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PRESIDENT'S *message*



Dr. Jim Dennis

Dear Friends:

Each winter, McKendree's scholarship weekends give talented high school students the opportunity to compete for academic scholarships and a chance to meet with current students, faculty, staff, alumni and trustees. I am always proud of the countless members of the McKendree "family" who graciously volunteer their time to make the scholarship events a rewarding experience. This year was no different. However, the significance of "family" took on a more powerful meaning as we are confronted with the global financial crisis that is affecting the world's economic stability.

Given the significant role that alumni and friends play in the life of the University, I want you to be aware of the actions we are taking to address the economic turmoil. McKendree continues to be in relatively good financial condition with the exception of losing earnings from our endowment funds. I'm also delighted to report that so far this year alumni giving is up! This reflects the understanding our alumni have regarding our dependence on annual fund gifts and their importance to our success.

We are carefully monitoring our position to ensure that we don't face some of the issues confronting our sister institutions. We are deferring renovation projects and will slow down our hiring process in staff positions as precautionary steps. We plan to reduce expenditures and will make necessary reductions in non-academic activities. We anticipate saving sufficient funds to protect us from additional financial pressure.

I want you to know that in these times of economic uncertainty, the future being created for students at McKendree remains full of hope and promise. Our number one commitment is to the academic process and the success of our students. We are committed to ensuring that students needing financial support receive it from all available sources and we pledge to continue our efforts to make a McKendree education available to every qualified student desiring to come here!

I continue to believe that McKendree University is an excellent investment. There is a reason that we are cited by national publications as a "Great College at a Great Price," listed as one of the "100 Best Buys," noted as a "College of Distinction," and ranked in the top 10 percent of all similar colleges and universities in the United States. We are making every effort to ensure that our students achieve the realization of a McKendree degree, while staying on course with our mission of "providing a high quality educational experience to outstanding students."

In this issue of *The Magazine for McKendree*, you will find stories that offer compelling proof of our mission brought to life. As you read these stories and scan through the names of the many friends and donors in our Honor Roll, know that we are thankful for all those whose generous contributions of time and money help us fulfill our important mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Dennis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature, the name "Jim Dennis" and the title "President" are printed in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

Jim Dennis
President

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CALENDAR *highlights*

For more information about the events listed below, or the most current McKendree news, sports and events, please visit us online at www.mckendree.edu.

MARCH

- 3 Gateway East Artist Guild Exhibit (through May 3) – The Hett Lobby
- 12 Alumni Career Seminar – PAC 222
- 15-18 North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Visit
- 16 St. Louis Symphony Orchestra – The Hett
- 21 Met at the Hett – La Sonnambula – The Hett
- 23 Film Art Series “Match Point” – The Hett
- 24 Quartet San Francisco – The Hett
- 28 Ramble Into Spring 5K/10K Run - MPCC

APRIL

- 2-5 “Love of Three Oranges” Theatrical Production – The Hett
- 8 Film Art Series “Strangers on a Train” – The Hett
- 14-16 Model United Nations Conference – Main Campus
- 17 Wind Ensemble and Concert Band Concert – The Hett Honors Day Convocation – The Hett
- 18 Preview Day – Main Campus
Concert Band Festival – The Hett
- 18-21 National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Visit
- 22 Film Art Series “Election” – The Hett
- 24 Choral Concert – The Hett
- 25 MCK 101 – Main Campus
- 26 St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra – The Hett
- 28 Percussion Ensemble Concert – The Hett
- 29 Student Conductor’s Concert – The Hett

MAY

- 1 MCK Jazz Ensemble Concert – The Hett
- 8 Senior Farewell Service – The Hett
Graduation Celebration – By Fountain
- 9 Commencement – Front Lawn
- 16 Met at the Hett – La Cenerentola – The Hett

JUNE

- 5 MCK 101 – Main Campus
- 13 Kentucky Graduation Ceremony
- 26 MCK 101 – Main Campus
- 28 Southern Illinois Music Festival – Chamber Concert – The Hett

JULY

- 2 Southern Illinois Music Festival – La Traviata – The Hett
- 31 MCK 101 – Main Campus

Sustainability Shout Out!

The next edition of *The Magazine for McKendree* will feature articles related to sustainability. If you have a job or hobby that primarily focuses on sustainability and environmental stewardship, we encourage you to submit a story idea.

In McKendree’s efforts to become a more sustainable campus, we will start publishing *The Magazine for McKendree* both in print and electronic form. If you would prefer to receive the magazine electronically, in lieu of the print version, please request an email reminder at alumni@mckendree.edu.

McKendree Mailbag

A letter to the Board of Trustees

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McKendree student Christine Lucille Dutton

I want to take the time to thank each and every one of you for the effort that you put into helping make it possible for me to become a student at this wonderful university. I know that your jobs are not easy and you probably never get a thank you for the hard work that you do for each student. Without the scholarships and grants that you have given me, my education would not be possible. I just wanted to take the time to tell you that your jobs do not go unnoticed. I am very appreciative for the money that you have granted me. Please keep up the great deeds that you do because you are always making a difference in the lives of the next generation.

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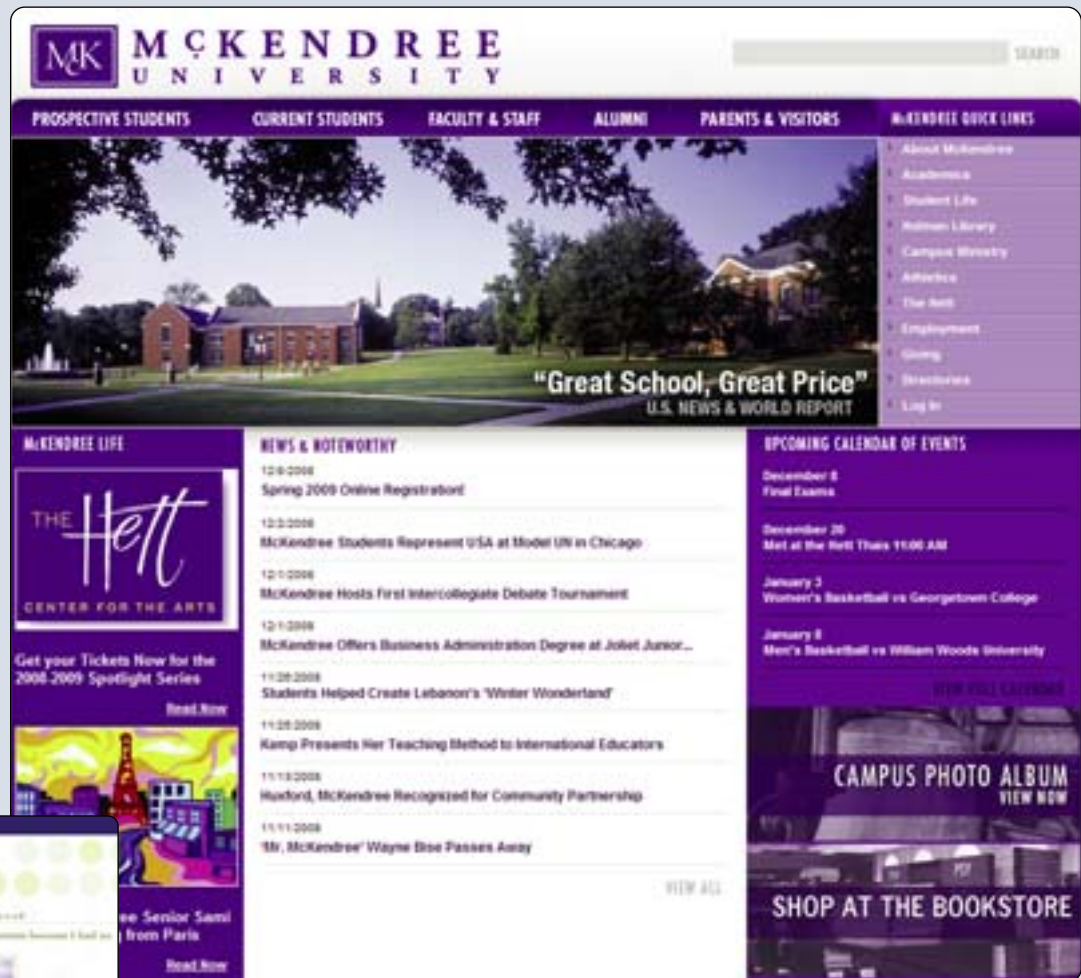
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Technology Update

Pictured right, home page of McKendree's new website.



Pictured above, alumnus Jolene Fisher's blog. Find links to this blog and others at www.mckendree.edu.

New Web Page

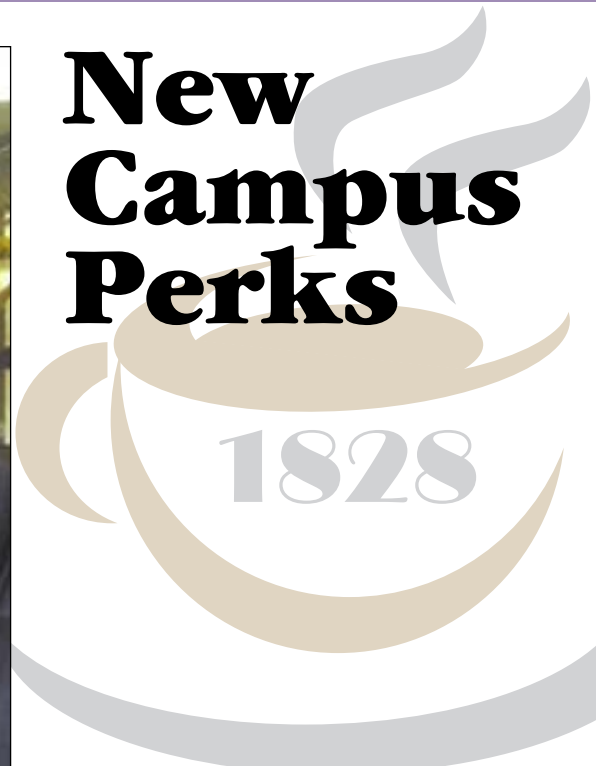
Have you visited www.mckendree.edu lately? McKendree University unveiled its new website in Fall 2008 and now we're inviting you to come and take a look.

The new website features access to campus photo albums and the online campus bookstore from the homepage. Quick Links and tabs at the top of the pages allow visitors to quickly find what they are looking for on the university's homepage. The new homepage also features bigger pictures and a campus calendar to help you see everything that's going on at McKendree University.

The new website is still getting lots of attention and navigation is still being modified to make the user experience as easy as possible. Be sure to visit often to see the latest blogs from alums, faculty and students.

Do you have a question or comment about the new site? E-mail Director of E-Communications Rachel Doyle at rldoyle@mckendree.edu.

News Briefs



1828 Opens for Casual Dining

A new hub on campus known as “1828”—named for the year McKendree was established—officially opened on Oct. 29 as a place to unwind or grab a bite to eat. Following an official ribbon cutting, students, faculty and staff noshed on samples of quesadillas, chicken panini sandwiches and pretzel cheeseburgers at the lunchtime grand opening.

The Pearsons Hall banquet room received an extreme makeover last summer, with a new kitchen, semi-circular food and coffee bar, contemporary décor and two big screen TVs.

“We have needed a space where people can gather, relax and enjoy a quick meal,” said Dr. James Dennis, president.

Open on Monday through Friday, and for special events, 1828 offers a breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. Made-to-order sandwiches, burgers, pizza, omelets, salads, soup, and beverages are just a few of the options on the menu. Meatless options include a Garden Burger and a grilled veggie panini. Ice cream, bakery goods and desserts satisfy a sweet tooth.



Bigger, Brighter Bookstore

The campus bookstore relocated to upper Deneen Student Center in August with 900 more square feet for merchandise, especially McKendree apparel. Other improvements include designated parking

for customers and a ramp for wheelchair access and easier deliveries. The former Pearsons Hall location has been converted to much needed office space for student organizations.



Who Wants Ice Cream?

Who can resist free ice cream on a warm day—especially when President Dennis is serving? The colorful cart makes random appearances in nice weather, enticing students with ice cream bars or candy.



Take the Trolley

The Bogey Bus now shares the road with a quaint trolley shuttling students between the McKendree West apartments and campus. The 1988 diesel-powered Isuzu bus provides free service for up to 20 riders Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. It was donated anonymously as a gift from the Class of 1976.

News Briefs

IRS Agents Give Students a Crash Course in Financial Sleuthing

In the science building hallway, accounting major Lanece Clarke struggled to unlock the handcuffs she had snapped onto a professor's wrists. In a darkened room nearby, criminal justice student Jerrod Henderson aimed and fired at an enraged "suspect" onscreen as a firearms simulator scored his judgment, accuracy and reaction time. In Carnegie Hall, students in bulletproof vests raided the lounge, uncovering a wad of bills under a sofa cushion and crumpled W-2 forms in the wastebasket.

It was not your typical Wednesday in the classroom.

Crime school, IRS-style came to campus on Oct. 22 when 30 of Dr. Neil Quisenberry's criminal justice students

and Dr. Sandra Lang's accounting students worked side-by-side with special agents from the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division (IRS-CID).

The "McKendree Project," the first of its kind in Illinois, was based on an IRS-CID outreach program called the "Adrian Project," named for the Michigan college where it was introduced.

IRS special agents are accountants trained in law enforcement who follow paper and money trails to catch money launderers, drug traffickers, embezzlers and cheating taxpayers. During the daylong exercise, students teamed with special agents from throughout Illinois, applying their knowledge, training and logic to "solve" simulated cases that can take up to 18 months to unravel.

Investigators demonstrated how they gather evidence to build and prove a case, using the tools and techniques of their

profession. They guided three groups of students step-by-step through typical scenarios: a drug bust, money laundering scheme and tax evasion case. Students pored over cashier's checks and bank statements, analyzed financial records, and sorted through trash for clues and evidence. Agents played the roles of informants, witnesses or suspects apprehended by students in the mock raid.

The IRS-CID hopes the program will increase awareness of forensic accounting at the federal level and perhaps recruit some future special agents.

"Not only did our students get some hands-on experience, they also had a chance to interact with the agents to find out more about what they do. This opens another door for them regarding potential careers," said Quisenberry.



Sophomore Shari Thurnau and Senior Lindsay Amerson search for evidence.



Senior criminal justice major Richard Bennett discusses evidence with an IRS special agent.



Accounting major Lanece Clarke struggles to unlock handcuffs on Dr. Neil Quisenberry.

Bookmark



A book written by Dr. Brian Frederking, associate professor of political science, was one of just 30 reviewed in 2008 by *Foreign Affairs*. Published since 1922 by the Council on Foreign Relations, the journal is widely read by academics and policy makers.

“The United States and the Security Council: Collective Security and the Cold War” (Routledge, 2007, 197 pages) received a positive critique from John G. Ikenberry, a prominent theorist of international relations and U.S. foreign policy, and a professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University.

“This unassuming little book provides one of the best expositions yet of the dilemmas that plague current efforts to

forge agreement on global security,” Ikenberry wrote. “Frederking notes that security cooperation today must cope with two historically unique realities: high levels of ‘security interdependence,’ in which threats such as nuclear proliferation and terrorism can be tackled only through sustained cooperation, and U.S. military supremacy, in which one state stands above all others.”

Frederking said he wanted to write a book to help his students understand world politics. He researched the subject for six years and wrote while on sabbatical during the fall of 2006. In his acknowledgements, Frederking thanks several McKendree faculty members and students for their support, inspiration and assistance.

Putting Theory into Practice

Dr. Jacqueline L. Kemp, '88, associate professor of psychology, incorporates students' experiences and culture into her teaching style and gives them tools to realize their highest potential—in her courses, in graduate school and beyond.

She presented at the Seventh Annual Worldwide Forum on Education and Culture, “Putting Theory Into Practice; Teaching for the Next Century,” held Dec. 4 and 5 in Rome. Kemp shared her method with administrators, teachers and professors from universities to kindergartens in 30 countries.

“It's such an eclectic group, but everybody is on the same page asking, ‘how do I help my student to grow?’” she said.

Kemp discussed “The Practical Utilization of Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) and Bruner's Scaffolding: A Longitudinal Focus.” Simply stated, ZPD is a concept developed by pioneering Russian psychologist and author Lev Vygotsky that refers to the difference between learning with guidance and without it. Scaffolding refers to various resources, templates and other guides that assist and support learning.

“When I got here eight years ago, I decided I had to teach my classes from a theoretical perspective to make sure that the students' writing style is indicative of their level of understanding of the theories,” Kemp said. “As a result, I chose Vygotsky and Bruner.”

Each of her detailed course syllabi includes not only class requirements,

but also exam preparation tips, writing and formatting guidelines, and sample assignments. She teaches all her classes from a cross cultural perspective “to prepare my students to become global citizens.” Every student must interview a non-American who came to the U.S. after the age of five and research information about that person's country and culture.

Kemp will put her methodology to the test while on sabbatical this spring, as she compares another professor's technique and theory with her own, using a Child and Adolescent Psychology class as a model. She plans to submit the results for publication.

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Students Volunteer Time and Talent to Lebanon Winter Wonderland



Volleyball and softball players volunteered their time decorating.

McKendree students had a hand in the success of Lebanon's first "Winter Wonderland of Lights," generously lending their time, talent and artistry to the grassroots community project.

From Nov. 21 to Dec. 27, more than 50,000 twinkling lights illuminated trees, buildings and displays along a mile stretch of Horner Park. Visitors by the carload drove past scenes of snowmen, Santa, penguins, polar bears, a Victorian village, Nativity and reindeer—several of which were created by student volunteers.

"I knew McKendree was very involved in community affairs but thought our project was not something that would interest anyone. Was I wrong!" said Christmas in the Park Chairman Sue Knepper, who put out a call for volunteers last summer. "Not only did the students put their best efforts and considerable talents and time into the decorations—they put their hearts into it."

Many rolled up their sleeves to help when they arrived on campus in August, as part

of New Student Orientation's "Into the Streets" service project. The Alpha Psi Omega theater fraternity created an elaborate Santa's workshop scene. The women's softball and volleyball teams, University 101 class, and students on their own pitched in to outline and trace patterns and paint some of the 300 wooden cutouts. Off duty campus security guards helped protect against theft and vandalism.

"Students who came in to volunteer as a public service ended up coming on their own time and becoming good friends," Knepper said.

Kamara Owens, a senior biology major from Lebanon, first helped as a University 101 class peer mentor, then returned on her own with her roommate and friends. Painting and tracing the wooden cutouts for a few hours "was a great stress

reliever," said Owens. "I am not artistic by nature, but I enjoyed helping out."

"I had a great time. Being able to have fun and help the community at the same time is an awesome feeling. A feeling that no matter how big or small your contribution is, you can still make a difference."

"Without the McKendree students we would not have been able to achieve half of what we have done," added Diana Franco, co-chairperson and volunteer supervisor. "I looked forward to each and every week that the students came out. Their artistic ability is amazing!"

McKendree University was a gold-level sponsor for the event.

Pictured right: An NSO student paints a wooden penguin cutout as part of "Into the Streets."

Pictured below: Santa's workshop scene created by Alpha Psi Omega members.



First Visiting Fellow Reported on Iraq, Middle East



Deborah Horan puts on the hijab, a traditional robe and head covering worn by Muslim women.

Chicago Tribune journalist Deborah Horan spoke candidly about her experiences as a Middle East correspondent during a busy week in residency Oct. 20-24, as McKendree's first Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow.

Administered by the Council of Independent Colleges, the fellowship program sends highly regarded, accomplished individuals to campus to share their perspectives on life, society, community and achievement.

"Having a scholar on campus for a week was an excellent opportunity for our faculty, staff, and students to apply what we learn in the classroom to current events," said Dr. Tami Eggleston, professor of psychology and associate dean. "Deborah Horan met with over 15 faculty and interacted with over 400 students during her time at McKendree University."

Horan covers Chicago's Middle Eastern community for the *Tribune*, but for eight years reported from Iran, Iraq, Cairo, Beirut, and Jerusalem. Her work has also appeared in the *Houston Chronicle*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Newsweek*, *The Washington Monthly*, *Progressive Woman*, and *Psychology Today*.

As a guest speaker at the Distinguished Speaker Series and a Brown Bag Forum, she told of the challenges, dangers and fears she faced as an American female reporter.

Insurgents once bombed the compound in Baghdad where she lived with other foreign journalists. Horan learned quickly to avoid hotel floors 6 through 10, which lie in the path of a mortar shell's trajectory, and to always park the car blocks away from where she was, in the direction she needed to escape.

She learned to cope with the lack of refrigeration, sporadic electricity and frequent bouts of food poisoning. Horan relied on adrenaline and her "high threshold of fear" to get by in war-torn Iraq.

She wore the traditional Muslim *hijab* garment to respect the culture and gain acceptance among those she interviewed. On 110-degree days, an ice-filled washcloth around her neck kept her from overheating.

Horan described Iran as a "democratic theocracy." She wrote about Iranian women she saw hang gliding or skiing down a mountain slope, covered head to toe in long black garments, under the watchful eyes of "morals police" who enforce the dress code. A young man with bruises and bloodshot eyes told her he was sentenced to 99 lashes, 25 at a time, for walking with his girlfriend in public.

Horan returned to the U.S. for good in 2004. "People were being beheaded by al Qaida. As a foreigner, I felt hunted. But the situation has improved," she said, adding that she suffered a "two-day post-traumatic meltdown" once she was safely out of harm's way.

Acts of Faith

Eboo Patel, founder and executive director of the Chicago-based Interfaith Youth Core, encouraged students to become "architects of pluralism" to build understanding and mutual respect among people of all religions. He appeared as part of the George E. McCammon Memorial Distinguished Speaker Series on Nov. 11 at the Hett. Patel's book, "Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation," was assigned summer reading for first-year students.



News Briefs

**Huxford,
McKendree Awarded
for Community
Partnership**

Dr. Lyn Huxford was singled out for special recognition and McKendree University was honored for an 18-year community partnership by the Illinois Campus Compact on Nov. 6 in Chicago.

Illinois Campus Compact (ILCC) is comprised of 42 university and college presidents who make service learning and civic engagement a priority on campus.

Huxford is professor of sociology and coordinator of McKendree’s Center for Public Service. Through the center, 1,250 students volunteered 14,535 hours of community service during the 2007-08 school year. Huxford has been involved with ILCC for 15 years and served on its first board.

Kathy Engelken, executive director of Illinois Campus Compact, called her “one of the shining stars... at the vanguard of service learning and civic engagement,” who played a key role in launching ILCC.



Pictured left to right, students Vonzetta Sykes, Brittney Veath, and Megan Barker help out with Halloween festivities at the Christian Activity Center.

McKendree was one of three ILCC-member universities to be honored with the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation Award for its collaboration with the Christian Activity Center (CAC) in East St. Louis, with which it shares a \$5,000 award. A committee of higher education, business and civic leaders selected the winners from 14 nominated campus-community partnerships across Illinois.

Since 1990, hundreds of McKendree students have volunteered at the CAC,

where six to 18-year-olds, most from low-income households, come for tutoring and recreation. The program encourages students to explore issues of poverty, social justice, diversity and stereotypical thinking. Participants have described the experience as powerful and eye-opening.

The mutually beneficial program also introduces the CAC youth to aspects of university life, and helps the high school age students with the selection and application process.

**Lifesaver
Community Award**

On Dec. 4, the American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter presented its Lifesaver Community Award to McKendree University for providing Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED training to 584 students, faculty and staff.

Pictured left to right, front row: Mary Jo Blackwood, Katy Gayford, Kristin VonHatten, William Dill; back row: Don Barkley, Kelly Briggs, Dr. Dawn Hankins, Dr. Betsy Keigher, Dr. Jim Dennis, and Gina Joly.



Kentucky MBA Students Present “Real World” Business Plans

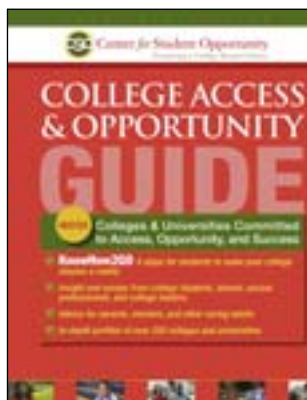
Three MBA students at the Radcliffe campus shared business plans for a donut shop and a full-service dog spa during MBA capstone course presentations in October.

In a capstone course, students summarize, integrate and evaluate

what they have learned in previous classes and apply it to “real world” situations. They demonstrate their competency and communication skills before a panel of evaluators to complete the final course of their MBA program.

Sandra Mettling '04 and Diane Kennedy presented a business plan for Sunshine Donuts, a shop offering fresh donuts, fritters, coffee and smoothies. Barbara Jarboe created a business plan for an all-inclusive doggie spa, complete with kennel, grooming, training and doggie daycare.

Guide Cites McK’s Access, Opportunities for Underserved Students



McKendree University’s commitment to promoting opportunities and success for first-generation, low-income and minority students has earned it a page in the inaugural “College Access & Opportunity Guide,” produced by the Center for Student Opportunity.

Schools were selected by a national independent advisory committee comprised of college presidents and chief administrators, college access and community-based organization leaders, and higher education association officials.

McKendree was among 225 colleges and universities profiled for their commitment

to serving and supporting students from traditionally underserved backgrounds. The comprehensive guide credits McKendree for its College Readiness and Success Network programs, personalized financial assistance, academic scholarships, minority leadership development, commitment to retention and multicultural activities.

McKendree’s College Readiness Program, offered in conjunction with the Associated Colleges of Illinois, sets high school students on the path to higher education over four years. The program offers skill-building and ACT preparatory classes, college-bound academic and informational sessions, and leadership training.

The Success Network Program provides scholarship grants, book stipends, counseling, peer mentoring and leadership development to first-year students based on first-generation, minority and low-income status; distance from home of record; and test scores.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs provides diversity training and promotes leadership and study skills. Campus events include Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, Martin Luther King, Jr. remembrance programs, and Black History Month activities.

McKendree Partners with University of Louisville Hospital to Offer On Site Nursing Program

Both the Louisville and Radcliffe campuses will soon offer classes in the school’s RN-BSN program on site at University of Louisville Hospital, a member of U of L Healthcare. McKendree administrators are working closely with Pamela Smith Elzy, RN, MA, the hospital’s director of nursing education and research, to start classes in September 2009.

“This program will allow nurses working at University of Louisville Hospital the opportunity to obtain their bachelor’s degree by attending class on site just one day a week, while maintaining their demanding careers,” said Dr. Glenn Rodriguez, dean of Kentucky campuses at McKendree University. “Program partnerships such as this truly exhibit the hospital’s dedication to quality patient care and excellence in the nursing workforce.”

An accelerated course schedule enables students to be admitted at the beginning of each month.

Commitment, Creativity are Part of His Equation

DR. ALAN ALEWINE

Associate Professor of Mathematics



Dr. Alan Alewine, associate professor of mathematics, was one of approximately 100 St. Louis area educators to receive the prestigious Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award on Nov. 9.

“Dr. Alewine was recognized by his faculty colleagues for his commitment to student learning, use of innovative teaching methods, and efforts to make learning enjoyable,” said Dr. Christine Bahr, McKendree provost. “As many know, he goes out of his way to support students in and out of the classroom. With this award, we recognize Dr. Alewine’s accomplishments as a teacher

and extend our gratitude for his dedicated service to our students.”

Since 1989 the program has recognized pre-school through higher education teachers for their passion for teaching, impact on student learning, knowledge and creativity. Honorees are selected by their school districts or institutions for exceptional efforts in the education field.

Alewine teaches Calculus I and II, Vector Functions and Matrices, Multivariate Calculus, Modern Algebra I and II, College Geometry, Linear Algebra, Introduction to Analysis, Point-Set

Topology, Differential Equations and Modeling, and Graph Theory.

To engage his students in such challenging subjects, he starts off most classes by playing a music video that relates to the day’s topic.

“I played the electronic dance song ‘The Power’ by the 90’s group Snap!, when we learned the Power Rule for differentiating polynomials,” Alewine said. “I also played ‘Funkytown’—both the Lips Inc. version and the Chipmunks version from the recent movie—when we learned the derivatives of inverse trigonometric ‘functions.’”

“The students really like it. It keeps them guessing,” he said. “Mathematics is a difficult subject, even for mathematicians, so I try to be as encouraging as possible without complete shovel-feeding.”

Alewine quoted Dr. Phil Neale, professor emeritus of philosophy, who once said, “‘being a professor is the next best thing to being a student.’ I loved school growing up so this is just the natural progression of things. I also love it when I witness students get the ‘A-ha!’ moment when they’ve been struggling with a concept. That’s a great feeling to have, and it’s fun to be part of.”

A resident of O’Fallon, he has been on the McKendree faculty since 2002. He has served as vice president of the McKendree chapter of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society since 2007 and is a member of the Mathematical Association of America and the American Mathematical Society. He is also a coordinator for the University 101 and summer reading programs.

Keeping it **REAL**: *Living McKendree's Mission*

"The mission of McKendree University is to provide a high quality educational experience to outstanding students."

The key components of McKendree's mission are summarized in the acronym REAL, which stands for:

M Responsible Citizenship, **E**ngagement, **A**cademic Excellence, and **L**ifelong Learning.

The four stories featured in this section are real-life examples of McKendree students, faculty and alumni who on a daily basis are living out McKendree's mission and embracing its guiding principles.



A “Real” Life Lesson in Responsible Citizenship

Every day Rebecca Lindstrom exemplifies what it means to be a responsible citizen.

The senior political science and accounting major from Rockford has spent the past four years tutoring fellow classmates, mentoring University 101 students, serving as a group leader for New Student Orientation, working as a student ambassador, and volunteering on various community service projects.

“I have been blessed in so many ways and I have a commitment to give back,” said Lindstrom. “I have a responsibility to make a difference in the lives of all people I come across, and I hope that I do so in a positive manner. There is nothing more rewarding than watching a fellow student succeed, knowing that without you that person wouldn’t be in his or her situation.”

Lindstrom’s desire to help others and her dream of becoming a lawyer started at a young age. “For about as long as I can remember, I seriously wanted to practice law,” said Lindstrom. “However, I decided that if for any reason law didn’t work out, I wanted a degree that I could use straight out of school. My dad’s an accountant, and I saw him working as I was growing up and can remember laying on the living room floor “helping” him work. I like numbers and accounting seemed to be a perfect fit. I realized during my freshman year at McKendree that I could do a double degree and added political science so that I had a traditional law school major as well, but accounting’s always been my priority.”

Lindstrom admits it’s a good thing she is “very organized.” “I push myself to get everything done ahead of time,” she said, adding that she jots down a year’s worth of homework assignments and deadlines in her planner. Her strong organizational skills have been the key to managing a dual major class load and a large number of extracurricular activities and elected offices.

Lindstrom believes extracurricular activities have helped her to grow and gain confidence. “I’ve learned a lot about who I am as a person, what I can do and that I can overcome challenges,” she said. “Small schools offer so many opportunities.”

On campus, she is co-president of Phi Beta Lambda business service club; a student vice president of Phi Kappa Phi honor society; and a member of both Sigma Beta Delta business honor society and Pi Gamma Mu social science honor society. She came to McKendree on a bowling scholarship, but quickly became involved with Model United Nations and the debate and individual events team, which she has participated on all four years. Lindstrom has also presented at several academic conferences and had a paper published in *Scholars* in 2007.

Her outstanding academic performance, coupled with over a 3.943 GPA, has opened many doors for Lindstrom. In October, she received the Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Medallion at a ceremony held at the Old State Capitol in Springfield. The award is given annually to one outstanding member from the senior class of each four-year, degree-granting institution of higher learning in Illinois.

In January, she was among 13 Phi Kappa Phi chapter vice-presidents chosen to attend the 2009 Phi Kappa Phi Student Leadership Conference in Baton Rouge, La. At the leadership conference, she learned valuable leadership skills and served on a student advisory panel for The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi’s Board of Directors.

She was also one of 16 young women selected to participate in the NEW Leadership Illinois program in June 2008. Jointly sponsored by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs and the Conference of Women Legislators of the Illinois General Assembly, the week-long residential program for college juniors and seniors is designed to increase women’s representation in all elements of public life, including elected office.

“We heard from and talked to women who are actually in the system who never imagined they would be,” said Lindstrom. We spent the majority of the week working in small groups, researching and assembling a mock committee presentation about a universal healthcare system in Illinois. We had the opportunity to dine with former Illinois governor Jim Edgar, attorney general Lisa Madigan, treasurer Alexi Giannoulis, and secretary of state Jesse White. Several state representatives and senators stayed in the dorms with us through the week and we got to know them on a personal basis. I learned so much from the other girls in the program. I see many young people who don’t follow politics, and aren’t interested in the system, which I find disheartening. But, the opposite was true about these ladies. They had a passion for politics in a way I had never seen before, and in a way that I hope to see more of in the future.”

In addition to all her extracurricular activities, Lindstrom found time last fall to intern with the *St. Louis Business Journal*. She wrote for the People section, researched information, worked on layout and uploaded pages to the Web site.

Someday, Lindstrom would like to be a college instructor. For now, Lindstrom plans to enroll in law school, with an eye toward studying corporate or education law.

“I have been blessed in so many ways and I have a commitment to give back.”





Web-conferencing: An Engaging Resource for Future Educators

by Stephanie Coartney '10

For students in McKendree's education program, gaining observation experience has taken on a whole new meaning thanks to a technology model developed by instructors Julie Tonsing-Meyer, Janet Wicker and Deanne Riess.

"Our Web-conferencing program started as a five-year grant and enables teacher candidates to have a glimpse of high-needs classrooms," said Tonsing-Meyer. According to federal law, a school is labeled high-needs if at least fifty percent of its students qualify for free or reduced lunches. In her undergraduate classes, Tonsing-Meyer stresses the importance of having this kind of experience in diversity; however, due to such obstacles as distance and time limitations, McKendree education students were not receiving proper exposure to what it's like to teach in a high-needs classroom.

As a result, the three professors found a company to fund their proposed virtual observation program and obtained the equipment to begin teleconferences. The device allows two-way communication to occur between classes. In addition to observing elementary students in their classroom, McKendree students also hold a one-on-one conversation with the instructor, in which they can ask questions and gain a firsthand account of teaching in a high-needs school.

An English/secondary education major, Anastasia Bierman '11 felt she obtained a more accurate picture of a typical high-needs classroom through the Web-conferences.

"I always said I wanted to be a teacher, but I was never in a classroom where I was not the student. With the teleconferencing, we observe a

teacher teaching their classes and see how they handle [the students], retain their attention, and help them learn."

In turn, the educator also benefits from the undergraduates' written observation notes and, as Tonsing-Meyer noted, receive "affirmation of knowing they're helping McKendree teacher candidates." This year, four teachers from Wilson Elementary in Granite City and two from Central Jr. High in Belleville are participating in the program.

McKendree is the only university in the area that provides virtual observation for its education students. Wicker explained that many institutions would like to duplicate their model, however, funding has been an obstacle. While the 2008-2009 academic year is the last year for the grant, Tonsing-Meyer said that the infrastructure will remain in place if they continue to have willing participants among the high-needs schools.

Since McKendree began Web-conferencing in the classroom, it has had a profound impact on the students who have experienced it.

"Watching the Web conferences has changed my attitude completely in many ways," Bierman explained. "Before the class started, I would have never considered teaching in a high-needs school, but now I would like to someday teach in an urban, low-income setting. I want to give the students at those schools the same opportunities for a successful life as I would students in other high schools."



Academic Excellence— The Pearl of the Aegean: *A Year as Fulbright Scholars in Turkey*

What could be better than spending a year immersed in the unique culture and historic atmosphere of a country whose origin dates back over 8,000 years? For McKendree professors Dr. Patrick Folk and Dr. Feza Ozturk, no experience could be more perfect.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Folk and Ozturk were selected to make the journey to Ege University in Izmir, Turkey, as Fulbright Scholars. There, they not only had the opportunity to teach Turkish undergraduate students, but also learned valuable insights about their own lives and American culture in general.

Created in 1946, the Fulbright Scholar Program links American professors with students and faculty in over 150 nations, providing instructors with the chance to live and teach for a full year in a foreign country.

Such an honor required a lengthy application process, in which Folk and Ozturk each developed a unique teaching proposal to be considered by Ege University's department chairs. While Folk sought to lead courses in American history, Ozturk's specialty in the sciences led her to pursue a lecture position in chemistry. Due to their separate fields of study, they were evaluated by different committees who were unaware that two instructors from the same university were applying. Also, because of their different last names, the judging committees had no idea that Folk and Ozturk were husband and wife, making it even more unusual when each were honored separately as Fulbright Scholars.

by Stephanie Coartney '10



"We were very surprised when we both got [the award]," said Ozturk.

A Turkish native, Ozturk attended Ege University as an undergraduate student, earning her bachelor's degree in chemistry there in 1977. After she obtained her doctorate in the U.S., McKendree immediately recognized her enthusiasm and knowledge for the sciences, and Ozturk became a professor at the institution where she eventually met her husband.

Twenty-six years later, Ozturk never imagined she would return to her homeland and alma mater as a Fulbright Scholar.

"It was like time travel to another lifetime," she said. "I noticed characteristics of [Turkish] society that I wasn't aware of before. When you live in it, you don't recognize it."

One thing she discovered was a different set of priorities among the native populace of which she was previously unaware. Americans frequently hesitate to involve themselves in one another's lives out of respect for privacy, whereas Turkish people define themselves in terms of the community and have an intense passion for helping one another, a quality some Americans might find intrusive.

"If they think you need help, they'll do it for you whether you want it or not," Folk commented.

Seeing her people through a more objective lens, Ozturk also learned an important truth about human nature and the complexity of each individual. "I am now more tolerant of diversity because I saw how your environment can impact what values you have," she said.

Bringing along their 17-year-old son, Eddie, the couple made it not only a scholarly expedition but also a family experience. He enrolled in an international high school, where he made friends from all over

the world, many of whose parents worked for NATO. One of the most exciting experiences Folk shared with his son occurred when the two attended a Turkish soccer game and cheered on their favorite league to a championship victory.

During their stay, the family lived in a furnished apartment in Izmir, complete with old-style furniture and elegant chandeliers. For Folk, who remained fascinated by the countless historical and architectural aspects of the city, the traditionally decorated Turkish apartment "was like living in a museum."

Teaching at Ege University, Folk and Ozturk became the fast favorites of their students, who upon entering college, were required to choose their major and pass a qualifying exam in their chosen field. As a result, the students were both skilled and interested in the curricula that Folk and Ozturk were teaching. Folk compared the academic mindset of the Turkish undergraduates to American graduate students, but also noted that they were used to professors presenting the material dryly.

"We have to try to be exciting enough to make U.S. students interested [in our classes]," Folk said, but because Turkish students choose a major so soon, professors are not forced to lecture to an uninterested audience. Even before their journey to Ege University, Folk's sense of humor and Ozturk's passionate approach to the sciences had already earned them popularity among McKendree students. Consequently, he remarked, "the [Turkish] students loved our style of teaching."

Another discrepancy that they recognized between undergraduates at Ege University and those at McKendree was the way in which the culture teaches students to view their professors. The name by which all Turkish students call their professors translates as "My Master." Folk proudly brought back his nameplate, which reads "Professor

Dr. Patrick A. Folk," as a souvenir of the high level of formality and respect that professors receive in Turkey.

When asked if he picked up any Turkish words there, Folk replied that his students spoke nothing but English around him; therefore, he was never immersed in the native language. "I could order two beers and a *simit*, which is like a Turkish doughnut," he laughed. When he did speak to Turks in their language, however, it was usually to say "Turkish yok," meaning "I don't speak Turkish."

Outside the classroom, Folk and Ozturk gave several presentations in their fields of study to faculty and other noteworthy individuals, such as the U.S. Consul. Although Turkey is a relatively safe country, certain terrorist groups like the Kurdistan Workers' Party or PKK have targeted Americans. Serious precautions were taken when either professor traveled to other universities to present.

In one instance, riot police armed with machine guns and an armored van were called to transport both professors to Folk's presentation at the home of the U.S. Consul. Such strict security measures left them with an eerie feeling, and they soon learned that not every threat could be foreseen. Once in the building where Folk was scheduled to present, they traveled up 28 stories in an elevator packed with accompanying security officers and the Consul himself. When the elevator stalled between floors, the thought of a potential terrorist attack flashed across everyone's minds. Several minutes later, the doors were finally forced open, and the temporary captives climbed out into the very room where an audience of 100 people waited for Folk to present. Although they can laugh about it now, Folk and Ozturk agree it won't be an experience they'll soon forget.

Other fascinating aspects of their trip were the countless historical and geographic wonders they witnessed firsthand. "It was like visiting places you only read about in books," Ozturk said. In Turkey itself, the

influence of a multitude of cultures is evident in seven centuries of ruins that lay scattered about the countryside. Although Folk said to some, they may appear to be just "a set of old rocks," he was enthralled by the physical evidence of ancient civilizations.

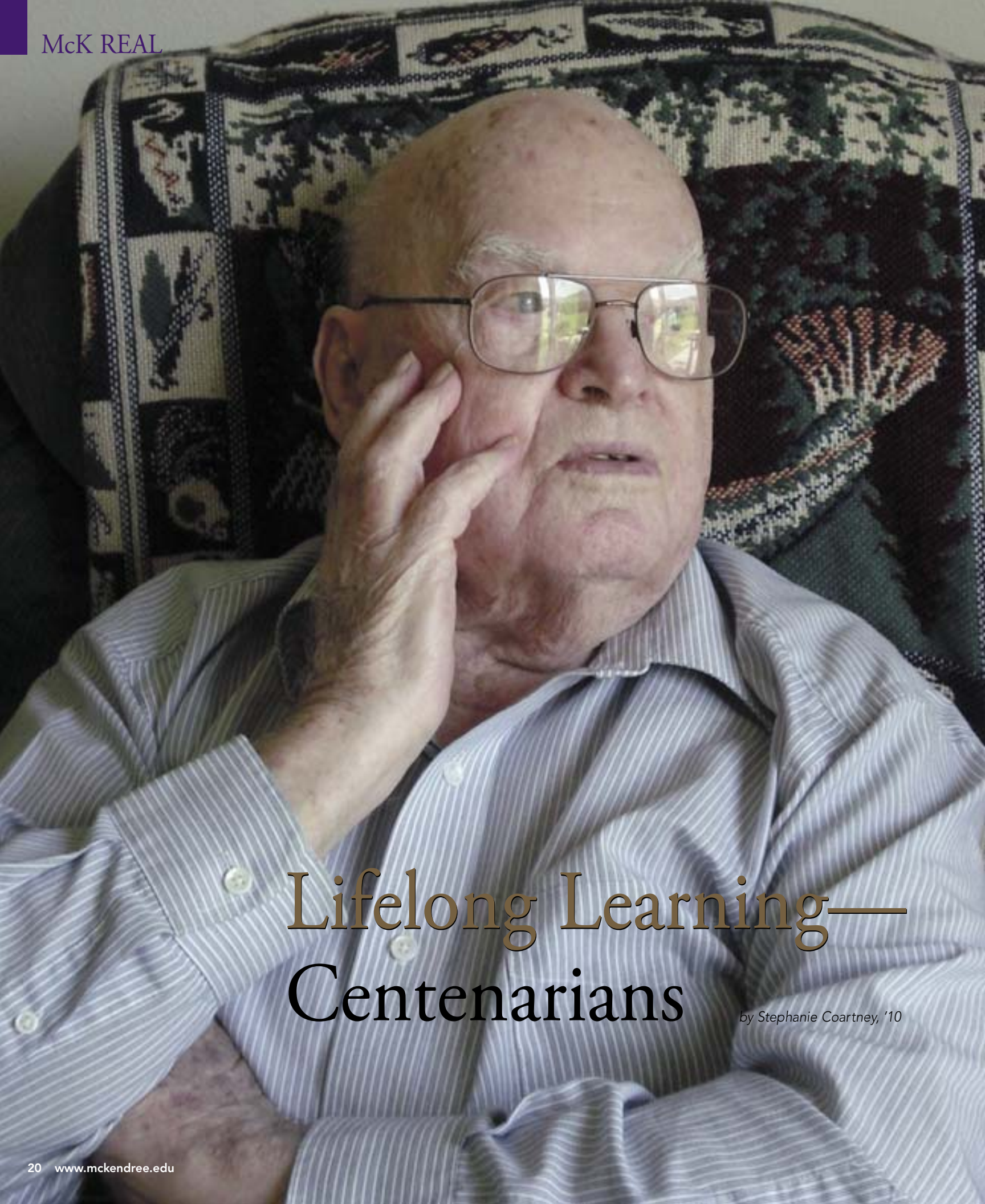
From scuba diving at Antalya, a popular Turkish vacation spot, to visiting the ancient church Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, Folk and Ozturk gained a unique appreciation for the country's landscape and rich past. Their sightseeing included an extensive European tour to such places as the city of Troy, Ephesus, Paris and the Swiss Alps.

After a year in Turkey, both professors felt they learned much more about themselves as Americans and teachers. "One constant was the student-to-teacher relationship," Ozturk said. "Your students want to know, do you care about them?" Whether they are Turkish or American, she noted that students have a universal need to believe in the dedication of their professor for a productive relationship to form.

Something Folk knew his former McKendree students would expect from him was his commentary on the excellent Turkish cuisine. "It was wonderful; everything there is fresh," he said. Having lost 15 pounds simply by eating the native food, he added, "Turks don't know about transfat."

After returning to the United States, Folk believes he learned even more about American culture than that of the Turks. Intrinsic differences between the two societies forced him to analyze himself and his own culture in a deeper way. Folk hopes to bring "American Thought," one of the courses he taught at Ege University, to McKendree in the future. With such a wealth of experiences and knowledge from their stay, Folk and Ozturk have even more to offer their students and the campus community.





Lifelong Learning— Centenarians

by Stephanie Coartney, '10

Together their ages make up over half a millennium of life lived to the fullest. Eighty years ago, each of these five McKendree alumni first enrolled as students in the college they would come to cherish for countless decades to come. Although life in the early 1930's appeared very different on the surface than it is today, the underlying hopes, dreams and concerns of college students have remained essentially the same. As our nation currently experiences its own economic recession, students today are gaining a similar perspective on the value of money as students at the beginning of the Great Depression. The search for a stable career, a new sense of independence and the drive to discover all life has to offer characterize McKendree students both then and now. Even though these five extraordinary centenarians never expected to see 100 years of history pass them by, they all continue to carry special memories of their time at McKendree, something which current students are building today.



Elmer Rigg
b. July 13, 1906
Graduating Class of 1932

At age 102, Elmer Rigg is McKendree's oldest living alumnus. Although he has experienced more years of life than any other McKendree graduate, those from his alma mater continue to stand out in his mind with incredible vividness.

"I came to McKendree because a friend talked me into it," Rigg said, revealing a subtle sense of humor which has remained part of his character since college days. Jimmy Horton was Rigg's persuasive young friend who convinced him that a degree was important to obtain. The two chose to room together at McKendree because "it was one of the cheapest colleges around."

Tuition came to \$45 per semester during Rigg's time as a student. In spite of McKendree's affordability compared to nearby institutions, the effects of the Great Depression were plainly visible in students' willingness to work any odd job to earn enough for college expenses. Rigg noted that he "worked everywhere I could to earn money," from selling books to cleaning the dormitories to running errands for the President's wife.

Aspiring towards a degree in chemistry, Rigg also occupied the job of chemistry assistant in the laboratory, which earned him an amusing caption in the 1932 yearbook: "In chemistry lab he is sure to be found; if there's nothing to do, he won't be around."

One of his fondest memories of McKendree stems from his close relationship with his chemistry professor, who frequently invited Rigg

and a few other students to his home to play cards in the evening. Equally memorable was the rare treat of oranges that his instructor received directly from Florida and generously shared with students during game nights. On several occasions throughout his college career, Rigg even engaged President Harmon in a game of chess.

After graduation from McKendree, Rigg became a teacher at Alvin High School in Rossville, Illinois and later taught students in Vandalia. In 1939, he obtained a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois and in 1943 moved to Waupun, Wisconsin to work as a chemist in a canning factory. Although Rigg eventually became superintendent of the plant, he decided to return to teaching when the company began major salary cuts in 1960. He was soon appointed principal of Waupun Middle School, a position he occupied for ten years before retiring.

With his eyesight failing at age 101, Rigg finally thought it was time to move into an assisted living facility.

Although he remarked that he has not been able to visit McKendree's campus recently, he tries to remain updated on the changes that have taken place over the years.

"I hear it's progressing and improving," he said. With such a storehouse of memories about McKendree's past, Rigg paints a singularly personal portrayal of college life more than 70 years ago.



Grace Renner Welch
b. June 18, 1909
Graduating Class of 1930

"Amazing Grace." It's the name by which fellow residents of the Belleville retirement home where Grace Welch lives have come to know and love her. At age 99, Welch still walks down a flight of stairs every day to the dining hall to receive her meals and cheerfully hobnob with neighbors. With an inviting disposition and a warm smile for all she meets, "Amazing Grace" is truly a remarkable lady.

After moving to Lebanon when she was 12 years old and graduating high school at the age of 16, Welch described her choice to attend McKendree as "automatic." Her parents, who were natives of Lebanon, encouraged her to enroll at the college her father attended in 1897.

Welch noted that the McKendree she knew as a student was vastly different from what it is today. For instance, all classes were held in Old Main, and the only stage available for dramatic productions was in the Chapel. Welch's love of acting inspired her to earn roles in several of the student plays. Her musical talent landed her a place as clarinet player in the band and orchestra.

As one can observe from glancing through the 1930 edition of McKendree's yearbook, Welch remained involved in many activities and organizations from French Club to the Clonian Literary Society.

While her passion for language led her to pursue a bachelor's degree in English, one particular class shifted her focus from the written word

to the way language was spoken. The course was titled "Expression," stemming from its requirement of students to find different ways to verbally express a story or poem to the rest of the class. It was then that Welch realized her heart lay in teaching speech; however, at the time, McKendree did not offer a degree in the field of communication.

Upon graduation, Welch sought her master's degree in speech at Northwestern Illinois University and two years later, obtained a job as an English instructor at Longpoint High School near Chicago. With the Great Depression bearing down on all Americans, she was forced to live with two other boarders in a stranger's home due to the unaffordable expense of an apartment.

"I have seen McKendree grow from a little, tiny college to a big University and it has changed beyond my imagination."

A short time later, Welch accepted a job at Wood River High School where the salary and living conditions were more comfortable. She soon left her career, however, in order to marry and raise a family. As an unspoken social rule, "a woman could not be married and teach," Welch explained; therefore, she wore her engagement ring on a chain under her blouse for a year before quitting.

During the 1940's, Welch returned to Lebanon and periodically served as a freshman English instructor for McKendree when the college was



Merle Lang Baker
b. July 21, 1908
Graduating Class of 1931

For McKendree alumna Merle Lang Baker, the memory of her college years remains as fresh and alive as the vibrancy of her own character at 100 years old.

A graduate of Lebanon High School, Baker chose to attend McKendree because it was in town and close enough to walk to campus. She and her close friend Grace Renner Welch ('30) spent both high school and college together and still enjoy reminiscing with each other about their time at McKendree.

Baker noted that among the most memorable aspects of college life were the professors she grew to know and cherish.

Dr. Edwin P. Baker, for whom Baker Residence Hall is named, occupied the position of dean at the time and later became Merle Baker's father-in-law.

Voice and music instructor Pauline Harper's deep and lasting impact on her students made her "a very loved teacher," said Baker, who was a member of the glee club. Harper led the glee club on travels through neighboring towns to give concerts in Methodist churches and showcase talented McKendree students.

Baker also recalled the administration and faculty's strict guidelines for attending daily chapel services. Roll was taken to ensure all students were present, however attendance was optional for Friday's student-run service. Baker laughingly recounted how angry the music professor, Dr. Kleinschmidt, became on one occasion when students hired a young St. Louis jazz musician to play the organ during the service.

Upon graduating and embarking on a teaching career, Baker experienced the harsh reality of the Great Depression after her pleasant life at McKendree. The Depression made it very difficult for graduates to obtain jobs. Baker's passion for education led her to teach for two years at the Lebanon Grade School before she enrolled at McKendree and that experience helped her find a job after college.

"I loved teaching," Baker explained, "and I always felt I owed something to McKendree for giving me the abilities to do what I enjoyed."

Although she never expected to live to see an entire century pass, Baker cherishes her short but precious time at the college that prepared her for the work ahead and enriched her life with unforgettable experiences.

in need of one. Never losing her love for speech, however, Welch put her knowledge and caring nature to use by providing speech therapy for adults within her own home.

Finally, she received the job she had always longed for when McKendree's speech instructor quit with only a few weeks left before classes began. The college quickly recognized her talent and sincere devotion to the students; consequently, Welch became a full-time faculty member teaching in the field for which she was most passionate.

In 1995, Welch's family established the Robert and Grace Renner Welch Endowed Opening Performance of the McKendree Fine Art Series to honor the couple's 60th wedding anniversary and provide support for the school's growing dramatic arts program.

As a former student and later a professor, Grace Welch's relationship with her alma mater has evolved to fit her changing roles but her love and respect for it remains undiminished.

"I have seen McKendree grow from a little, tiny college to a big university," she remarked, "and it has changed beyond my imagination."

To celebrate her 99th birthday last summer, Welch attended a performance by renowned opera singer Christine Brewer ('76) at the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts. With such a variety of experiences at McKendree as it has evolved over time, "Amazing Grace" has marked the university's past in a way that is best described as simply "amazing."



Harold Kaeser
b. December 7, 1906
Graduating Class of 1930

Known for his outstanding athletic career as an undergraduate at McKendree, Harold Kaeser has proven that leading an active lifestyle—coupled with an abundance of Bearcat pride—really can result in a longer life.

In the fall of 1926, Kaeser moved from his home in Belleville to the men's dormitory at McKendree, then Carnegie Hall. While adjusting to the rules and regulations of dorm life was a challenge for him, he remarked that the close friendships formed in college are some of his most lasting memories of McKendree.

Kaeser worked in the student cafeteria, located in Pearsons Hall at the time, and served as a resident assistant for the first floor of Carnegie during his senior year. He also chauffeured President Cameron Harmon whenever a speaking engagement required him to travel. These positions not only helped Kaeser financially but also introduced him to a variety of new friends and experiences he has never forgotten.

Undoubtedly Kaeser's most unforgettable college moment was when he met the young woman with whom he would spend more than seven decades of his life. He still remembers the exact location on campus where he first set eyes on Juanita Bush, then a first-year student, in his senior year. They were married on Feb. 1, 1931 and have enjoyed 78 years together.

Nicknamed "Whitey" for his blond hair, Kaeser became a recognized figure among McKendree students and coaches alike. However, his impressive reputation stemmed from more than merely his physical appearance and genuine character. Kaeser won a total of ten varsity letters as an athlete on McKendree's football, basketball and baseball teams and was a Purple M recipient. In the 1929 yearbook he is acknowledged as a "deadly tackler, a wonderful blocker and a genius at snaring passes...a real backfield star." Kaeser demonstrated the same talent and consistence as a pitcher for the baseball team and a guard in basketball, which led to a role as assistant coach to Glen Filley in Bearcat basketball during his senior year.

After graduation, Kaeser became a coach and social studies instructor at Kinmundy High School and later served as superintendent of the

school district in Greenup, Illinois. In 2002, he was inducted into McKendree's Athletic Hall of Fame for his superior performance and contribution to Bearcat Athletics.

"I think McKendree's progression [during] the last 13 years has been outstanding under the direction of President James Dennis, and I am particularly proud of the athletic program developed by Coach Harry Statham," Kaeser observed.

Continuing to follow the progress of McKendree's sports teams, Kaeser displays an eager dedication to his alma mater that has truly withstood the test of time.

Then:

Student enrollment:
413 in 1929
287 in 1932

Cost of full time tuition:
\$45 in 1929
\$70 in 1932

Unemployment rate:
4.2% in 1929
24.1% in 1932

Random facts:
13 cents for a gallon of gas
10 cents for a loaf of bread
2 cents for a stamp



Mary Adams Bernreuter
b. May 2, 1908
Freshman Class of 1929

At age 21, Mary Adams Bernreuter loaded her belongings onto her father's Model T to make the journey from her rural home in Oakdale, Illinois to attend classes at McKendree College. The year was 1929, and she excitedly moved into Clark Residence Hall with one of her friends from church as a roommate.

Unlike the majority of today's college freshmen, Bernreuter had already experienced dormitory life during high school. Living in one of the many tiny farming communities in Southern Illinois, she attended the nearest high school in Sparta, where students whose commutes took them miles from home were obliged to reside. From her time at McKendree's female dormitory Clark Hall, she recollects thoroughly enjoying life with the other girls on her floor and being especially fond of her house mother.

Bernreuter attended the general classes required of all first year students in the hopes of eventually obtaining a degree in education. She was also a member of CLIO Literary Society, in which she remembers reading a variety of literary pieces and giving impromptu speeches on them.

Despite her bright plans and dreams for her future at McKendree, Bernreuter's father passed away shortly after her freshman year. In turn, she felt compelled to return home to provide support for her mother.

Searching for work without the aid of a college degree, Bernreuter retained an undaunted love for teaching and consequently earned a job in a one-room schoolhouse as instructor for 25 children from all grade levels.

"I had to be the janitor as well as the teacher," Bernreuter noted, recalling how her responsibilities included such additional tasks as stoking the stove every morning.

Although her time at McKendree was but a brief moment in her 100 years of life, it nevertheless directed the course of her future. Seated behind her in all of her classes was a young man named Edward Bernreuter with hopes and plans of his own, which soon changed after he met Mary. She ended her teaching career within a few years, devoting her time to the responsibilities of a wife and mother. They enjoyed 75 years of marriage before his death in 2004.

Bernreuter continues to reflect with pleasure upon her year in college and the life that stemmed from her time there.

"I was always very happy at McKendree," she remarked. As a result, she has memories that have lasted a lifetime.

Now:

Student enrollment:
2,304 undergraduate and
1,012 graduate (total—3,316)

Cost of full time tuition:
\$20,570

Unemployment rate:
Jan. 20, 2009: 7.2%

Random facts:
\$1.84 for a gallon of gas
(national average on Jan. 20, 2009)
\$2.30 for a loaf of bread
42 cents for a stamp

Lasting Connections



Throughout her 181 years, McKendree has welcomed hundreds of families with multiple generations of alumni. These families share common bonds and traits. Many students who follow in their parents footsteps have the same instructors and professors in class and have also followed similar career paths. Like most families, they are close-knit.

These people came to McKendree for the same reason that their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, cousins or aunts or uncles did—the small campus, family atmosphere that offered career-based liberal arts education. The ties among family members as well as the connection to McKendree have carried on throughout generations.

Two of these multiple generation legacies are the Price and Souders families. In addition to sharing multiple generations of alumni, the two families are linked by their service to the Methodist Church.

Dennis Price '73 came to McKendree to begin a career as a Methodist minister. While a student at McKendree, Dennis met his wife Iris (Jahn) Price '73. Iris was a second generation McKendree student following in the footsteps of her aunt Joyce (Perotka) Stough '57. Iris' sister Julie (Jahn) Ford '76, her brother, Jeff Jahn '73 and wife Cathy (Boyer) Jahn '73, and Dennis' brother Greg Price '74 and nephew Miles Price '96, are all McKendree alumni.

After graduation, Dennis went on to seminary and then began his career at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville. For the last 20 years, Dennis has served as the senior pastor of Troy United Methodist Church. His oldest son Tim '94, has followed closely in Dennis' footsteps, not only by attending McKendree, but through his involvement in the church. He is currently the worship design pastor at Troy UMC. Like his father, Tim also met his wife Suzanne (Pulliam) Price '95 at McKendree. If the

family connection remains consistent, their daughter, Ruby, will be a member of the Class of 2026!

McKendree is a way of life in the Price family. Over a dozen members of Dennis Price's family have attended McKendree over the years. Of seven cousins, five graduated from McKendree, including Dennis and Greg. The cousins include:

Agnes (Robinson) Pocklington '63, daughter Betty (Pocklington) Hendrey '96 and husband Darin Hendrey '97

Fred Robinson '68 and Bonnie (Baer) Robinson '79, daughter Melissa (Robinson) Meeker '93 and husband Tim Meeker '94

Larry Weber '66 and Nina (Misegades) Weber '66



The Souders family patriarch, Edward Souders, graduated from McKendree in 1945 and went on to Garrett Theological Seminary and a long and distinguished career as a Methodist minister. His son Bob grew up listening to stories about McKendree. While in high school, Bob knew he would also answer the call to become a minister. He chose McKendree because even for its small enrollment (at the time), “McKendree offered what I needed to get into seminary.” The half-tuition benefit extended to ministers and their families also made a difference.

Along with his sister Mary (Souders) Cook '57, Bob followed in his father's footsteps and graduated in 1958. Prior to coming to McKendree, Bob met his wife Beverly (Drury) Souders '58 and the couple were married after their sophomore year.

Bob went on to attend seminary and spent 37 years as the Senior Pastor at St. Matthew United Methodist Church

in Belleville, before retiring in 2002. While at St. Matthew, Bob and Dennis Price's paths crossed when Dennis was hired to serve on the ministerial staff. Bob and Dennis worked together for six years at St. Matthew, before Dennis moved on to serve at another church. Although their time together at St. Matthew was brief, their love of the ministry and their alma mater keep them connected.

The story does not end there. Within Bob and Beverly's family, son Greg and daughter Shauna (Souders) Neaville '91 both attended and met their spouses, Brenda (Meyer) Souders '76 and Tony Neaville '91, at McKendree. Currently, Shauna's son Nick is carrying on the family tradition and is a freshman at McKendree.

Shauna Neaville recalls “Living in Belleville, I had visited the campus many times while in grade school and high school. My parents were always attending basketball games and every time I was

there, it always looked so beautiful. When I was ready to go to college, I never even considered anyplace else. McKendree was where I was meant to be.”

In addition to the long line of McKendreens produced by Bob and Beverly, Beverly's brother Randal Drury and Bob's nephew Phil Souders '77 also attended McKendree.



Top: Mary (Souders) Cook, Nick Souders, bottom: Beverly Souders, Robert Souders

Women's Soccer Team Wins Sixth Consecutive Conference Championship; Coach Strange Named Coach of the Year

The McKendree women's soccer team won their sixth-straight American Midwest Conference championship in 2008. The Bearcats had their best season in school history, ending their season in the second round of the NAIA women's soccer National Championship, with an overall record of 19-2-1. Their 19 wins is a new school record and their 22 games played ties the school mark.

The McKendree University women's soccer team had six players earn All-Conference recognition, nine players earn Academic All-Conference honors and also had the American Midwest Conference Player, Freshman, and Newcomer of the Year.

Junior forward Sarah Ryan was named the 2008 AMC Player of the Year. Ryan tied the McKendree single season school record with 21 goals this season, including five game-winning goals. Her 51 points also set a new single season mark at McKendree. Ryan was named to the first team All-American Midwest



Sarah Ryan receives the 2008 AMC Player of the Year award.

Conference, Brine-NAIA All-America honorable mention, Academic All-Conference team, and Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete team.

Defender Chrissy Ghirardi, a first year transfer from St. Louis University, was named AMC Newcomer of the Year. Ghirardi has been a key member of a Bearcat defense that has held opponents to only nine goals this season. She also had one goal and one assist this season.

Freshman midfielder Sulyn Keomanivane was named the 2008 AMC Freshman of the Year. Keomanivane scored 20 goals this season. She was a first team All-Conference selection and was awarded Brine-NAIA women's soccer honorable mention All-America honors.

Head Coach Tim Strange was named NAIA Northwest Region Women's Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The award by the NSCAA is the third coach of the year honor awarded to Strange following the 2008 season. He also won his sixth straight AMC Women's Coach of the Year award and second consecutive AMC Men's Coach of the Year award. Currently in his tenth season as head women's soccer coach, he led the Lady Bearcats to a regular season record of 19-2-1 and a 10-0 record in the AMC.



Katelyn Kombrink is an Ace On and Off the Court

Senior volleyball player Katelyn Kombrink is a leader both on and off the court. In her four years at McKendree, the middle hitter amassed a program record 191 aces and is just the fifth player in school history to record over 1,000 career kills with 1055. In 2008, she registered 315 kills, 121 blocks (60 solos) and 60 service aces. She led the Bearcats to a 18-17 overall record and advanced to the semifinal round of the American Midwest Conference tournament.

The two-time AMC Volleyball Player of the Week has earned impressive accolades that are consistent with the hard work that she has spent as a Bearcat on the volleyball court. This season, she was awarded NAIA women's volleyball All-America honors and was named a first team selection for both the AVCA All-Region team and AMC All-Conference squad. She was also named to the Academic All-Conference team and Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete team.

Kombrink's accomplishments off the court are equally impressive. A member of Phi Kappa Phi, she has a 3.970 GPA and has been named to the President's List six times. She will graduate with a B.S. in Health Education this spring after both a successful academic and athletic career at McKendree.



Mr. McKendree tips his hat to the players and fans on his 89th birthday.



Coach Harry Statham, President James Dennis and Bogey celebrate with Wayne Bise on this 92nd birthday this Fall.

“He simply was, for many of us, a great friend.”

‘Mr. McKendree’ Wayne Bise, 1916-2008

McKendree University lost perhaps its greatest fan when Wayne Bise (’38), a beloved alumnus and honorary coach known as “Mr. McKendree,” passed away on Nov. 10 at age 92.

One of McKendree’s most visible alumni, Bise was a regular visitor to campus and a familiar face at alumni gatherings, fine arts performances and sporting events. He was a proud charter member of the McKendree University Sports Hall of Fame, inducted in 1988.

“He was a wonderful friend and supporter of the university. He demonstrated his love and affection for this institution and all who worked and studied here,” said Dr. James Dennis, president. “He simply

was, for many of us, a great friend. We will miss him and his many contributions.”

Bise’s enthusiastic lifelong support of his alma mater and Bearcat sports earned him the title “Mr. McKendree” and a permanent honor as the football team’s “traditions coach.” For as long as he was able, he attended most Bearcat basketball and football home games and often traveled with the team. Before the 1996 homecoming game, head football coach Carl Poelker asked Bise to address the players. His pre-game speech became an annual event.

Bise grew up in tiny Ullin, Ill., near Cairo and graduated from Mounds Community High School. The principal, a McKendree alumnus, secured for him a \$5 scholarship to apply to the \$75-per-semester college tuition.

He was a “big man on campus” in his day—a student class president and excellent athlete, earning 11 varsity letters in the 1930s. He was twice chosen the basketball team’s Most Valuable Player and once football MVP.

After graduation, Bise returned to Mounds High, where he taught five subjects and coached the six-man football team. He was a World War II veteran and a retired Navy Commander, pilot and instructor who wrote a book, “Cruiser Flyboy,” in 1991 about his naval warfare experiences.

A little known music composer, Bise wrote and recorded three songs in the 50’s and 60’s—including “Seventeen Little Kisses,” which was recorded by Bristow Hopper and appeared on a Roy Orbison album.

1942



Bonnye Borcharding '42, Wilma Kennedy '42 and Flossine Baker '42 gathered for a small reunion of classmates from the class of 1942.

1954

Rev. Samuel Totten '54 officiated three of his grandchildren's weddings over the summer of 2008.

1957

Joan (Diller) McBride '57 retired from full-time teaching and now teaches GED classes in Half Moon Bay, Calif.



The following alumni attended the Class of '58 Golden Anniversary Reunion at Homecoming 2008. L-R: Gene Biggs, Rev. Dr. Miley Palmer, Barbara (Bradshaw) Brewer, Rev. Robert Souders, Beverly Souders, Kaywynne (Weiler) Adams, Rev. Philip Gardner

1960

Harry Statham '60 was named 2007-2008 AMC Athletic Director of the Year.

1963

Charles Rann '63 is the director of the Freemont Civic Choir in Freemont County, Colo.

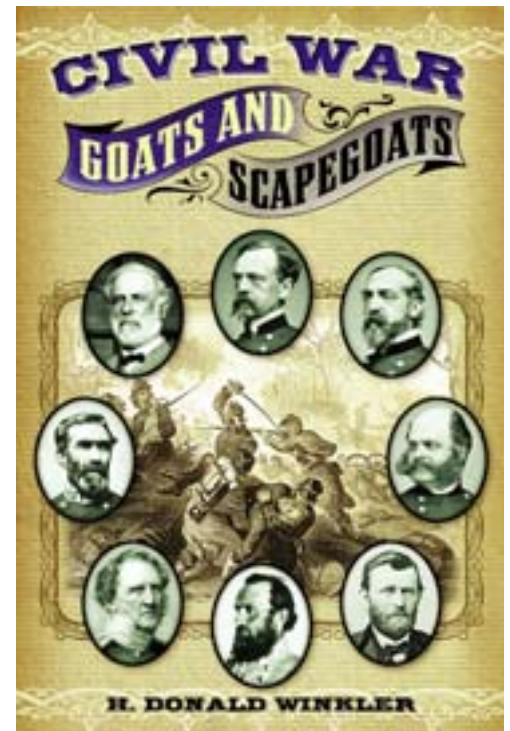
1966

Henry Davis '66 biked the Katy Trail in St. Charles, Mo.

Dr. Lyle Jensen '66 is working with Peace Corps Volunteers in Korea.

1973

Roger Aldridge '73 is a music director and composer for B-WOB, a 10 piece contemporary ensemble in Maryland.



H. Donald Winkler '54, had his third book "Civil War Goats and Scapegoats" published in 2008.

A retired university administrator, Winkler has spent more than thirteen years on original research into the women in Abraham Lincoln's life, the conspiracy around his death and the political and military blunders made during the Civil War.

Based on the success of his first two books, "Lincoln's Ladies" and "Lincoln and Booth," Winkler was invited to speak at several Lincoln bicentennial events this year, including being the featured speaker at the Carl Sandburg National Historic Site's "Celebration of Lincoln" event.

A member of the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame, he has received 84 national awards as a writer and editor.

1977

Georgia (Cockrum) Costello '77 has been named president of Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, Ill. Georgia was one of the recipients of the Generations of Success Award from SWIC on Nov. 21, 2008.

1978

Kirk Hinson '78 is employed as a lean/six sigma black belt and continuous improvement expert for DTE Energy in Detroit, Mich.

Steve Lemons '78 is the director of parish operations for Good Shepherd church in Shawnee, Kans.

Alex Prather '78 is a computer specialist for the US Treasury in Fairview Heights, Ill.

1982

Lucille Rakers '82 retired after nearly 50 years of service from St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, Ill.

1983

Helen Essenpreis '83, director of the Women and Infants Center received the Gold Seal of Approval from The Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation. Helen works at St. Joseph Hospital in Breese, Ill.

1984

Suzanne (Mudd) Yarber '84 received the USTRANSCOM'S Civilian of 3rd Quarter; Category III in 2008 at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

1985

Tim Stanberry '85 is the athletic director and an assistant football coach at Dupu High School in Dupu, Ill.

1987

Vernon Ferry '87 is a football coach at Dupu High School in Dupu, Ill.

1990

Donna (Boisseau) Hinson '90 opened a new exhibit, *Looking through the Landscape of Life*, featuring the watercolor paintings on Nov. 21, 2008 at Outside the Lines Art Gallery in Grosse Ile, Mich.



Michelle (Mersinger) Ray '90, and husband, Mark, announce the birth of Elliana Clare on Aug. 22, 2008. Michelle is an account manager at Amgen in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

1991

Christine Westfall '91 works in accounts payable for the Central East Alcoholism and Drug Council in Charleston, Ill.

1996



Dan Nelson '96 ran in the Lewis & Clark half-marathon in St. Charles, Mo. on Sept. 14, 2008 and finished 409th out of 2429 participants.



Kathleen (Brennan) O'Neill '96, husband, **Brian '96**, and daughter, Carleigh, announce the birth of Brennan Joseph on June 20, 2008.

1998

Jan Becherer '98 is vice president of patient care services at Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

1999



Amanda Heffren '08 and Cletus Kaemmerer were married June 9, 2007 in the Bothwell Chapel. Amanda is a product sales manager for Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council in Glen Carbon, Ill.



The following alumni attended the Alpha Psi Omega Reunion and Fall play on Nov. 1, 2008. L-R: Melissa (Kaegel) Lampkin '88, Chris (Jones) Luelf '88, Bob Luetkenhaus '90

Rebecca Hegger '99, married Eric Brown on June 21, 2008. Rebecca is employed as a controller by Munie Greencare Professionals in Caseyville, Ill.

Natalie (Davis) Jablonski '99 was named to the Board of Directors for the St. Louis Planned Giving Council.

Renee (Auchterlonie) Koeneman '99, **MAED '06** and husband, Richard, announce the birth of Noah George on Aug. 26, 2008.

Joel Miller '99 married Jerrilyn Cox on Sept. 13, 2008. Joel is an ORM team leader for Nestle Purina Pet Care Co., in St. Louis, Mo.



Chris Mitchell '99 and **Mary Ann Tierney** were married Aug. 16, 2008. Chris is sports information director at Washington University in St. Louis. He

had five top-five finishes, including best in the nation for women's basketball game program cover and men's and women's tennis media guide cover in the 2008 annual CoSIDA Publications Contest.

Jennifer (Harris) Pickerell '99, husband, **Rob '01**, and son, Trevor, announce the birth of Kaitlyn Nicole on Sept. 9, 2008. Jennifer is the director of career services at McKendree University and Rob is the branch sales manager and assistant vice president for Regions Bank in Belleville, Ill.

Manny Trupiano '99 and **Jon Weaving '99** are the co-owners of Johnny's Pizza in Fairview Heights, Ill.



Ferox members past and present enjoy the Homecoming festivities.

2000



Leslie (Fletcher) Daugherty '01, husband **Matthew '01**, and daughter, Roxy announce the birth of Nora Mae on Oct. 21, 2008.



Becky (Bourner) Dedert '00 and husband, Bob, announce the birth of Addison Ellen on Sept. 10, 2008



Lee Ann Fletcher '00 married Jason Schaeffer on Nov. 22, 2008 at Bothwell Chapel.

Jason Stearns '00 married Lauren Schneider on April 12, 2008. Jason is an account manager with Hilti Corp. of Tulsa, Okla. and works from his home in St. Louis, Mo.

Kyle Steel '00 is a national account executive with United Parcel Service.

2001

Jodie Bell '01 married Matthew Seipp on Nov. 8, 2008. Jodie is a teacher and head of the English department at O'Fallon High School in O'Fallon, Ill.

Shane Cope '01 married Jessica Switzer on Sept. 13, 2008. Shane is a salesman at Cope Marine in O'Fallon, Ill.

Mike Garavalia '01 married Donna King on Oct. 27, 2007. Mike is an attorney with Becker, Hoerner, Paulson & Thompson, P.C. in Belleville, Ill.



Dr. Clint Taylor '01, and wife, Kelly, announce the birth of Audrey Belle on July 8, 2008.

2002

Crystal Eldridge '02 received the Mt. Vernon Teacher of the Week award.

Christine (Frederking) Haynes '02 is a teacher at St. Libory School in St. Libory, Ill.



Michael Long '02 and **Kelly Pieper '02** were married on July 12, 2008. The mother of the groom is **Arleen Long '66**. The

matron of honor was **Karla (Pieper) Schank '03**. The bridesmaids were **Anna (Pieper) Sahrhage '99** and **Dana (Long) Donovan '97**. The groomsman was **Tim Huller '02**. The ushers were **Thomas Pieper '06** and **Ben Pieper '09**. The photographer was **Denise (Wottowa) Huller '03**.

Christine (Leeper) Otten '02 is a social worker at National Children's Cancer Society in St. Louis, Mo.

Beth (Cherry) Toennies '02 is a business teacher at Centralia High School in Centralia, Ill.

2003



Tyler Atwood '03 is copy manager at WSMI/WAOX Radio in Litchfield, Ill. **Rebecca Bisso '03** and **Kurt Rakers** were married Aug. 30,

2008. Rebecca is a quality assurance specialist with American Red Cross in St. Louis, Mo.

Tara Grandcolas '03 and **Brian Garcia** were married Aug. 2, 2008. Tara is a teacher at Holy Childhood Catholic Grade School in Mascoutah, Ill.



Christina (Wegener) Haselhorst '03, and husband, **Joe**, announce the birth of **Logan James** on Oct. 15, 2008.

Sarah Hollaway '03 and **Brandon Lindemann** were married June 14, 2008. Sarah is a physical education/health teacher at Whiteside Middle School in Belleville, Ill.



Daniel Kelley '03 and **Alexandra Spiers** were married May 17, 2008. Daniel is the editor of the *O'Fallon Progress* newspaper in O'Fallon, Ill.

Matt Laur '03 and wife **Carrie** announce the birth of a son, **Ty Steven** on July 21, 2008. Matt is a director of basketball operations at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.



Scott Mehring '03 and **Kelly (Kutscher) Mehring '03** announce the birth of **Abigail Christine** on Oct. 22, 2008

Luis A. Mendoza '03 is a Junior High social studies teacher at Oakland School District #5 in Oakland, Ill.



Chad Nordike '03, **Jeana (Deiters) Nordike '05**, and son, **Mason** announce the birth of **Madelyn Maxine** on June 26, 2008.



The following alumni participated in the Baseball Alumni game on Oct. 12, 2008. Alpha: Todd Bauer '07, Josh Bell '07, Ed Breuchaud '03, David Causey '01, Joel Cryder '03, Brian Dinkelman '07, Jeremy Ellis '01, John Frech '03, Jay Gajewski '06, Justin Knolhoff '01, Woodrow Newsome '06, Bill Session '01, DJ Session '04, Matt Spotanski '06, Phil Von Hatten '01

Amy Rittmeyer '03 and Christopher Hackmann were married on Oct. 4, 2008. Amy is a probation officer for St. Clair County, Ill.

Erik Schank '03 is a state trooper for the Illinois State Police. Erik resides in Granite City, Ill.

Karla (Pieper) Schank '03 announces the birth of Logan Mitchell. Karla is a teacher at Granite City School District 9 in Granite City, Ill.

Daniel Winn '03 is a news anchor for KTRS Radio in St. Louis, Mo.

2004

Jacob Becker '04 is a teacher at Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, Ill.



Amanda Camillo '04 married Devin Meier on Dec. 11, 2008. Sara

McKenzie '04, Katie Steiger '06, and Melissa Stanfill '05 were bridesmaids.

Jermaine Cooper '04 is an IT Analyst II for Caterpillar Inc. Jermaine resides in Naperville, Ill.



The following alumni participated in a debate on McCain and Obama's health care plans on Oct. 27, 2008. L-R: Joe Blasdel '93, Paul Woodruff '07, Erin Conner '08, Courtney Logan '08, Steve Loftus '08

Adam Kee '04 was featured in "An Evening of Music and Comedy IV" at Don't Tell Mama on Oct. 14, 2008, in New York, N.Y.

John Keeven '04 was recognized in the *Belleville News Democrat Sunday Magazine* on Sept. 28, 2008, for playing on a local rugby team called the Rowdies.



Jennifer (Lerch) Miller '04, MAED '07, husband Eric and son Johnathon announce the birth of Raymond Thomas on Oct. 13,

2008. Jennifer is the assistant registrar and assistant volleyball coach at McKendree University.

Melanie Linnemann '04 and Kyle Friederich were married April 12, 2008. Melanie is an accountant for The Boeing Company in St. Louis, Mo.



Lindsay McMillin '04 and John Costello were married July 4, 2008.

Katie Reed '04 is a disability claims specialist for Allsup Inc in Belleville, Ill.

Kendra (Becherer) Sauzek '04 announces the birth of Marin Sauzek on June 3, 2008. Kendra is a claims representative at Allsup Inc. in Belleville, Ill.



The following alumni participated in the Alumni Men's Basketball game on Dec. 6, 2008. Front Row L-R: Lyle Rakers '99, T.J. Stone '09, Trent Kull '08, Rod Steele '08, Jeff Thornton '88, A.J. Rudd '08. Back Row L-R: Mark Collins '91, Steve Davis '93, Creo Argue '98, Brian Schutz '97, Marcus Prewitt '98, Brian Rudolphi '96, Dan Moore '00, Dion Flippens '01.



The following alumni participated in the Alumni Women's Basketball game on Nov. 22, 2008. Alpha: Angela Arbeiter '99, Nicole (Hartrich) Blakney '02, Kari (Crnkovich) Crask '96, Ashley (Mathias) Florey '02, Suzy Gerler '08, Stephanie (Beckmann) Hamilton '94, Kelly (Nettleton) Kennedy '01, Karyle Penelton '03, Jackie (Shubert) Knolhoff '02, Stephanie Sparks '05, Kristin (Hustedde) Von Hatten '03, Jeff Thornton '88 (Alumni Coach)

Rebecca Wendel '04 and Abel Schrader were married on June 6, 2008. Rebecca is a math teacher and tennis coach at Belleville East High School in Belleville, Ill.

2005



Ken Dandridge '05 and Catie Connelly '05 were married Sept. 6, 2008. Ken is a liability representative with Enterprise Rent-A-Car in St. Louis,

Mo and Catie is the director of communications at Bishop DuBourg High School in St. Louis, Mo.

Rhonda (Young) Darnell '05 graduated from USI with MSN/FNP and passed AANP and ANCC certification exams and is working as a family nurse practitioner.



Whitney Ehinger '05 and Patrick Wilson were married Oct. 18, 2008. Whitney is a senior public involvement specialist with HNTB Corporation in St. Louis, Mo.

Andrea Johnson '05 and Marcus Barriger were married Oct. 25, 2008. Andrea is a communication arts teacher at Bayless High School in St. Louis, Mo.

Kim Greenlee '05 is a special education teacher at Evansville Attendance Center in Evansville, Ill.



Amie Lewis '05 and Jacob Gauslow were married Oct. 19, 2008. Amie works at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Tex.

Lindsay Lott '05 and Jeff Suelmann '05 were married on June 21, 2008.

Kurtis McCray '05 is a police officer with the Alton Police Department in Alton, Ill.

Angela Surber '05 and Justin Lysakowski were married June 28, 2008. Angela is a first and second grade teacher at St. Agatha's School in New Athens, Ill.

Jennifer Sos '05 and David Stricker were married on Sept. 20, 2008 in Bothwell Chapel. Jennifer works for Peabody Energy.



Aimee (Westlake) Hale '05, and husband, Andrew, announce the birth of Evelyn Claire on June 22, 2008.

Carrie (Quinn) Winn '05 is a second grade teacher at Francis Howell School District in St. Charles, Mo.

2006



Emma Frost '06 married **Joseph Radosevich** on June 21, 2008. The couple resides in Austin, Tex.



Craig Fairfield '06 received a MBA in International Business from McKendree University. Craig teaches marketing at McKendree University and is a Marketing Manager at University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky.



Nicholas French '06 and **Kimberly Stoll '03** were married Oct. 18, 2008 at Bothwell Chapel. Nick graduated from the University of Missouri

St. Louis with a M.Ed. in Special Education on Aug. 2, 2008.

The following alumni participated in the Men's and Women's Soccer Alumni games on Aug. 16, 2008.

Women's team participants shown on right:

Alpha: Jennifer (Caveny) Briesacher '04, Crystal Cavins '03, Nicole Chappell '08, Laura Cox '07, Jillian Delabar '07, Jan Delaney '04, Stacy Dennis '00, Jamie Dienell '04, Amanda (Kirksey) Ferguson '05, Erin Fiudo '05, Brittany Fuzessery '09, Jamie (Dean) Gibson '02, Ashley Hayes '09, Natalie Jameson '07, Sara Kelemetc '05, Kelly (Kutscher) Mehring '03, Keri Ousley '05, Ashlee Ritchie '08, Shannon Roth '04, Jenna Shellenberg '07, Roxanne Simpson '02, Jessica Vasiloff '06, Nicole White '04, Jill Wolfmeier '08



Men's team participants shown below:

Alpha: Bob Barger '09, Don Bergstrom '00, Grant Brinkmeyer '01, Andy Brunner '01, Ryan Calvert '09, Danny Costello '06, Brandon Cox '00, Matt Craig '98, Drew Crawford '09, Tim Dew '08, Darren Erxleben '00, Jesse Essenpries '09, Kyle Gaither '99, Scott Genz '09, Kyle Gregory '07, Cole Harres '08,

Stephen Harris '77, Tim Henson '02, Jarius Holmes '09, Ryan Jacob '04, Chad Kutscher '01, Scott Kutscher '06, John Lee '99, Rob Lugge '06, Jeff Major '04, Jason Mathenia '98, Rick Niedringhaus '05, Ryan Polete '08, Jim Rudy '80, Dave Schmermund '08, Josiah Sherman '01, Tony Staudenmaier '85, Rob Staudenmaier '87, John Stremmlau '07, Jared Weston '06, Bill Zobrist '06





Erin Fry '06 and Casey Burkemper were married Sept. 13, 2008. Erin is a palace acquire intern at Scott Air Force Base.



Brittany Jackson '06 and Dustin Dobill were married April 26, 2008.



Curtis Stahl '06 and **Monica Todich '06** were married Sept. 6, 2008 on the McKendree campus.



The following Alumni participated in the Volleyball Alumni game during Homecoming on Oct. 11, 2008. Alpha: Amy (Johnson) Boblitt '01, Ashley (Herzing) Cryder '03, Codi (Dempster) Dew '07, Pam (Goestenors) Haselhorst '87, Barbara Letts '95, Melissa Meddows '05, Susan Mueller '04, Susan (Bechtoldt) Taylor '95



The following alumni are Alumni Board Members. Front L-R: Maria (Stallings) Page '89, MAED '06, Angela Collins '93, Connie (Holzinger) Elmore '86, Dana Barnard '00, Wendy LaBenne '97. Middle Row L-R: Chris Mitchell '99, Corky Helms '59, Lawrence Meggs '63. Back Row L-R: Rev. Victor Long '83, Scott Schulz '95, Dennis Korte '70, Jim Rudy '80, Clyde Brown '76, Kent Zimmerman '83. Not pictured: Dave Philip '70, Rev. Dr. Miley Palmer '58, Dr. Constance Rockingham '75, Zach Haupt '00, Carl Draper '60.

2007

Dee Bailey '07 and Justin White were married Oct. 4, 2008. Dee is a registered nurse at Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion, Ill.

Daniel Casper '07 is a biochemist for Sigma Aldrich in St. Louis, Mo.

Adam Clapp '07 and Jessica Reece were married on Aug. 31, 2008. Adam has been named boys basketball head coach and assistant football coach at Tri-County high school in Oakland, Ill. Adam joins another McKendree alumnus, **Luis Mendoza '03**, on the football coaching staff.

Christa Collier '07 is assigned to the Air Force Reserve Central Recruiting Squadron in St. Louis, Mo.

Tammara Gage '07 is a photographer at Lifetouch Photography studios in Raleigh, N.C.



Toni Graves '07 was highlighted in the *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Ky.) on July 13, 2008 in an article about her role in purifying drinking water. Toni is serving with the US Army Corps of Engineers serving in Iraq.

Ashley Idecker '07 is a professional assistant for Price Waterhouse Coopers in St. Louis, Mo.

Lester McQuaid '07 is a music admissions counselor at McKendree University.



The following Alumni participated in the Alumni Networking seminar for Lambda Pi Eta on Nov. 13, 2008. L-R: Megan (Weiler) Connelly '05, Katie Sledge '07, John Suarez '91, Dan Nelson '96, Adam Koishor '92. Not pictured, Dan Lane '01.

Jamie Stephens '07 and Wes Dedmon were married in October 2008. Jamie is a seventh grade teacher at St. Teresa Catholic School in Belleville, Ill.



Deidra Thomas '07 was promoted to senior in the Tax Services Group.

Sabrina Whitt '07 is completing her second year of medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria, Ill.

2008

Nora Allred '08 and Danny Wilson were married Aug. 7, 2008. Nora is an English teacher at Hamilton County Senior High School in McLeansboro, Ill.

Kelly Beiermann '08 graduated with a perfect 4.0 and was named to the president's list both fall and spring semesters. Kelly works for Cablofil LeGrand in Mascoutah, Ill.

Jonathan Brown '08 is a programmer/analyst for Boeing in St. Louis, Mo.

Jason Bundy '08 is a sports coordinator at the YMCA in O'Fallon, Ill.

James Cole '08 is a doctoral student in the experimental psychology program and teaching assistant at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill.

Nick Dabler '08 and Heather Wescoat were married on July 5, 2008. Nick is a math teacher at Cahokia High School in Cahokia, Ill.

Melanie Deschesne '08 and **Daniel Stuppi '08** were married July 26, 2008. Melanie is a management analyst at Scott Air Force Base. Daniel is an IT specialist at Scott Air Force Base.

Allison Ganschinietz '08 works at the St. Louis Zoo as a ZOOMagination Station instructor.

Suzy Gerler '08 was a recipient of the Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program for a full ride to Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City, Mo.

Kari (Jennings) Gibbs '08 is a lifestyle coordinator at TigerPlace in Columbia, Mo.

Michelle Kadonsky '08 is the music teacher at Sparta Primary Attendance Center in Sparta, Ill.

Kellen Kettwich '08 teaches social studies and coaches freshman girls basketball and junior varsity baseball at Mascoutah High School in Mascoutah, Ill.

Christina Napper '08 is a Spanish/English teacher at Morrisonville High School in Morrisonville, Ill.

Daniel Quinn '08 and Anna Simpson were married May 28, 2008.

Get Involved!

All alumni are encouraged to remain involved in the life and activities of the university. There are several new ways to serve your alma mater.

Class Agent: Alumni who serve as class agents help us to maintain connections with members of specific classes. For example, a member of the class of '73 can help us connect with those class members because he or she knew those students. It is a great way to keep in touch with your classmates!

Mentor: Alumni who serve as mentors offer their professional expertise to current students. The mentor program is web-based and conducted primarily through email communications with the students. Mentors may help students make connections for career possibilities, assist with interviews and provide insight on the job market.

Alumni Ambassador: Alumni who serve as ambassadors represent the McKendree Alumni Association by participating in such events as the annual scholarship days, senior luncheon, commencement and new student convocation.

To learn more about how you can stay involved, send an e-mail to alumni@mckendree.edu or call 1-800-BEARCAT, ext. 6813.

Laura Richardson '08 is a lead instructor for real estate courses at Rend Lake College in Ina, Ill.

Sara Soehlke '08 and Tim Doherty were married July 5, 2008. Sara is a teacher at Dorris Intermediate School in Collinsville, Ill.

2009

Jaclyn Engel, MBA '09 and Timothy Richter were married Sept 6, 2008. Jaclyn is a human resource generalist at Walgreens Distribution Center in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Faculty & Staff

Don Holst (former faculty) published a book, "Famous Football Players in Their Fourth Quarter."

Dean Smith won first prize in the American Music in the Armed Forces Composition Competition, sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs.

In Memoriam

Maj. John W. Doane Jr. '76
7/24/2008

Gina S. (Harlan) Etier '77
7/26/2008

William D. McRaven '58
8/3/2008

Gloria J. Miller '95
8/6/2008

David G. Peach '74
8/10/2008

Lowell G. Burger '52
8/25/2008

Janet H. (Simmons) Manning '74
8/25/2008

Lona L. (Davies) Hubbard '66
9/15/2008

Dorothy (Hertenstein) Kippes '40
9/22/2008

Claire Wilson '62
9/27/2008

Nicholas Jeffrey Rennegarbe '03
9/29/2008

MSgt. Tom W. Gerstenecker Sr. '60
10/3/2008

Bill Rusick
10/17/2008

L. Dean McKinley '25
10/24/2008

Julie Ann Taylor '02
10/30/2008

Cmdr. Wayne R. Bise USN, Ret. '38
11/9/2008

Daniel Rivera
11/16/2008

William A. Gullick '60
11/28/2008

Stay Connected

In order to keep you in the loop, the Office of Alumni Relations produces a monthly electronic newsletter—the *McKendree Alumni Wire*. We will send you the latest news on campus, event and sports schedules, as well as links to other popular Web sites for McKendree activities. If you are interested in receiving the *McKendree Alumni Wire*, please send your

e-mail address to alumni@mckendree.edu. To share your news, complete the form below and send it to the McKendree University Office of Alumni Relations, 701 College Road, Lebanon, IL 62254.

While we welcome alumni news, The Magazine for McKendree is not responsible for information contained in class notes.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Campus/Year _____

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Evening Phone: _____

Check here if you are interested in learning about volunteer opportunities at McKendree University.

Any news to share (education advancements, career changes, marriages, births, awards, etc.)?

Our Class Notes section allows McKendree alumni to keep their classmates and the university current on their careers, activities and whereabouts. When reporting deaths, please provide as much information as possible, especially date, location, graduation year and McKendree connected survivors. Whenever possible, please provide a printed obituary.



Homecoming 2008



McKendree Homecoming Weekend

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October 16-18, 2009

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A registration form will be mailed this summer.

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The weekend will be highlighted by class reunions, performances at the Hett, parade, tailgate picnic, homecoming football game, alumni awards banquet and dance. Alumni awards being presented at Homecoming include Loyal Service, Academy of Excellence, Sports Hall of Fame, Friend of the University and Peter Akers Award.



Bearcat Beach Blast



Jack Hanna invites children from the audience on stage for a close up with a python. Jack was at the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts on January 23 as part of McKendree's Distinguished Speaker Series.



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