THEN

SORORITIES

THEN – IN THE LATE 1800S AND EARLY 1900S, SORORITIES WERE CONSIDERED SECRET SOCIETIES.

Lake Erie College has probably had many incarnations of Greek life over the years, but the earliest documented groups were as early as 1899. Two sororities, Tau Phi Alpha and Delta Gamma Phi disbanded around 1914.

NOW – THE CAMPUS SORORITY IS FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AS A STUDENT CLUB.

The College is currently home to one sorority, Delta Kappa Psi. In addition to the many social aspects of the group, members also raise money and awareness for worthy causes including the Make-a-Wish Foundation and Special Olympics.

MOUNTAIN DAY

THEN – MOUNTAIN DAY WAS ENJOYED AS A FALL OUTING TO LITTLE MOUNTAIN.

This surprise holiday was borrowed from Mount Holyoke and often involved a trip to a Little Mountain hotel owned by founder, Charles Avery. Student enjoyed food, exercise and fun with classmates and faculty members.

NOW – MOUNTAIN DAY INVOLVES A MULTITUDE OF ACTIVITIES.

This fall, students awoke to the sounds of the Harvey High School marching band and spent the day volunteering, going on shopping trips or taking excursions to Little Mountain. A casino party topped off the evening and allowed students, faculty and staff to enjoy the tradition together.
dear alumni and friends,

This summer, the College kicked off a new and dynamic marketing campaign featuring the slogan, “Get In. Stand Out.” To compliment those efforts, the Admissions Office began an aggressive recruitment effort that incorporated an increased focus on high school visits and College fairs to help improve the number of students visiting our campus. These orchestrated efforts have occurred in an effort to recruit the best and the brightest students to our campus, and they are working! In the first four months of our campaign, applications were up 87%, the number of students visiting campus increased 253% and our website traffic nearly tripled.

The announcement of football has continued to cause a stir among students and the community. Coach McNellie’s schedule is overflowing with potential players and their parents who want to know more about the program, and we recently collaborated with the City of Painesville to play at the football stadium located in Painesville Recreation Park. We have also received international attention regarding the new team and the search for a fight song.

The College is pleased to announce that we are on course for a record-breaking year in fundraising. We have received many major gifts to date and our annual fund is almost at goal with four months remaining in the fiscal year. Thanks to each of you for believing in us and investing for our future.

As we embark on 2007, I wish to thank the many alumni and friends of the College who have so graciously welcomed me to the area and to the Lake Erie College family. It has truly been a remarkable experience thus far and I look forward to developing more relationships as the year progresses.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Victor, President

Lake Erie is the official publication of Lake Erie College and is published three times per year by the Office of Institutional Advancement.
About 175 alumni and friends returned to campus to help the College celebrate its’ 150th birthday. ‘Commemorate and Celebrate’ was the theme of this year’s alumni weekend in honor of the College’s sesquicentennial.

The weekend kicked off on Friday with a tour of President Garfield’s home, followed by a reception and dinner at the newly renovated Manor House. According to some alumni, who struggled to get to breakfast Saturday morning, the after-party at a nearby hotel went into the wee hours of the morning.

Classmates and friends shared additional memories on Saturday during campus tours and the class luncheon. Prior to the inaugural concert on the newly restored Skinner Organ, many enjoyed a tailgate party at the soccer game.

Alumni enjoyed another late evening as they partied at the birthday celebration dinner, where Dr. Paul Weaver made a guest appearance in the form of Scott Evans, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

The College’s 150th birthday wasn’t the only achievement being celebrated Alumni Weekend. The achievements of five alumni were recognized with the awarding of several honors.
Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

Two Lake Erie College graduates were recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award during Alumni Weekend festivities. This award is annually given to an alumni who exhibits the strong ideals of learning and success throughout adulthood.

DANA DENNIS, ’76

Dana Dennis has served Lake Erie College in countless ways since he graduated magna cum laude in 1976 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. 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. He has been a generous donor to many College programs, including the annual fund, Athletic & Wellness Center, scholarships, golf outings and more. In addition to his own gifts, he has been instrumental in bringing other donors and volunteers to the College in a variety of leadership capacities.

Professionally, Dennis is vice president and corporate controller of Parker Hannifin Corp., where he has worldwide responsibility for all accounting functions within the company, including planning, analysis and budgeting, internal and external reporting and financial systems development. He is also responsible for proper internal financial and operational controls and capital investment justifications and has been involved in numerous international acquisitions and divestitures.

Dennis has served as vice president of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute and chairman of the board of Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland and holds membership in other professional and nonprofit organizations.

Dennis and his wife Sharon (also a Lake Erie College alumna from the class of 2003) have two daughters and reside in Kirtland.

MIGDALIA CRUZ

Migdalia Cruz has made a strong impact on the theatrical world since she graduated from Lake Erie College magna cum laude in 1978. Since then, she has performed in Broadway productions, such as “A Chorus Line,” and on television, including “The Young and the Restless.” She has also served as a director and producer for numerous theater productions.

Sesquicentennial Medal Recipients

Three Lake Erie College graduates were recipients of Sesquicentennial Medals during Alumni Weekend festivities. These medals were given in recognition for their dedication and support to the College.

DEBORAH GOODRICH ROYCE ’80

Deborah Goodrich Royce received a bachelor of arts degree in modern foreign languages (French and Italian literature and history) from Lake Erie College in 1980. She has spent her career in the arts, first as an actress in film and television; then, as a story editor at Miramax Films.

Royce has been a consistent donor to the College, having established the Humanities Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund, and serves on the Fine Arts Advisory Committee.

She serves on the board of directors of Literacy Volunteers of Stamford/Greenwich, Conn., where she also teaches writing to adult English as a second language students. She also serves on the board of the Hunter Foundation and the Avon Theater Film Center, an independent cinema in Stamford that she and her husband restored and reopened.

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Leading by Example

Carol Lewis Morris ’67

Carol Lewis Morris ’67 has been a campus leader – both as a student and as an alumna.

Over the past few years she has been a generous benefactor to the College and has been a shining example of how alumni donations can greatly benefit an institution.

As an economics major, Carol was a dedicated student who enjoyed her time on campus. After graduation in 1967, she married long-time boyfriend Robert Lewis, and dabbled in the business world before “retiring”, keeping Lake Erie College in her heart. She and Robert then became the proud mother of two boys, Alex and Patrick.

In 2004, Carol surprised the campus with a $100,000 donation to help kick off a fundraising drive for restoration of the Skinner Organ and Morley Music Hall. Then, in early 2006, she initiated a $150,000 challenge grant in honor of the College’s sesquicentennial.

“I had been a bit disconnected with the College for some time and I was curious as to how it was doing,” Carol remarked. “I learned of the Morley restoration project and was immediately interested in helping. I loved going to Morley as a student and remembered how beautiful and inspiring the organ sounded when Harold Fink played it before our weekly class meetings.”

During alumni weekend activities, the Skinner Organ was unveiled as the “Carol Lewis Morris ’67 Restored Skinner Organ” and Carol was also honored as a Sesquicentennial Fellow for her contributions to campus.

She continued to show her generosity to her alma mater when, during alumni weekend, she pledged an additional $350,000 to the College to encourage increased or new gifts to the annual fund. The new Morris Challenge will match any new contribution to the Lake Erie College Fund on a two-to-one basis. The total grant will be a maximum of $350,000 and will cover contributions made between October 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007 or until the challenge value has been met.

“The College is appreciative of Carol’s on-going generosity and commitment to inspire others to support the College,” said President Michael Victor. “We are extremely appreciative of Carol and other alumni who care so deeply about their alma mater.”

Carol and Bob’s generosity not only impacts Lake Erie College, but many
other institutions of higher learning. “Bob’s mother was a graduate of Elmira College and he has served on the Board there, so he has a real understanding of the impact a small college can have on a person’s life,” said Carol. “We financially support Elmira, St. Peter’s College in New Jersey and Bob’s alma mater, SUNY. We tend to focus our support on the arts because we think that area does not always get the attention it deserves.”

“The value of your degree depends on the well-being of the College,” she said, citing a reason for giving back to your alma mater.

Carol and Bob currently resides in New York City. They enjoy taking in all the cultural activities the city has to offer – especially in the realms of music and theatre. Carol is even dabbling in the arts herself, partnering with her son’s film production company to develop a documentary (still unnamed) that will be shown at the upcoming Tribeca Film Festival.

“When you give to a college, you can see the money working. Nothing is better than helping kids get an education.”

THE MORRIS FAMILY – (STANDING L TO R) KATHIE AND ALEX MORRIS (DAUGHTER-IN LAW AND SON); BOB, CAROL, PATRICK (SON) AND DON (FATHER-IN-LAW) SEATED IN FRONT

CAROL MORRIS ACCEPTS HER SESQUICENTENNIAL MEDAL FROM PRESIDENT VICTOR ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND, JOHN

OTHER ALUMNI WHO CARE SO DEEPLY ABOUT THEIR ALMA MATER.
Sounds Resonate from Morley
INAUGURAL CONCERT FOR RESTORED HISTORIC PIPE ORGAN

For the first time in many years, Lake Erie College was roused with the sounds of organ music as the historic Skinner Organ played its inaugural concert since its recent and long-overdue renovation. More than 450 people enjoyed the October 7 concert, which featured legendary Cleveland organist, Todd Wilson, head of the Organ Department at The Cleveland Institute of Music and Organ Curator of the recently restored E.M. Skinner Organ at Severance Hall, home of the Cleveland Orchestra.

“As both an alumnus of Lake Erie College and a faculty member, I am very excited by the return of the Skinner to our music program,” said Paul Gothard III, professor of music. “The instrument can now carry forward the legacy and traditions of the past, and also create new ones for future generations.”

The restoration of the organ, and much of Morley Music Hall itself, were made possible from donations by local foundations, businesses, alumni and friends of the College. In addition to the complete restoration of the Skinner Organ, Morley Music Hall also received a new roof, new carpet, interior painting, renovation of the stage interior and a complete overhaul of the chamber room where the pipes are housed.

The Morley Music Preservation Committee formed in 2003 and consisted of 18 alumni and friends of the College. One alumna who helped to spearhead the funding of the restoration was Carol Lewis Morris ’67. Morris’ gift made a significant impact to the funding efforts and the College is pleased to dedicate the organ in her name as the “Carol Lewis Morris ’67 Restored Skinner Organ.”

R E S T O R A T I O N  W E R E  M A D E  P O S S I B L E  F R O M  D O N A T I O N S  B Y  L O C A L  A L U M N I  A
Music Hall

Morley Music Hall inaugurates concert for restored historic Pipe organ is superb.

Flashback
Mary Alice "Dee Dee" Wotring '58 is shown with the original Skinner Organ and with the new console.

Over 450 People gathered for the inaugural concert on the restored organ.

Restoration were made possible from local foundations, businesses, alumni and friends of the college.

Jeanne Nazor LeRoy '47
Susan Arant
Dr. Mark Bell
Donna Benz '96
Nancy Stillwagon Carstensen '70
Pauline Johns DeWitt '42
Suzanne S. Ellis '59, MSE '86
Professor Paul Gothard III '73
Marcia Seelbach Hemphill '40
Professor John Huston
Melvin B. Mixner II
Alice Armstrong Pardee '42
Julia Smith Siegel MSE '84
Elizabeth Seabright
Jean A. Stevens MSE '80
Nancy James Stillwagon '44
Henrietta Hathaway Townsend '50
Mary Alice Wotring '58
Class Reunion Photos

CLASS OF 1951
(left to right)
1. Sara “Sally” Moon
2. Shirley (Bear) Hackney
3. Kathryn “Kathy” Crowell
4. Constance “Connie” (Darrow) Bommer

CLASS OF 1956
(Front row left to right)
1. Gretchen (Praker) Hall
2. Jennifer (Field) Stowell
3. Mary Lill (Gardiner) Lee
4. Mary (Geddes) Fratianne
5. Barbara “Bobbie” (Ledrich) Bremner
(Back row left to right)
1. Ann (Metcalf) Schlamp
2. Barbara “B.J.” (Kilgus) Salstead
3. Carol (Dougherty) Hood
4. Sally (Cott) Skillman
5. Marge (Johnston) Wellwood
6. Mary Anne (Hendler) Howard
7. Sherill (Foutz) Peters
8. Suzanne (Conrad) Selfridge
9. Betsy (Jones) Johnson
10. Melinda (Cooper) Johnston
11. Beverly Sylvester
12. Judith (Williams) Forbes

CLASS OF 1961
1. Nancy (Stoltz) Bellamy

CLASS OF 1966
(left to right)
1. Julia (Sonner) Sheppard
2. Katharine “Kathy” (Dukes) Moss
3. Shar (Coleman) Tremkamp
4. Diane (Strong) Taylor
5. Binnie (Endean) Kurtzner
6. Caroline Feiss

CLASS OF 1967
(left to right)
1. Barbara “Barb” (Wallace) Trainor
2. Janis (Miller) Haviland
3. Carol (Lewis) Morris

1970’S
(left to right)
1. Tracy Dickinson – ’78
2. Donna Walker – ’72

CLASS OF 1981
(left to right)
1. Lisa Benedetti
2. Nona (Sweeney) Stanch
3. Debbie (Munczenski) Kovacs

RECENT CLASSES
(left to right)
1. Christina (Molesch) Hartman – ’02
2. Denise Molesch – ’95
3. Robin McDermott – ’87
Fall Athletic Recap

MEN'S SOCCER

The men’s soccer team concluded the season with an overall record of 10-8-1, tying the program record for wins in a season. Senior Justin Daly (Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard) and sophomore Joe Starvaggi (Lyndhurst, Ohio/Brush) earned D3Kicks All-Region. Justin Daly also earned the most prestigious honor ever bestowed upon a member of the LEC program as an NSCAA/Adidas Second-Team All-Mid-Atlantic Region selection.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women’s soccer team ended the season with an overall record of 11-7-2 and in a fifth-place AMCC tie with a record of 3-4-2. Their 11 victories were the most in program history since 1998. Sophomore Angela Bethel (Beavercreek, Ohio/Miami Valley) was one of the nation's top five leading scorers as she set the school record for goals in a season with 30. She earned numerous accolades, including D3Kicks Great Lakes All-Region First-Team and LEC's first-ever ESPN Third Team First-Team and LEC Second-Team honor.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team finished the year with an overall record of 12-23 and an AMCC record of 5-4. Their 12 wins tied the amount of victories for the previous four seasons combined. The Storm finished with their highest AMCC finish in history in a fourth place tie, qualifying for the league playoffs. They won in the first round and then lost in the semifinals. It was the furthest any team has ever gone in program history.

CROSS COUNTRY

Both the men's and women's cross country teams earned their highest finish in the AMCC since the league expanded to 10 teams, with each team finishing seventh. Lake Erie had the honor of hosting the AMCC Championships this year, which was a first in program history. The men also competed in the All-Ohio meet this season and scored for the first time ever.

MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team hosted the AMCC Championships for the first time in program history this season. Junior Justin Brown (Kenston, Ohio/Kenston) was the runner-up with a 162, which was only two strokes behind the medalist. He was the only Storm golfer to earn conference honors as an All-AMCC First-Team selection.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME REACHES 42

Georgie Fust Patterson joins 41 other outstanding athletes named to the Lake Erie College Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 1948, few women were able to take advantage of opportunities to travel abroad or even out of state for athletic contests; however, Patterson accomplished both feats.

A member of the field hockey team, Patterson traveled to Philadelphia to compete in nationals. She was also a member of the tennis team, playing doubles and singles. Patterson even traveled throughout Europe in 1948 with tennis pro Mary Kay Brown. She visited England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland.

She also competed on the basketball court and threw shot put as a member of the Track and Field team. Her enthusiasm towards athletics was not only displayed on the field, but in her work with the Athletic Association.

Patterson remains active today as she has added golf skills to her athletic ability and keeps up with her seven grandchildren. She resides in Erie, Pa., and winters in Vero Beach, Fla., but makes time for her son and two daughters.


**CAMPUS WELCOMES ENLIGHTENING SPEAKERS**

**PHILLIP RESNICK, M.D.**

Students, faculty and staff gained insight into the mind of a killer when internationally renowned psychiatrist, Phillip Resnick, M.D., visited campus to present, “The Case of Texas v. Andrea Yates: Insanity on Trial,” on Oct. 17.

Resnick served as a consultant and offered testimony in both Andrea Yates trials, sharing with the campus community a video of his interview with Yates, as well as intimate details of the case.

Resnick also consulted on cases involving Jeffrey Dahmer, Susan Smith, Timothy McVeigh, Scott Peterson, Theodore Kaczynski, the Unabomber, and Charles McCoy, the Columbus I-270 sniper.

**RETIRED GENERAL MICHAEL DUNLAVEY**

“Leadership in a Troubled World” was the topic retired Gen. Michael Dunlavey presented to more than 100 students and visitors on campus. His motivational speech urged students to become leaders, asserting that leaders are made, not born. Above all, he said, “leaders do the right thing,” and challenged students to always do what they believe to be “the right thing.”

Dunlavey also shared a number of experiences from his time working at various government institutions, such as the Terrorism Threat Interrogation Center, the National Security Agency and the Army’s Intelligence and Security Command. As an authority on today’s troubled world, Gen. Dunlavey discussed his personal views on such issues as terrorism, foreign policy and civil rights. At the conclusion of his speech, he also took time to answer the students’ questions.

**MARGARET WONG**

Noted immigration expert and lawyer Margaret Wong presented both sides of the immigration issue to help those understand the complicated issues of this national and local debate in a presentation titled, “Immigration – A Benefit or Detriment?” on Nov. 16.

An immigrant herself, Wong was born in the former British Colony of Hong Kong. Based on her own experience of obtaining a green card and U.S. citizenship under U.S. immigration law, she recognized that companies and individuals need sound guidance in this highly regulated, and sometimes frustrating regulatory area. She founded Margaret W. Wong & Associates with one desk and no secretary. Her practice now includes six attorneys and 35 other staff members.

**LEC PARTNERS WITH ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Lake Erie College and the Rochester Institute of Technology E. Phillip Saunders College of Business have established an agreement which allows qualified students, who have earned a bachelor’s degree at Lake Erie, to accelerate their progress through the RIT College of
Business MBA program.

Through the agreement, LEC graduates, who are accepted into the RIT MBA program, have the opportunity to waive select MBA courses given that a student earns a full “B” or higher grade mark in the required undergraduate courses. A maximum of four MBA foundation courses may be waived for a period of up to five years from the time the undergraduate course was completed. This provides graduates an opportunity to complete the RIT MBA program in as few as five academic quarters.

B.K. Smith Gallery at Lake Erie College. The artists created works of varying media – including film, music, dance and site specific installations.

OLD TRADITIONS RETURN WITH A NEW TWIST

Convocation and Mountain Day are time honored traditions of the past that were revitalized this semester to become treasured memories of the new student body.

The New Student Convocation welcomed 241 new students to the campus community. As a new twist, students received a medallion as they were formally inducted into the College.

Although Mountain Day came as no surprise to students the morning of Nov. 10, they were awakened by the sounds of Harvey High School’s marching band. Student volunteers prepared lunches at the Salvation Army, super-sized games were offered on the quad, while karaoke was sung and crafts were made in the Holden Center. Those with a more adventurous side explored Little Mountain, while the risk-takers participated in Casino Night to win prizes such as a digital camera, a DVD player or movies.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

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cum laude with a bachelor of fine arts degree in playwriting in 1980. She went on to earn her master of fine arts degree in playwriting from Columbia University School of the Arts in 1984 and has been active as a playwright and lecturer ever since.

Throughout the past 20 years she has written more than 40 plays and co-authored two screenplays. Some of her plays include Another Part of the House, Featherless Angels, Cigarettes and Moby-Dick, Latins in La-La Land and Dreams of Home. Her screenplays are Blank Verse (co-written with Juan A. Ramirez) and Carmen’s Mountain (co-written with Mike Angel Cuesta). Her works have been performed in venues throughout the United States as well as in Athens, London, Mexico City, Vancouver and Montreal, and have been published in a number of anthologies.

Cruz has been honored with numerous awards, grants, residencies and fellowships for her works, including more than 20 commissions from distinguished theater companies throughout the U.S. for her plays. She has been writer-in-residence for the Latino Chicago Theater and playwright-in-residence for the Steppenwolf Theater Company in Illinois and the INTAR Theatre in New York. She was a member playwright of New Dramatists, N.Y., and the New York Playwrights’ Lab, and has been a playwriting instructor and lecturer for a number of colleges and universities.

Cruz resides in North Falmouth, Mass., with her husband, James Kent.
The Order of Tiberius

“I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I shall be a true and faithful representative of Lake Erie College, as a member of the Order of Tiberius Ambassadors. I will hold my position as a privilege and wear the green and white. I will learn, cherish and preserve the history and traditions of my beloved college. I will diligently and professionally serve to further the glory of my alma mater. I will hold dearly the memories and friendships fostered here in these halls and groves, and in all matters regarding Lake Erie College, keep my heart as true and faithful as that which beats in the iron chest of Tiberius.”

On Nov. 5, 20 students took this oath to become the first members of the Order of Tiberius.

Ambassadors. The ambassadors are the elite group of student representatives chosen to be the official hosts, tour guides and student speakers for the College. Students who become ambassadors must go through intensive training in the history and traditions of the College, giving campus tours, dealing with prospective students and parents and professional etiquette and dress.

This organization of student leaders has had many rebirths over the past 30 years; from Arestos in the mid-60s and 70’s, the “Green Coats” in the late 90s and early 2000, and the Leaders Club in 2005. Ambassadors will be featured in upcoming LEC advertising, annual fund brochures and admissions pieces. For more information of the Order of Tiberius Ambassadors contact Deb Blanchard Remington ’74 at dremington@lec.edu or 440.375.7224.

2006-07 STUDENT AMBASSADORS:
1. Seth Baumberger
2. Deborah Cattell
3. Richard Cattell
4. Ashley Eckard
5. Betty Gordon
6. Travis Hardman
7. Stephanie Joedicke
8. Kathryn Kunka
9. Bradley McFadden
10. Vanessa Mohn
11. Erin Pinkston
12. Sara Remington
13. Rebecca Rex
14. Stephanie Sadler
15. Loni Sargent
16. Kristin Schmalzer
17. Maura Stack-Oden
18. Mary Sullivan
19. Matthew Tringhese
20. Demetrius Williams

COLLEGE EXPERIENCES ENROLLMENT GROWTH SPURT

While many colleges and universities around the country are encountering a lack of enrollment, Lake Erie College has seen growth. The College is not only experiencing a record enrollment in the Masters of Business Administration (MBA) program, but it welcomes its first class to the newly-developed FasTrac night and weekend program for adults, and reports an increased number of traditional full-time undergraduate students for fall 2007.

The MBA program has been in existence at the College since 1981, and many adults have utilized the program as a way to improve their professional careers. A total of 92 students enrolled in the program first semester, marking an all-time high for MBA enrollment at the College.

Undergraduate enrollment at the College is also up and has increased 2.3% this fall with a total of 812 students. The FasTrac program, an accelerated degree program for working adults who have an associate’s degree or equivalent number of courses, kicked off in September with 13 new students enrolled in its inaugural class.

The FasTrac program allows students to earn a bachelor’s degree in business administration or accounting in two years by taking classes on Saturdays or weeknights while still having their summers off. “They have all the benefits that come along with being a full-time student, because that’s exactly what they are,” says Robert Trebar, associate dean of management studies. “They are a great group of students...excited about the accelerated Saturday format and about being able to progress through the program together as a group,” he adds.
“Necessity is the mother of invention.” This phrase has been uttered in various situations, but in the case of the Lake Erie College Theatre Department, no proverb could ring more true. The ceiling of the C.K. Rickel Theatre endured major damage during the fall rainstorms, causing a complete ban on the use of the theater’s seating area for the safety of students, staff, faculty and guests.

Rather than proclaiming themselves defeated by circumstances beyond their control, John Huston, chair of Fine Arts, and a core group of talented, dedicated students, declared in no uncertain terms that “The show must go on.” The stage area of the theatre was still usable, and the determination of the group resulted in some of the most innovative and original theater productions to hit the Lake Erie College stage in a number of years.

Two fall productions were held on stage. The first show, Pizza Man, was witty, irreverent and downright bawdy—a bold choice for student director Krista Hiner—and every performance sold out. The second show, Trafford Tanzi, directed by John Huston, was also an ambitious production, featuring real, live wrestling, British humor and a bold, innovative set design. The cast even worked with a bonafide stunt man to learn realistic choreography.

Each set was designed to accommodate risers on the stage for seating, and the closeness of the audience members was used to its fullest advantage with the engaging show selections. Huston said that, “ultimately, the configuration of the audience, completely built on risers and platforms, was a good thing, in that it allowed the audience to be up-close to the performers, out of their comfort zones.”

In the end, Huston credits his students for their work on these productions, saying, “The success of what we do here is based upon the students and the training they’re getting—the talent, training and commitment of the students is what makes this work.” Make it work they did, with a generous amount of creativity, dedication and hard work—all hallmarks of the Lake Erie College theatre department.

Submitted by Laken Piercy ’07

He doesn’t own a car or even possess a driver’s license, but Lake Erie College history professor, Dr. Kim McQuaid has traveled to unusual places most people don’t venture to such as the high arctic.

The professor of history not only has a passion for travel here on earth, but an interest in our nation’s space exploration program. In September, McQuaid presented, “Racism, Sexism, and Space Ventures: Civil Rights at NASA in the Nixon Era and Beyond” at the Societal Impact of Spaceflight Conference in Washington, D.C.

Published in both academic and non-academic journals, the Fulbright Scholar enjoys photography and drawing that is unrelated to his writing. “What I photograph, I don’t draw, and what I draw, I don’t write,” said McQuaid.

During college and graduate school, his love for art led him to a position as an art therapist working with abused children. “Children tell great stories by drawing and expressing their feelings,” he said. Art has proved to be such a great source of enjoyment for McQuaid that he plans on retiring to a life of drawing portraits and figure studies and photographing the architecture and nature of the exotic places he visits.
Lake Erie College Receives $1.297 Million Entrepreneurship Grant from Morgan, Kauffman Foundations

After months of planning, and intense competition from area colleges, Lake Erie College has been awarded a $1,297,228 five-year challenge grant from The Burton D. Morgan Foundation of Hudson and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation of Kansas City, Mo., as part of the Northeast Ohio College Entrepreneurship Program. The grant will be utilized to create a culture of entrepreneurship on campus through an initiative named ‘Put Your Passion to Work.’

Robert Trebar, associate dean of Management Studies, said, “This initiative represents a great opportunity to make the awareness, spirit and experience of entrepreneurship available to all Lake Erie College students, regardless of their major field of study.” He added, “Whether one’s interest is poetry or accounting, history or horses, entrepreneurship can provide a way to put your passion to work.”

PUT YOUR PASSION TO WORK HAS A THREE-FOLD FOUNDATION:

- The faculty and curriculum development foundation will provide faculty with the resources, knowledge and skills to develop and implement curriculum elements which connect entrepreneurship to the liberal arts.

- The base of experiential components and mentoring will give both students and faculty the opportunity to experience the practice and process of entrepreneur-

- Finally, the community and alumni engagement aspect of the College’s initiative will develop a network of support resources and series of events that link Lake Erie College’s alumni, students, faculty and staff to entrepreneurs in the region. This will help foster the growth of new enterprises while providing new learning opportunities for all involved.

The College will need to secure more than $600,000 in contributions over the next five years to secure the entire challenge grant. The grant represents the largest foundation grant awarded in the history of Lake Erie College.

ENDOWED FOREIGN LANGUAGES CHAIRS

The board of directors recently established the Mary Dickey Endowed Foreign Languages Chairs which provides funding for international study. The chair positions were made possible through the generosity of Mary Dickey ’33 who provided a generous gift in trust.

LEC HAS BEEN AWARDED A $1,297,228 FIVE-YEAR CHALLENGE GRANT FROM THE BURTON D. MORGAN FOUNDATION AND THE EWING MARION KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION
Lake Erie College recently dedicated the Parker Hannifin Corp. Fitness Center located in the College’s Athletic and Wellness Center in recognition of a $100,000 grant provided by The Parker Hannifin Foundation. The fitness center is a workout room located within the building that includes free weights and many cardio workout machines.

“We’re grateful to Parker Hannifin for its generous support of this wonderful facility that benefits the entire campus community,” said President Michael Victor. “Parker has been a great partner of the College, and the company’s generosity to this project demonstrates its commitment to growth and strength of Northeast Ohio.”

Many Parker employees are enrolled in the master of business administration degree program at Lake Erie College and in turn, many Lake Erie College alumni are currently employed at the corporation, including Dana Dennis ’76, vice president and controller. “As an alumna of Lake Erie College and employee of Parker, this is very special to me. It is inspiring to see a corporation and institution of higher learning partner for such initiatives and I hope to see more of this in the future,” said Dennis.

A French major and certified teacher, Dickey’s wishes were that the income from this trust be used to support international programs and the salaries of foreign language faculty.

SUMMER GIFTED AND TALENTED INSTITUTE

The Ohio Department of Education has chosen Lake Erie College as one of its sites to host a “Summer Gifted and Talented Institute.” The program will bring together 50-100 exceptional high school sophomores and juniors together for a two-week period of courses and activities.

The name of the program is titled, “Exploring the Waves.” These “explorations” are academic courses considered to be college-level and generally taught in full length on campus centered around diversity, financial literacy, horses and forensic investigation.

HUMANITIES LEGACY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP GROWS

Alumna, Deborah Goodrich Royce ’80, has donated an additional $100,000 to The Humanities Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund she established in 2005.

The Connecticut resident created the fund to provide scholarship support for students majoring in the humanities, an area close to her heart as she herself earned a bachelor of arts degree in modern foreign languages. This year’s gift of $100,000 is in honor of Professor of history Dr. Kim McQuaid and Jake Rufli, emeritus professor of theatre arts.
Greetings from the NAB President

I’m looking forward to serving you as President of the National Alumni Board, the governing body of your Alumni Association. I also held this position ten years ago. What motivated me to accept the position again is to be part of the energy and enthusiasm that’s growing at Lake Erie College under the leadership of President Victor and his administration.

In the past few months, the National Alumni Board has made some sweeping changes in its structure in order to bring our strategies more in line with the fresh direction of the College. We’re turning our focus to the “National” part of our title. That is, we’ve had strong participation and support in Ohio, but we have LEC graduates in every state of the country (as well as internationally). We’ve recently added several regional ambassadors that will carry out the work of the National Alumni Board by serving as conduits from LEC in Ohio to alumni, donors and prospective new students (and their parents) throughout the country. More additions are in store.

Our ultimate goal is a more active and robust Alumni Association with an increased sense of pride in Lake Erie College. I see exciting times ahead!

Gwen
Gwen Higaki
National Alumni Board President

National Alumni Board Restructures for Future

After a time of study and preparation, the Lake Erie College National Alumni Board (NAB) has restructured to allow for maximum growth and potential in reaching out to alumni across the globe. The new NAB structure calls to “Build Relationships, Inspire Others and Promote Philanthropy.”

In order to “build relationships,” the board will provide the means for alumni to connect and develop a life-long relationship with Lake Erie College through targeted events and communications.

To “inspire others,” the NAB will support student recruitment efforts through alumni and faculty admissions ambassadors, interface with alumni to identify outstanding students for recruitment, identify candidates to grow and develop the NAB, select worthy recipients of NAB awards and scholarships and identify notable alumni for recognition in the LEC magazine.

Finally, to “promote philanthropy,” the NAB will provide leadership to increase alumni giving to the Lake Erie College Fund, team with the College in recognizing major alumni donors, establish endowed scholarship funds and assist the director of Alumni Relations and annual giving with outreach and fundraising events.

CURRENT NAB MEMBERS ARE:
Gwen Higaki ’75, MBA ’88 - Ohio
Lisa Benedetti ’81 - Ohio
Janeane Cappara ’95 - Ohio
Carolyn Coatoam ’68 - Ohio
Chris Hartman, MBA ’02 - Ohio
Eric Janke ’93 - Ohio
Betsy Johnson ’56 - Massachusetts
Mark Lamendola, MBA ’92 - Kansas
Denise Molesch ’95 - Ohio
Bud Roberts ’77 - Ohio
Sally Skillman ’56 - Maine
Barbara Trainor ’67 - California
Kristi Webster ’73 - Ohio

Additional NAB Members are being recruited.

Serving as a regional ambassador is easy to do from anywhere in the country.

With the availability of innovative phone calling plans, Internet service and conference calling, many of the former obstacles to staying connected are gone. All it takes is a minimal time commitment of about two hours per month on average.

If you are interested in being part of this group or have someone you would recommend, please contact Debra Blanchard Remington ’74, director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at alumni@lec.edu or 440.375.7224.
1948

MARJORIE (PRENTICE) COURTS and her husband Donald celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 7, 2006. She is a member of the Ashtabula Woman’s Club, Elks Ladies, the Grottoettes and Colonial Club. The couple has three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1958

SHIRLEY (WARNER) JARVELLA performed a trio of piano recitals at the Belfast Free Library in Belfast, Ireland in September. The concerts kicked off a campaign to raise funds to restore and make more efficient use of the Gamman’s Room and additional rooms in the older section of the library.

She has also performed as a vocal accompanist, a 4-hand piano and duo-piano partner and as a participant several years ago in the Chamber Music Fall Fling adult amateur workshops.

1970

TREACY SAYRES is working in New York City as a real estate development consultant specializing in affordable housing and Brownfield development. She has three sons and four grandchildren.

1976

DANNA DENNIS, vice president and corporate controller of Parker Hannifin Corporation, and Morris Beverage, Jr., president of Lakeland Community College, were inducted into Lakeland Community College’s Alumni Hall of Fame. The inductees were chosen by the Lakeland Alumni Association Committee for their professional accomplishments and community service.

1980

ROSEWOOD IS AN INDIVIDUAL PRINT OF A COLLECTION TITLED, “TEN RIGHTEOUS,” CREATED BY CYNTHIA CLABOUGH. THE PIECE REPRESENTS THE MASSACRE THAT OCCURRED IN ROSEWOOD, FLORIDA IN THE EARLY 1920S.

CYNTHIA CLABOUGH’S artwork was recently displayed in Oklahoma City University’s Hulsey Gallery along with five other graphic artists. Professor of graphic design and illustration, Cynthia exhibits work on the regional and national level in juried, group and solo shows. Her work has been reviewed in newspapers and publications. Before joining the faculty at SUNY Oswego in 1994, she taught at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. As a research/medical illustrator at Southern Illinois University, her illustration work was published regularly in scientific journals, publications and textbooks. She has worked as a free-lance graphic designer/illustrator and computer prepress consultant. Her graphic design work and scenic art projects can be seen yearly at the Michigan Women’s Music Festival.

“The thing that I have always loved about working commercially is it allows me to combine my various studio interests in painting, drawing, printmaking, photography and typography. I have long admired the role the poster artist plays in informing society about people, places, movements or events.”

1982

GEORGE BLANCHARD won the District 1 seat in Oconee County this past November in South Carolina. He and his wife, Judy, reside in Salem.

1986

KAREN (SHANK) SLITER received the Alumni Professional Achievement Award from The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. Oct. 27 for her impressive career with the international services arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She received her doctorate of veterinary medicine in 1991 and currently resides in Santiago, Chile.

Karen has helped ensure that U.S. farmers can sell chickens to Russia and apples to Mexico. She has implemented part of the North American Free Trade Agreement, and she has played a significant role in efforts to rid Jamaica of flesh-eating screwworms and Africa of deadly tsetse flies.

She has accomplished all that and more during a 14-year career with the International Services arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which she joined in 1992.

1995

KAREN (HENRIKSON) BOYSEN and her husband, Mike, had a baby boy named Adam Robert on Sept. 14, 2006.
1996

DEBRA FITZGERALD and her husband Tom own Fitzgerald's Irish Bed and Breakfast in Painesville and were just awarded “Most Affordable Luxury” honors from Arrington’s Book of Lists. This is not the first time the couple’s B&B was named in the book as they were listed in 2002, 2003 and 2004. Fitzgerald’s has also been voted one of the top 15 B&Bs in North America and Best Interior Design and Décor.

Named after places in Ireland portrayed in art works on the walls, the 16-room French Tudor mansion inspires guests to inquire about the Emerald Isle. As a result, guests often join the Fitzgeralds on their annual visit to Ireland. The next trip, which is scheduled for late April, begins at the B&B so everyone can get acquainted.

For more information about Fitzgerald’s Irish B&B, visit www.FitzgeraldsBnB.com, e-mail info@FitzgeraldsBnB.com or call 440.639.0845.

2001

MARLYNNA (WALLER) PELLEGRINI is a coach at Pferd Stables in Streetsboro, Ohio, and has seen great success this past year. Her four year-old Holsteiner stallion, Rachmaninov, won 2005 Stallion of the Year for the American Warmblood Society, a national award.

Rachmaninov also won at Grandhaven Stables in Jefferson, Ohio his Dressage Test with a 72.5% and won a Gold Medal for being the Highest Scoring American Warmblood of the weekend, out of 100-plus horses.

Marlynna’s older stallion, Ravel, and schoolmaster sealed a national award. Together at Grandhaven Stables they earned her last score of six to help her earn a Bronze Medal for the United States Dressage Federation. She received her award at the National Convention in St. Louis, Mo., on Nov. 27.

2005

MARIANNA JARAMILLO returned to Colombia where she is working as a Dressage trainer for beginners and young riders. She is also showing in first and second level Dressage.

2006

MELISSA NYE is teaching two hip hop dance classes at In Motion Studio in Tiffin, Ohio. She is also working on a mural for a local hair salon. Melissa recently became a member of Tiffin’s Art Guild.

CLASS OF 1957 REUNION

The Class of 1957 is having its 50th reunion this October 2007. So far we have 18 yes’s and hope that many more will find a way to come to LEC. Here is the current list:

Jane Ballantine Klubes, Beverly Blewitt Gittrich, Erie, PA
Sandra Brooks Geaman, East Lyme, CT
Lucie DeMaioribus Abraham, Rocky River, OH
Gina Evaul King, Clayton, NY
Hildie Heinzelman Meyer, Safety Harbor, FL
MaryAnn Horton Martin, Sun City, CA
Cynthia Hoyes Rozzo, Mentor, OH
Margaret, Jackson Schirmacher, Shelby, OH
Nancy Jacobs Whitcomb, Silver Spring, MD
Shirley Korey Moulder, Valencia, CA
Jean Metcalf, Erie, PA
Caroline Seward Holladay, Woodlands, TX
Mary Ann Siska-Hammar, Willoughby, OH
Marilyn Strohm Repasky, Mentor, OH
Caroline Ungemah Greenberg, New York, NY
Jill Wagner Taylor Brehm, Spofford, NH
Margaret Wheeler Pangborn-Gillis, Pittsburgh, PA

Names in gold are maybe’s

Lake Erie College is deeply saddened by the recent announcement of Marjorie Woodworth Herter’s passing. She was a positive, inspiring individual and will be missed by all. More information will be available on her passing in the next issue.

MARJORIE WOODWORTH HERTER, ’36

Marjorie Woodworth Herter had strong ties to Lake Erie College extending back to her grandmother, Lydia Sessions, who was the first principal of the Seminary, serving from 1859 to 1866.

In 1936, Marjorne received a bachelor of arts degree in English from Lake Erie College. Her niece, Geniel Gwin Strock, graduated from the College in 1963 and her daughter, Claren Herter Hill, graduated in 1965.

Herter, called Industry, Pa., home and was a field director for the Beaver Castle Girl Scouts and an active volunteer in her church and community. She traveled extensively throughout the United States and once had a goal of visiting all 50 states.

Carol Lewis Morris ’67 is also honored.

For a more complete story, see Page 6.
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MARRIAGES

1998

MICHELE PRATT married Robert Lemley on May 20, 2006. Michele is a realtor for Howard Hanna Smythe Cramer in Wooster where the couple currently resides. Visit her website at http://michelelemley.howardhanna.com or e-mail her at michelelemley@howardhanna.com.

2003

ALISON RENEE DEWEY (MBA) married Craig Michael Moore on June 3, 2006. Alison is employed as admissions representative at Johnson and Wales University, Craig is the head baseball coach at Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas.

SUNNY BABCOCK married Derek Kenyon on Oct. 14, 2006. Attending graduate school, Sunny is a reading intervention teacher at Melridge Elementary in Painesville.

DEATHS

1933

HELEN (MASHEK) GREGORY, Wadsworth, Ohio, died Sept. 1, 2006. According to Diane (Mikula) Pencin ’69, She lived with her daughter, Louise, and both enjoyed all the activities of a small horse farm on the fringe of Akron.

She is survived by her daughters, E. Louise Gregory, Virginia Gregory-Kocaj and Carolyn Gregory and four grandchildren.

1936

DOROTHY (MOZART) HOAGLAND, Bay Village, Ohio, died Sept. 17, 2006. She was an active member of the Western Reserve Historical Society as well as the Genealogical and Bay Village Historical societies for many years. Her lifelong interests in history prompted her to obtain a master’s degree in museum science from Case Western Reserve University 1980. She also enjoyed gardening and landscaping, when she wasn’t knitting sweaters and caps for newborns at St. John West Shore Hospital.

Dorothy is survived by her son William; daughters Deborah Marisch and Susan Starr; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1939

PHYLLIS (CADWALLADER) RAMLOW, Franklin, Mass., died of ovarian cancer on July 6, 2006. A homemaker, she had a lifelong interest in gardening and art, serving for many years as a docent at the Atlanta High Museum. Her son, Tom, writes that she also had Alzheimer’s for a few years and used the photos of her friends at Lake Erie College and of the campus this past year since Phyllis had strong memories of the people and times. He says she found out more about her friends and her strong sense of accomplishment as a person thanks to her years at LEC.

1950

LOIS (MCDIARMID) NOSS, Brecksville, Ohio, died April 19, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Donald.

1962

RUTH CARTER BOOTH BREMIGAN, Alamo, Calif., died Nov. 10, 2006. She taught for 25 years in the Painesville school district with most years at Lathrop and Cedarbrook elementary schools. A member of the United Methodist Church, she was active in volunteer work, PTA and many social clubs.

Ruth is survived by her children, Lawrence, Sarah and Craig, a grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

1963

KATHLEEN (BROOKS) “BROOKSIE” HOFFMAN, Homestead, Fla., lost her battle with cancer on July 15, 2005. She owned and operated the Silver Palm School, a pre-school, kindergarten and day care from 1976-1986. A 30-year veteran of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, she was honored as Teacher of the Year and Merit Teacher of the Year. She coached several teams in the Odyssey of the Mind and Florida Future Problem Solving, bringing home local, state and national honors.

She is survived by her husband, Peter, of 42 years; her sons, Mark and wife Karen, an Christopher and wife Kelly; her daughter Jennifer and husband Dr. Christopher Konvalinka; her father Norman Brooks; her brother Craig and wife and six grandchildren.

FRIENDS

DAVID H. FINCH, Melrose, Mass., beloved son of the late Harold Fink, a former music professor, died July 25, 2006 after an eight year battle with leukemia.

David was a concert cellist who, during his 35-year career, had performed with the Beacon Hill Chamber Soloists, the Boston Ballet, the Boston Pops and the Boston Symphony. A frequent guest artist on Nantucket Island, he often performed in Chamber Music recitals for the Nantucket Arts Council.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Hawthorne; his children Nicholas and Simone; his brother Ted Shure and his mother, Judy Shure.

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• Spring/Summer 2007 Lake Erie College Magazine to be mailed July 1 - deadline for class notes May 15

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