni. The couple resides in
Washington Profile

Tom Holland, A.B. ‘02

The Wild West Comes Alive for Kids

The American West, as depicted in many cowboy movies, brings to mind a spirit of independence and determination. In the routines of modern daily life, one can easily forget that the Western landscape and the spirit it inspired really did—and still do—exist.

Tom Holland, A.B. ’02, is actually there, living the dream. As the head of a youth camp in Wyoming, he makes the Wild West experience come alive for kids each summer in a way no Hollywood director ever could.

Since 2005, Holland has worked at the Teton Valley Ranch Camp (TVRC), a prestigious summer camp located on 2,300 scenic acres near Dubois, Wyoming. He began as managing director in 2007. The camp, nestled between the pine woods of the Shoshone National Forest and the glacial mountain peaks of the Wind River Range, offers a wide range of outdoor activities far away from televisions, cell phones, and iPods.

The camp’s primary focus is on youth ages 11–15 who arrive for their four-week summer adventure from across the United States and around the world. TVRC holds two four-week sessions. The first one takes place June 14–July 3, and the second session occurs July 15–August 13. On average, 130 youths participate in each session. In May, Holland and his year-round staff are joined by 60–70 additional young team members hired to encourage and challenge campers as they participate in hiking, climbing, rodeo riding, and more.

“Since 1939, TVRC has been a leader in providing experiential education to kids—teaching environmental stewardship, ranching heritage, and respect for self and others,” says Holland. “Our campers come here for the fun of being outdoors, singing around the campfire, and meeting other kids—not realizing that they are gaining independence, confidence, and resilience at the same time.”

Holland’s connection with TVRC began when he was a freshman at the University. “I was studying environmental science, and a classmate suggested that I apply to be a summer counselor at TVRC,” he says. “My experience there was life-changing; when I returned to campus my sophomore year, I changed my major to secondary education.”

After graduation, he taught U.S. history to high schoolers in St. Louis, and earned recognition as Outstanding New Teacher by the State of Missouri. When he received a phone call offering him a position at TVRC, Holland and his wife, Catherine, decided it was an opportunity to make an even greater impact in the lives of children.

“At TVRC, every camper is challenged but not bullied, and can make mistakes in a supportive environment,” he says. “They can explore the West and just be kids. Then they can take their feelings of accomplishment and respect for the environment back out into the world and share them with others.”

Catherine Holland’s role at TVRC is one of vital importance to staffers and campers alike: She runs the camp’s acclaimed food program. A registered dietitian, she works with six chefs and assistant cooks to ensure that meals are hearty and healthy.

The Hollands also have added a young daughter, Madeleine, to the mix. During the winter months, they live in Jackson, Wyoming, a one-hour drive from camp. The TVRC staff spends these off-season months focusing on programming, hiring, and raising funds through the nonprofit TVRC Education Foundation. Luckily, the camp boasts a cadre of loyal camp alumni, friends, and former staffers who donate generously to ensure that TVRC continues its educational mission for future generations.

Holland’s successful development efforts have allowed him to expand the camp’s programming to include a three-week high school leadership program and a five-day camp for families.

“The world today needs places like TVRC,” Holland asserted in an address at the camp’s recent 70th anniversary celebration. “A few years ago, a young camper was in tears when it was time for him to leave camp. As I tried to cheer him up about returning to his home and school, he looked up at me and said, ‘Tom, you don’t get it. Here at camp, I’m cool.’ That statement sums up the feeling that every kid experiences here.”

—Lisa Cary
Design + Construction magazine’s “40 Under 40: Superstars of the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Industry” and was profiled in the January 2009 issue. She is a registered architect in Pennsylvania and Virginia and a certified interior designer in Virginia. Leppo holds professional certifications from the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards and the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications, and she has been named a LEED Accredited Professional through the U.S. Green Building Council. She also is a member of the American Institute of Architects. Leppo is the author of five technical review guides published by Professional Publications, Inc., of Belmont, Calif. The guides were designed to assist candidates for the Architect Registration Exam in their preparation for professional licensing exams. She also is the co-author of LEED CI Sample Exam: Commercial Interiors and LEED Prep: What You Really Need to Know to Pass the LEED NC v2.2 and CI v2.0 Exams, all published by PPI. Leppo is a principal architect and partner at SMB&E, Inc. in Camp Hill, Penn. The firm provides architectural, structural engineering, and interior design services associated with restoration, renovation, alteration, maintenance and repair, and new construction.

Sisi Meng, GA 00, passed all divisions of the ARE and recently passed the last California Supplemental Exam. She became a licensed architect of California on Dec. 31, 2008.

Scott Trilling, BU 00, was promoted to operations officer in treasury relations and systems support at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He began his career at the St. Louis Fed in 2000 as a management analyst. Trilling is pursuing an M.B.A. from the Olin Business School at the University.

Douglas Harrison, GR 01, GR 05, received the National Education Association’s 2008 Excellence in the Academy Award for New Scholars. He is an assistant professor of American literature at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Lindsey (Anhalt) Kirkeby, LA 01, and her husband, Kevin, announced the birth of Annalise on Sept. 26, 2008. She joins big sister, Kaia.

Aimee Kryda, LA 01, has started www.nor-dating.com, a site devoted to helping people make platonic friends in their geographic area. E-mail: aimee@nor-dating.com

Edward M. Shin, LW 01, is a litigation counsel for JLG Industries, the $3 billion subsidiary of Oskosh Corporation. He is responsible for managing all nationwide product and commercial litigation for the company. Shin and his family reside in Hagerstown, Md.

Matt Hooper, LW 02, moved to Somerville, Tenn., where he works as the DUI prosecutor for the 25th Judicial District of Tennessee.

Emily (Quandt) Kahn, LW 02, Brian Kahn, LW 02, and their son, Noah, have moved to Indianapolis, where Brian has opened Mr. WiseBuys, a retail furniture and flooring store.

Danielle (Parker) Pollack, BU 02, and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of Ethan Jacob on June 30, 2008. Brian and Ethan share the same birthday. The family resides in Glenview, Ill.

Cindy Traub, GW 02, GR 06, and John Kindschuh, LA 00, BU 02, were married on May 31, 2008, in Indianapolis. The wedding party and guests included many University alumni. The couple resides in St. Louis, where John is an attorney at Bryan Cave LLP and Cindy is an assistant professor of mathematics at Southern Illinois University–Edwardsville.

Jewel S. Younge, GR 02, is the founding chair of the visual and performing arts department at Olive-Harvey College, one of the city colleges of Chicago. She also is an adjunct lecturer at DePaul University.

Sharon Foreman, SW 03, and Todd Kready were married on July 19, 2008, in Blacksburg, Va. The couple resides in Bedford, Va. Sharon is a doctoral candidate at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Social Work, serves as a program coordinator for the VCU Graduate School, and is an adjunct instructor at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke, Va.

Mary Lineweaver Jackson, GR 03, and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of Elise Olivia on Aug. 11, 2008. She joins big brother, Thomas.

Laurel M. Jacobson, BU 03, LA 03, and Brian Chu, EN 01, were married on Sept. 20, 2008, in Golden Valley, Minn. The couple met at Washington University on the swim & dive team in 1999. They reside in St. Paul, Minn. Laurel is a financial analyst for Thomson Reuters, and Brian is a senior systems engineer for Target Corp. Laurel also is pursuing her M.B.A. at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

Vanessa Parrish, LA 03, and Amul H. Singh were married in April 2008. Amul is a dental school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2007. Vanessa is an orthodontic resident at Indiana University. She expects to receive her M.S.D. in 2010.

Katherine Stumpf, LA 03, MD 07, and Derek Williams, MD 07, were married on Oct. 25, 2008, in Coronado, Calif. The wedding party and guests included many University alumni. Katherine is a second-year pediatric resident physician at Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego and plans to pursue fellowship training. Derek is a general surgery resident at the University of Texas-Southwestern in Dallas.

Bijoy George, GB 04, and his wife, Geena, announce the birth of Ethan Thomas in March 2008. Bijoy is a program manager at the Center for BioMedical Informatics within the School of Medicine at Washington University.


Aaron W. Gordon, LA 04, is vice president of Schwartz Media Strategies, a Miami-based marketing communications firm.

Falland (Toscano) Hamilton, LA 04, married in the 2009 Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20, 2009. Hamilton is one of the 150...
Legal Career Leads to Literary Thrillers

I t still does not seem real to me," says Julie (Grossman) Compton, A.B. '85, J.D. '88, of being a published author. "It is such a thrill whenever I walk into a bookstore and see my book on a shelf.

Compton, an attorney-turned-author, combined her love of writing with her knowledge of the law to write her debut novel Tell No Lies, a psychological and legal thriller set in St. Louis. Tell No Lies (St. Martin's Minotaur, 2008) is the story of Jack, a prosecutor who risks everything, both professionally and personally, when he succumbs to a growing obsession with Jenny, a colleague. His life is turned upside-down when Jenny is accused of murdering a client, and Jack is her only alibi.

Two news items inspired the idea for Tell No Lies. A radio report about the unethical behavior of a politician led Compton to wonder why someone would risk everything. "I believe most people are good—even those who do 'bad' things—and I wanted to explore why a good person does something so out of character." In another article, a suspect's mother insisted her son was innocent, even though all evidence pointed to the contrary. "It was another aspect of human nature I found interesting," says Compton, and taught her the discipline she needed to finish the novel.

After six years of staying home with her children, she re-entered the legal arena and accepted a job as a trial attorney with the U.S. Trustee's Office in Wilmington, Delaware. In 2003, Compton and her family moved to Florida, and she returned to writing full time.

The actual writing process is Compton's favorite part of being an author. "The act of sitting in front of the computer and getting lost in the story and the characters is pure joy for me," she says. "There are days when I totally lose track of time, when the hours seem like minutes, and I wish the day could go on forever so I could continue writing."

Attending book signings and speaking to library groups and book clubs is another rewarding part of the job. "I have met so many careful readers, those who notice small details about a character or pick up the nuance in a sentence," she says. "This is every author's dream. When you hear from someone who loved your book, it is incredibly satisfying."

Compton credits her course work at the University of Illinois in Chicago and the University of Wisconsin in Madison for helping her succeed. The reputation of the University opened many doors for her professionally, she says. A great education was not the only thing Compton received from the University. She began dating her husband, Eric, B.S.B.A. '85, there. The couple has two daughters: Jessica, 16, and Sally, 14.

Her second novel, tentatively titled How to Save a Life, is scheduled for release in the next year. "It is the story of a Florida biker whose girlfriend is severely injured in a motorcycle accident and mysteriously taken from him without so much as a goodbye," Compton says. "In his quest to get her back and literally save her life, he ends up figuratively saving his own life, too."

For more information, visit www.juliecompton.com.

-Julie Compton, A.B. ’85, J.D. ’88

Julie Compton creates stories and characters for her novels in her home office in Florida.
In Memoriam

1930s

Jacob E. Sigoloff, LW 27, Dec. '08 • W. Vernon Tietjen, LA 31; Nov. '08 • William D. Waller, Jr., BU 33; Oct. '08 • Charles Silverberg, LA 34, MD 38; Nov. '08 • Jesse (Evans) Walther, NU 34; Nov. '08 • Virginia (Hogg) Wilkinson, GR 34; Oct. '08 • Carl Gallop, LW 35; Dec. '08 • Roy W. Wisterfeld, DE 35; Nov. '08 • Robert M. Morris, EN 36; Nov. '08 • Josephine (Sunkel) Noland, LA 36; Nov. '08 • Preston H. Williams, EN 36; Sept. '08 • Marion M. Koch, LA 37; June '08 • Thomas E. Davis, BU 38; Aug. '08 • A. Franklin Martin, LW 38; Aug. '08 • Dorothy (Wobus) Rosebrough, LA 38; Oct. '08 • Milton W. Sandstein, BU 39; Nov. '08

1940s

Edward W. Czebrinski, LA 40, MD 43; Oct. '08 • Ole Slind, Jr., MD 40; Sept. '08 • Sterling F. Tremayne, LW 40, GR 42; Nov. '08 • William E. Uhlemeyer, LA 41; Nov. '08 • Ann (Lewis) Antinum, LA 42; Oct. '08 • Norma (Ratliff) Cassel, NU 42; Aug. '08 • Esther (Throop) Coop, LA 42, GR 77; Sept. '08 • Warren M. Jolley, EN 42; March '08 • Marvin Blitz, BU 43; Oct. '08 • Conrad DeBold, MD 43; May '08 • Jerald Gershon, BU 43; Oct. '08 • Suzanne (Mason) Klippel, LA 43; Nov. '08 • Dorothy (Ross) Moog, UC 43, OT 43; Sept. '08 • Corinne (Lawrence) Schram, FA 43; Dec. '08 • Edwin G. Hoffmann, SI 44; Sept. '08 • D. Williams McClurken, LA 44, Aug. '08 • Joe (Shuffield) Niesen, SW 44; July '08 • Robert M. Bond, MD 45; Oct. '08 • Donald H. Kauser, LA 47, GR 51; Nov. '08 • Laura (Cutter) Scissors, BU 47; Dec. '08 • Jack N. Bohm, LW 48; Oct. '08 • Melford N. Cohen, BU 48; Nov. '08 • Samuel A. Goldblatt, BU 48, LW 51; Nov. '08 • Harriet (Schneider) Holdgrafer, BU 48; Sept. '08 • James M. Lanske, LA 48, MD 52; Nov. '08 • Everett R. Lerwick, MD 48; Dec. '08 • Herbert D. Roy, EN 48; Nov. '08 • Carl O. Wettig, EN 49; March '08

1950s

Loyd T. Carr, Jr., LA 50, GR 51; Oct. '08 • J. Carl Elliston, BU 50; May '08 • Harry A. Sander, BU 50; Nov. '08 • Robert H. Blanke, BU 51, LW 56; Oct. '08 • Roger W. Bucknell, EN 51; Nov. '08 • Alexis F. Hartmann, Jr., MD 51, MD 51; Oct. '08 • Ralph W. Hartmann, BU 51, GB 58; Nov. '08 • Doris (Weinhaus) Kaufman, LA 51; Sept. '08 • Timothy R. McCarthy, EN 51; Oct. '08 • Sidney J. Thomson, EN 51; Nov. '08 • William G. Tipton, BU 51; Oct. '08 • Joseph B. Bohac, EN 52, Oct. '08 • Roland R. Hogan, EN 52; Dec. '08 • James R. Sylvester, LA 52; July '08 • Thomas F. Moloney, BU 53; Sept. '08 • Wallace J. Morgan, DE 53, March '08 • Barbara (Peters) Vosefki, FA 53; Dec. '08 • Robert D. Higginbotham, GR 54, LA 54; June '08 • Richard F. Jansen, LA 54, June '08 • Daniel O. Layton, Jr., BU 54; March '08 • William E. Tucker, UC 54; Sept. '08 • Rosella (Hoffmann) Touchstone, UC 55; Sept. '08 • Charles P. Duncker, EN 56; Dec. '08 • Edward P. Giesecke, GR 56; Nov. '08 • Richard F. Stevens, GB 56; Dec. '08 • Kay (Keck) Stouffer, FA 56; Jan. '08 • Raymond J. Mahach, BU 57, Oct. '08 • Lillian (Malpassi) Passini, NU 57, Sept. '08 • Fred J. Wehrle, Jr., FA 57; Nov. '08 • F. Roger Henker, LW 58, Oct. '08 • Elmer H. Payne, EN 58, SI 63; Dec. '08 • Ronald J. Betz, EN 59, Dec. '08 • Bruce G. Bollmann, FA 59; July '08 • Herbert P. Jaekel, LA 59; Nov. '08 • William R. Shadid, DE 59; Nov. '08

1960s

Donald C. Kirkpatrick, EN 60, EN 61, SI 64; Oct. '08 • David A. Schmelig, EN 60; Dec. '08 • Rickey D. Rogers, GR 61; Nov. '08 • Mary E. Eaton, SW 62, March '08 • Ralph R. Edminster, MD 62; April '08 • Marie (Perkins) Zachary, LA 62, Nov. '08 • Sandra Craig-Dent, NU 63; Feb. '07 • Byron W. Jackson, Jr., BU 63; Sept. '08 • Robert J. Arzen, EN 64, SI 67, SI 69; Nov. '08 • Forrest C. Hardin, Jr., UC 64; Sept. '08 • Bert L. Sweeney, UC 64; Oct. '08 • Lillie Davis, GR 65; Nov. '08 • John P. Murray, MD 66, July '08 • William A. Schalender, BU 66; May '08 • Roger L. Hantak, TI 67; Oct. '08 • Robert J. Muehlbach, UC 67; July '08 • Milton D. Dry, UC 68; Oct. '08 • David L. Landes, GR 68, GR 73; Oct. '08 • Nissel (Rosenbaum) Byers, GB 69; Dec. '08 • John D. Matthews, LA 69; Nov. '08

1970s

Boykin McCaa, Jr., GR 71; Sept. '08 • David G. Myers, EN 72; Nov. '08 • Wyvetter (Hoover) Younger, GI 72; Dec. '08 • Charles E. Hook, GF 73, March '08 • Peter A. Dinardo, GR 74; Sept. '08 • Andrew L. Granat, LW 74; Nov. '08 • Scott D. Thatcher, LW 76; Sept. '08 • Phillip E. Straubinger, UQ 78; Dec. '08 • Diane Rothschild, GA 79; Aug. '08

1980s

Michael R. King, LA 80; Oct. '08 • Keith L. Parker, GR 81, MD 81; Dec. '08 • Robert C. Mitchell, BU 82; Aug. '08 • Audrey (Rogers)
Donald Finkel
Donald Finkel, a celebrated poet at the University, died Saturday, November 15, 2008. He was a longtime resident of University City, Missouri, and poet-in-residence emeritus of English in Arts & Sciences at Washington University. His work examined the relationships between humans and animals and between contemporary life and mythology, the urge to explore, and the anxieties and joys of ordinary life.

In 1968, he signed on with a scientific expedition to Antarctica sponsored by the National Science Foundation. It was a government program for artists, and Finkel became the first poet to go there.

Finkel joined the University community in 1961 with his wife, the late poet and novelist Constance Urdang. Finkel and Urdang were founding members of the University's graduate Writing Program in the mid-1970s. A portrait of Finkel, who retired from the University in 1991, was installed in Olin Library in October 1998 as part of the library's visible testimonial to the efforts of gifted writers who created what is today a prestigious master of fine arts writing program.

He wrote 14 books of poetry, with one narrative and frequently humorous free verse. His writing won prestigious awards and was nominated for the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Genevieve L. "Jean" Gaines
Genevieve L. "Jean" Gaines, former director of commencement at the University, died Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

When she retired from the University in 2002, Gaines had served 56 years there under six chancellors. She held the record for longest continuous service.

As director of commencement, she planned and directed the annual graduations in the Washington University Quadrangle for more than 40,000 students over the course of 40 years.

Gaines began working at the University in 1946 in the Office of the Registrar and was promoted from secretary to administrative assistant to the associate registrar.

Herbert F. Hitzeman, Jr.
Herbert F. Hitzeman, Jr., senior vice chancellor emeritus, died Friday, January 16, 2009. He was 81.

Under Hitzeman's leadership, Washington University completed three successful fundraising campaigns, culminating in the Alliance for Washington University, which raised $630.5 million upon its completion in December 1987.

At the time of his retirement, Hitzeman had become one of the most successful fundraisers in the history of American higher education, raising in excess of $1 billion in gift support.

A lifelong resident of St. Louis, Hitzeman, B.F.A. '53, returned to the University 13 years after graduation as a development officer in 1966. During his 24 years of service, he also oversaw the revitalization of the overall public relations program, which significantly improved the University's national recognition. He was promoted to vice chancellor in 1975 and named senior vice chancellor for university relations in 1983.

In 2007, he and his wife, Jane, established the Jane Reuter Hitzeman and Herbert F. Hitzeman, Jr., Professor of Art in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. In 1991, Hitzeman received the University's distinguished alumni award and also was honored with the William Greenleaf Eliot Society's prestigious research award.

Upon his retirement in 1990, WUSTL dedicated the Herbert F. Hitzeman, Jr. Residence Hall in his honor and, in 2005, established the Herbert F. Hitzeman, Jr. Leadership Award, given annually to a resident of the hall.

From 1945-48, Hitzeman served on active duty as a radioman, first clas, in the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1950, he was an organizing member of the Coast Guard Reserve Unit in St. Louis.

Hitzeman is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jane Reuter Hitzeman; son, John; and two grandchildren.

Michael King
Michael King, A.B. '80, University police sergeant, died on Friday, October 31, 2008. He was killed in the line of duty.

King was a lifelong University City, Missouri, resident and a 25-year veteran of the University City Police Department. An avid fisherman and hunter, he served as a St. Charles sheriff's deputy and a probation and parole officer before joining the University City department. He started as a field training officer and an investigator in the detective bureau and often mentored young officers.

King is survived by his wife, Susan, and his parents, M. Kenton King and Julie King. M. Kenton King served as dean of the School of Medicine from 1964 to 1989.

Charles M. Wolfe
Charles M. Wolfe, professor emeritus of electrical engineering in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, died Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Wolfe joined Washington University in 1975. In 1991, he became a member of the National Academy of Engineering for achievements in synthesis and characterization for semiconductors. He was honored specifically for his work in developing and purifying gallium arsenide compounds for their use in high-speed analog and digital integrated circuits for a variety of electronic applications. He was one of only five WUSTL engineers to be elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

He served as the Samuel C. Sachs Chair of Electrical Engineering from 1982 to 1990. He became professor emeritus in 1998.

Before joining the University, Wolfe was a staff member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory from 1965 to 1975.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1955 to 1958.

Edith L. Wolff
Edith L. Wolff, St. Louis businesswoman and philanthropist, died Friday, February 2, 2007.

She and her husband, Alan, long were dedicated to community service and philanthropy in the St. Louis area and for more than 40 years directed funds for medical research to the School of Medicine.

Following Alan's death in 1989, Wolff became president of Wolff Construction, which was founded by her late husband in 1940s. The company focuses on real estate investment and management and leasing of commercial buildings.

She established two professorships at Washington University. In 1999, she endowed the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Professorship in Medicine to support progress in understanding cancer. In 2003, she endowed the Wolfe A. and Edith L. Wolff Distinguished Professorship in Medicine. She also was a life member of the University's William Greenleaf Eliot Society.

She made a gift to the University in 2007 to establish The Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Institute within the School of Medicine to provide funds to advance the most promising areas of biomedical research.

In addition to her charitable giving to the University, Wolff contributed to Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation, St. Louis ARC and its Childgarden School, Life Skills Foundation, Miriam Foundation, and Rainbow Village Foundation.

Wolff's significant charitable contributions have been recognized by numerous awards from the organizations that she benefited.

She received the Robert S. Brookings Award in 1996 from the University's Board of Trustees, and she was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2004 in recognition of her extraordinary support for medical research.
Building Habitat for Humanity® houses, tutoring migrant children, dancing up a storm for Children's Miracle Network, painting urban schools, helping clean up after Hurricane Katrina ... in these and scores of other settings, Washington University students work tirelessly on behalf of those in need. And Stephanie Kurtzman is behind the scenes, helping to make it happen.

As director of the Community Service Office and associate director of the Richard A. Gephardt Institute for Public Service, Kurtzman puts her whole heart into helping students develop, in her words, “a lifetime commitment to civic engagement.”

This commitment rises naturally out of the campus community, which she says has always had a “passion for service.”

But when she arrived in 1998, she inherited a blank community service slate. Kurtzman jokes that she kept a low profile because she didn’t know how she could support students seeking service projects. Nevertheless, she threw herself into the work and today oversees a landscape bursting with rich and varied service opportunities. Her office maintains a database of 400 agencies where students can—and do—volunteer. Fully 51 percent of University students engage in community service during college, versus 46 percent at comparison schools. Forty-five percent serve in a typical week, against the comparison schools’ 39 percent.

“Through Stephanie’s efforts, Washington University has connected tens of thousands of our students with individuals and agencies that need talented and hard-working people,” says Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. “I am confident that her work has influenced many of our current students and alumni to consider a lifelong commitment to service in both their personal and professional lives.”

Characteristically, Kurtzman gives students all the credit. “All we’re really trying to do,” she says, “is keep up with the energy of the students and meet their interests. They have led the way.”

The University embraces the students’ commitment, Kurtzman adds. She is grateful for the steadfast support she’s had building the program. “We’re better staffed than ever before,” she notes. “The institution truly has invested in community service. This is a priority.” Her office has four professional staff and 13 student interns who help oversee projects.

These interns embody a key attribute of Kurtzman’s management: students themselves provide leadership. “That’s how we built this office—on the leadership
of students and their vision and dedication,” she explains. “The students are so creative, and they bring a different kind of energy. It allows us to keep branching out into new areas.”

They also bring a high level of competence to projects. “Our students are very bright,” she observes. “They set their goals in a grounded plan. They’re very savvy.”

While Kurtzman credits students with the University’s community service accomplishments, her colleagues are quick to counter that she herself has played an indispensable role.

“Stephanie is terrific!” says Jill Carnaghi, associate vice chancellor for students and dean of campus life. “She has strong organizational and interpersonal skills. She can quickly assess the environment, seize the big picture, and then determine a strategy that will work. She creates a vision and a passion for community service. She empowers students.” Of the decade-long growth in community service, Carnaghi says it is “110 percent attributable to Stephanie.”

The credit Kurtzman gives students, though, doesn’t surprise her colleagues. “She is always student-focused,” says Amanda Moore McBride, director of the Gephardt Institute and assistant professor at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work.

Carnaghi agrees. “It’s never about her,” she says. “It’s always the students.”

Kurtzman structured the Community Service Office’s service projects to operate on two parallel tracks. On the first track, her office manages “signature programs,” such as Service First, the day-long project taking freshmen into city schools to spruce them up; Each One Teach One, a K–12 tutoring program; Social Change Grants, covering expenses and stipends for students developing innovative projects during summer break; campus-wide blood drives; and the Service Trip Coordinating Council, offering training, support, and networking for students planning community service trips in this country and abroad.

On the second track, her staff advises student organizations that seek out help. “It really lies with the students,” she explains. “Most of what we do is advising the student groups—Dance Marathon, Relay For Life, Feed St. Louis. We’re trying to support the student leadership, the growth, the collaboration among them.”

In Kurtzman’s view, these student organizations are the core of community service. “Our signature programs are very important,” she says, “but the mainstay are the student groups.” WU student organizations are autonomous; they do not have to accept advising, and their willing collaboration with Kurtzman’s office is a measure of how much students value her help.

Her ability to help students put flesh on the bones of their ideas is one reason. Says McBride: “A student group might come to her, wanting to help a small town outside of New Orleans. She helps them brainstorm ways to leverage resources and collaborate with others. She helps them make it real.”

Kurtzman sees her job as “building infrastructure” to support these groups, whether it’s the nonprofit database, the office’s resource-rich Web site, the twice-weekly e-mail newsletter, or the Gephardt Institute’s two annual University-wide events showcasing civic engagement and service opportunities. A key new element is the WeCar Fund, providing money for students to use Enterprise Rent-a-Car’s car-sharing program to get to service locations. Another important effort, since her office integrated with the Gephardt Institute in 2006, has been connecting with the graduate and professional schools’ strong service programs.

Looking forward, she wants to continue this infrastructure-building process. She hopes to expand the Service Trip Coordinating Council’s work, to “keep growing service trips” until students see them as the norm for spring break. She hopes to build the Social Change Grant program. And she wants to expedite links between students and nonprofit agencies. “I want ‘Match.com’ for community service,” she says, enabling students to post specific interests and availability, and pertinent agencies to recruit them.

Kurtzman finds rich rewards in her work. “I get so much energy from the students,” she says. “The ability to tap into their passions is such a gift. I can feel that my work, which few people see, makes a difference: getting students into the community and deepening their commitment to serving the common good.”

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Saarinen’s Masterpiece

The Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum is hosting the first retrospective of the work of Finnish architect Eero Saarinen. Running January 30 through April 27, 2009, “Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future” surveys more than 50 built and proposed projects. Included are full-scale building mock-ups, never-before-seen drawings, models, films, and other documentary materials. The exhibition also includes photographs, such as the one taken in 1965 of the Gateway Arch under construction. (See the next issue of the magazine, summer 2009, for a feature on the exhibit.)