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Lake Erie College Sesquicentennial 1856-2006

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A Magazine for Alumni and Friends of Lake Erie College
College Hall Student Room In 1898

College Hall was the only dormitory on campus until 1954. In the early days, rooms were heated by small coal stoves and room assignments were determined based on the health of each girl. An elevator was not installed until 1880; therefore, the strongest girls were assigned to the higher level floors, as they could more easily navigate the tall flights of stairs. Beginning in 1984, the building was no longer used for housing.

Students Take A Class In Domestic Science In A Lab In Bentley Hall Of Science In 1899

Bentley Hall of Science was built in 1897 with funding from alumni and residents of Painesville. Well furnished for scientific study, the building offered rooms for coursework in physics, chemistry, biology, botany and physiology. Although the institution was well-known for its excellent science curriculum, the all-female student body was also required to complete courses in domestic science to better prepare them for future roles as wives and mothers.

Students Enjoy Residence Life In Dickinson Hall

Today, residential students have the option to live in one of four campus residence halls. The buildings, Andrews Hall, Dickinson Hall, Fowler Hall and Ritter Hall house over 297 men and women. All residence halls are handicap accessible and students can take advantage of in-building computer labs and enjoy cable television and internet access in each room.

Chemistry Class In Austin Hall Of Science

Today, the sciences continue to be a major part of the Lake Erie College education. In addition to biology, chemistry and environmental science, many students choose pre-professional routes of pre-medicine or pre-veterinary science. Students also take advantage of many international study trips offering a science focus.
Message from the President

Dear alumni and friends,

These are very exciting and important times in the life of Lake Erie College. With the announcement of Michael Victor as 11th president of the College (see story on pages 4 and 5) and the plans for the celebration of our 150th anniversary, there is a very positive outlook on campus. Faculty, staff and students are all eager to welcome new leadership, to celebrate the conclusion of the first 150 years and to make plans for the future of this fine college.

The new strategic plan is taking shape. Facilitated by Jon Groetzinger, a member of our board of directors, it is under the direction of a steering committee with broad representation from all constituencies of the College and eight sub-committees that focus on all aspects of college life from the curriculum to deferred maintenance. The promise of the plan, which has caused great energy in our environment, should (with input from our new president), be ready for approval to the board at its December meeting. This will be a living document, not a plan to put on the shelf. It will be a dynamic instrument that will set direction, utilizing the best of the College’s historic and traditional strengths, while incorporating current wisdom and insights to create a relevant plan for the future of this liberal arts college.

I have very much enjoyed my interim presidency at Lake Erie College. I am honored to have been chosen to temporarily lead this great place and I have been pleased to have helped shape the 2005-2006 academic year. My final and very pleasant duty will be to preside at commencement on May 7, 2005. I will then turn the reigns over to the incredibly capable Michael Victor.

Thank you all for the role that you have played in keeping the spirit alive and for the help that you have been to Lake Erie College and to me this year.

Sincerely,

Sue Dreitzler
Interim President

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On the cover – Tiberius the dog has long been a part of LEC history. Students are shown with the different incarnations of Tiberius in 2006, 1979 and the 1930's.
Michael T. Victor is Named the 11th President of Lake Erie College

At the February 4, 2005 meeting, the Board of Directors of Lake Erie College selected Michael T. Victor as 11th President of the College. Victor currently serves as Dean of the Walker School of Business at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania and is beginning the transition as president of Lake Erie College over the next few months. He will officially take office on June 1, 2006.

“Lake Erie College is exactly the kind of institution that I have long had the desire to serve and to lead as president,” said Victor. “As John Quincy Adams said, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.” This College is a strong, vibrant academic institution, with a committed faculty, administration, board and students. I look forward to working hard to make the dreams of the Lake Erie College community become a reality. I will enthusiastically take on the presidential roles of fundraising, fiscal oversight and leadership, and will represent Lake Erie College to the outside world.”

A national search was conducted to find the new president, and Victor was chosen from a field of 78 candidates. “When we looked closely at the needs of the College, it became overwhelmingly clear that Michael Victor was the right choice to lead us,” said Richard Kessler, Chairman of the Board of Directors. “Victor has the right mix of administrative leadership and fundraising expertise that is so critically needed at Lake Erie College at this time. We are excited that he has accepted the challenge and look forward to the positive changes that lie ahead.”

“Michael Victor has a very dynamic personality and I look forward to working with him through the transition,” said Interim President Sue Dreitzler. “I’ve really enjoyed being back on campus, but feel confident leaving knowing the College is in such capable hands.”

“Lake Erie College is exactly the kind of institution that I have long had the desire to serve and to lead as president”
As Dean of the Walker School of Business at Mercyhurst College, a post he has held since 2002, Victor oversaw all graduate and undergraduate programs in business, communications and hotel, restaurant and institutional management. At that post, he has been successful in achieving full accreditation of the school by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, increasing the number of courses and majors available in the business school and developing a new mentoring program. Prior to joining Mercyhurst, he served as adjunct professor of business at Gannon University from 1991-2000 and assistant professor/executive in residence at Gannon from 1991-2002.

Victor received much of his experience as a highly successful business owner. From 1988-2000, he was co-owner of Pyramid Industries and subsidiaries, which produced and sold equipment to the telecommunications industry. Victor served Pyramid Industries as president, then president/CEO and later as CEO and chairman, and developed substantial personal, political and business contacts before selling the company in 2000. He also worked in the Corporate Law Department of MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton as an attorney from 1986-1988.

Victor received his B.A., summa cum laude, from St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania and his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law. He received the Outstanding Business Leader of the Year Award from the Erie Chamber of Commerce in 1998 and is past president of the Erie Club. He is also a member of the

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Press Conference and Reception Welcomes Victor to Campus

The campus was buzzing with activity on Thursday, February 9 in anticipation of the formal introduction of Lake Erie’s newly-appointed President, Mr. Michael T. Victor. Victor arrived with his family on a beautiful but chilly afternoon and introduced them to the campus they would soon call home. As the afternoon progressed, the Holden Center stage area was transformed into a fitting press conference and reception area and the room quickly filled with excited alumni, students, faculty, staff members and reporters all ready to hear Victor’s first address.

Interim President Sue Dreitzler greeted the crowd of over 150 to welcome them to this most important time in the College’s history. She introduced Dick Kessler, chairman of the Board of Directors who discussed the details of the presidential search. “We needed someone with a strong background in business and academia, someone with fundraising skills, someone with a strong vision for what Lake Erie College can be, and we needed someone who can excite people to action,” said Kessler. “One candidate rose to the top. That person is Michael Victor.”

Victor entered the press conference

Victor introduced his family to the audience, including wife Craige, brother Frank, family friend Vicki Taylor, mother Betty Victor and daughters Courtney and Sloane. The energy of the event remained elevated as he entertained a variety of questions from the audience, conducted interviews with members of the press and spent time visiting with attendees during the reception.

“Michael Victor enters the press conference

“For over 150 years, a bond of silent pride has held our College community together,” Victor said. “The Lake Erie College community shares a vision of the future that is bright with promise. That vision includes an increase in enrollment, the development of niche majors and programs which will attract top-notch students, a ‘face-lift’ to our 150-year-old campus, an emphasis on the quality of academic and social life for our students, and a restoration of some of the older traditions that our alumni base hold dear, such as Mountain Day. Our pride will no longer be silent.”

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“The campus is eager to welcome Michael Victor to campus,” said Eileen “Bud” Roberts ’77. “He conveys a lot of energy and excitement that this campus so greatly needs. We’re excited about what the future holds.”

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As one of the oldest institutions for higher learning in the Western Reserve, Lake Erie College is proud to boast of its 150-year anniversary! From its start as a female seminary to a co-educational institution of today offering undergraduate and graduate degrees to individuals of all ages, the College has come a long way!

Over 10,000 individuals have graduated from this fine institution and all have left their mark on the campus in some way. Many others have contributed to the campus as faculty, staff or friend. Collectively, we have made Lake Erie College what it is today – a beautiful, vibrant campus of individuals dedicated to learning and growth.

There are many ways in which you can continue to impact the College and help it remain strong for another 150 years…

- Volunteer for a campus committee
- Donate to the annual fund or campus building project
- Hire an LEC graduate or utilize a college intern
- Partner with the College on a business opportunity
- Arrange for a Lake Erie College speaker to talk to your group
- Notify admissions about a prospective student
- Attend an LEC athletic, fine arts or other event
- Host an alumni event in your town
- Talk about LEC to your co-workers, family and friends.

For more information on how to become more involved with the College, call the Office of Public Relations and Marketing at 440/375-7253 or the Alumni Office at 440/375-7224.

**Let’s Celebrate!**

To celebrate the sesquicentennial, a year-long celebration is planned. Please be sure to join us for some of these upcoming events:

**May 7**

**Commencement** – The sesquicentennial class of Lake Erie College will receive their diplomas on the Campus Greens (weather permitting) at 11 a.m.

**June/July**

**Historical Insert** – Lake Erie College will print a historical insert that will be included in the “News-Herald” newspaper for local distribution to the Lake County community. Be sure to get yours!

**August 5**

**Green and White Ball** – A birthday celebration like none we’ve ever seen, the Green and White Ball will be held in the Athletic & Wellness Center from 6 p.m. – midnight. Black tie attire is required.

**September 1**

**History Tab** – Lake Erie College alumni and friends can look forward to receiving a special history tab as part of their fall Lake Erie College magazine.

**Do you remember:**

Mountain Day…beanies…swimming the length of the pool…sophomore sisters…dorm hours…high tea…athletic events…winter term abroad…class songs…favorite hangouts…all-nighters…Garfield Senior College…Tiberius…favorite professors…cleaning stalls at the equestrian center…convocations…teaching at the Phillips School…snow, snow and more snow…twins scholarships…May Day…

Send us your memories for an upcoming issue…e-mail cboyd@lec.edu or send your memories via snail mail to: Office of Public Relations and Marketing, Lake Erie College, Campus Box 371, Painesville, Ohio 44077.
October 6-8
Alumni Weekend – Call up your friends and come back to campus for an alumni weekend never to be forgotten. Alumni from all years are encouraged to attend this historic gathering.

October 7
Skinner organ concert – The restored Skinner organ will be on display and a special concert featuring Todd Wilson, resident organist of the Cleveland Orchestra, will be held. The event is FREE to all.

For more information on these events, call Holly Menzie at 440/375-7252.

Lake Erie College was originally founded as Willoughby Seminary in 1847. With an enrollment of 211, it was housed in an old building in Willoughby which burned down in 1854. The seminary was relocated to Painesville in 1856 after the citizens of the town offered $20,000 and the land to build the school. Established under the Mount Holyoke tradition, it was one of the few non co-educational institutions of higher learning for women in the Western Reserve.

The original founders of the Lake Erie Female Seminary, as it was chartered in 1856, were:

Charles Austin Avery (1816 – 1909)
Avery was mainly responsible for the site on which the school was constructed and oversaw the building of College Hall. He was independently wealthy and had at least one daughter attend the seminary.

Reuben Hitchcock (1806 – 1883)
Hitchcock was a judge for the Lake County Common Pleas Court and president of the Cleveland and Mahoning Railroad. He had also served as past president of the Willoughby Medical College and trustee of the Willoughby Seminary. Reuben’s daughter Melissa had attended Mount Holyoke and his cousin Edward was a trustee there. Another of his daughters attended the Seminary. Hitchcock was a great financial backer of the Seminary and established many scholarships for needy students. His family remained active with the College until 1992.

Silas Trumball Ladd (1810 – 1879)
Ladd ran a general store with another founder, Timothy Rockwell, which was lost to fire in 1858. He had five daughters who attended the Seminary.

William Lee Perkins (1799 - 1879)
A lawyer for 50 years, Perkins served as Lake County Prosecutor and was a former Willoughby Seminary trustee. He had at least one daughter attend the Seminary.

Timothy Rockwell (1798-1881)
Rockwell was the oldest of the founders. He was an iron producer at the Concord Furnace Company, a trustee at Western Reserve College in Hudson, a trustee of Willoughby Female Seminary, and an incorporator of the Western Reserve Teachers Seminary in Kirtland.

Aaron Wilcox (1814 – 1881)
Wilcox was a judge and served as mayor of Painesville on more than one occasion. He was also president of a society which operated the Painesville Academy. He had five daughters who attended the Seminary. His daughter Sarah married Peter Hitchcock, the son of founder Reuben Hitchcock. She became a teacher at the Seminary and later was head of the Alumni Association.
Alumni Weekend 2005 – October 7-9

A Taste of the Arts

Alumni returned to the Lake Erie College campus during Alumni Weekend for a taste of the arts and good times with friends from days gone by. The weekend kicked off Friday evening with a wine and cheese reception in Morley Music Hall hosted by the Cleveland Alumni Association and was followed by class dinners in the Holden Center. Friends had a chance to catch up, members of the anniversary classes were honored and the night ended in a sing along of class songs.
It is not often that a person makes an impact on an entire school. In the case of Kay Shaw, former faculty member and coach at Lake Erie College, it is an obvious fact. During Alumni Weekend, the Atrium area of the Athletic & Wellness Center was named the Catherine F. Shaw Atrium in honor of Shaw’s impact on the College. Upon accepting the honor, Kay received a standing ovation from all in attendance.

Kay served as a role model and mentor to many Lake Erie College students during her tenure as faculty member and head of the physical education department from 1954-1987. Kay also coached the DWAN team of synchronized swimmers and made it a requirement that all students swim the length of the pool prior to graduation. This was often the hardest requirement for students to fulfill.

Many people rose to speak about Kay’s impact, including Interim President Sue Dreitzler. “I met Kay Shaw when I answered an ad to work at the College in 1978,” she said. “She was a great example of organization and taught me everything I know about administration…certainly about getting things assigned and done.”

Lynn Hopper Martin ’60 echoed the sentiment, remarking that Kay’s organization was incredible. “We all remember teachers who impact our personal or professional life. They are special. Kay is at the top of that list for me. She loved what she did and taught us to love teaching, too. During my career, every time I stood up to teach, I thought of Kay Shaw.”

Submitted by Cristine Boyd

Alumni gather in the Catherine F. Shaw Atrium during Alumni Weekend activities.

Above – Kay Shaw, a long-time member of the Lake Erie College family, served as a faculty member for many years.

Below – Kay Shaw (center) is congratulated by Vice President of Institutional Advancement David Baggs and Interim President Sue Dreitzler.

You can help!

An effort is underway to provide alumni and friends the opportunity to honor Miss Shaw through a gift to the Atrium project. The National Alumni Board has already pledged $10,000 but more is needed. The names of all donors will be listed on a plaque in the Atrium. For information on giving a gift to the Catherine F. Shaw Atrium, please contact Deb Remington at 440/375-7224 or dremington@lec.edu.
On October 8, 2005, an Alumni Weekend ceremony was held in Lincoln Library to dedicate its new Archives Room in honor of Margaret (“Margie”) Geissman Gross (1921-2005). A member of the Class of 1942, Margie was a lifelong supporter of her alma mater, and maintained a close and active interest in the College’s well-being and progress. At the age of 70, she decided to tackle the task of writing the first full-length history of our institution. Her book, “Dancing on the Table: A History of Lake Erie College,” was published in 1992 in time for her 50th class reunion.

The process of writing this book was especially challenging for Margie because at the time she started her research, the archival materials she needed were stored in banker’s boxes in an ill-lit storage area of the library. The archives had been moved there for safety after problems were detected in the foundation of College Hall’s front tower, whose second floor housed the original Archives Room (the problems have since been corrected). Margie had to go through the entire archives collection box by box, hauling materials from the dark storeroom into the light of day just to read them. Given these conditions, it was quite an achievement on Margie’s part to produce such a well-organized and researched book as “Dancing on the Table.”

Determined to rescue the archives from their plight, Margie convinced her fellow members of the Class of 1942 to donate funds to remodel the second floor tower room in College Hall as an archives display and meeting room, and to set up the archives collection itself in an adjacent room. However, over the next several years it became clear that the collection required better climate control and security than this room provided. The archives collection was then taken back to the library so that the librarians could take over the care and maintenance of it, and during the 2004/05 school year, the same library storage space where the archives once sat in boxes was transformed into a true Archives Room that provides ready access to the collection and a comfortable, well-lit space for research and study.

From the beginning of this project, I had planned to dedicate the room in Margie Gross’s honor to acknowledge her long association with the archives, but she passed away a few weeks before the dedication ceremony. Fortunately, her two sons and their wives were there to represent her. Dennis Stevens, provost and vice president of academic affairs, provided opening remarks, and I shared my memories of Margie, as did her sons, Tom and John Gross. Though we felt her absence, we sensed that Margie would have been very pleased to see that the new Archives Room has been dedicated as a tribute to her achievements on behalf of the College. Margie’s support for the archives is continuing, as funds from the bequest she willed to the College will be used to further develop the archives collection and facility.

Submitted by Christopher Bennett
LEC Archives History

The College archives collection was established by President Simmons in 1982, and under the direction of Gladys Haddad during the 1980s it grew to much of its present size. This collection includes materials dating from our institution’s beginnings in the 1850s to the present. The types of materials collected include letters, scrapbooks, manuscripts, printed materials, photographs, films, videos, music recordings, tapes and transcripts of oral interviews, and other interesting objects from the College’s past. Researchers may access complete sets of College catalogs, yearbooks, student and alumni publications, newspaper clippings and a growing collection of books and articles by LEC faculty, staff and alumni. There are also materials on campus events, academic programs, student activities, and individual presidents, faculty, staff and students, including a large collection of photographs. The Archives Room also houses the book collection of Thomas W. Harvey, a prominent 19th century educator who both taught at the College and served for many years as one of its trustees, as well as the book collection of Mary Evans, president of the College from 1868-1909.

The Archives Room is available for research by appointment only. Please contact Chris Bennett, director of Lincoln Library (cbennett@lec.edu; 440/375-7405) or Maria Bagshaw, reference and media center librarian (mbagshaw@lec.edu; 440/375-7403) to set up a time when they can help you use the collection. If you have archival research questions, or have materials you wish to donate to the College archives, please contact Chris Bennett.

A Night with Jake
– Retired Theatre Professor Enjoys a Roast and Recognition as Sesquicentennial Fellow –

One Alumni Weekend activity that drew graduates from many years was “A Backstage Party With Jake,” held in the Fine Arts Building on Saturday evening. Over 100 people were on hand to honor long-time professor Jake Rufl i for his contributions to the College and the role he played in influencing their lives.

Jake Rufl i served the College from 1959 to 1988 as a professor of theatre and head of the department. In the late 1960s he was instrumental in working with his colleague, Clyde Blakely, to design a new theatre and fine arts building. Over the years, Jake’s influence as a director, actor, professor, mentor and friend enriched the lives of many students, faculty and staff. He continues to stay involved with the College, attending many alumni events across the country.

Sue Dreitzler, who had served on the faculty with Jake, awarded him his sesquicentennial medallion. She then shared some of her personal stories of working with Jake and the friendship that they shared. The “Roast” continued, with many former students sharing funny and often embarrassing stories. The humorous stories were always filled with a great fondness for their mentor and friend. One former student remarked, “Jake told me that life is not just theatre. He said to live life and experience it so that you can do theatre better. I’ve never forgotten that no matter what I’ve undertaken.”

Left – Jake Rufl i prepares to be roasted.
Below – Jake Rufl i (Front Row, Center) with many of his “groupies” from the 1970s.
Alumni Get a Peek at Today's Arts Scene

The arts theme took full effect on Saturday of Alumni Weekend as attendees enjoyed “A Taste of the Arts” luncheon in the BK Smith Gallery of the Fine Arts Building. An art exhibit featuring alumni works was complemented by colorfully decorated tables featuring hand-painted wine glasses, compliments of the National Alumni Board. Alumni were treated to a graceful fan dance by LEC dance students and later enjoyed a presentation by the theatre department.

Fran Caswell Williams '75 (second from left) displays her quilts with the help of (l to r) husband John '75, Jackie Metcalf Demico '75, Claren Herter Hill '65 and Betsy Seiffert '65.

A graceful fan dance added nuance to the gathering.

Theatre students perform scenes from a recent production.

Over 30 works of alumni art were exhibited in the BK Smith Gallery.

Lunch in the BK Smith Gallery.
Alumni Honored with Awards

Sesquicentennial Fellow
Delores Persichitti Saada ’60

In honor of its sesquicentennial, the College is recognizing alumni and friends whose contributions and support have enhanced its mission. One alumna chosen for this prestigious recognition was Delores Persichitti Saada ’60.

Delores graduated from Lake Erie College with a major in social studies and spent her winter term abroad in Pisa, Italy, studying at the University of Pisa. She received her M.A. in education from the University of Rochester and taught Italian on the high school level for two years before returning to Lake Erie as assistant instructor of Italian. She also taught at the DePaul School for Dyslexic Children and at a residential school for chemically dependent adolescents.

Delores has been an active volunteer for Lake Erie College and is a generous and loyal donor, giving regularly to the annual fund and to such projects as the Class of 1960 College Hall Parlor Fund, Holden Center construction and Skinner organ restoration. Her gifts are regularly matched by Ernst & Young, where her husband John is a partner.

Delores was active in the National Alumni Board in the 1980s and was a member of the Lake Erie College Board of Trustees for several years beginning in 1987. She has regularly attended alumni weekends and other College events and is a leader in motivating her classmates to support Lake Erie.

Distinguished Alumni Award
Mary Martha Batchelder Solbak ’63

The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Mary Martha “Molly” Batchelder Solbak ’63, in recognition of her life of service and her passion for learning.

Following her graduation from Lake Erie College, Molly spent a year at the University of Pennsylvania earning her state certification in teaching. It was then that the Lake Erie College experience and in particular the Winter Term Abroad that she spent in France, impelled her to apply for the Episcopal Church Volunteer in Mission Program (a kind of Peace Corps program for young Episcopalians). She was assigned to a teaching position at the Bishop Hall Jubilee School in Hong Kong where she taught for two years. During that period, on a sea voyage to North Borneo, she met the ship’s master, Captain Arne Solbak, who ultimately proposed.

After her marriage, she traveled on her husband’s ship throughout the Far East and subsequently settled in Kobe, Japan. Her next stop was Aalesund, Norway, the town in which her husband had grown up. Throughout her journeys, she raised three children, learned languages, taught in local schools, made life-long friends and became a part of the communities in which she was a member.

When her husband accepted a position with a company which sailed the Caribbean, she and her children moved back to Lancaster and to the church in whose rectory she had grown up as a daughter of the Rector. She went back to school and in 1989 was ordained to vocational Deaconate. In 2002, at the age of sixty, she was awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Religion from the Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Reverend Solbak, as she is known to her parishioners, is currently Curate of Saint James Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Archdeacon for Deacons in Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

Far Left – (l to r) Interim President Sue Dreitzler and Board of Director member Nancy Stillwagon Carstensen ’70 congratulate Delores Persichitti Saada ’60.

Left – (l to r) Reverend Mary Martha Batchelder Solbak ’63 is congratulated by National Alumni Board member, Christina Hartman MBA ’02.
Reunion Giving Brings Excitement to Class Gatherings

In addition to enjoying the festivities, rekindling friendships and sharing memories, Alumni Weekend attendees also marked the occasion by making an important financial commitment to the College through reunion giving.

Class chairs from each of the reunion classes helped to assist in re-energizing the reunion giving tradition at Lake Erie. Their leadership helped to encourage their classmates’ involvement. Many thanks to all of the alumni who showed their pride and support of the College by participating in reunion giving – your generosity impacts LEC students now and in the future.

Planning has already begun for Alumni Weekend 2006, which will coincide with the College’s 150th anniversary. While all alumni are invited, classes observing special reunions (class years ending in 1 and 6) will have a unique opportunity to honor the 150th birthday and continue the reunion giving tradition by supporting a Sesquicentennial Legacy Scholarship.

If you will be celebrating a milestone reunion and would like to learn more about how your class can support reunion giving, please contact D’Arcy Kovach, coordinator of annual giving and alumni programs, at 440/375-7220 or email dkovach@lec.edu.

Submitted by D’Arcy Kovach

Far Left – Dinner at the Manor House on Saturday evening was an old fashioned Southern barbeque.

Left – Carley Cumberworth Hosler and Cathy Stasik Norman, both from the class of 1972, follow tradition as they dress The Spirit of the Dance, the sculpture by William Zorach that adorns the BK Smith Gallery.

Below – Student leader, Demetrius Williams ’07 chats with alumna Ella Swan Belknap-Knobloch ’70 and her husband.

Don’t Miss It!

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2006

October 6–8
Celebrating 150 Years!
Mothers and Daughters Share LEC Bond

It has been said that the bond between a mother and her child is too strong to be broken, and when a mother and her child both graduate from Lake Erie College, the bond can be even stronger. Such is the case in two mother/daughter pairs – Marjorie Woodworth Herter ’37 and daughter Claren Herter Hill ’65; and Beverly Boron Beuck ’55 and her daughter Ann Beuck Ruffing ’85. Both mother/daughter pairs attended Alumni Weekend 2005.

Marjorie Woodworth Herter holds historical ties to the College. Her grandmother, Lydia Sessions Woodworth was the first principal of Lake Erie Female Seminary in 1865, which somewhat influenced her decision to come to become a student as did her older sister. “My sister was ten years older than me and made arrangements for me to attend. I was from New Hampshire and it was quite an experience coming here,” she said. She recalled her first time on campus. “I was to live in College Hall (the part that was burnt) and I went upstairs to see it for the first time. I was the first student here, and when I went up my floor and opened the door, bats came flying out! It was something you never forget.”

Herter was an English major and a goalie for the field hockey team. She continues to return to reunions as often as possible. “It’s so amazing to come back and see what is happening with the College.”

Her daughter, Claren Herter Hill ’65 graduated with a B.A. in elementary education and is a former member of the National Alumni Board (’67-’70). “I always knew I was coming here,” she said. “There are so many good memories of being a student. I loved winter term abroad, the singing, our sophomore sisters, class rivalries...I could go on and on. I remember when we marched to downtown Painesville and did pushups in our pajamas in the town square at 5 a.m.” As an alumna, Hill says she enjoys coming back. “There have really been a lot of changes over the years from new buildings on campus to the co-ed student body.”

Ann Beuck Ruffing, who graduated with a B.A. in business administration in 1985, also cites her mother as being the main reason she chose Lake Erie College. “Lake Erie College was life-changing for my mother,” she added. “Her time here was wonderful and the education she received was second to none. I wanted to experience that as well.” Her reunion was the first time she had returned to campus since her graduation. She now lives in Ormond Beach, Florida. “Boy, things have changed,” she laughed. “Things look different, majors have changed, and there is a new Tiberius (he disappeared our year)...but I feel confident that the level of education is still strong. That is the one thing that I have always known Lake Erie College for – providing a high level of education.”

Ruffing’s mother, Beverly Boron Beuck ’55, was a home economics major who attended Lake Erie College on a full scholarship. “I had a high school teacher who was a graduate and she...continued on page 33
In the early morning hours of Saturday, April 13, 1957, a fire broke out in Memorial Hall, one of the two oldest buildings on the Lake Erie College campus. In a short time, the building was completely destroyed, along with valuable artwork, important College records and students’ personal possessions.

Newspapers reported that more than 200 students were forced to flee in their nightclothes and watched in dismay as their precious chapel/dormitory was consumed by flames. Firefighters from 11 departments battled the blaze for close to four hours in a futile attempt to save the historic building.

The cause of the fire was unknown, although it was believed to have begun on the third floor where students lived in what was called “Music Alley.” Heavy snow had apparently seeped through the roof, causing a surge of 2,300 volts of electricity to flow into wiring that linked a bell system between Memorial Hall and the adjacent College Hall. This was before the time of smoke alarms and sprinkler systems, and the fire spread quickly before it was detected.

College Hall sustained heavy smoke and water damage, but this landmark building (which still dominates the campus today) was saved. Students who were housed in Memorial and College halls soon moved to temporary quarters in the Ritchie Gymnasium and two of the College’s new dormitories. Classes went on as regularly scheduled.

Nothing could ever replace Memorial Hall, the second campus building, however. The building, built in 1890 and connected to College Hall by a corridor, contained music practice rooms, a vestibule, a massive auditorium with seating for 600 and a chorus of 100, lecture rooms and art studios.

The auditorium/chapel was dominated by a two-manual pipe organ built by Johnson and Son of Westfield, Massachusetts, at a cost of $2,300. The organ was a memorial to Painesville resident Annie Steese Harvey, an alumna of Lake Erie Female Seminary (forerunner to Lake Erie College), who died in October 1888, three months after her graduation. After a three-manual organ was built by A.B. Felgemaker to replace the older model, a special room was constructed for the two-manual Harvey organ.

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The cause of the fire was unknown, although it was believed to have begun on the third floor where students lived in what was called “Music Alley.” Heavy snow had apparently seeped through the roof, causing a surge of 2,300 volts of electricity to flow into wiring that linked a bell system between Memorial Hall and the adjacent College Hall. This was before the time of smoke alarms and sprinkler systems, and the fire spread quickly before it was detected.

College Hall sustained heavy smoke and water damage, but this landmark building (which still dominates the campus today) was saved. Students who were housed in Memorial and College halls soon moved to temporary quarters in the Ritchie Gymnasium and two of the College’s new dormitories. Classes went on as regularly scheduled.

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Not exactly a girl’s night out...
Campus Landmark

Building after it was constructed in 1897. The art studio was then converted into 15 dormitory rooms in what was named “Music Alley” because of its location. It was in this area that the fire began, and the students who lived here lost everything in the blaze.

Music practice rooms in the basement of Memorial Hall were converted into administrative offices after the Morley Music Building was constructed in 1927. College records stored here were destroyed in the fire.

Located on the Lake Erie College campus today, on the ground in the exact location where it once hung over the main entrance to Memorial Hall, is the stone building sign. One of the few objects saved from the fire, the sign remains a link to this historic building and to the campus of the past. This sign (prominently engraved with the date 1890) is a proud reminder of a different time.

Memorial Hall was not rebuilt, but it stands forever in the hearts of many alumni who were forced into the cold night air on April 13, 1957. These students will remember always the music, inspirational talks, hours of practice, late-night discussions and friendships they enjoyed in this historic setting.


Submitted by Holly Menzie

Below – Memorial Hall in its prime.

Above & Below - The building was completely destroyed.

left - The morning after. Below - Local firefighters work to save Memorial Hall.
Great American Smoke-Out

On November 17, 2005, the Student Life Office collaborated with the Lake/Geauga Center to provide resources and literature for the national Great American Smoke-Out campaign sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Armed with pledge cards, Tobacco-Free Buddy t-shirts and mall gift certificates, over 120 people committed to quit for a day, a week or a lifetime. All were invited to participate whether they were tobacco users or not. Quit plans, literature for second-hand smoke, the Mr. Dip Lip exhibit, and a black lung were available for students to pick up or study.

Alcohol Awareness Week

Alcohol Awareness Week offered students the opportunity to partake in a number of activities and events to help them better understand alcohol and its effects.

The week kicked off with the Second Annual Lake Erie College Hall Crawl. Through collaboration with Housing and Residence Life, each residence hall adopted a “club/bar theme” and served various “mocktails” with activities and facts related to alcohol use. At the conclusion of the “crawl,” students tested their blood alcohol content (BAC) to see how intoxicated they would have been had they drunk alcoholic beverages. Each participant in the Hall Crawl received a free t-shirt.

Comedian - Michael Gershe

Comedian and motivational speaker Michael Gershe spoke to a group of over 50 students in the Fine Arts Center about his life and making wise choices. He shared with the group his personal story of his mother being killed by a drunk driver when he was an infant and about how his best friend from college was recently killed driving home from a party while intoxicated. Audience participation and interaction was a big part of the learning experience for this program.

Homecoming

Homecoming was celebrated at the Normandy Party Center in Wickliffe on Saturday evening. The Mardi Gras-themed party helped net proceeds to go to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief. Over $240 was donated from the ticket sales. The students enjoyed dinner, dancing and the crowning of the 2005 Homecoming King Travis “Yoder” Hardman ’06 and Homecoming Queen Amy Bellino ’06.

Kulas Tickets

This year the Kulas Foundation awarded Lake Erie College $5,000 to purchase tickets for various fine and performing arts shows in the Cleveland area.

Social Parlor Sleepover

The Social Parlor “Sleepover” was held on Oct. 29 in the beautifully eerie Social Parlor in College Hall. Students gathered together for pizza, snacks and a presentation by “Spirit Stalkers” Dave Mackie and Juliet Keller. Dave and Juliet presented their various findings from previous investigations on paranormal activity in some of the campus buildings.

Voice recordings were played and pictures and videos shown of their findings. Students asked many questions, especially regarding “Stephanie’s” existence. Juliet is skeptical as to the name of the ghost, but agrees there is a paranormal presence or two in College Hall. The two have found Morley Music Hall to be the biggest area of paranormal activity on campus thus far.

After their presentation, students were given the opportunity to go to Morley Music Hall to see if they could possibly observe any activity. Students waited patiently and hoped for some sort of sighting. Alas, none came. Maybe next year…

Submitted by Hollie Chessman
Lake Erie College has a new student organization on campus. The newly-founded LEC Ambassadors was introduced at the beginning of the fall 2005 semester and is advised by Deb Remington ’74 director of development and alumni relations, and Robin McDermott ’87, VP of enrollment management and student affairs.

Current members of the organization are Samantha Brown ’06, Melissa Nye ’06, Tanda Makupson ’07, Adam Foxx ’06, Kristi Schmalzer ’07, Ashley Eckard ’08, Erin Pinkston ’08, and Demetrius Williams ’07.

Each member was carefully selected subsequent to the completion of an application and formal interview. Members must have completed at least one full semester at Lake Erie College prior to joining the organization and are also required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8 in order to remain involved. In addition, members must demonstrate a strong work ethic, superior time management skills, good academic, financial and judicial standing, and excellent communication skills.

LEC Ambassadors has its roots in the Arestos organization, a group which functioned at Lake Erie College during the 1960s and 70s. The title of the group was taken from the Greek word Aresto, meaning “welcome”. The group members were, as the members of LEC Ambassadors are now, hand-selected with much consideration and they were responsible for assisting the College's sixth president, Paul Weaver, with hosting social events and welcoming guests and prospective students to Lake Erie College.

Today, the LEC Ambassadors support the College in a number of ways. These select students are responsible for representing the student body at College functions, participating in alumni events and conducting prospective student tours. The current members of LEC Ambassadors feel privileged to have this wonderful opportunity to develop their leadership skills, earn community service hours, and network with alumni and members of the business community.

Submitted by Laken Piercy ’07 and Adam Foxx ’06

Top Left – Arestos in the 1970s.
Bottom – LEC Ambassadors of today.
Jessica, 19 years old and a sophomore at Lake Erie College, first started riding at the age of 12 at a therapeutic riding program. Just a little over a year passed when she was promoted to mainstream lessons. From there she rode in a club near her hometown of Parma, Ohio and participated in Western shows, where she achieved success, winning various ribbons over the years.

Jessica, a behavioral psychology major, chose Lake Erie College in part for its equestrian science program. “Although I knew that I could probably never succeed as an equestrian major due to my limited vision, I still wanted to be able to continue to ride and hopefully compete,” she said. Jessica achieved her wish of competing when she participated in a hunt-seat competition for the College. Shortly thereafter, she was informed by the association that she could no longer compete in that area. Determined not to let it get her down, she decided to learn dressage.

After a semester of private lessons, Jessica’s coach, Dr. Katrina Merkies, petitioned the Intercollegiate Dressage Association and other coaches in the region to allow her to participate in a collegiate dressage show. The petition was granted, and Jessica rode in her first show in the “Introductory B” level against schools such as the University of Findlay, Albion, Otterbein, the University of Kentucky, the University of Guelph and Ohio University Southern. Unlike other riders, Jessica needed assistance to complete the course. Because her sight prohibits her from seeing the letters that are marked around the dressage arena, she relied on her teammates to act as “living letters” to her, calling out each letter as she rode by. As a rider, Jessica competed against eight other individuals and finished in seventh place with a score of 61.429%. Although not high enough to earn an individual ribbon, Jessica’s team did finish fourth, earning her a team ribbon and allowing her to take home one tangible sign of success.

“We’re so proud of her,” said Cecily Bonadio ’06, captain of the Lake Erie College Dressage Team. “She keeps a positive attitude and really worked hard for this event. We’re proud to say that she’s part of our team.”

Submitted by Cristine Boyd
Lake Erie College athletics reached new heights during the recently completed men’s basketball season. The team won the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference championship and recorded many firsts for the team and program. It gained the attention of sports fans and the media, and helped increased the reputation of the college.

Cliff Hunt, who took over as head coach just days before the start of practice in October, oversaw what would become a record-setting season. There were early signs of great things to come when the team knocked off Mount Union 60-43 in its home opener. A stunning, 66-62 win at Division II Edinboro in early December further raised team hopes. It was, perhaps, the most significant win ever by an LEC team, as the Storm had defeated a squad which would post a 21-10 record, winning the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and advancing to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

In other significant non-conference games, Lake Erie faced a trio of teams which would go on to qualify for the Division III Tourney field. At Bethany, LEC defeated the Bisons 77-62, a team which finished the regular season at 23-4, with the other three losses coming by a combined total of just six points. On a neutral floor, the Storm lost by just two points, 57-55, to St. John Fisher and also lost a close 93-88 decision to Lincoln (the second-ranked team in the Mid-Atlantic Region) after leading by 14 at halftime.

LEC saved its best for the AMCC. The Storm won its first league championship in any sport, taking both the regular season and tournament titles. The team finished with a 15-3 record in league play, clinching first place and the right to host the league tourney semifinals and championship game. Needing a win on the final weekend to clinch, the team was faced with road games at two of the AMCC’s toughest sites, Pitt-Bradford and Penn State-Behrend.

The Storm trailed for the entire second half (by as many as 17 points) at Bradford, but senior Reggie Richardson capped a furious comeback to tie the game with a three-pointer at the buzzer, sending the game to overtime. Senior Chad Hunt connected on another three at the end of overtime to give LEC the regular season crown, 78-76. A week later, before an LEC-record home crowd of over 700 in the Athletic Center Arena, the Storm came from behind again in the league semifinals. After trailing by as many as eight points in the second half to Hilbert, the Storm rallied to force overtime. This time, junior Rob Williams hit a three-pointer with 0.6 seconds left in the extra period to give the Green and White a 70-67 win.

The thrills were not over. On the following afternoon, Lake Erie trailed Pitt-Greensburg by seven points with less than two minutes to play. Richardson again hit a late, game-tying three to send the game to an extra period. Hunt tipped in a Richardson miss with 1.8 seconds left in OT to give the team an 83-82 victory, setting off an incredible on-court celebration of players, students, alumni and fans. The Storm had earned its first league championship and its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

It took perennial powerhouse Wittenberg, the eventual national runner-ups, to finally end the Storm’s season. Wittenberg, which holds the record for both the most NCAA Division III tournament appearances and wins, also had home court advantage in that elimination game. LEC is proud of its season. A 21-7 final record beat the old victory mark of 15-12, set just a year ago when the team (which began in 1988-89) posted its first winning season. Coach Hunt was named as AMCC Coach of the Year, Richardson was a first team all-AMCC pick and Williams was named to the league’s honorable mention squad. The team is now 22-2 in its two years in the new building, with both losses coming back-to-back in overtime during the first year.

Submitted by Ken Krsolovic, athletic director
Lake Erie College’s 2005 fall sports teams posted an unprecedented total of individual and team successes, generating numerous award winners, honors and accomplishments.

**Men’s Soccer**
The men’s soccer team, which advanced to the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) championship game and earned a bid to the postseason tournament, saw four of its players honored. Junior Justin Daly (Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard High) and freshman Joe Starvaggi (Lyndhurst, Ohio/Brush High) were both named to the all-AMCC first team squad. Starvaggi also was tabbed as the league’s Newcomer of the Year. Junior Brad McFadden (Niles, Ohio/Niles McKinley High) and sophomore Brent Bleasdell (Plano, Texas/South Plantation-Fla. High) were chosen as second team all-AMCC choices. McFadden, along with freshmen Justin Rraya (Parma, Ohio/Normandy High) and Ray Liptay (Parma, Ohio/Valley Forge High) each earned AMCC Player of the Week honors during the season.

The Storm posted a 10-8-2 overall mark under third-year coach Dale Sheptak, setting the team record for wins in a season. Also, the team had the highest finish ever by a Lake Erie team in any sport in the AMCC, placing second with a 7-2 mark. In the postseason, LEC won in the AMCC semifinals 2-1 over La Roche before losing the AMCC title game, 2-1 at Medaille. The team was rewarded with an invitation to compete in the ECAC Tournament, where it lost in the opening round by a narrow 2-1 score at Grove City.

**Women’s Soccer**
In women’s soccer, LEC provided the league’s Newcomer of the Year. Freshman Angela Bethel (Beavercreek, Ohio/Miami Valley High) took that honor. She was also named a second team all-AMCC selection. Bethel also set the school scoring record with 22 goals, ranking 12th in the NCAA with 1.12 goals per game. Two other players, senior Keri Cameron (Mentor, Ohio/Mentor High) and sophomore Loni Sargent (Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard High) were honorable mention choices on the all-AMCC team. Senior Cassie Stanz (Jamestown, N.Y./Central Catholic High) was honored during the year with an AMCC Player of the Week award.

Sixth-year coach Lauren Ferullo was named co-winner of the league’s Coach of the Year award as her team continued its dramatic turnaround from a winless campaign just three years earlier. The squad posted records of 8-9-2 overall (best since 1998) and 4-4-1 in the AMCC to finish in fifth place and earn a trip to the league playoffs for the first time since 1999, when just five teams were in the league and four advanced. The Storm lost its playoff game at #4-seed La Roche 3-0.

**Volleyball**
The volleyball team, under fourth-year coach Gary VanCauwenberge, qualified for the AMCC tournament for the first time in team history with a playing roster made up exclusively of freshmen and sophomores. Two of the freshmen, Shawnna Sulecki (Rock Creek, Ohio/Geneva High) and Tiffany Farmer (West Salem, Ohio/Northwestern High), were honorable mention all-AMCC choices.

With a final overall record of 8-23, the team totaled more victories than in the last four seasons combined. Much of the improvement came during the later portion of the schedule, as the team went 4-5 in AMCC play to place fifth. The Storm narrowly lost at #4-seeded Pitt-Bradford 30-22, 28-30, 32-30, 27-30, 15-11 in the first round of the league tournament.

**Golf**
Golf, with Milt Johnson at the helm for the fourth season, saw two players earn
Senior Travis Hardman (Cheektowaga, N.Y./Maryvale High) earned a second team designation, while sophomore Justin Brown (Kenston, Ohio/Kenston High) was an honorable mention choice. The team placed ninth in the 10-team AMCC championship, but just one stroke out of a tie for sixth place.

Men’s and women’s cross country, under interim coach Bryan Harmon, did not garner any individual laurels. The teams did, however, each register the first-ever victories in program history, winning the season’s lone dual meet competition at La Roche. The women’s team placed eighth of 10 teams in the AMCC championship meet, while the men did not score at that event. The top runners for the Storm in the AMCC championships were freshman Melissa Greco (Kirtland, Ohio/Kirtland High) for the women and freshman Matt Moore (Fredericktown, Ohio/Fredericktown High) for the men.
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It was in the month of August when Virginia “Ginny” Hitt Thalman Kinney ’38 came to Lake Erie College to visit the new athletic building. She wasn’t expecting to be greeted with news of her nomination to join the ranks of the College’s finest athletes in the Lake Erie College Athletic Hall of Fame. Kinney happily accepted the nomination and was inducted during Alumni Weekend at a ceremony held in the Catherine F. Shaw Atrium of the Lake Erie College Athletic & Wellness Center.

Ginny grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois where she was the local girls tennis champion and winner of the Chicago girls tennis singles championship. While in school, she also served as captain of her school’s championship basketball team. However, upon graduation in 1933, Ginny didn’t have any plans for the future, except knowing that she wanted to go to college.

Hall of Famer Ruth Bartlett, professor of physical education, contacted Ginny’s high school in search of a tennis player for the LEC team. Ginny was offered the Mary K. Browne athletic scholarship, which paid full room and board during the height of the Depression. She immediately accepted the offer to attend Lake Erie College without even seeing the campus!

During her career at Lake Erie, Ginny was a member of the basketball, hockey, swim, track and tennis teams and also competed in varsity basketball as a freshman and varsity hockey during her sophomore and senior years. As a tennis player, she won the college tennis singles championship four times and traveled to collegiate tennis tournaments throughout the country.

After graduation, Ginny went on to teach tennis at Stevens College in Missouri and Ohio State University and continued to play tennis at the club level and recreationally for many years before “officially” retiring from the game during the late 1980’s.

Story submitted by Nicole Clouse ’09 with assistance from a biography provided by Kinney’s daughter, Anne Thalman.

Lake Erie Tennis Legend Joins Athletic Hall of Fame

In honor of Lake Erie College’s 150th anniversary, Carol Lewis Morris ’67 has issued a $150,000 annual fund challenge.

Through her generosity, this grant provides alumni and friends the opportunity to double or even triple gifts to The Lake Erie College Fund.

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As time progresses, so does technology. Everyone is affected by it, including the theatre. As many theatre companies shy away from new available technologies, choosing instead to remain true to the traditions of time-honored theatre building and sound, the Lake Erie College theatre department embraces new technology as a way to improve productions and educate students.

In addition to computer-based lighting systems, Lake Erie College has recently acquired a sound program called SFX that interfaces with other sound editing programs such as CD Architect and Sound Forge, to allow easy programming of cues and allow for timed fades and layered effects. The College is also experimenting with imagery using PowerPoint and a projector. The production team can put together a slideshow that is executed by an operator or can be timed for fades and progression. The team can cast images on stage that can be used to project locations, enhancements to current set designs such as texture and animation, and also help to set mood. The technology was used in the most recent college production, “The Visit” in which images of an entire town were projected along with a set design. Images were also used in past LEC productions of “Talking With…” and “The Lights Are Warm and Coloured.”

The College has been using SFX and PowerPoint for the past two years and sees them as a vital part of their future productions. “Use of these programs has truly opened the doors to some new and creative ways of thinking by our students,” said John Huston, professor of theatre. “Our goal is to expose our students to various aspects of theatre and prepare them for the demands of the industry.”

To help students grow, the College also offers a special topics class entitled “Art and Technology” that is interdisciplinary and is geared toward mixing aspects of art such as visual and movement. Creative video editing can be done in such a way that the dancer can appear to be interacting with the video that is being projected. Many Lake Erie College students also complete internships at places known for their use of technology, such as the Southern Ohio Light Opera (SOLO). Senior Deanna Caudill completed an internship at SOLO during a production of “The Gondoliers” where a scenic view of Venice was projected to make the scenery appear more authentic.

“Our theatre program is thriving,” said Huston. “Our small environment allows students to experiment more and really get to know the equipment. Use of projections allows us to re-conceptualize each piece to make it cutting edge and contemporary for our students. We try to be conceptually-driven in whatever piece we do.”

“As a director, I don’t read the stage directions,” said Huston. “It’s better to always try to come up with a new and fresh idea.”

Submitted by Cristine Boyd
LEC Students Get a Taste of the Real World

A college education should involve more than just studying for tests, listening to lectures and writing papers. To help students see the real world application of their studies, many departments develop relationships with area businesses that are willing to share their knowledge. During the first semester of the academic year, the College partnered with both the Lake County Captains and Parker Hannifin Corporation.

Sports Management

Students seeking a sports management concentration had the chance to hear about the challenges of running a professional athletic team from Graham Hearns, vice president and general manager of the Lake County Captains baseball team. Hearns shared his experiences in the industry and allowed students the opportunity to discuss his and other sports management related careers and the general traits that are required in each. Athletic Director Ken Krsolevic organized the event as a way to help students see what it’s like in a real sports environment. “We can teach them the fundamentals in books,” he said, “but it adds a lot of credibility and brings in an entirely new perspective when the information comes from a professional in the field.”

In addition to Hearns, sports management students also had the opportunity to hear from Cleveland Indians Vice President of Communications, Bob DiBiasio and also Director of Marketing for the Cleveland Barons hockey team, Scott Sternakert. Students also toured Cleveland Browns Stadium and Classic Park, home of the Lake County Captains.

Accounting

LEC alum and member of the Board of Directors, Dana Dennis ’76 hosted students in the international accounting class at the Parker Hannifin world headquarters in Mayfield Heights. Dennis, who serves as vice president and controller of the company, invited two of his international accounting and tax managers, John Corrigan and Steven Kovach, to lead the presentation. Students learned how a large international company like Parker Hannifin tackles issues in currency translation, implementation of worldwide accounting policies, tax challenges and new policies such as Sarbanes-Oxley. Students also learned about the actual job skills needed for accounting and tax positions and what tasks are accomplished on a day-to-day basis. At the conclusion of the presentation, students were given a tour of the Parker Hannifin headquarters and met CEO Don Washkewicz, who had returned from China earlier that evening.

“An experience like this allows students an opportunity to reach beyond the classroom and gain direct insight into a real-world business environment,” said Julie Ziemak, assistant professor of accounting. Ziemak has coordinated this event with Parker Hannifin for many years.

Dennis, an avid supporter of the College, told students, “You can get the job you want. It might take a little bit of guts and hard work, but you can do it. Respect others, stay your course and never say no. You are getting a great education at Lake Erie College. Take advantage of it.”

Submitted by Cristine Boyd
Students Make Impact on Community by Offering Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

For the 2005/2006 academic year, Lake Erie College received a grant from the Internal Revenue Service for the sixth straight year, to fund a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. This grant is designed to help volunteers reach out to low-income taxpayers where English is a Second Language (ESL) and educate them on their taxpayer rights and responsibilities.

The requirements of the grant are mainly accomplished through the Taxes and Culture Course offered in the spring semester. The course is conceived as an interdisciplinary course that covers income tax law, basic immigration law and Hispanic culture. It is a clinic course relying heavily on student participation and input.

Students gain a fundamental understanding of federal, state and city income tax law for ESL low-income taxpayers as well as knowledge of basic immigration law and how undocumented United States workers are handled through our federal tax system. Actual tax clinics are held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Students, along with interpreters, meet with ESL low-income taxpayers and educate them on their taxpayer rights and responsibilities.

Professor Joanne Gurley sees the tax clinic as a win-win for the College and the community. “This is a great experience for our students,” she said. “It takes them out of the comfort of the classroom and has them working directly with the local Hispanic community.” Student Karen Abruzzino ’06 agrees. “Most (accounting) courses are centered around learning theory. The tax clinic gives students a chance to apply what they learn to real-world situations while helping people in the community.”

The course utilizes guest speakers to address topics on their expertise:

- Linda Silakoski, a local attorney who specializes in Immigration Law.
- Adriana Perez ’00, a LEC alum who is a native of Argentina.
- Susan Renz, a representative from the IRS Taxpayer’s Advocacy office.
- Stephen Valenga from St. Mary’s Catholic Church located in Painesville. Stephen Valenga has spent many years as a missionary in El Salvador and has welcomed the local Hispanic community to the parish.

This very successful program is built upon an extensive network of collaborating organizations in the community. This clinic’s collaboration with the local women’s organization, HOLA (Hispanic Organization of Lake and Ashtabula), has been vital. They help with outreach efforts and in collaborations with the Lake County Hispanic Task Force, the Free Clinic, The Department of Job and Family Services, the Painesville City Schools and the Lake County Hospital System, among others. The program also collaborates with the Volunteer Income Taxpayer’s Assistance Program.

Since the grant mandates outreach and education, Professors Joanne Gurley and Julie Ziemak have spoken at the Painesville Adult Basic Literacy Education – ESL classes and attended the HOLA children’s Christmas party plus their open house, among other events.

Submitted by Joanne Gurley, associate professor of legal studies and Julie Ziemak, assistant professor of accounting

Over the years the clinics have grown substantially:

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Lake Erie College is fortunate in its 150 years of history to have received the generous support of countless numbers of alumni and friends. Gifts have been made for building construction and other capital projects, general operating needs, scholarships and other types of financial aid, instructional materials, and many other programs and projects that have kept Lake Erie successful and strong.

Recently the College received five special gifts that are making a tremendous difference in the campus and our students. These gifts are described briefly below – their impact, however, will extend far into the future.

**Morris Challenge**

Carol Lewis Morris made a challenge grant of $150,000 for The Lake Erie College Fund. Morris, who graduated from Lake Erie College in 1967, wished to celebrate the College’s sesquicentennial by motivating alumni and friends to increase their annual unrestricted gifts and to encourage new donors to give to the College (See page 25 for details about The Morris Challenge). Carol has been a generous donor to her alma mater throughout her life; her gift of $350,000 to the Morley Music Preservation Fund in December 2004 helped to launch the project to restore Lake Erie’s historic Skinner organ and its setting in Morley Music Hall. The Morley Music Preservation Committee has to date raised over $600,000 to restore the organ and auditorium. The committee continues to move forward with fundraising efforts for the organ chamber room, pews and other parts of the building.

**The Humanities Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Deborah Goodrich Royce ‘80 gave $100,000 to establish The Humanities Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide scholarship support for high-achieving students majoring in the humanities and to recognize former or current humanities faculty members at the College. Deborah recognized George Farrell and Dr. Egidio Lunardi with her contributions to the Fund – she wants to challenge additional alumni to give to the Fund and honor faculty members of their own choosing. This can be done with a gift of $25,000, in contrast to the $50,000 normally required to establish a named endowed fund at Lake Erie. Donors can add gifts of any size, however, to The Humanities Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund.

**Storer Scholarships**

The George B. Storer Foundation donated $50,000 for Storer Scholarships for high-achieving upperclass students who are majoring in a discipline within the humanities. The Foundation also provides similar scholarships for top upperclass students at Denison University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Kenyon College, Oberlin College and Conservatory and the College of Wooster.

**Kulas Grant**

The Kulas Foundation of Cleveland approved a grant of $48,000 for the Skinner organ preservation project. This project, which has been featured in previous magazines, represents a commitment from a dedicated group of alumni and friends of the College to restore Lake Erie’s historic Skinner organ and its setting in Morley Music Hall. The Morley Music Preservation Committee has to date raised over $600,000 to restore the organ and auditorium. The committee continues to move forward with fundraising efforts for the organ chamber room, pews and other parts of the building.

The College appreciates these generous gifts as well as the many other donations we have received in recent months for The Lake Erie College Fund and other priorities. For information about making a gift to Lake Erie College, contact David Baggs, vice president for institutional advancement, at 440/375-7255 or dbaggs@lec.edu.

submitted by Holly Menzie
Phonathon Helps College Meet the Challenge

Lake Erie College held a phonathon this past November on behalf of the Lake Erie College Fund. This year, students called with a special message for alumni: Carol Lewis Morris ’67 had generously issued a special challenge grant to her fellow alumni called The Morris Challenge.

The Morris Challenge matches new and increased contributions to The Lake Erie College Fund dollar for dollar, and any increase of $1,000 or more is matched two-to-one. The phonathon successfully raised $37,000, and $13,000 was eligible for matching funds from The Morris Challenge. Morris will continue to match funds contributed in this manner until her gift reaches the amount of $150,000.

Carol Lewis Morris’ generosity and the generosity of other Lake Erie College alumni in contributing to the Annual Fund will help support student financial aid, pay faculty salaries, care for campus facilities, and provide for other programs essential to maintaining the extraordinary learning environment at Lake Erie College.

Submitted by Laken Piercy ’07

Magazine Receives Honors

The Summer 2005 edition of the Lake Erie College magazine received a first-place finish in the publications category at the Lake County Apex Awards in October. The publication was judged on creativity, skills and overall execution. Other winners in the publication category included John Carroll University, Marous Brothers Construction and Kaiser Permanente.

Congratulations to JPS Design Group for their creativity, Holly Menzie, MBA ’06, who served as editor of the publication and to all who assisted with the issue: Lisa Benedetti ’81; Hollie Chessman; Sharon Coon, MBA ’95; Roger Hippsley; Mark Lamendola, MBA ’92; Deb Remington ’74; Elisabeth Giedt; Ken Krsolovic; D’Arcy Kovach; Virginia Kushen; Dr. Katrina Merkies and Dr. Dennis Stevens.

LEC Unveils Redesigned Website

After months of research and collaboration, the College is pleased to present a newly designed website. The site has improved navigation features to help visitors obtain the information they need in only a few clicks. Alumni will be interested in:

- Enhanced alumni section featuring online update forms, previous issues of the magazine, up-to-date event information and more
- A special student referral form where alumni can update us on outstanding students the College should be recruiting (this includes your own children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends…have relatives ask about the Legacy scholarship!)
- Complete giving section that describes in detail how easy it is to give a gift to the College or make planned giving decisions
- Campus calendar, webcams, athletic pages and more!

Check out the new site today. www.lec.edu
The equestrian program has been a unique feature of Lake Erie College for many years. Over time, some buildings at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center have needed updating. The College recently determined that the Reinberger barn was one of the first areas that needed attention. The horses had kicked in the walls numerous times and the wood was beyond repair. While the barn did have automatic water buckets, they were too old and had been chewed on. The barn also had poor ventilation, was cold, and the lighting left much to be desired. The work at the barn began around the end of June and builders worked feverishly over the long and hot summer until the barn was completely renovated. The refurbished barn featured 46 permanent stalls to house the school’s horses along with 38 temporary stalls for the horses.

After the barn renovation, there was just one more task that lay ahead - fixing up the school’s tack room. The original tack room was far too small for all the tack that was required, so something had to be done. Cami Harkless ’90, MBA ’05, Lake Erie’s herd manager, decided it would be best if changes were made to the tack room to make it more efficient. Lake Erie alumna, Elizabeth Tekavec ’03, had been an equestrian student who now worked for Schneider Saddlery in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. She worked closely with the College and was able to get a discount on saddle racks in return for using the College in an upcoming ad campaign. The room was put together over a weekend in October. The barn staff pitched in to tidy up the room before the following Monday, and what a job they did! Saddles perched atop brand new saddle racks, and with the saddles able to be grouped even closer together, the Western team finally had room to keep their saddles in the tack room also. The tack room was finished just in time as judges from the British Horse Society made their visit (see story next page). The judges toured and watched the instructors as they taught their lessons. “The judges were very impressed with the barn and the tack room,” Harkless said.

Many more renovations will be necessary at the equestrian center over the next few years to accommodate the ever-growing equine program and to ensure the facilities are modern and impressive. This is just the first step to ensure the program stays attractive to potential students for years to come and one of the things that makes the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center a wonderful place to be and to learn.

Submitted by Nicole Clouse ’09
British Horse Society Certification Awarded

The Lake Erie College George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center became an approved British Horse Society Establishment in October, 2005, gaining certification/approval by the internationally renowned British Horse Society (BHS). It is one of only seven BHS approved riding establishments in the United States, the first to be approved in the state of Ohio and only the second American college to gain approval.

To become a BHS approved riding establishment or livery, facilities are inspected at least once per year and only gain approval if they have met the most stringent standards of instruction, safety and horse care. Lake Erie College was visited by Bob Weatherley, an inspector for the BHS.

“Lake Erie College has always had a strong reputation,” said Sue Coen, associate dean of equine studies. “BHS certification will help to further increase the visibility of our equestrian teacher/trainer and equine business & facility management degrees on a national basis.”

“This certification is a testament to the dedication that students and faculty at Lake Erie College have toward the equestrian program,” said Sue Dreitzler, interim president of the College. “We hope that this prestigious certification will help to showcase the incredible programs we offer and attract additional students to Lake Erie College.”

The BHS began its certification program in 1947 to promote the interests of horse and pony breeding and to encourage the protection and welfare of these animals. It also exists to promote the distribution of knowledge of the management of horses and ponies. There are more than 900 BHS approved facilities in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Belgium, Hong Kong, Spain, Italy, Dubai, Malaysia and the United States. The BHS is headquartered in Kenilworth, Warwickshire, England and can be found on the web at www.bhs.org.uk.

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introduced me to the College,” she recalled. “She even paid my application fee.” Beuck recalls that there was a lot of singing on campus. It was “everywhere you went.” She also was proud of the College’s honor system and hopes that remains in place. “The most wonderful thing about my classes was the teachers and the high integrity they had and the quality of education they delivered. I also had wonderful classmates who I have stayed in touch with over the years. This was just a wonderful place to get an education and I am proud to be a graduate.”

Submitted by Cristine Boyd

Get a Piece of History

A limited supply of Lake Erie College Sesquicentennial Calendars remain. To request a copy, e-mail Holly Menzie at hmenzie@lec.edu or call 440/375-7252.
Class of '47
Elizabeth (Hopkins) O’Brien lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee, which she says is delightful. “We will retire here if Bernie will ever retire!” Elizabeth says.

Class of '48
Above – Marjorie Prentice Coutts, Georgiana Fust Patterson and Bonnie Lore Beyer, all from the class of ’48, revisit old yearbooks.
Left – Bonnie Lore Beyer then and now.

Class of '58
Jayne (Neumann) Shindler and her husband Ralph reside in Arden, North Carolina and were recently blessed with their first great granddaughter. Anna Virginia Roberts was born October 4, 2005. Jayne and Ralph often get together with Terrie (Seiple) Borsanti ’58 and her husband Jon, who live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Class of '60
Cindy (Gardner) Wallace is retired and volunteers for several community organizations. She enjoys her grandsons and is never bored! She hopes to see everyone at the 50th reunion. She says, “We may have changed, but the friendships never will.”

Christy (Gillmer) Erdmann and her husband Dick retired to Colorado almost six years ago to be near family and grandchildren. In October, two weeks after moving into a new home, they were visited by Linda (Fulton) Johnson and her son Dave who were enjoying a whirlwind tour of some of our western states. Says Christy, “Dick and Dave earned extra ‘brownie’ points for allowing ‘Stretch’ and me to ramble on for hours about our days at L.E.C. “

Lynn (Hopper) Martin moved to Ormond Beach, Florida after her husband died. She is enjoying retirement, playing golf, bridge and loving her grandchildren who she says are “God’s great gift.”

Frances (Moore) Jeffries is combining work and home responsibilities as an educational administrator at Bridgewater State College and as a grandmother/guardian to her ten year old grandson. She is also active as a Rotary International volunteer in adult literacy projects in developing countries (Ethiopia, South Africa and Cambodia). She is also enjoying having all of Buffalo alumni group gathering (l to r) Rebecca Nichter Lawson ’93, Patty Burg ’90 and Joyce Switzer ’50 with LEC student representative Demetrius Williams ’07.
her children in the Northeast.

Janet (Kish) Bullinger is still living in Washington D.C. She no longer works but volunteers as a docent at the U.S. Supreme Court and also volunteers at a local hospital. She also enjoys taking walks with her new dog.

Jean (Mann) Long says “As always the reunion was wonderful. It is so special to be with friends who we have known for almost 50 years! Hope to see you in 2010.”

Martha (McIntosh) Belliveau has moved from Hartford to West Hartford, Connecticut and retired in 2002 from the Hartford Public Schools where she was an administrator of special education. She now does consulting for a child and family agency at a suburban school system and enjoys having more time to spend with her husband and sons. No grandchildren yet, but she travels more and says, “Life is good!”

Rosa (McGarr) Crass has retired to Murray, Kentucky after living overseas for many years (mainly Australia). During her retirement, her time has been spent writing Sunday school programs and teaching, being involved with P.E.O. and continuing her interest in archaeology acquired from her work experience in Greece.

Marian (Mellish) Thomas is undertaking a daunting project. Along with her son, she is restoring a Southern estate home in Virginia. Marian plans to live in an outbuilding on the grounds, circa 1741.

Mary (Shannabrook) Smith is trying retirement in an unusual place, Capetown, South Africa. She and husband Ted are leasing a home there, but she has a deal with him to come “home” twice a year to visit with her grandkids.

Sarah Shannon, Rochester’s “Lady of the Cultural Arts” has recently retired from her job as house manager of the prestigious Eastman Theatre, home of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the Eastman School of Music, after about 40 years. The Mayor of Rochester presented her the Key to the City at her retirement party. All is not lost, however, as she still serves as house manager of the Auditorium Theatre, home of the Rochester Broadway Theatre League. One of her tasks is to prepare each night’s schedules for over 500 volunteers who usher (information supplied by one of the ushers, Cindy (Gardner) Wallace ‘60).

A group of 1960 graduates have retired to the “Sunshine” state. Lynn (Hopper) Martin is in Ormond Beach, Florida, Cissy (Curry) Edel in Vero Beach (survivor of at least two hurricanes), Sue (Wells) Demidovich resides in Naples where she enjoys her golf and choir activities, and Beryl (Marksteiner) Horvath is in Lake Suzy. Beryl has recently undergone surgery and would appreciate hearing from classmates. According to the last magazine, Marilyn (Kallman) Patterson is also in Florida. There may even be more!

Mike keep busy with many trips and volunteer work. Anne is a docent for the Declaration of Independence exhibit and edits a medical society newsletter and Mike is involved with the UVA alumni and church work.

Nancy (Birnie) Tangredi reports that she and Duch (Morton) Plym Olson had a WONDERFUL visit in July at Duch’s home in Vero Beach. It took 18 years to get together and they only live three hours apart! Nancy says that they did not stop talking from her arrival to when she left five hours later. She says, “We skinned the surface of the past 43 years – marriages, children, jobs, present lives. Met her husband who is very nice; we had lunch at a great restaurant on the ocean. Her home is beautiful, very Caribbean tropical one story, two blocks from the beach. She is quite a gardener with all kinds of plants and flowers: cotton, pineapple, and beautiful huge jade plants. I brought cuttings home which I am trying not to kill. So far, so good. We hope to meet again, perhaps in Miami this year; as so much more to talk about. It was such fun – highlight of my year. And she has not changed a bit – still as terrific as ever. Have photo of us, somewhere.”

Nancy also reports, “On my soapbox – if your religious and moral philosophies permit, PLEASE be an organ donor. I had to have a cornea transplant in December and will need another this summer. I am a donor, but did not expect to be a recipient. Some wonderful grieving family gave me the gift of sight again (was blind in left eye) for which I will always be grateful and appreciative of their loss and their gift. I have a genetic eye disease causing total blindness in both eyes - had never heard of it before last July. A transplant is the only cure. Also have great doctors, the best eye hospital in U.S., and excellent insurance – sometimes it pays to work at UM.”

Jeannine (Martin) Takacs is expecting a new granddaughter in May from son Andre and wife Ana. She reports that “Andre is a captain assigned...”
to Army ROTC at Capital University in Columbus for the next 18 months or so. He has begun working on his MBA which is standard for captains trying to make a major. He is still haunted by Iraq memories.

Class of '66

Our most energetic social chairman, Shirley (Rinehart) Nook, is working hard at getting some Reunion conversation going. C’mon, 66! Our Fortieth is here!

Jeanne (Fischer) Zylstra reports that she, Susie (Smith) Galvin, and Mary Sue “Sunne” Savage met this spring to devise a plan for everyone/anyone interested to meet on Cape Cod the Monday following Labor Day (when prices drop) for a week. Susie lives part of the year in Punta Gorda, Florida, Jeanne lives in Tampa, Florida and Mary Sue will be visiting Palm Beach for some art shows.

Shar (Coleman) Trenkamp is looking for 40th reunion conversation, too. Shar, Shirley, Binnie (Endean) Kurtzner and Neil (Morris) Jones all spend summers in Maple Springs, New York, on Lake Chautauqua and so annually have a wonderful opportunity for long walks, long chats and time to wonder how the last 40 years flew by so quickly! Binnie lives in Savannah where she has a very successful beading business which she began as a hobby a few years back. After 30 years away from an art studio, in retirement she has spent the last five or six years working in watercolor and has recently begun oil painting again. The abstractions of the 60’s have given way to a more classic and traditional look!!

A Christmas note from Betsy (Riegler) Reiney who now lives in Palatka, Florida (near Jacksonville) reveals that her passion is her retrievers, and she has become an accomplished hunting dog trainer.

Alice (Hartge) Wilson is living back at her family's boatyard near Baltimore and she is happily being a grandmother with babies coming right and left literally – she has two in Australia and twins in DC. She is working at a girls’ school.

No one will be surprised that the news from the farthest comes from Caroline Feiss. She and Gordy travelled to India in January and report as follows:

1. Beginning to learn the many gods, goddesses, village deities, demons, and their transport animals (e.g., the peacock, Nandi the bull, a charming lion, a mouse, etc.).

2. Loving South Indian food, one of which is served either on a banana leaf or a 16” round stainless steel tray filled with 12-18 metal bowls containing vegetables, soup, curries, rice in various forms and flavorings, pickles, and yogurts plus two or three kinds of bread. Each dish is seasoned in complex ways that bear no relation to what Americans know as “Indian food.” (And by the way, all of that food costs about $1.50.) So far the stomachs are holding up just fine!
3. Reveling in the colorful and ever-changing kaleidoscope of everyday South Indian life, Tamil Nadu dress is fabulous, with sarees of silk and cotton gossamer weave. Many women wear fresh chains of jasmine or a wisteria-like flower in their hair. The men are always wrapping and re-wrapping their dhotis (loose skirts). Men and women carry stacks of shiny metal waterpots, loads of wood, mounds of fodder, stacks of bricks and bags of rice on their heads. And then there are the cows.

4. Happily realizing that the friendly people we’re meeting are as curious about us as we are about them.

Marilyn (Goacher) Compton and Kathy (Joslin) Horstmann visited Ellie (Meister) LaCasse in Lancaster last fall. They howled off their mid-life failings and generally had a wonderful time visiting Philadelphia museums and 18th century Lancaster County farms. Marilyn continues to work at Red Wolf Gallery in Brevard, North Carolina, and has a small antique business on the side. She was in London over Christmas with her sister (who’s at the Library of Congress in DC). Kathy reports that she and Klaus have survived Christmas and their 37th wedding anniversary.

Susanne (Pohlman) Offensend reports that she had a “fun visit with Caroline Feiss and Gordy in April 2005, which included ‘my’ museum in San Jose, long talks, and lots of good food. Caroline showed us the fantastic drawings and watercolors that she records in her journal and trip sketchbook. Our son Ashley is doing his thesis in the area of planning for sustainable development and financing thereof. He is most messianic about this field and the need to combat global warming.” Suzanne also comments: “The LEC calendar was a nice gift but made me grumpy when I found no references to: College Night, Dr. Fink’s opera, the Cymbal, Nota Bene, and the Dance Club’s Carmina Burana! How can you talk LEC history without those things?”

Class of ‘72

Lois (Lippke) Osborn reports: The Backstage Party was the highlight of last fall’s Alumni Weekend and a fitting tribute to Jake Rufl i. After Jake was presented with the Sesquicentennial Fellows medallion by Interim President Sue Dreitzler, he was promptly roasted by Janet Shank ’83, funnyman John Jacobs ’76, and Mia (Knerly) Hess ’76. Jake’s legacy at the College was certainly evident that night by the large number of graduates who traveled from all over the country to honor him and regale in Jake stories. Kudos to Peter Davis ’80, for rallying the troupe together and Carley (Cumberworth) Hosler ’72 and Cathy (Stasik) Norman ’72 for their supporting roles. Never have we seen so many thespians clad in denim and work shirts since, well, Project 3. Some of the cast and crew on hand from our era were Linda Griffith ’72, Margie Roll ’73, Mary Rodenboh ’74, Katji (Kelly) McCusker ’75, Mike Demeter, Karen (Johnson) Lipovich ’75, Rick Barr ’75, Bill King ’76, William Kochever ’75, John Schulte ’72, Donna “Skyeking” (King) Luti ’75, Myla (Jellife) Punch ’74, Maribeth (Filipic) Katt ’74, Kathleen Mills ’73, Candy (Cain) Dunnigan ’77, and David Trevathren ’71. It was wonderful to catch up with Tina Graybard and Claudia (Stirba) Mahon ’71s. A highlight was singing Gordon Lightfoot’s “Canadian Railroad Trilogy” with Sunni (Light) Gothard ’73, on guitar. Nancy (Pittenger) Van Neyhof ’71, still has a beautiful voice. David and I left early at 1:00 am, and the party was still going strong. A big thank you goes out to Mary Rodenboh who compiled a directory of everyone who attended. If you would like a copy, contact her at merzdotes@aol.com.

The dynamic directing duo, Cathy (Stasik) Norman and Carley (Cumberworth) Hosler, is busy on another project. Carley is choreographing and Cathy is directing the Harvey High School production of “Smokey Joe’s Café.”

Linda Griffith splits her time between Blaine, Maine, where she has a compound called Magic Pond (folks can rent cabins) and Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania. She is an accomplished photographer whose work has been exhibited in the Philadelphia area and elsewhere. Go to her website www.lindagriffith.com to view her exceptional work. Linda’s one-act, one-woman play titled “The Trains of Painesville” will debut at The Maine Short Play Festival in Portland this spring.

Lois (Lippke) Osborn spent Christmas with her family in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and zip lined 600 feet above a river gorge on an Adventure Challenge. These kinds of Canopy Tours are very popular in Central America. Jittery participants are harnessed to a cable and zip across the treetops through the jungle to various platforms. (Not for those afraid of heights.) The biggest thrill
was rappelling 100 feet down several steep waterfalls. And you thought vacations were all about pina coladas on the beach!

What have you been up to? Let Lois know! Send her an update or else this space will be filled with endless chatter about her latest vacation. Make plans now to attend this year’s Alumni Weekend on October 6, 7, and 8, to celebrate the College’s 150th birthday.

Class of ‘73

Sue (Bevan) Gall and husband Tim operate Eastword Publications Development, Inc., a publishing company in Cleveland (next to Jacobs Field) specializing in reference works for school and public libraries. They have acquired titles published under the brand name Lincoln Library, a nearly 100-year-old reference library and online information source to rival multi-volume encyclopedias. Daughter Elizabeth is a junior at the University of Rochester, currently in a semester abroad in Beijing; son Adam is a sophomore at Columbia. And, when not paying tuition bills, Sue knits with a group called Chicks with Sticks that meets in a wine bar.

Christine Covelli is an administrative assistant in the Harris County, Texas Domestic Relations Office, which does social studies for adoption and custody cases, with “miles to go” before retirement. She made it back to Paris last year after 33 years and couldn’t believe that her limited amount of French worked wonders. Of course, the height of the season for fresh moules (mussels). Barbara’s oldest son, Thomas, is only 14 but is already 6’1” and 220 pounds and earned his first football letter, playing varsity and JV ball while only a high school freshman.

Kim (Kirmmse) Toth is recovering from a dislocated shoulder (skiing accident) and subsequent arthroscopic surgery. She continues to build her life coaching practice with a second website, www.myretirementbydesign.com, focusing on retirement planning.

Marty (Jones) Thomas earned a second bachelor’s degree in anthropology in May, 2005, now works with prehistoric artifacts at the Utah Museum on the University of Utah campus, doing research for archaeologists all over the Western U.S. Both children have graduated from college: Adam is living in Grand Junction, Colorado and Carrie is living in Salt Lake City doing prerequisites for nursing school. Husband Darrell is still busy as a dentist, but he and Marty have purchased a second home in Moab, Utah (near Arches and Canyonlands National Parks) and hope to retire in about four years.

Barbara (Lutz) Morrison is on the move again. The three to five year assignment near Stuttgart, Germany, lasted less than half that time. Now she’s based in Brussels, where she will be keeping the folks at NATO headquarters in line. Christine (Mellas) Goldberg and Pat Nocero, along with Sue Dreitzler, have already made plans to visit Barbara during Thanksgiving Week, when it is, of course, the height of the season for fresh moules (mussels). Barbara’s oldest son, Thomas, is only 14 but is already 6’1” and 220 pounds and earned his first football letter, playing varsity and JV ball while only a high school freshman.

Christine (Mellas) Goldberg and husband Jim hiked in Glacier National Park last summer (standing next to a mountain goat at the top of the Continental Divide), spent Thanksgiving Week in Rome, and will visit relatives in Greece this summer before the fall Paris/Brussels trip. On a business trip to Kansas City last fall, Chris took a day off to visit Shannon Murray.

Faith Prince is working for Sultana Projects, Inc. in Chestertown, Maryland, doing public relations, planning special events and writing for special projects. Sultana uses a full-scale reproduction of the
1768 schooner of the same name to provide students with a unique classroom for learning about the ecology and maritime history of Chesapeake Bay. When not working, Faith enjoys exploring the Chester River in her kayak.

Sandra (Thompson) Pealer and her husband of 34 years are now living in Windsor, Vermont, where Judson is an Episcopal priest at St. Paul’s parish. While not functioning as a clergy wife, Sandra is a fulltime watercolor artist, displaying her work nationally, and also teaches watercolor classes. Their three children are all grown and living in various parts of the country (North Carolina, Montana and Louisiana).

Deirdre (Wellman) Blakely-Barner (aka “Lips”) lives with her attorney husband Freeman in West Palm Beach, Florida, where she’s become an avid golfer. She was in Painesville last summer for a funeral and visited Lois (Lippke) Osborn ’72 and Pat Nocero, who reported that she “looks fabulous.” Another walking advertisement for the Florida weather.

Reverend Dr. Ann Walker ’73, recently wrote to Lois (Lippke) Osborn ’72 and informed her that after graduating from LEC, she received her MS in Criminology from Florida State University. She spent 3½ years “in prison” as a shotgun guard and counselor. She fondly remembers the sociology experiment at LEC when several classmates lived as inmates off campus under the supervision of upperclassmen guards. Now, 30 years later, she confesses to hiding the candy and beer under every inmate’s pillow after a junk food run. Ann also worked for the Girl Scouts in Florida and Okinawa, Japan. She was Executive Director of the Girl Scout Council in northeastern Missouri. The next phase of her adventure, Ann says “will stun just about anyone who partied with me in the old days.” Ann received her Master of Divinity, and for the past 10 years she has served as a pastor for the United Methodist Church. She just completed her Ph.D. in Clinical Christian Counseling in 2004. Ann lives on the Pennsylvania/Maryland border in Delta, Pennsylvania, where she serves two small country churches. She writes books in her spare time and would love to hear from classmates. Her email address is howdydo12@hotmail.com.

Class of ’75

Gwen (Rhodes) Higaki ’75, MBA ’88 was recently appointed to assistant controller, Energy Delivery Group of FirstEnergy Corp.

Class of ’89

Andrea (Fox) Boardman has been married to Chris Boardman since 1991 and has two children, Nathan and Susannah. They live in Collegeville, Pennsylvania and Andrea is the chief psychologist at the Federal Detention Center in Pennsylvania. She earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Kent State University in 1995.

Class of ’90

Sara (Benton) Gannone and her husband John reside in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Sara earned her MSW from Bryn Mawr College and is employed as a clinical care coordinator for Magellan Behavioral Health Services in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of Jack.

Class of ’75

Janis (Litwin) Pascarella is married and lives with her husband, two children and 12 horses. She teaches Suzuki violin to the four and five year old children in the Village’s charter school and also teaches polo to children at the Village’s Polo Grounds.

Nancy (McHugh) Braham lives in Springfield, Ohio with her husband and daughter Arden. Nancy earned her Ph.D. in philosophy from Temple University and is on the faculty of the philosophy department at Wittenberg University.

Class of ’95

Carol L. Evenson announces the publication of “Chatture’s Rainbow” in conjunction with Lulu Enterprises, a provider of print-on-demand books. “Chatture’s Rainbow” is a collection of short stories written especially for the young reader from the point of view of a tiny red squirrel that lives on a college campus next door to a private elementary school. Chatture considers the children and students her “rainbow” of faces, with each one depicting a different tale. The book is available for purchase at www.lulu.com.

Mark Herendeen was sworn in in July as Morrow County’s (Georgia) new fire chief. Formerly he was fire chief for Grand River Village (Ohio). He also worked for the Painesville Township fire department as a firefighter and EMS worker. Mark characterizes himself as a bachelor, sports fan and “social golfer.”
Class of ‘98

Claire Young, MBA ’98, chief nursing officer for the Cleveland Clinic since October 2003, was featured in an “On the Job” feature in the “Plain Dealer” September 5, 2005. Claire is responsible for administrative, clinical, educational, fiscal and operational activities for nursing and nursing support services for the Clinic.

Adam Gray and his wife Torrey reside in Mentor, Ohio and welcome a new son, Keegan Aidan. Keegan was born January 7, 2006, weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21.5 inches.

Class of ‘99

Cara Mia (Rowan) Duncan and her husband Ross recently moved to Painesville Township and celebrated the birth of their first son, Isaac Ernest Duncan on December 27, 2005. He weighed 8 pounds 7.6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Class of ‘03

Shari Suzanne Darr married Bryan Christopher Colburn, May 7, 2005 in Concord, Ohio.

Class of ‘04

Jim Gargas recently passed all four parts of his CPA exam on the first try! After graduation, Jim went on to Miami University for a master’s degree in accounting.

Young Alumni Association Forming

To help give young alums a voice and keep them better connected with the College, a Young Alumni Association is being formed.

If you are interested in being a part of the activities, please contact Eric Janke ‘93, chair of the Young Alumni Association at 216-970-9001 or via e-mail at ejanke@virtualhorizons.com.
Deaths – Alumni

'28

Florence (Clauss) Coerdt of Chagrin Falls, OH on November 11, 2005. She attended Lake Erie College for two years and graduated from Flora Stone Mather College. Survivors include three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

'31

Helen Elizabeth (Rilling) Andrews of Erie, PA on December 4, 2005. She earned two graduate degrees in library science from Columbia University and was a longtime head librarian at the Erie Public Library. In 1959 she was included in the first edition of “Who’s Who of American Women.” Survivors include a sister and many nieces and nephews.

Lillian (Thompson) Ohl of Totowa, NJ on December 17, 2005. She graduated from Parsons School of Design in New York City in 1933, where she studied fashion design and illustration. She was an emeritus member of the Lake Erie College Board of Trustees.

'32

Maude Helen (Marvin) Beasley of Flagstaff, AZ on January 1, 2006. She spent time in Newfoundland as a missionary and teacher, and later embarked on a 20 year career with the American Greeting Card Company as a director for drawing, painting and publishing of cards.

G. Isabel Wilson of Bronx, NY on December 10, 2005. She earned a master’s degree from Montclair State College and taught English literature in the New York City Schools for many years. She was honored by the College as a Sesquicentennial Fellow.

'35

Enid (Immel) Willson of Louisville, CO on July 9, 2005. After graduating from Lake Erie, she was a high school teacher in Massillon, OH. She is survived by three children, a sister, a brother, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Mildred (Sceiford) Vigler of Erie, PA on November 3, 2005. She was a chemist at Schio Gas Company for 35 years and a life member of the American Chemical Society. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Lake Erie College. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

'38

Mary Lou (Miller) Guthrie of Black Mountain, NC on August 5, 2005. She lived in Huntington, WV for many years and worked at Guthrie Memorial Hospital. Survivors include three children and eight grandchildren.

'40

Mary (Weixel) Novak of Painesville, OH on October 30, 2005. She was a lifelong resident of Painesville. She is survived by her two sons.

'42

Margaret (Geissman) Gross of Wooster, OH on August 28, 2005. She earned a master’s degree from The College of Wooster and taught English and journalism at Wooster High School for 15 years. She was a freelance journalist, writing for The Wooster Daily Record and other newspapers. In 1993, she published “Dancing on the Table: A History of Lake Erie College”. She had spent three years of research on the book, which was the first, and still only, book published on the College’s history. Each year at commencement, she donated copies of the book for all of the graduating seniors and would personally autograph them. She was a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award and was also honored by the College as a Sesquicentennial Fellow. Survivors include four children and five grandchildren.

'44

Morvydd J. Doerler of Akron, OH on September 25, 2005. She earned her teaching credentials at the University of Akron and retired after 30 years of teaching. Survivors include a number of nieces and nephews.

'45

Alice (Tear) Ghrist Mahaffey of Washington Grove, MD on November 28, 2005. She earned a master’s degree from Teacher’s College at Columbia University. She worked as a school principal in Maryland, and as an art teacher in Pennsylvania and at Indiana State University. She retired as head mistress of Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School in Bowie, MD. She is survived by four children, a sister, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Nina Louise (Abels) Pitthan of Parkersburg, WV on July 24, 2005. She graduated from the Interborough Institute and was employed by Air France in New York. Survivors include three children, six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

'46

Betty (Lewis) Dinnis of Brandon, FL on October 16, 2005. She worked for publishing companies in New York City before moving to Florida. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Paul Dinnis Sr., two children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

'60

Judith Kolb of Hadley, MA on October 1, 2005. She did graduate work at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She worked as an elementary school teacher and retired from the University of Massachusetts. Survivors include two sons, a sister, two step-brothers, and a grandson.

'64

Ruth M. Vernick of Geneva, OH on July 28, 2005. She was a retired schoolteacher in Perry, OH. Survivors include two daughters, a sister, and two grandchildren.

'69

Judith (McCormick) Sowards of Del Mar, CA on September 22, 2005. She worked as a research chemist for Eastman Kodak and as a computer programmer at General Atomic. She is survived by her mother, her husband of 33 years, a brother, and two children.

Dorothy Ann (Speckhard) Peters of Greensboro, GA, formerly of Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH on September 11, 2005. She worked as a social worker at the V.A. Hospital in Brecksville, OH. She is survived by three sons, a sister, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

'74

Tanya B. Jones of Rockville, MD on September 15, 2005. She was a veteran of the United States Navy, having earned the rank of Lieutenant j.g. She was employed as a computer modeler and held a U.S. patent for a computer system. Survivors include her fiancé, a sister, a brother, a nephew, and a niece.
Deaths – Alumni cont.

'76

Tom Williamson of North Port FL on December 20, 2005.

'92

James Patrick Chambers of Powell, OH on November 11, 2005. He earned an associate’s degree from Lakeland Community College. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Germany as a military police officer. He was employed with Bank One in Columbus as a senior program analyst. He is survived by his wife, 10 siblings, four daughters, and nine grandchildren.

'93

Brigitte M. Holzer of Painesville Township, OH on September 15, 2005. She was a transportation coordinator for Lubrizol Corporation where she retired after 22 years.

'97


Friends

Stormy The equestrian center lost its beloved cat, Stormy on January 10, 2006 due to old age. Stormy brought much entertainment and love over the years. He was always glad to share a lunch and offer free tutoring in equine science while warming laps in the classroom. He will be missed.


Rick Lloyd in September 2005. His wife, Susan Lloyd is a professional horsewoman.

LEC Graduate’s Death Makes National Headlines

Dawn Phillips was a woman of the world, traveling to more than 50 countries and determined to see and experience it all, according to her mother, Donna Jean Phillips. On Thanksgiving, however, life was cut short for the Lorain, Ohio native and accomplished equestrian.

Dawn Phillips, 34, died after falling six floors down an elevator shaft at a friend’s apartment complex. She was reportedly stuck in the elevator between the sixth and seventh floors when she tried to jump down to the sixth-floor landing, slipped and fell.

“She was very strong-willed, very organized, very precise, very detail-oriented,” said Donna Jean Phillips of her daughter, who was born in Lorain on April 1, 1971.

After graduating from Lorain High School in 1987, Dawn Phillips attended Lake Erie College in Painesville, where she earned a degree in equestrian studies with a trainer major, according to her mother.

Dawn Phillips discovered her passion for horses at the age of seven when she picked up horseback riding as a hobby with her stepmother at Holly Hill in Avon Lake.

“She was so determined,” said Donna Jean Phillips, adding that she and Dawn’s father, Stanley Phillips of Avon Lake, would take their daughter to the barns at 7 a.m. and sometimes not pick her up until 7 p.m.

“I never had to worry about where she was. I always knew she was at the horse farm and never would get in trouble,” she said.

Even today, Donna Jean Phillips said she still has a room full of ribbons won by her daughter.

At the time of her death, Dawn Phillips was living in Alexandria, Va., where she managed a horse farm called the Jenny Fuller Equine Center in Ellicott City, Md., for the past 18 months. She originally moved to the Washington, D.C., area in 2002 when she started a job at a horse farm near Frederick, Md.

“(Dawn) managed a horse farm, trained horses and gave lessons,” said Donna Jean Phillips. “The hours are long and the conditions aren’t always good, but I guess once it’s in your blood it’s hard to get out.”

During her junior year at Lake Erie College, Dawn Phillips studied abroad at Cambridge University in England, where she was able to study British civilization and learn how English horse farms are operated.

Like most foreign exchange students, Dawn Phillips traveled around Europe in her free time, but while other tourists were taking pictures of churches and scenery, the equestrian was snapping photos of horses, according to her mother.

In her travels, Dawn Phillips visited more than 50 countries, including Turkey, Egypt (where she traded horseback riding for camel riding) and Russia.

Before her death, Donna Jean Phillips said Dawn Phillips was planning her next big trip to Australia and New Zealand.

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Help us to keep our records up-to-date and allow you to share your information with the LEC family. This form is also on the web at www.lec.edu/alumni. Send this form to:

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Kahkwa Country Club, the Pennsylvania
Bar Association, the American Bar
Association, the Pennsylvania Society
and the Newcomen Society.

In addition to his achievements in business
and higher education, Victor is very
involved with charitable organizations.
He volunteers for the Erie Day School,
the Erie Art Museum, St. Vincent and
Hamot Medical Centers and serves on the
Board of Trustees of St. Vincent College.
He and his wife Craige currently reside
in Erie and together have four children:
Bowman, a senior at Washington and
Lee University in Lexington, Virginia;
Wade, a freshman at Hampden-Sydney
College in Hampden-Sydney, Virginia;
Courtney, a junior at Western Reserve
Academy in Hudson and Sloane, an
eighth grader at Erie Day School.

Victor succeeds Dr. Hal Laydon, LEC’s
10th president, who retired in 2005
after 14 years as president. Sue Dreitzler,
a former LEC faculty member and
administrator who recently retired as vice
president of institutional advancement at
the Northeastern Ohio Universities College
of Medicine (NEOUCOM), has served
as interim president during the search.

Michael T. Victor shares his excitement.

Dancing To the Table

Celebrating 150 Years of Family, Friends, and Food

Do you have your grandmother’s famous cookie recipe?
What about that never fail dish that friends and family rave about?
Or, do you have some “cooking survival” advice for the
newly graduated?

We are looking for recipes from Alumni, Faculty & Staff, Friends,
Parents, and Students for the upcoming LEC Cookbook, “Dancing to the Table.”

Feel free to submit as many recipes or tips as you like, but, do prioritize your recipes. We would like to
publish all submissions, but in case we cannot, our goal is at least one recipe per person. Submission
deadline is June 15, 2006.

You may send your recipes via email to leccookbook@sbcglobal.net or by mail to: LEC Cookbook, ATTN:
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Cookbooks will first be available for purchase at the 2006 Alumni Weekend.
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    Peter Davis
    Nancy Conrady
    Deborah Goodrich Royce
    Back Row (L to R)
    Marilyn Luebbers Modak
    Migdalia Cruz
    Sally OlsenKinka
    Isobel Ziluca
    Suzanne Collart

    (L to R)
    Denise Molesh ’95
    Ann Beuck Ruffing’85
Lake View Cemetery & Little Italy Tour
Saturday, May 13, 2006 • 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a day of touring historic and beautiful Lake View Cemetery and Little Italy with Lake Erie College alumni and friends. This promises to be a very special day.

The event includes a tour of Lake View Cemetery, lunch in Little Italy and plenty of time to shop or just browse through the many shops and galleries there.

$40.00 per person

Due to limited space, we ask that you RSVP by April 29, 2006. Please contact Deb Remington, at 440-375-7224 or email her at dremington@lec.edu with your questions.

Tour Schedule

9:30 am
Meet trolleys at station located on the West Bank of the Flats. Park in the Powerhouse Lot at Nautica ($3). www.lollytrolley.com

10:00 am
Arrive at Lake View for narrated tour, which will include Wade Chapel and the Garfield Memorial

11:45 am
Leave for Little Italy and lunch at Guarino’s at noon

1:30 pm
Shop and browse through Little Italy

3:00 pm
Leave Little Italy

3:30 pm
Return to station at Powerhouse