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fall 2007
Innovative Programs

Then – In 1935 the College began an Aviation Program.

Aviation classes began as a weekly extracurricular activity in 1935. Famed aviator, Amelia Earhart, also made a visit to the campus, which brought the College national attention. In 1939, Lake Erie was chosen as a site for the civilian pilot training program and the College began offering four credit-bearing classes. The program stopped after WWII and classes were discontinued for credit after the 1949-50 academic year.

Now – Innovative Programs continue at the Center for Entrepreneurship.

The Center for Entrepreneurship, which officially opened at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year, offers the campus a new environment for learning. New majors and minors in entrepreneurial studies have been introduced, faculty and staff have opportunities to earn entrepreneurial grants and students have access to a new campus club, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

Computers

Then – Lake Erie introduced the first computer lab on campus in 1983.

Computer technology has changed the face of many campuses. Lake Erie College employees began using DOS-based computers in the early 1980s and the first student computer lab, Christman Computer Lab, opened in Kilcawley Hall in 1983. A larger computer lab later opened in the library in 1990 to meet the needs of students.

Now – Wireless Technology keeps campus current.

The campus keeps current with the times by offering wireless hotspots in the Lincoln Library, Arthur S. Holden Center and at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center. Students returned to campus this fall to find wireless technology in each residence hall.
Progress ... we're on the move! The campus is thriving and the faculty, staff and students are taking advantage of every opportunity to succeed and find individual ways to stand out.

As we enter a new academic year, we are excited about the changes the new athletic teams and our entrepreneurial focus bring. We encourage our students to be involved and expand their physical and intellectual outlooks. We are convinced that these and other campus changes will have a dramatic impact on the experience each of our students has at Lake Erie College.

As the College expands, we will continue to look for ways in which we can increase interaction with the local community and our alumni and friends. We want to expand learning and career opportunities for our students, and also look at ways we can collaborate with businesses and alumni to enhance their productivity and provide outlets for involvement.

This academic year will be very busy and we encourage you to get involved. Please visit the website at www.lec.edu and click on the calendar at the top of the page to see what’s coming up. There are many exciting events planned including an African art exhibit that is a “not-to-be-missed” event.

As you enjoy the fall, think of ways you can possibly impact the life of a student. Renewing your bond with Lake Erie College can be a life-enriching experience.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Victor, President
Change of Venue Allows for New Tradition

COMMENCEMENT IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR ALL GRADUATES AND IS A TRADITION THAT SPANS MANY DECADES.

137 undergraduate degrees, 10 master of science in education degrees and 19 master of business administration degrees were awarded during the 148th commencement, which was held in the Athletic & Wellness Center for the first time in College history.

Dana Dennis ’76, vice president and controller of Parker Hannifin Corporation, addressed the graduates in a speech titled, “True Success in Life.” Dennis commended the Class of 2007 for accepting the challenge of higher education as it is the door opener that makes dreams come true.

He reminded graduates that success is built on a high foundation of ethical standards that begin and end with an individual doing the right thing. He also encouraged graduates not to sacrifice their families because true success comes when one can balance family and work. “I’ve never had a boss who said ‘good job, I love you,’ but my wife says it every morning before I leave for work,” he added.

After the ceremony, graduates and their families enjoyed a reception in the Arthur S. Holden Center.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RENAMES MANOR HOUSE IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT VICTOR

The Lake Erie College Board of Directors made a surprise announcement during commencement ceremonies – to rename the school’s mansion in recognition of the achievements of President Michael T. Victor. Formerly known as Manor House, the mansion’s name has now been changed to the Victor House.

The Victor House, located at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center, plays host to several College and local community events.President Victor and his wife, Craige, plan to restore many of the traditions of the presidential mansion and host many College events at the site. They officially moved into the house at the end of summer.

In just one short year, President Victor has achieved a record year in fundraising and record enrollment for the fall. He also led the charge to reintroduce old traditions while developing new ones.
Honorary Degrees Granted

DANA DENNIS ’76

Dennis, vice president and corporate controller of Parker Hannifin Corporation, graduated magna cum laude from Lake Erie in 1976 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting.

A recipient of the Lake Erie College Distinguished Alumni Award, Dennis has been a member of the College’s board of directors since 1998. He is vice chair of the board, chair of the fund development committee and a member of the executive, enrollment management and board development committees. Dennis also serves as president of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute and chairman of the board of Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland.

JEROME TRASK OSBORNE, SR.

Osborne has served the Lake County community for many years as a visionary leader, accomplished businessman and philanthropist.

In 1947, Osborne founded the Osborne Coal and Feed Co., which supplied coal, aggregates and agricultural lime to residents and farmers in the Mentor area. Osborne, Inc. has since grown to multiple companies serving the residential, industrial and commercial needs of customers throughout northeast Ohio.

Chairman of the board of Lake National Bank and Andrews Osborne Academy, he is also a former member of the board of directors at Lake Erie. Additionally, he has been involved with other organizations including the Boy Scouts, Scleroderma Foundation, Ohio Horseman’s Association and Breckinridge Village.
saying goodbye ...

GEORGE FARRELL

Originally attracted by the size of the institution, GEORGE FARRELL chose Lake Erie College over the University of Illinois-Champaign for his first teaching post – not realizing it would be the place he calls home for the next 38 years. “No one would expect to spend a lifetime at one institution,” said Farrell.

The campus was literally his home for five years when he served as a residence director. Though Farrell had his fill sharing a residence with the Lake Erie women, it didn’t stop him from remaining involved. He would take on a variety of roles throughout the years. Farrell held positions as the director of advising, associate dean of fine arts, director of public relations and also ran the academic term abroad. For the past 28 years, he was the faculty marshal for the annual commencement ceremony.

A product of a small institution, Farrell also appreciated the opportunity to work in an environment where he could interact with people in different fields. “My favorite memories are the colleagues I’ve worked with throughout the years,” he said. “… I have always enjoyed the international focus and strongly believe in it.”

Farrell recently returned from his 17th trip to London and hopes to travel even more in his retirement. He also plans to read more, fish and build model trains.

Though he didn’t intend on staying at Lake Erie College, those who have been touched by the legacy of George Farrell are glad he did.
Unlike Farrell, RICHARD SZORADY, D.B.A., did not seek out Lake Erie College 17 years ago.

Initially, Szorady didn’t apply for a position at Lake Erie, something he recalls as an interesting story. He was working on his graduate degree at Cleveland State University with Mary Kay McManamon, D.B.A., current professor of business administration. She had arranged an interview for herself at the College, but decided since the opening was for management and she preferred marketing, she would cancel the appointment with the search committee.

“Instead, she called the committee chair and told her about me. I came for her appointment and got the job,” said Szorady. A few years later, Lake Erie had an unexpected opening in marketing, so he returned the favor, called McManamon and she was hired.

Szorady would soon find out that the job he unexpectedly came into would surround him with supportive colleagues and students. “I have so many memories, but my favorite memories are mostly of classes or students who particularly brought me joy,” he said.

His most memorable time at Lake Erie was one Saturday in February when he was working on his dissertation. “I needed to conduct an experiment and chose to do it at Lake Erie College. It was a bitter day, near zero degrees, and I had to have at least 90 people come out on a cold Saturday,” he explained. To his surprise, about 120 of his past students as well as some trustees and faculty members came that day. “All on time and willing to help me on a winter Saturday.”

Szorady recently moved to Palm Springs, Calif., which, again, surprises him. “I never expected to live on the west coast, but after my first visit to Palm Springs it became my goal to live in the desert surrounded by mountains in a very beautiful place,” he said.

Unexpectedly, Szorady took a job at Lake Erie; now he has unexpectedly moved to the west coast. Clearly, surprises aren’t always a bad thing.
Familiar Faces Return for Organ

On March 18, 2007, three distinctive organists with significant ties to the College, James Darling, David Gooding and Daniel Hathaway, performed in a joint organ recital in Morley Music Hall on the restored Carol Lewis Morris E.M. Skinner Organ. Darling taught organ at the College during the 1950s into the early 60s, performing on the Skinner Organ in a large number of College events and music programs. In his extensive tenure, he has played for four U.S. presidents, – Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Reagan – numerous foreign diplomats, and other distinguished individuals, including the Shah of Iran.

The German success of Oreos came as no surprise to Senior Franzi Ruehl and Junior Meagan Waters as they suggested Nabisco enter the German market as part of an international marketing project for Robert Trebar, associate dean of management studies. The students were charged with the task of introducing an existing product into an international market where the product had not previously been available.

Enjoying the newfound cookie, Ruehl, a German native, knew the snack would be a hit amongst her fellow countrymen – particularly during the traditional Vesper, where people have tea or coffee in the afternoon along with cookies or cake. “I brought some Oreos home with me once and my friends started asking me to send some home,” said Ruehl.

Shortly after submitting the project, Ruehl returned home to Germany to find a highly visible launch of the Oreo product. Ruehl and Waters were thrilled to see the product in the German market. “If we were working for the company we would’ve been a part of the implementation,” said Ruehl.

Trebar said, “It’s a mere coincidence, but a fun story that speaks to the global adventures, in and outside the classroom, of our students.”

MANY AMERICANS HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF DUNKING AN OREO IN A NICE, COLD GLASS OF MILK OR TWISTING THE TWO CHOCOLATE SANDWICHES APART. NOW, THOSE LIVING IN GERMANY WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE IN THE JOY OF THE TASTY TREAT.
and the president of Mexico. Darling returned to our campus for the first time in more than 40 years and performed works by Pachelbel, Vivaldi, Pelham, Litaize and Lenel.

Gooding taught organ classes at Lake Erie College and served as College organist throughout the 1960s and well into the 70s, following the tenure of Darling. He also served as organist for the Cleveland Orchestra under George Szell during that period. Gooding performed works by J.S. Bach and Marcel Dupré and Festival Toccata by Percy Fletcher.

Hathaway has performed for more than 15 years at Lake Erie for the presentation of Handel's Messiah by the Lake County Messiah Chorus. He has performed organ recitals throughout North America and Europe and made his conducting debut in South America at the Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2004. Hathaway performed the substantial three-movement work, Symphonic Chorale, op. 87, no. 2, by Sigfrid Karg-Elert.

Submitted by Deb Hoffman '09

FACULTY WHO STAND OUT

MARK BELL, PH.D.

At age five, most boys aspire to be firefighters or astronauts, but not Mark Bell, Ph.D. He wanted to play the organ.

“When I heard the music in church, it hit my whole body and I couldn’t forget it. I thought to myself, ‘I’ve got to be able to do that someday’,” said Bell.

And he did just that. His parents insisted that he needed to play piano first, so he began lessons at the age of six. In the years following, he found himself connected with extraordinary organ teachers, including Professor of Organ J.J. Keeler from Brigham Young University. Having studied with him for 10 years, Keeler was more than just a mentor and teacher. He became somewhat of a father figure as well.

One of the most important lessons Bell learned from Keeler was to avoid mixing music with money. Taking that advice to heart, Bell pursued his other passion – teaching. As a professor of German and French, he has built a career in higher education, while playing some of the most exquisite organs around the world.

Bell selects magnificent, internationally-known organs and writes to those churches that host the spectacular instrument in pursuit of playing a concert. “I personally wanted the thrill of being able to play publicly on such instruments,” said the newly-named College organist.

Aside from the personal enjoyment these concerts bring, Bell ensures that Lake Erie College’s name appears in the concert’s publicity materials.

“Representing, and raising the profile of the College was another strong motive for my application to play these concerts,” he said.

Bell has proudly represented the College from the major culture capital of Paris to a brand new organ in St. Louis. His talents have also been witnessed in places such as the Netherlands, Belgium and Canada.

While most young boys don’t grow up to be what they once dreamed of being, Bell can proudly say his childhood dream has come true.

The Sesquicentennial Cantatina, composed by Professor Paul Gothard, III and performed by the Lake Erie College Community Chorus, Lake Erie College Flute Choir, organist Dr. Mark Bell, vocal teacher Jean Priddy and guest soloist Jennifer Brewer debuted on April 29, 2007. Professor Gothard is to be commended for his outstanding efforts in writing a special piece for the College Sesquicentennial.
Singing A New Tune

Lake Erie finds first-ever fight song

Lake Erie College now has something in common with Ohio State and Notre Dame – IT HAS A CATCHY FIGHT SONG.

The College held a nationwide contest last fall to find a spirited tune that would help lead its teams to victory. A total of 27 entries were submitted from as close as campus to as far as Peru. While most entries were traditional in style, others varied from folk to rock and rap to church hymn.

After collecting the submissions, the judging panel narrowed the field to three finalists, who included Brian and Daniel Boyd from Ravenna, Ohio, Lowell and Susan Burch from Tulsa, Okla., and John Drebus from Rochester Hills, Mich.

Putting the vote in the hands of the students, faculty and staff, Susan and Lowell Burch’s fight song titled, “Here Comes the Storm,” was chosen as the College’s first-ever fight song. The new fight song was unveiled during halftime of the men’s basketball game Feb. 3., where the Burches were present.

The Burches enjoyed their visit to campus, noting that everything is first class – the people, facilities, environment, food and programs. “We hope to return to Painesville, along with friends and family, for one of the football games. Lake Erie will always have a special place in our hearts.”

And the Burches will always have a place in the College’s history – writing our very first fight song.

Visit www.lec.edu/pr/fight.php to listen to a recording of the fight song and read more about the winners.

Here comes the Storm with a mighty roar!
On to victory we will fight for the green and white!
(Shout: Fight! Fight! Fight!)

Here comes the Storm with lightning speed and power!
Lake Erie College, Shout out strong!
Let’s go, Storm! Rage on! Rage On!

Athletic Offerings Continue to Expand
— College adds track and field and women’s golf programs for 2007 —

Lake Erie College continues its expansion of campus athletic teams with the addition of women’s golf and men’s and women’s track and field for the 2007-08 academic year.

With the addition of these sports, a total of 13 varsity teams will be representing Storm athletics. “One of our priorities at Lake Erie College is to offer a multitude of opportunities for students to stand out in an area they are passionate about, whether it be athletics or academics,” said President Michael T. Victor. “Student involvement helps build character and leadership. These new sports programs will offer more opportunities for student engagement to help maximize the experience at Lake Erie.”

Women’s golf joins the already established men’s team, which began during the 1992-93 academic year. Milt Johnson, the current men’s golf coach, will also lead the women’s team and both will compete during the fall with Fowler’s Mill serving as the home course.

The men’s and women’s track and field teams, which will be led by current cross country coach Bryan Harmon, will compete during the spring, utilizing Painesville’s Kiwanis Park as its training facility.
WINTER/SPRING SPORTS
wrap-up

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The Storm had a successful season, ending the year 25-3 with the most wins in program history. The team finished first in the AMCC, its second year as league season champions, and were the number one ranked team in the Great Lakes Region throughout the entire season. The team lost at the buzzer in the second round of NCAA tournament play versus John Carroll University. Four players were voted All-AMCC – Rob Williams (Richmond Heights, Ohio/Richmond Heights) and Derrick Thornton (University Heights, Ohio/Lutheran East) were both named first team, Darnell Campbell (Cleveland, Ohio/Collinwood) was selected to the second team and Howard Washington (Akron, Ohio/North) was named honorable mention. Rob Williams and Jajcen Harris also each scored their 1,000th career point and Williams became the career leader in steals.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Women’s basketball ended the season with a record of 11-15 (most wins in program history) and qualified for the AMCC Tournament for the first time in program history after finishing 10-8 in the AMCC (fifth place). Head coach Bob Booher was voted AMCC Coach of the Year and Jalisa Mitchell (Warrensville Heights, Ohio/Warrensville Heights) was voted AMCC Newcomer of the Year and AMCC second team. Loni Sargent (Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard) was an honorable mention selection.

BASEBALL

Storm baseball kicked off its season with a spring break trip to Anthem, Ariz. compiling its best record ever in the opening series. Upon its return, the team completed the season with an overall record of 15-25 (second most number of wins in program history) and an AMCC record of 5-13 (eighth place). Two players were voted All-AMCC – Rocky Pfisterer (Akron, Ohio/Green) was selected to the first team and Ben Reed (Middlefield, Ohio/Cardinal) was selected to the second team.

SOFTBALL

Softball completed its season with an AMCC record of 11-7 (sixth place) and qualified for the AMCC Playoffs for the second consecutive season. Eight players were voted All-AMCC (most in program history) – Sarah Miller (Covington, Kentucky/Holmes) and Shaina Vanderpool (Kingston, Ohio/Chillicothe) were named to the first team, Nicole Mann (Cleveland, Ohio/Euclid), Crystal Limpert (Cleveland, Ohio/John Marshall), Brittney Binko (Warren, Ohio/John F. Kennedy), Jessica Hedrick (Geneva, Ohio/Geneva) and Loni Sargent (Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard) were named to the second team and Alyssa Bethel (Beavercreek, Ohio/Miami Valley) earned honorable mention status.
Speakers Broaden Campus Minds

Steven K. Hamilton, Ph.D.

Increased attention is being directed towards the issue of global warming. Steven K. Hamilton, Ph.D., associate professor of zoology at W. K. Kellogg Biological Station at Michigan State University, localized the hot topic in a presentation entitled, “Global Warming and the Great Lakes: The Impact of Climate Change on Northeast Ohio,” on March 22 in the Austin Science Building-Conant Auditorium. The discussion focused on the threat of climate change that poses a significant challenge to the Great Lakes and other fresh water resources.

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton

The campus and local legal community joined to hear Justice Stratton present on the topic of Mental Illness and the Death Penalty at Lake Erie College on April 10 in Morley Music Hall. In 1989, as the first woman judge to be elected to the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, Stratton presided over major cases ranging from capital murder trials to major civil actions. Stratton has written a series of 23 articles about effectively dealing with mentally ill offenders in the criminal justice system. Stratton has had a long-time interest in developing solutions to this problem and has formed the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts for that purpose.

College Signs Stadium Deal

Lake Erie College signed a lease, sublease and use agreement with the City of Painesville and the Painesville City School District to use the Painesville stadium for its home football contests. Other Storm athletic programs, such as track and field, will also use the facilities located in the Kiwanis Recreation Park.

“This is a wonderful arrangement for the city, schools and College,” said Rita McMahon, Painesville City Manager. “This cooperative venture will help to bring real depth to our community. We are proud to be the home of the Lake Erie College Storm.”

New Faces

Terence Cranendonk – visiting professor of theater

Angela Gonzalez-Echererry, Ph.D. – assistant professor of Spanish

Ian Formaz – football offensive line coach and strength and conditioning coordinator

Marie Francosky, Ph.D. – visiting assistant professor of business administration

Todd Gregorich – graphics manager

Jane Holwick – vice president for administration and finance

Stephanie Huffman – associate dean and assistant professor of equine studies

Robert Kaderle – controller

Lisa Liotta – athletic facility coordinator

Thomas Lix, Ph.D. – visiting assistant...
church organist at Cottonwood Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, for seven years. He has studied the organ through university courses and private instruction for 15 years.

ACCOLADES

Bob Trebar, associate dean of management studies at Lake Erie College, is a recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Marketing and Sales Award (DMSA) provided by the Sales & Marketing Executives of Cleveland group. He is only the second educator in the award’s 46-year history to receive this honor.

Lake Erie College has named Mark Bell, Ph.D., the official College organist. Bell has played numerous organ recitals throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. Previous to coming to Lake Erie, he was a

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Professor Betty Clifford received the Excellence in Teaching award for the 2006-2007 academic year. She recently completed her 21st year at the College where she is an instructor of mathematics and education. She was selected by a group of her peers for this honor.

OUTSTANDING STAFF EMPLOYEE AWARD

Alan Burhenne was named 2007 Staff Employee of the Year by students and co-workers. Since 2001, he has served as a stable assistant at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center and was recently promoted to stable crew leader.
Tradition of Class Dinners Continues With a New Twist

Class dinners are a Lake Erie College tradition that dates back to 1926. The tradition has been revived, but instead of one dinner honoring all students at Lake Erie, there are now separate dinners that honor each class individually.

The 2007 class dinners were hosted by President Victor at the Manor House and featured decorations bearing each class’s own colors. President Victor welcomed the students and presented some of the history of the Manor House while Robin McDermott, vice president of enrollment management and student services, discussed the history of the class dinners and the importance of bonding each class together.

Freshman Allie Johnson said, “I enjoyed listening to what other students liked about Lake Erie. One girl from Hawaii had never seen snow before she came here.”

Local members of the alumni association introduced the students to traditional college songs and the Founders Day song. To end the evening, each class was given a tour of the Manor House wine cellar and rathskeller.

The senior class dinner was a black-tie cocktail party hosted prior to commencement. The graduates were welcomed into the Lake Erie College Alumni Association and the Dean’s Award was presented to Franziska Ruehl of Germany. President Victor gave the students parting words of wisdom and every student received a gold lapel pin featuring the College seal.

Taking a Stand

If your bank withdrew $900 from your account and informed you the money wouldn’t return, would you say, ‘That’s ok. It’s not a big deal.’?

Several Lake Erie students argued that $900 is a big deal and pleaded their case to Gov. Ted Strickland, regarding his proposed budget cuts to the Ohio Choice Student Grant.

Close to 45,000 students attending an independent college in Ohio were threatened with the loss of $900 per year in grant aid from the state under Governor Strickland’s proposed 2007-08 budget. Those Lake Erie students who were to be affected by these proposed cuts united to form a letter-writing campaign.

Transfer student Andres Burgos and freshman Joe Fath traveled to the Statehouse in Columbus serving as student lobbyists to defend their Student Choice Grant to representatives and senators.

The end result? The student campaign proved to be a success, as Governor Strickland’s final budget reduced the grant from $900 to $600.
LAKE ERIE UNVEILS NEW LOGO

As the College welcomes new faces, new majors, campus improvements and a new marketing campaign, we are pleased to introduce a new campus logo. The logo can be seen on banners hung around campus and is being integrated into all printed campus materials. The new look allows the logo to remain strong in tradition while projecting a contemporary, fresh look that reflects the progress we are making.

HOKIES FOR A DAY

Lake Erie honors those lost in Virginia Tech tragedy

As the country paused to follow the tragedy that took place on the campus of Virginia Tech, the Lake Erie community pulled together to lend support to those in need.

To honor the students and faculty whose lives were lost, the campus community shared a moment of silence as 32 candles were lit on April 17. The College’s 150-year-old carillon tolled 32 times for the lives that were lost. Students also wanted to show their support by writing letters of condolence for the Virginia Tech family.

Junior Ashley Eckard developed a Facebook group titled, “Lake Erie College supports Virginia Tech,” to which several campus members joined. Donned in orange and maroon, members of the campus community joined the Hokie Nation in wearing the colors of Virginia Tech to support the grieving families and friends.

TEAM HONORED

Lake Erie honors the Bluffton baseball team recovering from an accident

The Bluffton baseball team was involved in a bus accident on its way to a Florida spring trip at the start of the baseball season in March. Five players, the driver and his wife were killed in the tragedy, while many other coaches and players were injured. Some of the Bluffton baseball season was canceled; however, those games that were kept on the schedule were dedicated to those team members who lost their lives.

To honor those players, the Lake Erie baseball team wore purple wristbands during the double header against Bluffton on April 28 at Recreation Park. The athletic department also collected donations for the memorial that is being built on the Bluffton campus. President Victor generously donated $500 on behalf of the College, and nearly $200 in donations were collected from fans at the game.

The teams met on the field and Bluffton coach James Grandey received the gift at home plate. The goodwill gesture was captured by every television news station in Cleveland.
“The students who were chosen had the exciting chance to get the feel of living in an apartment, but still have the comfort of living in campus housing because we had a residence director living among them,” said Bob Beyer, director of community living. Although Beyer thinks the College’s traditional residence halls offer quite a bit for students, he wanted to find something new that students could enjoy.

According to Beyer, students were chosen based on personal growth achieved in the residence halls. He views the apartments as a reward for those students who were positive community members in the traditional residence halls.

The new style of residential living proved to be a huge success. The pilot program consisted of 17 students in 2006–07, and the Student Life Office is now housing 90 students in apartment housing for 2007-08. Aside from having more space, the students who participated in the program found several other benefits to the new arrangement.

Senior Jen Dodge felt more independent living in the apartments and appreciated the relaxing ‘home feeling.’ “We all pretty much respected each other by keeping the noise down, especially when we knew others had a test or a game,” said Dodge.

Fellow classmate Matt Tringhese also appreciated the chance to taste independence. “My favorite thing about living at the Rainforest was definitely getting the sense for living on my own,” he said. Freedom also didn’t come with a monthly rent bill which was an added bonus for Tringhese.

Living down the street from campus didn’t interfere with students ability to feel connected to campus and didn’t deter students like Dodge or Tringhese from staying active in campus organizations. “Having class every day, dinners with friends in the dining hall, student work and athletic events was enough time spent on campus, and Rainforest is close enough for on-campus friends to come visit as well,” said Dodge.

Feeling fortunate to be a part of the experience, both would return to the apartments if they hadn’t graduated in May. “This new option gives the school just another advantage to attending. Most colleges have alternatives like Rainforest for their students and I’m just glad I got to be a part of it before I graduated,” said Tringhese.
Norma Byron, President of Ashlawn Group, LLC, was ready to take her business to the next level, but she needed help with a business plan. Thanks to a new collaboration between The Ohio Small Business Development Center at the Lake County Economic Development Center (LCEDC) and Lake Erie’s new Center for Entrepreneurship, she received it.

The Ashlawn Group is working on developing fuel cells for a multitude of applications, including the specialized munitions industry. The Center for Entrepreneurship, spearheaded by Entrepreneur-in-Residence Cliff Somerville and Robert Trebar, associate dean of management studies, was able to provide the help Byron needed through the Center’s new Business Plan Clinic.

A hand-selected team of MBA candidate volunteers began working vigorously in March 2007. Team members Mark Bandish, Christopher Cooperrider, Jason Dunn and Robert Krieger were selected based on their areas of expertise in finance, marketing, manufacturing and technology.

By the time their work was complete in May, they had logged more than 300 volunteer hours providing research on marketing, tooling, operations, financial analysis, competitive businesses and other integral segments required for a successful business plan.

“Partnering with the Center for Entrepreneurship’s Business Plan Clinic has enhanced Norma Byron’s ability to succeed because her business plan will become a working document, mapping her strategies and providing her potential partners with an overview of her project,” said Catherine Haworth, executive director of the LCEDC.

Trebar added, “The Business Plan Clinic is a great opportunity for our MBA students to focus all of their skills, knowledge and experience on an intensive project that could have a major impact on a real company and all of its stakeholders.”

Now that this team has finished its work, the Business Plan Clinic has formed a new team to work on the business plan for another client, an organic cheese marketer.

Submitted by Karen Wivell
1955

BEVERLY (BAGDASARAIN) DENNIS has done a good deal of traveling in the past two years, visiting Russia, Eastern Europe, Senegal and Armenia. She visited two girls she supports in Armenia and went to Russia to do volunteer work in a children’s hospital, a mental hospital for women and a shelter for the elderly.

1959

ANN (HERSCHMANN) SHEARER and husband, David, recently moved to Portland, Ore. to live in a continuing care retirement community. The move has brought them closer to their son, Scott, and his family living in the Silicon Valley in California. Their daughter, Lisa, is also relocating to the greater Seattle region.

1961

EVALYN (WEST) MILLER and her husband, Chuck, have retired and moved to Colorado where they are enjoying being alpaca ranchers.

1962

BARBARA (SLATCHER) NUSSIE and her husband, Warren, are both retired and raise alpacas on their 10-acre farm in Cape May, N.J. The couple has 20 alpacas and is kept busy showing them and attending conferences. Barbara works on the marketing committee of Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association and uses her marketing research experience to perform surveys.

1964

MARTA (ULSHAFER) GORDON and husband, Bob, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They have been actively volunteering in their community with Avoubon, Turtle Rescue, the local nature center and church. They have spent a lot of time traveling to Trinidad, Costa Rica, Mexico and the national parks in the west. Their daughter, Alison, is currently living in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, and the couple hopes to visit their two grandchildren, Owen and Lily, soon.

1965

JANICE (DAMSCHRODER) NICODEMUS and husband, John, are both retired and spend half of their time at their cabin in Bedford County, Pa. Janice recently visited with her past roommate, Joyce (Cote) Brissette, in September while she was in Maine.

1967

SUE (WRIGHT) LARSON retired from teaching elementary vocal music three years ago, but continues to work as a part-time census coordinator for her local school district. She is an avid runner and has two sons, Dave, 31 and Chris, 34.

1968

NANCY (LUDLOW) YAHRAUS is a technical customer service rep for Electronic Data Systems (EDS). She is currently president of the 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Company which was incorporated in 1907 by General Jack Casement and the surviving members of his Civil War regiment. General Casement was an early trustee of Lake Erie College and his portrait hangs in the Social Parlor.

1969

VIRGINA (DOWNEY) TAHBOUB and husband, Sameer, run RoseWood Village Assisted Living Center and currently reside in Earlysville, Va.

1970

After 25 years of teaching high school Spanish, PRISCILLA (NEWELL) TERRY retired in May 2006. She and her husband, Jim, live in Hamilton, Texas and spend their free time fishing on the coast, building the inside of their cowboy church, as well as volunteering within the community. Priscilla is currently working on a book of memorial poetry and artwork.
Alumni Who Stand Out

CYNTHIA LUNDEEN ’78

Cynthia Lundeen ’78 of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was interviewed, along with her husband James, by various major media outlets including BBC, ABC and CBS at the 2007 Kentucky Derby. Lundeen is a milliner who designs women’s hats. She won an all-expense-paid trip to the Kentucky Derby as part of a hat-designing contest sponsored by Chrysler. Her Chrysler Sebring-inspired hat was one of three finalists.

The Kentucky Derby is an event renowned for women’s hats and Lundeen showed up alongside her husband resplendent in two of her own hat designs. She designed a top hat for her husband and she wore an Edwardian-style hat with a triple ostrich plume and silk veiling. Lundeen was thrilled that actress Jenny McCarthy also wore two hats that featured her designs during the Derby festivities. Lundeen was also featured in an article in the Washington Post that was about Queen Elizabeth II’s visit to the event.

“I am thrilled to have had international and national media coverage to validate my understanding of the millinery, which represents the grace and charm of the Kentucky Derby,” said Lundeen.

Submitted by Tara McDaniel
1981

MARIA BERGER thinks she has finally found Mr. Right. Maria and her boyfriend, Erik, are enjoying combining forces and hold a vision for a sustainable, organic farmstead in the near future in Whallonsburg, N.Y.

1982

CAMMIE EATON continues to fight Virginia Power and its determination to erect electric transformers all through the open countryside in Delaplane, Va.

KAREN LEE KUSHNER is a physician assistant for Butte County Public Health and resides in Chico, Calif. Kushner has realized one of her long time dreams by opening the Shalom Free Clinic.

KIM (MCCELROY) PAWEL and her husband have a ranch in New River, Ariz., where they winter, and one in Prescott, Ariz., where they spend their summers. Kim breaks and trains colts for the public and competes with her own horses. Last year, she qualified for and placed at the Western National Championships. The couple also stays busy running a small herd of Longhorn and Corriente cattle on their ranch.

1983

GREGORY D. TAYLOR was elected vice president responsible for corporate planning, development and communications at The Lubrizol Corporation. He was also named a member of the company’s executive council. Taylor has been a Lubrizol employee for 26 years, where he has held diverse assignments in accounting, finance, venture capital, business development, corporate planning and investor relations. Most recently, Taylor headed corporate planning, where he was instrumental in developing and implementing the company’s growth plans.

1986

MACHELLE CAPALDI married Jeffrey Hale October 14, 2006 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mentor, Ohio. Machelle is employed as a support specialist at JBM in Wickliffe, Ohio. Jeffrey is an economics teacher at Mentor High School. The couple took a wedding trip on a Western Caribbean cruise.

1988

JEANNE (REIFSNYDER) WILLEM S and husband, Jay, are currently breeding and selling thoroughbred racehorses in Warwick, Md. The couple has had three winning racehorses and one stake-placed two-year-old.

1990

EVELYN PFOUTZ-SUSOL was featured in a recent article in the USDF Bulletin about riders who had earned all three USDF Medals and all three USDF Freestyle Bars. She has her own barn, Cool Breeze Farm, in Orntanning, Pa., near Gettysburg.

1992

ALLISA (VICK) D’APICE and husband Anthony announce the birth of their daughter, Giovanna Isabella, on November 11, 2006. She joins brother Nicklaus Santana, 4. The couple stays busy with their in-house catering business, Majestic Farms Gourmet Catering.

RACHEL (CASSADY) NEVELO is currently a full-time at-home mother. She and her husband, Andrew, have a daughter, Ann Mercedes, born on January 4, 2005.

1995

PAT TY LJU B has been named director of perioperative and cardiovascular services at University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center in Claridon Township, Ohio. Her new position entails being responsible for the pre-admission testing, sterile processing, surgical center, recovery room, cardiac catheterization laboratory and cardiopulmonary services.

2001

ERIN DRAPER married Adam Toth May 21, 2005. The couple currently resides in Chardon, Ohio and has a daughter, Hannah, 2.

STANLEY EUBANK and KIMBERLY (COLE) EUBANK ’03 reside in Rothbury, Mich. She is a breeding farm manager and he is a foundry worker for Kurdzial Iron. The couple has a one-year-old son, Lane.

2002

LISA MARIE GONZALEZ and BRYAN SEDDON ’03 were married July 1 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Canton, Ohio. She is employed by the
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Lake Local School District. He is employed by Verizon Wireless.

TRACI HISSAM has been hired as volunteer services coordinator for the Lake County (Ohio) Council on Aging. She will be responsible for overseeing the agency’s core of volunteers who assist as Meals on Wheels drivers and packers, grocery shoppers, friendly visitors and Council on Aging Nutrition Site assistants.

STEPHEN ROSENBERG has received a degree from seminary school and is an assistant pastor in Alger, Ohio. He is currently starting doctorate work in organizational leadership to accomplish his goal of starting a company that helps churches build an infrastructure and manage money. Making use of his undergraduate work, he uses chemistry to illustrate certain points in his sermons.

JULIE ANN (BAYOREK) ROSS and husband, David, are living in Fallbrook, Calif. She is working as a logistics management specialist at Spawarsyscen, a department of the U.S. Navy.

KRISTIN TOBIAS graduated from Youngstown State University in 2005 with a master’s degree in reading. She is a kindergarten teacher at Lakeshore Primary School in Conneaut, Ohio.

2003

CRAIG MOORE and ALISON (DEWEY) MOORE were married June 3, 2006. Craig is head baseball coach at Western Texas College and Alison is an adjunct faculty member in the business department at Western Texas College.

ELIZABETH ANN TEKAVEC is living in Concord, Ohio, and working for the Lake County Prosecutors Office.

2004

JAMES GARGAS has obtained his CPA license and passed the Certified Fraud Examiner’s Exam. He is currently working as a forensic accountant for Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Washington, D.C.

MELISSA LEGAN is a paralegal for Ranallo & Aveni LLC in Mayfield Village, Ohio and she currently resides in Kirtland.

2005

JEREMY FROELICHER is a customer marketing advisor for Bank of America and currently resides in Painesville, Ohio.

MELISSA LAURICH is a personal sales rep for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and resides in Painesville, Ohio.

2006

SAMANTHA BROWN is the marketing coordinator at the Growth Partnership for Ashtabula County. She resides in Kingsville, Ohio.

NICHOLAS GUSTIN married Julie Ann Farina July 21, 2006 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Ashtabula, Ohio. Nicholas is a Professional Golfers Association apprentice at Firethorne Country Club in Marvin, N.C. Julie is a special education teacher at Clover Junior High School in Clover, S.C. Following a wedding trip to Walt Disney World, the couple resides in Fort Mill, S.C.

MARCIA KASMARCIK has been accepted into the master of human services program at Capella University. She will pursue a mental health counseling concentration.

JENNIFER LYNN SCIBONA married Norman Limpert Aug. 5, 2006 at Park Street Church in Geneva, Ohio. Jennifer is employed at J.C. Penney and is a substitute teacher for Geneva Area City Schools. Norman is employed at Nordic Air. Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple resides in Ashtabula Township.

ALUMNI NEWS:

The Alumni Office makes every attempt to keep information updated. We use a clipping service that pulls articles where Lake Erie College alumni are mentioned. However, this service does not include nationwide newspapers. Please email the alumni office at alumni@lec.edu with updates such as weddings, births or deaths.

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Pictures are welcome!

They will be used at the discretion of the magazine staff, if space allows. Pictures can also be sent via email to alumni@lec.edu
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Deaths

1935

Rubie (Carnegie) Sheldon of Geneva, Ohio, passed away January 30, 2007. Sheldon was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church and volunteered at the Geneva Food Pantry. She is survived by her daughters, Susan S. Brooks; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert C. and Theresa Sheldon and Jeffrey A. and Mary Sheldon; grandchildren, Julie, Chris, Stephanie, Lindsay and Morgan and great-grandchildren, Karson and Kate.

1937

Elizabeth Anne “Betty” (Cott) Yeaw passed away April 12, 2007. Along with her late husband, Frank, she managed a poultry farm for many years in Colrain, Mass., before the family moved to Milford. She taught elementary school in Temple and Hollis and was also active in the First Congregational Church of Milford, and Girl Scouts. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; sister, Audrey and a brother, Robert. She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn (Andy) Hesser; Susan (Bob) Heaton and Barbara Carpenter and her companion, Carmelo Russo; her sister, Barbara (Don) Nicolson; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Gray and Diane Cott; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews.

1942

Rose Mary (Gongwer) Stanton of Mentor, Ohio, passed away Dec. 11, 2006. Stanton was very active in the community and was a member of the St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Mentor, a Gyetrite in the Painesville Cygro Club and a former member of the Madison Country Club. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis F. Stanton Sr.; son, Peter and parents, Earle and Dorothy. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Michael) Hayes, Carol Pike and Mary Ellen (Allen) Weaver; son, Frank F. (Stacie) Stanton; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sisters, Majorie Jenkins, Bonnie Eckard and Shirley (James) Cochran; sister-in-law, Peggy Stanton and numerous nieces and nephews.

1950

Lois M. (McDiarmid) Noss of Strongsville, Ohio, passed away April 19, 2006. Noss is survived by her husband, Donald J. Sr.; children, Donald J. Jr. (Linda) and Margaret S. Doucette (Dale); grandchildren, Suzanne Bonham and David and Daniel Eskra; great-grandchild, Ryan Bonham; brother, William McDiarmid and many nieces and nephews.

1963

Kathleen (Brooks) Hoffmann of Miami, Fla., passed away March 1, 2006. She is survived by her husband Peter.

1972

Dr. Mary Allen Porter of Ohio passed away January 6, 2007. She was the art teacher at Riverside High School in Painesville Township.

1973

HeLEN HiLL of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, passed away March 15, 2007. Hill was a substitute teacher for Painesville City Schools for 10 years and volunteered as a guide for the Metro Parks. She is survived by her husband, Francis; children, Judith, Brooks, Robert, JoAnn and Thomas; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sisters, Margaret and Irene. Preceding her in death were her parents, John and Mary Dakos; her brother, John and sisters, Mary, Florence, Elizabeth, Anna and Christina.

1980

Judy Leach of Bethlehem, Pa., passed away Oct. 22, 2006 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was surrounded by friends and family who sent her off on her journey with an incredible amount of love. Kathy Nelson ’80 and Maria Berger ’81 report that the night before she died, Judy was the hostess of a huge party complete with sushi, Indian food, pizza, Mardi Gras beads, Graucho Marx-type glasses and lots of music.

1983

Jan Kallay of Mentor, Ohio, passed away Jan. 26, 2007. Kallay was a school teacher in Mentor Public Schools. He was also a member of the United Methodist Church of Painesville, Mentor Teachers Association and Alumni Association of Grand River Academy. He is survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Nathan (Megan) and Brent (Joelle) and grandsons, Tyler and Aidan. Preceding him in death were his parents, Watson and Martha.

1988

Carolyn (DuPolos) Witt of Cassadaga, N.Y., passed away Jan. 7, 2007, at Millard Fillmore Hospital, in Buffalo, N.Y. She was born May 8, 1966, in Painesville, the daughter of the late Gerald Witt and Betty Booth, who survives her of Lottsville, Pa. Carolyn is also survived by her companion and soul mate, Teri Medige; maternal grandmother, Jean Karolyi; siblings, Jimmy Witt, Lutia Douvos, Paschalis DuPolos and Peanut Hollabbau; daughters, Eileen, Katrina and Erin Marutik and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, James and Ida Witt; maternal grandfather, William “Bill” Karolyi; maternal aunt, Marsha Karolyi; maternal uncle, Bill Karoly.

Friends

Santina L. Sarosy of Perry, Ohio, passed away Dec. 1, 2006. With a love of cooking and knitting, she was once a cook at Lake Erie College. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; parents, Joseph and Sarah Nasca; brother, Vincent and sister. She is survived by her sons, Frank and David (Lili); grandchildren, Corey, David, Jason and Dustin; brother, Anthony; and sisters, Elizabeth Caruso, Mary Nasca and Josephine.

Reverend Dr. Robert E. Luccock of Ocean View Retirement Community, Falmouth, Maine, passed away Friday, Jan. 12 at Maine Medical Center. He received an honorary divinity degree from the College.

Victoria “Tori” (Browning) Van Loon passed away March 11. Van Loon was an assistant professor of art at the College from 1946–1951. She and her late husband, William ran Gaillard Press, making laminated dried flowers and leaves to make place mats, wall screens, coasters and bookmarks that sold worldwide. The business was inspired by the 28-acre Mountain Park Drive property that she later granted the Grand River Partners a conservation easement on to protect the land and its stream from development.
The Lake Erie College B.K. Smith Gallery presents, “A Sense of Place from Africa to Beyond: A Traveler’s Guide to Family, Order, God and Country.” The exhibit glimpses the travels of an American family in Africa as chronicled by art and objects they collected over 30-plus years.

Collected “off the beaten path” on back roads “where real life happens” apart from the tourist trade, the amazingly expressive and exciting collection reveals a culture’s foundation of social, civic and spiritual thought and interaction. Through masks, figures, toys, functional and ceremonial objects, visitors can partake of experiences common to all humankind from the sublime to the playful through sophisticated, elegant artistic expression.

From the inventiveness and energy of children’s toys made from recycled aluminum cans to a cowry shell wedding veil and the “friend of the king” headdress made by master craftsmen, the images bespeak the universal spirit of imagination and philosophy of life, family, order and their interaction with the unseen.