



From the WCAA Director

After nineteen and a-half years serving the Western College Alumnae Association, first as Associate Director for Jacquie Wallace and then as Director, I will be retiring at the end of December 2010. It has been a difficult decision — Western has become so much a part of me. But, it is the right time for me both financially and personally as, at the age of 71, I will still have some energy to direct toward my other interests. However, I hope to see you at reunions and other events!

As always, your Alumnae Association has been overseen by dedicated and effective trustees and this year is no exception.

Your office staff, Debbie Baker and Kaye Wolke, will continue to provide the excellent service you have come to expect. Cathy Bauer Cooper will be here to create yet another glorious *Bulletin* in the spring.

Mackenzie Becker Rice, currently Director of University Advancement Administration at Miami, has been appointed to serve as Interim Director. Mackenzie and I have worked together with many Western alumnae setting up scholarships; we also collaborated with Interim Western Program Director Mary Jean Corbett in the transition from the Western College Program to the new Western Program. Mackenzie is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law and has been with the Division of University Advancement since 2004.

Working for and being with you all for these past years has been a great joy and inspiration. I thank you and wish you all the best in the years to come.



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- to preserve and encourage communication among and with alumnae,
- to support education and human values that continue the heritage and tradition of The Western College.

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• Cynthia Crosson-Harrington '66 works with returning veterans and service dogs.

• Mark Juergens '81 edits film series on immigration reform.

• Ghada Hashem Talhami '62 and Melissa Milgrom '87 publish non-fiction works.

On the cover:

Class of '10 Flag

The last 4-year class of the Western College Program came together in the final hours before their graduation to design and craft this class flag. They wanted it to be both symbolic of their Western experience and part of the Western College tradition. Their story is on p. 41.

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What's on Your Mind?

Michael Conaway graduated from the Western College Program in 1990 and promptly became one of Western 2.0's most devoted alums. In 2006, as the Miami administration began the process of dismantling the Program, he also became one of its staunchest and most outspoken defenders. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors of the new Western College Program Alumni Association (WCPAA). Although he lives in New Jersey, he never misses a WCP reunion and rarely one of ours — regularly attending with his wife, Alicia Broderick '90, and their two young children, Nicholas and Lauren. Mike was moved to write a letter to the last WCP class, the Class of 2010, after attending their graduation ceremony in Kumler Chapel. It was posted on the Western Listserv and we asked his permission to share excerpts with our Bulletin readers.

Thanks so much for allowing us — the alumni who were at your ceremony, and all the hundreds we represented — to be part of your day at Graduation. You deeply impressed us all with your dedication and commitment: to the program, to each other, to your own educations, and to the community and family that Western has always been. It moved us deeply to see that what Western is to us, it is to you.



Mike Conaway

The Class of 2010 was still in high school while most of the battle over Western's future was being fought; you may not have fully known of the intensity and the passion of the struggle by the then-current students and by the alumni to save the WCP, nor of how it unified alumni and students into one united Western Front. You may also not have known how thrillingly important it was to us to see you choose, at that seemingly worst of all possible times, to join the program and to give it a last burst of vitality. It showed that even when it seemed to be all over, there was still a need that Western and only Western fulfilled; there were still students who saw it, even in those conditions, as their best chance for a fulfilling college experience, for the kind of education they wanted.

We inherited from the original Western College the conviction that Western is our family. It remains so no matter how long you've been away. There's something about that place, no matter which incarnation is yours, that binds us all together. You, the class of 2010, and you, the students of 3.0 — you're a part of that. The moment you first climbed Peabody's front steps you joined a larger community, born of a commonality and continuity of experience that goes back to Helen [Peabody]'s days of greeting each new student at the top of those steps. We all went through a critical phase of our lives at Western; the experiences of those who came before us helped, in invisible ways, to shape our own time there, just as our experiences helped shape those of the people who came after. All our ghosts blend. There's a power in that. Revel in it, for it's more rare than you might think. The ways large and small that Western has influenced you will affect the rest of your lives. You'll think of your time there virtual-

ly every day from now on — sometimes a lot, sometimes a little, but it's always there, it never goes away. Welcome to the club :)

From what we alums have gathered of Western 3.0, and especially from what those of us who've met some of its students have seen, the new program is possessed by much the same spirit that has always made our school stand apart. In this program is the hope — symbolized in the passing of the torch (well, candle) from the representatives of the original college, through the WCP alumni representatives, through the final graduating class, and finally to the student representative of the newest incarnation of the Western phoenix — that not only the Western name, but also that spirit may yet prove undefeatable. Western 3.0, it's now up to you to make the powers-that-be wonder if they didn't make a huge mistake after all. No pressure.

There are some lines from Dean Phyllis Hoyt's *Where the Peonies Bloom* — her excellent memoir of her time as the original Western College's final dean — that I've quoted before. ... These remarks are from her dedication of Hoyt Library in 1974, in the shadow of Miami's buyout of the college:

Western isn't perfect, as you know, and we should not idealize it in a sentimental way. The hard fact is that it is better than much you will experience elsewhere. ... The essence of Western College is hard to catch. It cannot be bought. It cannot be sold. It cannot be captured. It cannot be mimicked. It is too spirited, too lively, too full of zest for that. Think of it carried comfortably by each of you wherever you may be around the world, next September or fifty years from now.

Better than much you will experience elsewhere, yes — but it has also made you better, and you in turn will make your personal corners of the world better. ...

— Michael Conaway '90

Alumnae Profiles

Meet Barbara Williamson Wentz '68

Apropos of this year's Reunion theme, Spotlight Western: You Are a Star, we present the first in what we hope will be a continuing series of features on our very own alumnae. Think of it as a paragraph lifted from Class Notes and expanded. Instead of a group shot, we want to zoom in on one individual for a close-up, complete with details. For the first profile, we chose someone well known to us as one of our busiest WCAA trustees but with a compelling career path less evident. Fellow trustee and current member of the Publications Committee Sally Derby Miller '56 interviewed Barbara in October and shares this picture.

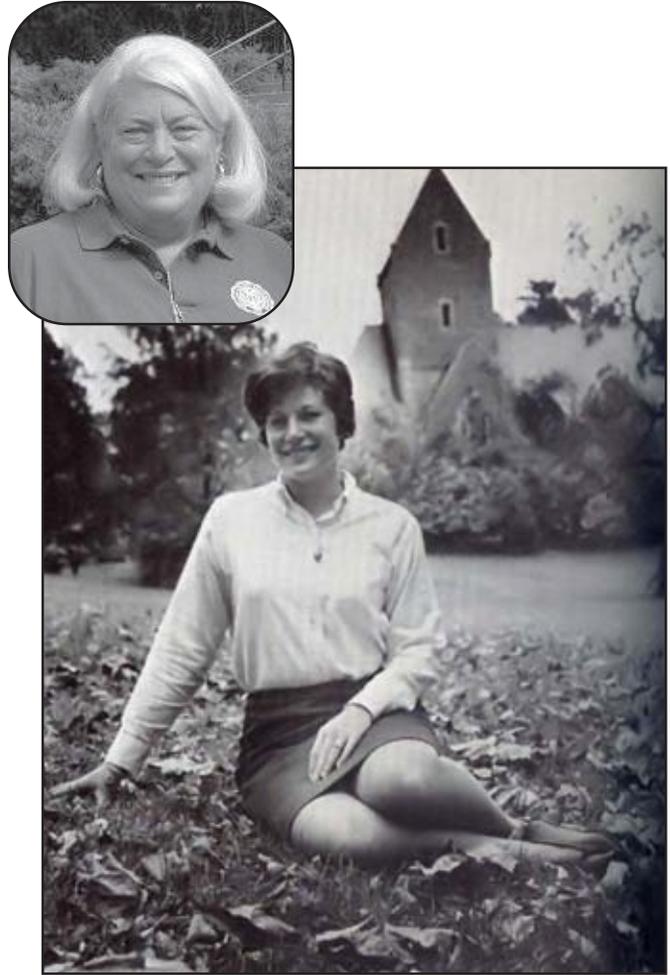
“I’m not afraid of being me. Western taught me that.”

Barbara Williamson Wentz says this simply, but her expressive hands brush lightly outwards across her lap as if she is brushing away any doubts or distractions.

It’s a beautiful October afternoon, and Barbara and I are sitting out on her screened-in back porch. (I could die for a porch like this.) We are supposed to be talking about Barbara herself, about her work as a Western College Alumnae Association trustee and her role as WCAA liaison to the students in the Western College Program, but somehow our talk keeps revolving around the way we both are still influenced by our years at Western. She was graduated in the class of '68, and I was '56, not so very much earlier, and we find we have much in common, including our shared love for Western as it was then and Western as it is now.

She has just finished telling me about the path that led her to trusteeship. Born and raised on Chicago’s North Shore, Barbara had three younger brothers, who — as young boys do — commanded a lot of her parents’ attention. So when time for college came, Barbara knew she wanted a small women’s college, somewhere where she wouldn’t have to be constantly competing with male interests and expectations. At Western she reveled in the companionship of women, and when she married her Miami sweetheart, Ervin, six days after graduation, four of her five attendants were former roommates or classmates. (All are still friends, including Diane Eby Ozbal, whose home in Turkey Barbara and Ervin have visited).

Both Barbara and Erv, as she calls him, wanted children. When they found that this wasn’t going to happen, they didn’t waste time feeling sorry for themselves. (“Well, there was some of that,” Barbara says, with her characteristic honesty.) Instead, with no hesitation, they began looking into adoption. Their children, Jennifer and Michael, are the happy result of that decision. Both are grown now, and Jennifer lives only a few miles away. Actually, Barbara squeezed this interview in, between transporting granddaughter Cady to and from kindergarten.



The smile's the same: Barbara in 1968, Barbara today

In their earlier years, the Wentz family lived in Texas, and when Barbara decided to further her education, it is a tribute to Western that she chose another women’s college, Texas Woman’s University. The influence of Margaret Barrier, her major professor at Western, led Barbara to further study and an M.A. in sociology. In 1991, knowing that a move back to Cincinnati was in the offing, Barbara mailed her master’s thesis on infant adoption to prospective employers, and even before the family arrived back here, she was hired by a local adoption agency. She has worked in the field of adoption for over 19 years and is now Adoption and

Pregnancy Counseling Supervisor as well as Adoption Assessor at Catholic Charities, positions for which she is uniquely qualified.

Barbara feels strongly that for adoption to be successful, families need to understand the complexities of adoptive relationships. She is known for straight talk, delivered with empathy gained from her own experience. She tells prospective parents, “I am preparing you for the worst, hoping that you won’t need it.” To me she emphasizes, “You can’t heal a hurt until you know where that hurt is.” And recent studies of the effects of prenatal stress on fetuses bear out what she has known intuitively for years.

At this point the cat sleeping on the couch nearby awakes and begins grooming herself. I ask to be reminded of its name (Cinders) and Barbara remarks that during the last 11 years she and Erv have owned a series of three rescued dogs, two chocolate Labs and a golden retriever brought home by Erv. (Clearly, the instinct to nurture is not confined to Barbara.) Each time they have lost one to death, he has said, “That’s it. No more.” And then he’s learned about another. So perhaps ... Barbara’s eyes stray to Cinders, as if she is evaluating potential future distress to the cat.

Our time is slipping by, and in the pleasure of our conversation, I haven’t yet brought up the subject of Barbara’s years as trustee. I ask her about them now. She tells me that in 2003 she came back to Western for her 35th reunion. Pleased to see how well the buildings and grounds had been cared for by Miami, she began to feel the magic that, we both agree, the Western campus exerts. So when a call came for volunteers or nominees for trusteeship, she thought, “Why not? I was brought up, as most girls were then, to feel that it’s better if someone else nominates you, but Western had changed me. It taught me to be spunky.” She nominated herself, and a few weeks later she was asked to fill out the term of a trustee who had been unable to continue serving.

In the seven years that followed, changes to the Western College Program threatened to make its remaining students feel somewhat abandoned. The maternal instinct that characterizes Barbara rose to the challenge, and as she served as the Alumnae Association link between students and board, she became both mentor and champion for the program’s students. In the process she formed friendships certain to last for years.

As I thanked Barbara for her warm and gracious hospitality and started for home, I kept thinking of what she had said about the Western Program Students and the students of

Western 3.0. “*They’re us.* Seeing them on that campus I realize they are our legacy. We must empower them to be our voice.”

Barbara, thank you for that insight, and for helping the rest of us understand what you have realized: As long as there are students studying in a “Western” program, no matter what form it takes, Western will endure. Our campus is now part of Miami, but it is still Western, and not just in name. The spirit endures.

— Sally Derby Miller

A prolific and award-winning author of children’s books, **Sally Derby Miller ’56** still makes time for Western. A trustee and *Bulletin* class representative, she cannot say no to any task that involves writing. Or speaking about writing. Or helping others with their writing. As Reunion chapel speaker in 2008, she told the story of her delayed graduation. Unable to graduate with her class in 1956, she returned to Western and fulfilled her ambition to finish her college education — graduating with the class of 1972, her husband, Karl, and six children in attendance. She majored in English, minored in education — won the senior English prize — and went on to teach and tutor for 15 years. Her first book was published in 1993, and with the publication this year of *Kyle’s Island*, her first middle-grade novel, she’s up to 10 now. Though imagination is key, plenty of practical experience informs Sally’s subject matter and connects her with her audience — besides the Millers’ six children, they foster-parented six more, two of whom became permanent family members. It’s unlikely Sally could count the number of cats and dogs adopted through the years.



Sally

**Who would YOU like to read about? Who would YOU like to write about?
We welcome suggestions for future profiles. We need interviewers/writers!**

Welcome New Board President and Trustees

Jocelyn Woodson-Reed was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in 2007, elected as secretary in 2008 and as president to a three-year term in 2010. New trustees Judy Henderson and Sue Crankshaw were elected to serve 2010-13.

Dear Fellow Alumnae: Our Western College Alumnae Association is still strong after 37 years! With your help and that great Western Spirit, we have accomplished many of our goals and continue to plan our legacy. Our 15-year strategy strives to ensure that all existing WCAA scholarships are adequately endowed. In spite of the challenges of the economy, this goal is within our reach. We thank you for your continuing generosity and support of the WCAA Scholarship endowments, Reunion Gifts and the Annual Fund. Currently, we have met approximately 43% of our goal to create a Western College endowed professorship. In the next year, we will be contacting many of you to assist us with this endeavor. Our most ambitious goal is the establishment of a Western College Center at Patterson Place by the time our last graduating class celebrates their 50th reunion. There has been much enthusiasm from the board for this project in preserving our legacy. We want to ensure that Western College will live on, long after the last of us is gone. As always, we ask each of you to consider the gift of your time and talents by running for the Board of Trustees to help in continuing our legacy strategies.

In the Spirit of Western,
Jocelyn Woodson-Reed

Suzanne Rhodes Crankshaw '59 arrived at Western College planning to become a dietitian and graduated with her internship application already completed. A slight detour occurred when she married and began her family, but post grad classes in Detroit and a transfer to Delaware led to her becoming the dietitian for all the United Fund Nursing Homes in the county. Returning to Detroit, Suzanne completed her internship and stayed at that hospital for the next 32 years, beginning as a clinical dietitian and spending the last half of her career as Director of Dietetics, where she was responsible for a budget exceeding 10 million dollars, serving over eight thousand meals a day. During that time, Sue was involved in local and state profes-



Jocelyn



Suzanne

sional groups, and she and her husband, Jim, were engaged in their boys' activities. She retired in 2001 and relocated to St. Simons Island, Georgia, where she and Jim play duplicate bridge, enjoy the symphony, are active in church and travel the world. She loves her book club (reading something other than technical magazines). When not busy with these activities, they spend time with their three grandchildren. Sue believes that her time at Western prepared her well for her management role in dietetics and looks forward to the prospect of serving as a trustee, "giving back what was so generously given to me."

Judith Dudman Henderson '62 received a B.A. degree in history. Lessons learned from her participation in Western's summer travel program to the Far East continue to influence her pathway. While raising her family, she served on the national board of American Association of University Women and Tulsa Global Alliance. She has helped develop programs that encourage children to understand and respect cultures different from their own. After returning to college for an A.D. in computer science she worked in management for a utility company before entering seminary. As a delegate from her denomination, she attended the Fourth Global Alliance on Women in Beijing and Huairo, China. With a M.Div. in theology she now serves in an active ministry in Northern Malawi, Africa, including teaching at the University of Livingstonia. She's married and lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Judith

Ella Brown McMahon '63 graduated from Western with a degree in biology, then traveled across the street to Miami University for a master's in zoology and marriage to a Miami man. She taught school in Appalachia for nine years, was Executive Director for a nine-county unit of the National Foundation-March of Dimes for three years, then earned a B.S. in nursing at Ohio State. After completing this degree, Ella worked in ICU/SCU at Chillicothe Veterans Administration Medical Center until retirement in 2005. Now a volunteer in the natural resource area at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, she enjoys birding, traveling, collecting dolls and books, and knitting for five great granddaughters.



Ella

REMEMBER...Return...Rejoin...Recreate...Rediscover...



Flora Zimmerman Cohen and hubby are well and had their usual busy year volunteering. A couple of milestones: Flora became a septuagenarian in April ("sounds so much better than I turned 70") and they celebrated their 45th anniversary in August ("and my parents were sure it wouldn't last"). Highlight of the year was Cohens' January trip to the Ecuador rain forest and the Galapagos."How amazing to see animals that exist nowhere else in the world!" Happily, Flora's new joints worked well and she could tromp around to her heart's delight ... though getting in and out of zodiacs and canoes was somewhat challenging. She hopes to see ALL of us in June.



Flora



Sharon

Since last year's report, **Sharon Botsford Moyer** has experienced both good and bad times. Her travels in South Africa were excellent — they saw fabulous animals on safari and had great scuba diving. In January, her family — complete with kids and grandkids — chartered a sailing

vessel in the British Virgin Islands for a week and enjoyed escaping winter. Sharon and her parents ("yes, they are still living on the farm very much independent") visited Jackie's new home in Brunswick, GA. In May, she rented a small flat in Brooklyn to be near Sean and Sarah prior to the birth of their baby son, but all were devastated when the baby died hours before his delivery. The families came together on her parents' farm in July to celebrate birthdays and continue the healing process.

In August, Sharon and **Jane Miller Brooks** traveled to Java and Bali "to see if a scuba diver and an intrepid hiker could find a common trip." They were successful and saw gorgeous sights above and below the water.



Jane

She also has frequent telephone chats with **Judy Buck** and reports that Judy is well. Both Judy and Jane are still working, but "talking" about retirement. Happy that we shall see you in Oxford! Please remind Jane to bring the red wine ... I'll bring the Chardonnay. And tell Judy we are expecting her to celebrate the 50th with us!



Judy

According to **Julienne Mulette**, her most significant news is the publication of her son Noah's first books: *The White Hairs* and *The Song of Ballad and Crescendo*, both now available on Amazon. She gave Noah notebooks to write and draw in from the time he was tiny and now thinks of the old days with Ruth Limmer and how much she'd love her to see these. Julienne's son O'Daniel, "the family neuroscientist," continues his exciting brain research at Duke. Both are traveling quite a bit. Other-



Julienne

wise, her life "continues as usual," busy with her worldwide counseling practice: "Amazed at how connected we are these days, from one round corner of the world to all others." And Julienne did a little TV modeling — "no big deal, but fun to be modeling at 70 :)" She's also having fun on Facebook, connecting with lifelong friends, relatives and co-professionals. "Next year our 50th anniversary? Seems utterly impossible."

Now that she's "well into our mutual three score and ten phase," **Anne Adkins Weisenborn** thinks it's a good time to simplify life, i.e., decide what activities are most important and let much of the rest go. But she's having trouble setting priorities ("the story of my life!") Too much is interesting or needs doing. "If anyone knows the secret, says Anne, "come to our Reunion and share! If not, come anyway." Meanwhile, she is back on the WCAA board, helping with the task of drawing up agreements with Miami covering mutual interests and respective responsibilities before and after the WCAA ceases to exist ("not necessarily anytime soon").

In November 2009, Anne made a "disturbing" trip to Israel and the West Bank. This past June, she and **Renee Harris Yates '72** hosted their fourth and fifth groups of Chinese students there in DC, and in July, she and Ernie visited their daughter and many old friends in the Pacific Northwest and Colorado — including **Doris Ning Wong '62** and Peter Brown FF. "Lots of beautiful scenery and good conversations. Over and over I'm reminded of what Western has brought to my life for 53 years! Amazing!" Anne, you are amazing! So look forward to being with my roomie for our special celebration.

There was exciting news as well as sadness for the family of **Gail Howell Litwiler**. Their daughter, Tricia, had her second child in January, a little girl. They try to get to Greenville, NC, as often as possible to see them; Tricia's husband is a professor at East Carolina



Anne



Gail

Rekindle...Rededicate...Relive...Renourish...REJOICE!

University. Litwilers' son, T.J, continues to do well as a partner with his Chicago law firm. But sadly, Gail's youngest sister passed away in April after a 3½-year battle with ovarian cancer. Gail and Tom are well and busy — he, among other things, as a trustee of Alderson-Broaddus College in West Virginia; Gail, in her 21st year as an elected member of the Hampton Township School board, Sunday school teacher and Christian Education Board member at their church. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next summer, right after Reunion. She adds, "see you in June 2011!" Yay! The class of '61's songster will orchestrate us now at the Big 50.

After five years of retirement for **Mary De Jong Obuchowski** and 10 for her husband, Pete, they have become empty-nesters. Son Tim and wife Autumn went to Texas in search of jobs and found work in Austin. John is out of the house but still in Mt. Pleas-

ant, working and going to college. Luckily, Pete is cancer free after a scary episode



Mary

last summer following the removal of his bladder and the construction of a new one. Their lives remain very full. Mary is still up to her ears in writing and editing tasks, "which are very satisfying." She is hoping to see many, many of us in June. We are proud of our "woman of the pen"! Mary, do bring your creative spirit and works to share with us.

Dear friends, life is good, especially as we enjoy our island home on our cove in the

Penobscot Bay six months of the year. Harry and I continue to serve in our church and to support youth activities. Kids and grands gather to Vinalhaven, ME, for our Annual Family Lobster Picnic every August. We continue to hop to Albany, NY, St. Louis, MO, and Falmouth, ME, to visit kids from "away." The Frozen Four (college hockey) took us to Michigan, where we cheered our Boston College to victory (over Miami!). Love and peace to all.



Johnnie

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Been there? Done that? Let's Compare Notes...

'29



Frances King — reacting to a remark she's just made — on the occasion of her 101st birthday December 4, 2009. Friend and secretary Ellie Cox looks on.

In response to Frances's request for news, **Helen Gerber Ramsdell** wrote that she is still in her two-bedroom apartment in Mt. Pleasant Retirement Village, Monroe, OH, preparing her own meals except for dinner, which she takes in the dining room. Besides attending events in the community room, she goes to church in nearby Middletown and to the symphony there as well. When she moved to Mt. Pleasant 10 years ago, she gave the 7-foot Steinway grand piano she'd had all her married life to her granddaughter, also a teacher and singer, whose two sons (7 and 5) are already studying piano and playing in recitals. But she has a smaller piano and continues to teach voice — currently, she has six students — and to give recitals three times a year — the third for 2010 is upcoming at Christmas.

A widow since 1964, Helen lost her son in 1992 (both her husband and son died just short of their 60th birthdays). Her daughter, Martha, and her family live in Suttons Bay, MI. The grandchildren number six; great-grandchildren, seven; great-grands, two and counting!

Years of traveling the world with her husband, Bob, are fond memories, as are the 10 years she taught at Miami following his death and 40 years as director of music at

First Baptist Church in Middletown. Helen's own singing career included appearances with the Frank Simons Band and both the Cincinnati and Dayton symphony orchestras.

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Celebrating 80 years!

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Family and friends celebrated Eleanor Hook Beuke's 100th birthday on November 6.



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Marj Lloyd Liggett wrote after receiving the Spring 2010 *Bulletin* that she was "glad to hear they repaired the bridge." She'd been on campus in 2008 when construction was going on and found it "hard to drive by Peabody Hall," where she lived her first year.

Marj was sorry to learn of the death (July 2009) of Dorothy Malcolm Whisner '41, whom she'd fixed up with a blind date back in the day. It turned out well: Dorothy married him! Both Bob Whisner and Marj's late husband, Bill, were from Ripley, OH.

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Celebrating 70 years!

"Life is the unending juggling of work, laundry and dental appointments." Read this somewhere and think it appropriate.

Address change for Ruth Harry Hathaway: 100 N. College Row, Apt. 255, Brevard, NC 28712. She has many friends at College Walk Retirement and is quite happy to be "in town."

Lucy Clapper Mackey lives with her son, Bill, in Louisiana, MO. She called her roommate, May Egerton Fyfe, in New Bern, NC, to check after the August hurricane.

Isabel Duncan McCoy enjoys living in Dublin, OH. She reads a fair bit and is active in the men's poker group (which bans ladies) and regularly wins with full houses.

Marydale Marsh Mahar also enjoys living in a retirement home in Sykesville, MO, situated on 300 acres. She gets around with an electric cart and two canes. She takes part in many activities and did her own income tax "as usual."

I joined the 90-year age bracket in August and continue volunteering at my branch library, attending symphony concerts and museum exhibits and reading. Gardening and traveling are over, but memories are always with us. My very best wishes to you all.



Suzy turns 90!

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Another year, and time to re-connect with our unforgettable alma mater friendships through the blue card — e-mail contacts of autumn, 2010.

These have been sparse this year, but here's an update for several: **Mary Moffat Finkbeiner** happily reports a busy life of reading (several book clubs), quilting, knitting (for Head Start children), bridge playing, and helping organize services to help elderly stay in their homes independently! Cheers, Mary Lou! She also reported learning that acquaintances from her present hometown of Gambier, OH, have moved to The Knolls of Oxford, and she has recently seen **Betty Sipe Gerber '52** and her husband.

Leah Chappell appreciated a summer of family get-togethers, one a reunion of 32 people, ages 2 months to 88 (herself — well, we're *all* there!). Another occasion was a wedding for a great-niece from Florida. Leah's Senior Living home in Indianapolis has hosted these events, and offers many more opportunities to keep her active — which is good for us! She also treasures continued friendship with **Jane Moore Black**.

A phone call to **Marjorie Study Clark** brought us up to date on her life. She is well; has macular degeneration (as so many of our ages do), but still drives. Marjorie graduated from Purdue, a major in home ec.

You need to know that **Betty Holt Bancala** assisted me this year in trying to reach some of you by phone, while I chose to send others a short letter. Betty, or Hedy as she was nicknamed, and I have enjoyed our frequent phone conversations as we worked on this process. She is living alone, near her daughter's home in New Jersey, and follows two grandsons' achievements in college — both in the East.

Grace Cleveland Hamilton is a classmate whom Hedy reached — via her husband's phone sharing. Grace is in a care center, in continuous care, but she looks forward each evening to a game of "easy" cards when her husband visits. They have twin sons, now aged 64; one is in California and one in Glendale, OH, where Grace resides.

Amy Fleming Chatfield is at home in Michigan, busy caring for her garden, which she loves. A son and daughter live in Michigan, two sons live in Cincinnati, and she claims 10 grandchildren!

Charlotte Schmidt-Fellner sounded a lot like many of us — slowed down to a point of feeling she's lazy, but she can get out with a walker (join the club!).

When I say "club," I include myself. My walker joins my husband, Marion (69 years in October) and me on walks outside our home. A pacemaker was added to encourage my heart action — irregular with atrial fibrillation. I still prepare our meals and enjoy events at our retirement home, plus visits with our children and their families — two

sons in nearby Indiana locations and one in Virginia, and our daughter in Dallas. Current count is eight grandchildren and 2½ great-grands!

Jane Moore Black's reply to my letter missed my deadline by one day, but she sent several lines of enthusiastic news, so she gets "in." She still likes her northern Michigan location, especially with a daughter now closer in Manistee. This allowed a recent one-month visit with a great-granddaughter, 3½ -year-old Julia, who spent a vacation with her grandmother away from her parents in Kansas. Her father had had four tours of duty in Iraq. Jane's widespread family — she has grandsons in Muskegon, New Mexico, Colorado and New Orleans — gives joy to her life.

Ann "Dottie" Goldstone Marcus's note to Hedy was even later than Jane's, but too good to leave out. She apologized, but was "just coming out of a period when I haven't had much energy." To be expected since she had "celebrated my 89th! birthday on Aug 22." Her news: "I was chosen, with a group of other pioneer TV writers and producers, to receive an award called 'She Made It' — kind of a dopey accolade, but honors those women who were successful in this industry controlled by men for so long."

She's even prouder of the news being made by her kids and their kids. Daughter Ellyn Lindsay was honored by the Justice Department for her work as a federal prosecutor; son Steven is doing really important work at JPL on weather research; and son John has left the LA school district and moved with his wife, Carmen, to Flagstaff — where he is teaching at a charter school in which he stays with his students through grades 1-6. (Incidentally she's really proud to be a great-grandmother to five little ones!) Finally, Ann writes, "The thing I find so fascinating about my beloved family is the diversity. We are Mexican, El Salvadoran, Canadian, Native American (Hopi) and just about every religion including me who's a Sectarian Humanist — don't ask."

A newsy note from **Holly Smith Gambill** had information about other '43 classmates, as well as herself. She attended a great-sounding luncheon about 10 years ago, hosted by **Betty Crawford** and **Bee Heidgerd** in California. Others present were **Sally Pratt Snider** from Oregon and **Marcia Bottomley**.

Holly knew Betty and Bee have died, is not sure (but thinks) Marcia and Sally have not. Holly was married 40 years before losing her husband; she then married Judge Jim McMillen and moved to Charlotte, NC, where he served in Federal Court. At his death, she returned to her current home of Elkin, NC, and published a book of her paintings, entitled *Joyful Paintings*. She has had five children, resulting in 13 grandchildren

and 14 great-grands! Her college of graduation, after two years at Western, was the University of North Carolina.

[Editor's note: According to office records, Betty and Bee are deceased; Marcia's address is unknown; Sally is currently living in Salem, OR.]

I have realized that I failed in the past two of these news-notes for the fall *Bulletin* to specifically mention losses in our class by death. I hope you have seen these names in the "In Memoriam" section of each *Bulletin*. However, I want also to share this information with you now.: **Helen Wilson Updegraff** passed away May 26, 2006; **Margaret Orr Carr**, August, 2006; **Betty Jeanne Eicher Maybury**, August 23, 2009; **Janet Kirshman Pfleger**, September 26, 2008; **Marjorie Grand-Girard Myers**, February 23, 2009; **Margaret Bower Bossert**, February 16, 2010.

Particularly close to me were Janet and Marjorie (Midge) — Midge a roommate my freshman year, and Janet, my sophomore year. Both remained long-term special friends for many years following our Western friendships. Janet's husband, George, asked some of us to help prepare readings for Janet's memorial service. Midge's husband Martin has remained in touch with Hedy and me by mail and phone. It's hard to say goodbye.

With love, your class representative ...

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Those of you who missed our 65th Reunion last June really missed a good time! Three of us were there for the whole weekend — **Kit Jarvis Fischer**, **Margie Gasche Ewing**, and I. **Ginny Cook Marquett** made it for lunch on Saturday. We missed reunion regulars — **Virginia Martin Daw**, who died early this year and **Marilyn Inskeep Fischer**.



Reunion 2010: the happy Class of '45, "well taken care of" at their 65th! Seated: Margie Gasche Ewing; standing: Kit Jarvis Fischer, Virginia Cook Marquett, Ardis Dechman Coninx

We were well taken care of — including Miami students to drive us wherever we wanted to go. Peabody is air-conditioned, with an elevator. Meals were delicious. Saturday dinner was complete with toasts (Margie, of course) and champagne. Patterson Place had memorabilia to look at, and a reception was held at remodeled Presser Hall with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Memories surrounded me, and I felt at home immediately. Sorry there were so few of us there.

Jane Harris Bugnard still lives in her half of the duplex she shares with her son. She chairs a study group at her church and belongs to two reading groups. She thought about coming to the Reunion, but Texas is a long way from Oxford. She's still driving.

Virginia Cook Marquett sent exciting news. This summer she went to the Passion Play at Oberammergau with her cousin. They stopped in Berlin, Potsdam and Dresden, and took a trip to Regensburg and Salzburg. On their way home they spent four days in Stresa, Italy, on Lake Maggiore. She has had lots of company — a niece for two weeks and her granddaughter, husband and daughter for a week.

Ginny called **Betty Pugh Carns**, who said her husband was not well. Ginny gave me Betty's new address: Asbury Woods Retirement Villa, 1149 Asbury Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45255. Her phone number is 513-231-3643.

Marilyn Inskip Fischer has been a regular at Reunions all these years and was planning to come for lunch on Saturday, but at the beginning of June she was checking on her cottages when her foot slipped, and she fell and broke her right hip. She wrote that she is healing well now but needs a lot of

therapy, and, of course, couldn't make the trip to Oxford.

Kit Jarvis Fischer and I were roommates during our freshman year, and even though she got married at the end of our sophomore year and (at that time) was requested to leave school, she has come back for almost every Reunion. It was fun to be together. She lives in Michigan and is surrounded by most of her family — especially in the summer. She belongs to a writing group where they are working on writing their memoirs.

Janet Heinz Philips is one of my best correspondents. She's now in a wheelchair full time because of a broken right hip and a tremor that makes it hard for her to write. She had a pool lift installed so that she can get in her pool. In September she went to Alaska with one of her daughters, her daughter-in-law, and her 10-year-old granddaughter.

Lucy Hittle Jackson Teeter lost her husband this past spring. They had been married for 10 years. Before he died, he wrote a history of Friends of the Library, Hospice, and Habitat. Lucy is working on writing of her 49-year marriage with her first husband — *The Jackson Marriage Dynasty* — and is aided by all the letters she wrote to her sister during all that time. Losing weight has brought her diabetes under control, but she has balance problems due to neuropathy.

Alice Yost Bixler's daughter wrote that her mother died in September 2009.

And I (**Dickie Dechman Coninx**), still haven't given up any of my volunteer jobs, the biggest of which is being in charge of our 4,000-volume library where I live, many church jobs, and working on the alumni data base at my high school. I'm still driving, which is a real blessing. And I'm still your class representative after 65 years. I was honored at the Reunion dinner in June for that accomplishment. Please add me to your Christmas list and send me some news of you and yours. There are only 34 of us left.

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Last June's Banquet at Reunion Weekend honored "Class Representatives." I felt like an impostor having served just one year, but **Emmy Greenland** (she served more than 50 years) joined me in accepting the honor. We missed having **Anne Eberhardt Kirkoff** with us. Emmy and I both said last June's weekend was one of the best. Beautiful weather, gorgeous campus, warm welcome from the Alumnae Association, greeting friends old and new and so many interesting things to do. 2012 will be our 65th — THINK AHEAD.

My first reply to the plea for news came from **Marjory Reed Kimbell**, who wrote about continuing the work of faith she began with her husband in Oak Harbor, WA, on beautiful Whidbey Island. She returns to Arizona often and to Mexico to help people she knows there. Her children live far from her. She has six grandchildren and took part in the marriage of granddaughter Shawn and Lindsay in July. She ended, "I'm grateful for good health and so many blessings every day."

Ellen Pletcher Marsden: "Duluth had one of the warmest and wettest summers on record. Who says we don't have climate change? Duluth's climate has certainly changed. Daughter Kate and family took me on a surprise visit to Faribault (her home town), an 85th birthday present. A nice treat. I look forward to a busy fall — two book groups, a music group, trips to the Twin Cities for plays at the Guthrie and Minnesota Opera." I see Ellen (my roommate for all four years) each spring when she visits Kate and family in Maryland. Together we visit **Dickie Lou McKasson Pletcher** in Baltimore. She is well and busy managing a house with two sons and a friend and two dogs and a cat.

Sue Sargent Hard's favorite memory of Western is of her Music Department classmates, who made her feel at home. She is now happily living in a nice retirement home near her daughter in Pennsylvania. She enjoys music, reading, watching tennis and baseball on TV and studying the Bible with a friend. Years ago she had a bad car accident and now uses a walker or wheelchair to get around. She ends her note with "God bless and keep you all."

I loved **Maxine Murray Long's** e-mail and will quote it in full: "Oh Anne, I had a message all typed to you and it disappeared. My son says I have fat fingers — indeed! Now just will say all is well here, election campaigns are in full swing. Interesting — entertaining too. Take good care all. Max-

ine. Sent from my iPad" I know just how she feels! All those well chosen words lost in the ether! Does it ever happen to you?

Gene De Scherer Popkin answered my question about memories of Western. "My memories are clear and happy ... the beautiful campus, a faculty that was unique, brilliant and friendly, the Lodge, the woods for picnics, the outdoor theater, the immensity of Peabody Hall, and of course my fellow students ... great companions for a growing up time of life. Considering these were the war years and most of us had someone near danger overseas, and we did our bundles for Britain bit, it was a very happy time. Meanwhile I'm still potting and now Skyping with my great-grandson!"

Elaine Kramer Millman sent a "Blue Card" and also called me. Lovely to talk to her. She keeps in touch with **Maxine Long**, **Gene Popkin**, **Nancy Goldenthal Max**, and others. Her son, who lives in Israel, brought his 20-month-old daughter, Odelia, to visit. Elaine says now she knows why they made mothers young! Her daughter-in-law couldn't get a visa so couldn't visit, too. She stayed home with baby Gidion David, born in May. Elaine and Herman drove to Maine for a family reunion and to New Paltz, NY, to visit Charles Salt and daughter, **Betsy Salt '74**.

Nancy Goldenthal Max's reply was "short and snappy" as requested: "Just got back from a trip to Alaska, land tour and cruising the Inside Passage, beautiful state. Life here in Florida, same old, same old. My friend is coming to visit in October and we are planning to travel a bit around Florida."

As was **Jean Kerby Boland's**: "Have great memories of Western even though I was there only two years. The Duncans gave me the life in radio and TV. Just celebrated the 85th with six children and 11 grandchildren on a schooner in Long Island Sound with a party afterwards. Love to travel. Hope to get to Cambodia and then England in two different trips. Send my greetings to all."

Dene Stern Mayer wrote that she loves her retirement facility which provides medical care if she needs it. Quoting: "I missed a step in step-aerobics class with 20- and 30-year-olds and broke a hip. The care I got was superb and I am back in class and don't know I ever broke it. I asked my son who is a neurosurgeon, if the hip is wired together and he said, "screws, Mom!" Dene lives in Lumberton, New Jersey, a short bus ride from NYC and Philly. She would love visitors.

Jane Alexander Durrell to me: "Anne, I just mailed a Peabody Hall postcard to my sister-in-law, **Sue Durrell Hunt**, thanking her for sending me the *Washington Post* obituary for **Barbara Hawk Hampton**, who was our class at Western for two years before

transferring to Ohio State and eventually earning a doctorate in psychology. Barbara and her late husband, Joe, lived for probably 45 years in their house on P Street in Washington, D.C., raising their two children there, and Barbara still lived there when she died in August. When my family lived in D.C. in the late '60s we were often there, and Barbara and I remained in touch down the years. I already knew about her death, as Barbara's daughter had asked me to confirm when her mother was at Western, but was glad to have the clipping from Sue, and when I went to look for something to reply to her the Peabody postcard came to hand. So perfectly appropriate, as the three of us met in those halls, all of us on the third floor, freshman year."

Jane is still biking (I am jealous). This summer she took a bike trip in the Veneto section of Italy, one of her favorite places. She stopped in England coming and going to see her family there.

In response to my postcard, I received a nice note from **Mary-Jac Noyes Hatch's** son and a copy of her obituary. She died March 3, 2010. She attended Western for two years and graduated from Radcliffe College in 1947 with a degree in mathematics. She was also a trained artist. Like Barbara Hawk and Jean Kerby, Mary-Jac had only two years at Western but they remembered and cherished those years and the friends they made.

Emmy Greenland slipped in under the wire with her Reunion recollection: "**Margie Gasche Ewing**, **Anne Mack Dean** and I hit the campus in June. The campus was beautiful — including the lovely fountain and blue and white flowers that greeted us at the Peabody ground floor door. Remember we used to get our mail out of little boxes in PH? Margie and I brought scrapbooks and other memorabilia to donate to the Western Archives. At Reunion we were impressed by President Hodge and his wife, their interest in Western and the new Program. We also met former Western Program alumni and students, all so enthusiastic about the program, the college and its history.

Sunday afternoon Emmy and Anne headed to Emmy's cottage at Lake Tippecanoe in northern Indiana. There for only a short time, they still managed to "drum up a little excitement." They took the pontoon boat out in the lake and after some distance, ran out of gas! A fellow boater came to the rescue and towed them home.

Our condolences to Emmy, as last year (2009) was a sad one for her family. After a long illness her brother Allan died; then her sister, Anna Gale, died on November 1. A bright spot for Allan was the birth of another granddaughter, named Katerina — not Emily ... there are three Emilys already.

Rereading what I wrote last year I can just say *ditto!* I am still going to NIH once a month for macular degeneration (little change, which is good), enjoying the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase and volunteering in the community, absorbing as much of the culture and politics of Washington as possible, playing with my youngest grandchildren, who live nearby, and traveling to California to visit my sister **Mary Mack Hurst '49** and son Russell and family, to England to visit son Jeff and family. My visit with **Emmy Greenland** in June for Western Reunion and then to her cottage at Lake Tippecanoe in Indiana was great. I always feel as if I am playing Tom Sawyer to her Huck Finn — if you remember Emmy, and I am sure you do, you will know what I mean — she is still a lot of fun! Many thanks to all who wrote and best wishes to all. Please write next year, especially if you have never written before and even if you write every year. We love to hear from you.

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Last June saw the celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of **Jane Carpenter Jones** and her husband, William, at their home in Nantucket. They spent March in Florida, and were in Japan for three weeks



Seems like just yesterday! The Joneses, cutting their 60th anniversary cake



Katharine Widdifield Duff '49, visiting Patterson Place with daughter Wendy Duff McLaughlin MU '84

in May (one of their best trips). Family visited them in August. During summer and fall, Jane works two days a week as an interpreter at the Nantucket Whaling Museum.

Elaine Culver Goodwin knows that she made the right decision in moving from Nashville to Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula several years ago. She misses her husband, but finds it wonderful to be near her daughter, Abby, and to have a loving relationship with her grandson, Fox. She is learning about boat building from her son-in-law. The big surprise this year is that her son, Ed, and wife Susan are expecting twins, a boy and a girl, in November. Late fall should find Elaine helping to celebrate and change diapers. They live in Stratford, CT, where Ed is a research scientist in the Genetics Department of the medical school at Yale.

The lone class representative at the Reunion luncheon this year was **Betty Huttenbauer Heldman**. Alas, she was lonely, and missed having any classmates present. The campus looked lovely and the class flag was displayed. Betty and John had just returned from a cruise to the Aegean and Black seas. It was a quick glimpse of six countries in 12 days, but very interesting.

Early fall will be a lovely time of year for **Margo Freudenthal Kaufman** to travel to Italy and France with her daughter, then make short jaunts to Ashland, San Francisco, etc. Granddaughter Jennifer got her M.A. in criminal justice and works at the Reno courthouse. Margo finds her house too big, but is not yet tempted by a retirement home.

Another 60th wedding anniversary was celebrated last February by **Bunny Bartizal Proctor** and Stewart informally with family and friends. Three of her high school friends visited at their condo in Sanibel — fun but nostalgic! **Betty Huttenbauer Heldman** and

Bunny had a lovely lunch with John Smale (**Phyllis Weaver's** widower) in June.

March saw **Ruth Ault Hadley** and Dave travelling east to visit relatives in Baltimore, Philadelphia and lower New York state. They then stopped in Boston to pick up 20-year-old granddaughter Candice, a sophomore at Wellesley, and took her with them to visit family in Maine. Delicious lobster from Casco Bay and L.L. Bean were highlights of the trip.

Josephine Moore Becker had made plans for a Panama Canal cruise last April with her stepdaughter, Linda, but had to cancel after collapsing in mid-March, spending time in the hospital and rehab getting a permanent pacemaker. She used her plane ticket to visit Linda and her granddaughter in Florida. She is limited in her driving now, but has started working again on her many art projects: painted rocks, lady bugs, turtles etc. and designer pillows! Jo says that she will need years to complete them, and then she will have more ideas. Pencil sketching brings her great satisfaction and she has made sketches of her home in Arizona for several friends, and finds transferring them to personal stationery a fun way to share them.

Jane Osgood Tatge and husband Bruce are in the throes of moving to a retirement home after 50 years in their house. Both will miss the lovely garden. We missed Reunion due to the downsizing, which is a huge job and great upheaval. Two badly needed breaks were taken over the summer. We first went to Manchester, VT, where we stayed at a favorite inn and had front row seats at a concert by Frederika von Stade, who is making her farewell tour. Late August took us to Portland, ME, for grandson Will's 9th birthday. Our three children and seven grandchildren are all doing well. Our next big job will be selling the house and moving. We were disappointed not to hear from more classmates this year, and hope all is well with you and your families. Please keep in touch!



Reunion 2010: The perennial triumvirate from the Class of '50 — Ginnie Hirschfield Tribble, Jane Lloyd Cantoni, Louise Wilson Braley — enjoying their 60th!

We have just received word that our classmate **Eleanor Tynan Bent** died in February 2008. Her daughter tells us that she was suffering from Alzheimer's disease, but that she still remembered her college days with fondness. Our condolences go out from the Class to her family.

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Celebrating 60 years!

Pat McDonald Mote now has seven published books to her credit. Her most recent release, *Tapestry: Collected Writings*, is near and dear to her heart, she says, since it is a memoir rather than historical as are her previous books. She and her daughter, Susan Lee, a photographer trained at the Cleveland Institute of Art, have collaborated on *Tapestry* as they did on *Cleveland's Playhouse Square*. "Working with Susan makes the project even more exciting," Pat says. Her books are available on Amazon.com, and *Tapestry* is also available from the publisher, AuthorHouse.com.

Congratulations to **Betty Vandersluis!** She recently received an honorary professorship from Franklin Pierce University.

Joanne Sallee Kernitz did the class proud as the featured speaker at Reunion's Sunday morning chapel gathering. Although Joanne transferred to Wittenberg after her first year at Western, she values her experience in an all-women's college and credits it with her strength and confidence as she went on to compete in a man's world. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1982 and is currently a minister in the United Methodist Church. She likes to tell the story of her arrival at her first church and the elders' obvious surprise and disappointment when they realized that it was she, not her husband, who was to be their new pastor. Unfazed, she carried on and ultimately won them over. A musician (she



Wanting to hear more of Joanne's stories, two members of the 50-year class — Ann Gingrich Kuehn (center), who lives in Cincinnati, and Cathy Bauer Cooper (right), from Lebanon — got together with the Kerntizes for lunch at the historic Golden Lamb.

plays piano and guitar) and writer (she recently retired as editor of her retirement community's newsletter and has collected her story sermons and other writings into a booklet for family and friends), Joanne and Chuck, her husband of 57 years, live in Lebanon, OH, not far from Oxford.

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The only blue card received came from **Marty Wilson Rowan**, who writes of her two cruises with her entire family. The first was through the Panama Canal and the second to the Canadian Maritimes "Land of Green Gables."

Last June, I saw on the local news that Erikson's Dairy in Maynard, MA, was chosen as one of the five best ice cream stands in Massachusetts. The business is 70+ years old and is still run by classmate **Arlene Erikson Fraser**. However, she wrote to me of her difficult winter. Last Christmas Eve she fell and cracked her head and was operated on to remove a blood clot from her brain. She had several weeks of memory loss and after three months of rehab, she is still work-

ing to regain her full balance. Arlene's granddaughter, Kayla Fraser, a senior at Tabor Academy and captain of the crew team, is looking at colleges for next fall.

Jean Decker Allread writes that her granddaughter Elizabeth Allread is a freshman at Miami University. She will be living in Havighurst Hall on the Western campus.

In August 2010, **Beryl Wallman Bennewith** called while in Boston awaiting a plane to the Azores. From there she was to fly to Portugal and then on to South Africa to visit her husband Geoff's brothers and cousins.

Lyn Dixon Present wrote a note remembering her trip to Cape Cod last spring and her visit with **Vesta Peters Philbrick** in July. I had a call last week from one of Vesta's daughters saying that Vesta had just undergone knee surgery and was comfortably recovering in rehab.

A note from **Lee Ann Prendergast Curry** remarks that Bob is OK and that Lee Ann is still working at her three part-time jobs planning meals for nursing homes. She doesn't mention why — however, her sister, **Sheila Prendergast Luetkehans** underwent surgery and spent several weeks at Lee Ann's home recovering.

Barbara "Little John" Johnson Mecklenborg urged me to go to last spring's Reunion (I couldn't make it); nevertheless, "Little John" is so happy at The Knolls, Oxford, OH, that she wishes everybody else could enjoy living there too.

A call to **Anne Koch Nevins** discovered that she and her husband Jack have moved permanently to their summer house on Cape Cod. Her address is: 36 Merchant Street, Yarmouthport, MA 02675. They are definitely bucking the national trend, their 1950s house in Winchester, MA, sold within 24 hours of being put on the market.

My annual visit from **Debbie Cohen Kalodner** and her daughter Liz was as always enjoyable. Liz works for NBC and takes her mom along on some of her business trips, for example a recent one to Las Vegas.

I had a great chat with **Jill Morrison Kehoe** from Savannah, GA. Jill has visited Cape Cod in the past and plans to visit again next summer. In the meantime she is playing bridge and living the healthy and happy life of a 79-year-old woman.

Paul and I have enjoyed another good year. I had successful cataract surgeries in both my eyes last winter, which unfortunately deterred me from my annual winter time in Maine. My granddaughter, Kira Revere, is a freshman at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Her brother Paul IV is at Barnstable High School, where he plays for

both the lacrosse and ice hockey teams. Paul IV grew almost a foot this past year.

On a sadder note, I recently received notice of the loss of two classmates. **Joemma Jenkins** passed away on September 5, 2008. **Donna Jeffries Boese** died on March 10, 2010, in Greenfield, IN, after a long battle with cancer. I learned from her obituary of her great love of show ponies and her work in the medical field.

I encourage everybody to send me their news. Return the blue card — located on page 42 of this *Bulletin* — send me an e-mail, or call me at 508-362-2787.

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Only three of us came back to Oxford for the 55th Reunion: **Sally Miller Ihne, Carolyn Dunkin Schulte**, and myself.



"Only three," but **Carolyn Dunkin Schulte, Mary Sicer Moore, and Sally Miller Ihne** did the Class of '55 proud at Reunion 2010!

We missed the rest of you as we walked across the campus, remembering, noting new trees replacing old ones, and dodging the workmen as they installed new pipes under the roadway. The campus was green, the buildings in good shape, the new organ with a plaque thanking the Class of '55 for spearheading the renovation sounded glo-

rious, and we even saw deer wandering the campus! While our class attendance was small, it gave us more time to visit with **Liz Brown Peelle '54** and **Mieke Van Waveren Smit '54** and their husbands and **Pris Strand Berry '54**.

Sally Miller Ihne stays busy working with her Shetland sheepdog, Ernie, taking him to rally and obedience trials and bringing him to visit me. Both were wonderful guests.

Carolyn Dunkin Schulte is now retired from the art museum in Phoenix and has been redoing her house, a chore which had been postponed until she had more time. Now it is finished and she looks forward to travel.

Shirley Small Osepchuk, president of the WCAA Board of Trustees this past year, wrote, "Sadly, I missed our class of '55 55th Reunion in June. I had to stay home and have a total knee replacement after 40 years of tennis. Nevertheless, I'll dance at our 60th in 2015."

Madelon Operer Hall and her husband did not make it back. They were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Ireland.

Belatedly I learned of the death of **Mona Berger Burger** back in March of 2009.

But what is the news from the rest of you? Christmas cards (whose news would now be out of date) inform me that **Barb Giles Grant**, **Liz Dunham Gibbons**, **Lucile Robinson Allen**, **Anne Peterson Caviness**, **Sara Babcock Burneson**, and **Charlene Ashing Berry** are all still reading, traveling, and visiting friends and family. Some even have e-mail. So why didn't all of you send in a note for the *Bulletin*?

I, too, am doing all of the above. And as I write this I am getting ready for a long-wished-for two-week trip to Italy with my daughter. We will spend a week in Padua and a week in Venice. I was reading Henry James to prepare for the trip: *Wings of the Dove*, which I couldn't finish, and *The Aspern Papers*, which I love. I plan to look for the settings of both while I am in Venice.

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Can it be possible that we graduated 53 years ago? Do you remember when we snickered about people coming back for their 50th reunions and wondered how people that old could possibly have any fun? We were just young and inexperienced. Class members write about living and enjoying life.

Ellyn Talbott Bogan was in Oxford in June, not at Western, but for her daughter Linda's 30th reunion at Miami. She did have a toasted roll at the Lodge and visited with WCAA trustee **Charlotte Klein Varzi**, who was on campus for the Annual Meeting.

Ellyn has moved into her own apartment after four years with Linda and her family. Her new address is: 2819 E Dublin Granville Road, #810, Columbus, OH 43231; telephone, 614/948-5395.

Ann Adams Ellison sold her needlepoint yarn business nearly three years ago and has been enjoying retirement more than she expected. She takes a couple of cruises every year, is on the board of the Cincinnati May Festival — which is lots of work and fun — plays bridge and spends time with her grandchildren.

Joan Mueller McNally writes that she and Mac celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Greenbrier and got in a round of golf despite a rain delay and soggy fairways. They keep in touch with other classmates, **Char Knox Eberhard** and husband Wally and **Dru Zearley Clingman** and husband Dave. Son Jeff has had surgery for esophageal cancer so they have spent time in South Dakota with him. Joan recommends a book, *Infidel*, by Ayaan Hirsi Ali.

Mary Ann Fichtner Mountain continues to paint using pastels, "an exciting medium and very spontaneous." She enjoys her home in Seattle, WA, with its newly remodeled basement and paintings on the walls and misses her dog Clio, a favorite pet. Mary Ann reports that cataract surgery has given her a better view and she is enjoying seeing colors she had been missing. She urges us all to "... enjoy the world you live in. Stop and smell the roses!"

Ione Sandberg Cowen has a busy life just visiting her children — one in Bogota, Columbia; one in Greenville, SC, and one in Cambridge, MA. They have managed to be involved with their grandchildren's lives being present for major events and helping with college applications. Ione is still on the board of a children's literature conference at Kent State and takes continuing ed courses

through Case Western Reserve. She and Bill enjoy their travels that include class reunions and family reunions. "Now we'll have it on video — at least until the next technology makes that obsolete."

Sue Martin Scott happily reports from the San Francisco area, that son John and his family are just back from their five-year stay in London. Daughter Jessie bought the perfect house — across the street from the de Young Museum so they can always park in her driveway. Bridget's Kieran and Fiona are in high school. Husband Bruce is at a level spot with his Parkinson's. "We still go ram-paging about."

Sandy Grimes Surico says that she and Stephen have had a busy summer trying to save their gardens from the drought in New Hampshire. They had a family reunion in New Jersey with all four children and their spouses and 10 grandchildren. They continue volunteering for the Granite State Ambassadors at the airport and with Stephen's art exhibits at the Manchester Artists' Association Gallery.

Nancy Lakamp Sinclair wrote at Christmas that she feels she lives out of a suitcase, visiting family in California, Jackson Hole and the Adirondacks plus dividing her time between her homes in Dover, MA, and Sanibel, FL. Keep up the good work, Nancy! She notes that Jeffrey Herbst, former provost at Miami was named Colgate's 16th president. Nancy follows that Miami-Colgate connection through her husband and daughter, who both graduated from Colgate.

Notice has been received of the deaths of two classmates: **Ellen Tooke Pugsley** died May 31, 2010 in Jamesville, NY. **Persis A. Whitney** died June 20, 2009 in Detroit, MI.

Jim and I keep fighting off old age. Jim's COPD keeps him somewhat confined but he still manages to go to plays, concerts, restaurants, family events, volunteer as an IRS tax preparer, etc. I continue to volunteer for the Opera Guild of Dayton and the Dayton Art Institute, take classes for seniors at the University of Dayton and have lately taken up exercising at Curves with **Louise Wilson Braley '50** — not that there is much sign of any change in this body. I did go to Africa for the "Great Migration" in February and to Vienna with my sister **Peggy Mayer Hill '59** in June. Our oldest grandson, Henry, plays football at New Trier High School north of Chicago. We are watching the college selection process all over again. It seems like yesterday we did that for ourselves and then for our children. Time marches on. Until next time ...

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Bad news first ... Gordon Garrett sent word that **Penny Boudreau Garrett** died at home on August 4th in Sarasota, FL. She suffered a stroke in August '09, lung cancer in November '09 and a cancerous brain tumor in June. Throughout the unbelievable streak of bad health, Penny remained positive and fought to the end. With a Master's of Science in Food Science from Rutgers University and as a Registered Dietician, she worked for many years in hospitals, nursing homes and health centers. She was an instructor at Montclair State University in New Jersey, a research assistant at Northwestern University Medical School for a National Institute of Health study and also worked as a dietary consultant. She was a co-sponsor of the Healthy Athletes Program for the American Dietary Association and developed a Healthy Food Program for the National Special Olympics. Penny presented several times at the national convention of the American Dietetics Association. She was an award-winning quilter in Illinois and Florida.

A Celebration of Life was held in October at the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Sarasota where Penny was a member. Penny and Gordon, high school classmates, had been married for 50 years. Penny had a beautiful smile and lively spirit that will be greatly missed by her two sons, three grandchildren, Gordon and the class of '59.

Susan Gessford Spicer lost her husband, Joe, on St. Patrick's Day, the day before he was to be released from the hospital. He was continuing to improve from brain tumor surgery but suddenly passed away. After the shock wore off, Sue became very busy resuming her activities that had been put on hold for 18 months. In August she went on a week's cruise in Alaska with friends, spent time with her daughter Lori's family in New Jersey in June, will spend Thanksgiving in El Paso, TX, with Kathy's family, and Christmas in Stuart, FL, with Jay's family.

She is told that keeping busy is the best way to deal with grief and she is doing her darnedest to stay as busy as she can with activities, volunteering at the local hospital



The Golden Girls and Peabody Cup winners from the Class of '60 at Reunion 2010! Bottom row: Mary Flagler Rachau, Rosie Wood Dyer, Cathy Bauer Cooper, Beverly Brown Workman, Pei Liu Hsiang, Barbara Latham Schwartz, Susie Petersen Sabin, Betty Milligan Kipp; row 2: Susie Williams Keefer, Ann Gingrich Kuehn, Isabel Oteo-de Martinez, Patti Alman Halbig, Jan Sandrock MacEwen; row three: Syd Stout Benson, Sara White Arn, Kathie Howard Sutherland, Connie Everett Cunningham, Barbara Kong Vlachos

and regular exercise. Sue and Joe had more than 50 years together and she cherishes each one of them.

Good news! **Mary Baumer Baker** says that Larry and she have been busy traveling. Their travels have included a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean, a flight to Phoenix, where they went on a Canyonlands tour, a visit to the Grand Canyon with glorious views! A drive back to Phoenix to surprise Larry's brother on his wedding anniversary, a visit to Carlsbad Caverns and then on to Nauvoo, IL, to go to the Mormon Temple (all in the same week!). In August they had a 14-day trip to Alaska. Mary is on the go and busy, busy!

Diana Koch Mascali, another busy traveler, hurried back to Allentown to a 55th high school reunion and visit with family and old friends. In late October they are off to Europe for a month to revisit friends in France, cruise for two weeks on Oceania Cruises to old familiar ports and end with a week in the Veneto. They will disembark in Venice and rent a car to sightsee that gorgeous part of Europe with daughter, Dana, joining them and **Ellie Spittler Buford** as their guide. What a fun adventure that will be!

Dana lives and works in Washington, DC, for the Defense Department and maximizes her vacations in interesting places. Who can argue with that? Tiger, Carol and family are still in nearby Danville, CA, where Madison, a brand-new teenager is taller than Di already and her 10-year-old sister, Mackin-

sey, so grown up too. The girls just completed their fourth year collecting, cleaning, filling and distributing 300 backpacks to kids without school supplies in the area.

Bob and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with 60 long-time friends at a delightful party held at the Brooklyn Museum on June 12th. A few days later he was off on another bicycling adventure to the former East Germany. And so it goes. This has not been my best summer, too hot and some disturbing health issues to deal with, which I hope will be diagnosed quickly and easily corrected. Those of you who did not send along an account of your activities must be having some wonderful times and are way too busy to keep us informed. Well, indeed, carry on with whatever those activities may be — I am sure your days are full and rewarding.

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Judy Fitzsimmons wrote that she did a lot of traveling this past year: Myanmar in January with six British girls, Mexico for a week to celebrate her husband Doug's 70th birthday with their children and 14 grandchildren, Guatemala with Doug where they divided their time between La Antigua, Lake Atitlan and Chichicastenango. Judy emphasized her trip to Myanmar which she said was a beautiful, poor, quiet, serene country. The standard of living there is appallingly low. They visited tribal areas where the people live mainly off the land. "Buddhism is at the core of the culture and is reflected in the omnipresent pagodas and temples, daily practices, outlook and demeanor of the people." Judy recommends traveling there. She sends her best to old classmates.

Nancy Lindfors wrote that she now has a new title at Trinity Lutheran School where she works. She is Dean of Students for the Lower School which covers Pre-K 3-year-olds to sixth-graders. She is excited to have five of her grandchildren attending Trinity. Looks like Nancy is not in the retirement mode yet. Her family is keeping her young!

Becky Densen moved to Iowa City, IA, this past February to be near her 97-year-old father, who still lives independently. She is the proud grandmother of three. Ty is 17 and a senior in high school who wants to be a chiropractor. Justice is 4 and her brother



Eva Nortvedt Humbach '63, husband John MU '63 and their two oldest grandsons, on a July '10 visit to the Western campus

Tucker will be a year old in December. Having just moved to Iowa, Becky is busy making new friends, one of whom teaches piano, so she is planning to take lessons to renew her piano playing skills. Have fun, Becky, the Lord will bless you for honoring your dad.

Nia Terry wrote that the June Reunion Weekend was most enjoyable. **Nana Ruth Mbele '70** (originally from South Africa) brought her sister's granddaughter which was just perfect for Nia's granddaughter, Jasmine, who accompanied Nia to a Reunion Weekend for a third time. Nia's long-time friend, **Isabel Oteo-de Martinez '60**, stayed overnight with Nia and they traveled together to celebrate Isabel's 50th Reunion. Nia also was able to have an enjoyable visit with Margaret Barrier, our beloved retired sociology professor, who lives in Oxford.

Dottie Adler Bennett wrote that she and her husband, Richard, are planning a 3-week trip to Indochina in November, spending most of the time in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. (At Catholic Charities I worked with refugees from these three countries in the '80s and really enjoyed them. Our church even adopted a Cambodian couple.) Each year Dottie and her husband try to take a trip and for the past two years have traveled to India. Dottie's volunteer activities for Jewish causes have also taken her to Israel and Germany several times. In Germany she is doing tolerance education which is necessary in these times. Her oldest grandchild, having finished high school, is planning to attend the classic St. John's College in Annapolis, MD. The 11th-grader enjoys theater and music and the sixth-grader is "into anything, but school!" Reading, going to theater and movies and playing golf fill Dottie's spare time as Richard is still working at the Institute for Defense Analyses, a private think tank. Dottie is healthy (seven years post breast cancer), happy and at peace with the world.

Libbe Dennard (formerly **Marion Roberts**) wrote that she is continuing to work on her memoir, focusing on her lifelong depression. Hopefully, next year she will be looking for a literary agent. Libbe and her husband Lee spend their winters away from Alaska. Their first stop this year will be Antigua, Guatemala, for her 70th birthday. Enjoy being 70, Libbe. That's God's promise to us — 70 years! If the Lord delays His coming, I'm looking forward to being 70 myself next March 2011 and I'm sure many of you are also looking forward to that birthday!

Emma Sue Nave Wilson wrote that in January 2010 she joined her church staff (part time) as the prayer ministry leader. She also led a mission trip to Jamaica. A group of women took their sewing machines to make school uniforms for kids who can't afford them. Emma Sue now has 15 grandchildren with three new additions this year (two



In town performing with the San Francisco Mime Troupe, Judy Scovel Robinson's daughter, Lizzie Calogero (bottom right, inset), visited campus in January and had her picture taken... guess where!

adopted). She had a great visit with **Marj Keppel Gross** who stopped for an overnight visit while she was traveling.

Betsy Guthrie wrote a short, sweet and to-the-point e-mail. She said that she was in Scotland for the summer where the temperature never got above 75. She enjoyed bagpipe bands performing outside of her window. She sends love to all.

Loretta Ryder wrote that she has thoroughly enjoyed her first year of retirement after teaching 43 years in the Detroit School System. "Weeks of six Saturdays and one Sunday have been loaded with the DSO Series (Classic and Jazz), Detroit Chamber Series, Michigan Opera Theater Series (opera and dance), Hilberry Classic Theater and movies. Despite Detroit's bad rap, the cultural scene is topnotch. I also sing in the church choir (soloist) and with two other groups. Of course, I did all of this while I was working, but now I'm wondering how I managed. The big family news is that my nephew-in-law is the new mayor of Charlotte, NC, which means that my niece is the first lady." Great, Loretta. I know you're proud of your family.

Jo Ann Katzman Smith is still living in very small town New Hampshire. Both retired, she and husband Alan have taken up travel. In the last eight years, they visited Scotland, Wales, England, Greece, Turkey. In the U.S., they drove around south Florida and the Keys, plus a lot of train travel: two cross-country trips on AMTRAK, the northern and the middle routes from Chicago to the West Coast, as well as parts of the southern route to visit Big Bend National Park in Texas. This summer they traveled across Canada on VIA Rail from Toronto to

Vancouver — a wonderful trip Jo Ann highly recommends. Older son Andy and his family live in Ohio. "Last fall we were able to watch him in the half-marathon in Oxford. What fun to visit the Western campus and show everyone around!" Daughter Rachel and her family have just relocated to Lebanon, NH, where she will work at Dartmouth, so they will now have to travel a bit farther to see their 3-year-old grandson. Rachel's husband is the minister at the UCC church in Lebanon. At least younger son Matt still lives close by! Otherwise, energies are caught up in the many community activities that are part of life in a small New England town and in dealing with some chronic health issues that Jo Ann has developed.

I, Debbie, am enjoying walking a half hour with my husband, Tom, around the neighborhood six days a week as part of his therapy after the total right hip replacement he experienced in the spring of this year. Prior to his surgery, we enjoyed coordinating a church marriage retreat for 40 couples. The theme was "Taking Your Marriage to A Divine Level." My prayer is that God keeps each and every one of you in His tender care. God loves you and so do I. May God bless you and shine upon you and give you peace that passes all understanding.

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From **Betsy Smith Ames**: "I have been retired since Oct. 1st, 2000. I worked at NSA for 20 years as a mathematician and took early retirement when they offered it. I live close to both my daughters and see all five of my grandchildren often. I used to babysit them full time but I stopped a few years ago. My oldest daughter, Trish, has had two bouts of cancer in the last three years — colon and breast — but at the moment she is doing just fine. I do a lot of sewing — upholstering, curtains and alterations — which helps to keep me out of trouble. Other than that my life is busy with friends, family and travel."

From **Judy Bybee Boardman**: "This note is from Orange Beach where I am negotiating with the government for payments from BP for loss of a rental. Things are pretty grim. The beaches are pristine, but nobody is here. It wouldn't be so bad if I didn't need the rentals. I like the beaches uncrowded, but I wish the tourists would come back. Bill and I just got back from a two-week vacation to California and Colorado to see the Bybee relatives. We had a wonderful time even if the van was stuffed with two daughters, two granddaughters, and all our luggage. We saw the Grand Canyon on the way back so at least we were able to show the girls a little of the beauty of the West. Our lives are full of travel and family and I am still working on my art. My latest project is a watercolor commissioned by a friend. I need to stay home long enough to finish it."

Sophia Karayannides Browne writes: "When I retired in April, Paul and I made the move from California to New York state in June 2010. On June 5th, we left Antioch, CA, and drove cross country in a Dodge Caravan full to capacity. The trip took us about a week. We were able to avoid the thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods that followed after we drove through the Midwest. Good timing. Our new address is 64 Westwood Avenue, Ellenville, NY 12428. It is about 27 miles south of Kingston and about 85 miles north of NYC. Phone: 845-210-4810. Obviously, now you know what I did this summer and will be doing for quite a while."

From **Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens**: "I retired from my position at Princeton this summer. I don't have immediate plans to do anything significant; I'm taking a break after working with students for 45 straight years! In all that time, I took a few months off when my each of my daughters was born; but had no other extended sabbaticals or breaks. I was very proud to have my daughters and other family members join me at the celebration of my Princeton retirement. I was honored to have a room named for me in a student cultural center and to be selected an honorary member of the Class of 2010.

"My daughters (Jill Dickerson, KC Dickerson and Dawn Stephens) arranged for a girls' trip to Tuscany for us in July. It was terrific — a week in a gorgeous villa in the countryside and three days in Florence. What wonderful places. Paul and I traveled to Cleveland (to see the Rock 'n Roll Museum) and Detroit (for a meeting). We also went to Salt Lake City and Park City, UT. In August I baby-sat for my granddaughter, Lucca while her mother, Jill, traveled to production sites in preparation for the launching of the new OWN (Oprah Winfrey) network. She's a VP for reality show programming for the network. We were sad to lose Paul's dad in May. My mother's last surviving sibling, my dear Aunt Ruth, passed in



Reunion 2010 and the Class of '65 was there, represented by Sylvia Stanfield, Kate O'Brien Lillich and Pam Eggers Gill.

March at the age of 90. My sister, Cheryl, suffered a heart attack in August, just weeks after her 60th birthday. Fortunately, she is recovering well. I cherish my Western education and all of you for being fellow travelers. I hope to see you in 2015!"

From **Brooksie Jacobs Harrison**: "My husband and I just enjoyed bringing Phyllis Hoyt to our home for lunch in August and what a joyful time we had. We see her every few months in Peterborough, NH. We spent a delightful weekend with Jak and **Lynne Drucker Albuquerque '64** the first weekend in August at their beautiful home. My husband and I are enjoying our part-time work. He is a mental health worker with the Brattleboro Retreat. I am active in my nutrition practice and also am volunteer coordinator for Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, VT. Husband Ian's son is finishing college at Stony Brook, NY, and my son is working in Brattleboro. We play golf weekly and my game really improved this year. We head to Scotland to see Ian's family in October and do a bit of sightseeing. Liz@NutriEd.com www.NutriEd.com."

From **Becky Bartholomew Kraus**: "I retired from teaching in Kettering, OH. And retired from sub teaching in Savannah, GA. I also retired from training Tennessee walking horses but perhaps not from riding. I recently found a boarding barn in Savannah, so may be riding again. Wendell and I have been following the Pro Bowlers to Hawaii and Miami and back to Hawaii. We're enjoying the summer in Savannah, GA. Planning a fall trip to TN (Nashville), OH (Dayton), and back through TN (Pigeon Forge). Going to Vegas in December. Oh, the best news is that husband Wendell is a member of the band Savannah Stompers that Disney chose to be in the Miley Cyrus movie, *The*

Last Song. It's hard to see the band but his name is in the credits. Filming was last summer. It was great."

Alice Von Tacky Ross writes: "I attended my one and only hometown high school 50th reunion in August just two weeks ago. It was well worth it because *my* friends were there. I haven't even been able to get college friends to correspond so ... sorry. Reunions in general don't thrill me. I will say however, at my 50th I sat with a friend whose daughter studied at Western's/Miami's Interdisciplinary Studies. I never thought I'd meet anyone who attended Western's campus again. Small world, isn't it?"

Shirin Kassam Velji writes: "The major event this year, April 2010, was the birth of our first granddaughter, Meera. Her parents, Zahraa and Seth live near us in Washington with Meera's big brother Khalil. We babysit for them on Mondays and sometimes in the evenings. They bring a great deal of joy to us. We have two other grandsons as well. My sister, **Shamim Kassam '73**, came to see the new baby in June. In June 2010, I was elected President of GFWC Kirkland Woman's Club for the term 2010-12. We are service-oriented and do outreach for special community programs. Our special project this year is Domestic Violence Awareness and we at GFWC KWC hope to do a big event next year in the community. Another milestone was the publication of one of my articles in the Ismaili Community magazine. It focuses on seniors and presented some highlights and achievements of some of the members from the nation. I was pleased to be one of them. I also enjoy reading, walking, doing volunteer work with the City of Kirkland, especially the AAUW Kirkland-Redmond Branch, Eastside Welcome Club."

Mary Biedler Williams writes: "I am completing my fifth and last year of Classical Chinese Medicine studies and will begin seeing clients in October as part of my practicum at the Prairie Healing Center in Wichita, KS. (www.visitphc.com). I plan to facilitate projects and programs for gifted students in Kansas. Right now, I am brainstorming about how to create a residential school where the students run it, do everything, and learn at their own pace and interest. What a concept; as compared to the herd mentality of the current system, based on an industrial age delivery model with an agricultural age calendar. So maybe I'll live to be 130 and who knows?"

I, **Pam**, went to our 45-year Reunion at Western in June. It was nice to see **Sylvia Stanfield** and **Kate Lillich** again! I had a lovely time talking to members of a lot of classes especially the 50th Reunion class. It was restful to see Western again. Not much changes and that's comforting. The food was fantastic too. In late June, Sam and I took our 1926 Hudson fire truck to

Louisville, KY, for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Antique Automobile Club of America. At about 35,000 members, it is the largest collectors club in the world. It was a tough trip and Sam ended up in a hospital in Alabama for three days. It was a good show, though, and I also went to the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs.

Earlier this month (September), Sam fell and broke his right arm (upper bone) and bruised his right hip and leg. He is in the hospital now and will be moved to a rehab facility soon. His arm will take a minimum of six months to heal. He will come home when he can stand up, and I will take care of him with help from home care services. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. He and I will need all the help we can get.

On a cheerier note, our sixth grandchild, David Allen Fiedle, was born on December 21, 2009. He and mom Laura with sister Ella came for a visit from Colorado in June. Daughter Karen's little girl, Jordyn, started pre-kindergarten this August. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2011.

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By the time you are reading this issue of the *Bulletin* we probably will be into the holiday season, so consider this column a greeting card from the undersigned!

Jean Ager reports that following graduation she entered Harvard Divinity School with a class that included only two other females. While living in Cambridge she met Katherine Donaldson, who furthered Jean's interest in art. She also realized that she was far more interested in studying children than theology so she enrolled in Bryn Mawr College's graduate program in Child Development and Clinical Psychology, obtaining her doctorate in 1977. Jean worked in various clinical and faculty positions in Maine, Virginia and Pennsylvania and did further studies in group psychology at the Washington Psy-

choanalytic Institute. Then a decade ago she became a parental caregiver. Today Jean lives on an acre of land nestled into a hillside in West Chester, PA, where she is engaged in gardening, watercolor painting, land preservation groups and entertaining. She is looking forward to returning to part-time professional work and/or writing. She also hopes that other classmates and alumni will visit her should they find themselves in the vicinity of the Brandywine Valley, Chads Ford, Winterthur or Longwood Gardens.

Shortly after my exchange with Jean, I heard from **Cheryl Christian Kugler**, her freshman year roommate. These gals lived two doors down from me on Peabody third floor South, so the contacts brought back memories which continued flowing during Cheryl's March visit. While husband Jacek worked on a project with a colleague at the University of New Mexico and daughter-in-law Emily attended a conference downtown, I had Cheryl to myself for two days of non-stop chatter, restaurant and gallery hopping. She had just retired from 35 years in her library position at Claremont College so our conversations ranged from what she will do next, to the shock of applying for social security, Medicare and supplemental health insurance when one still feels young and healthy, to books and to our families. Her beloved husband will continue a few more years as a professor teaching political science and as a support/rooter for Cheryl's new activities which include golf. Her son Tad is now a professor at Roger Williams University and his wife, Emily, has a new job teaching English literature at Colby College.

Carol Stone Lehman sent a note saying she and husband Fred were planning to move from Kentucky to North Carolina's Gibsonville area in Alamance County and build a house on a 36-acre farmstead as a way of helping their kids.

Several communications from **Joan Barenholtz** elicited the following. In 2009, she limited her travels to the U.S.A., traveling to exotic places like Atlantic City, Washington, DC, Buffalo, Seattle and Minneapolis, where she hobnobbed with remarkable people, exchanged great ideas, and explored interesting architecture. She added some Elderhostel seminars to her list of doings as well as New York City museums, concerts and plays. She also fought a battle with pneumonia.

In August 2010, Joan took a week-long course on the Pennsylvania Railroad which culminated in a trip to Lancaster, PA, where she hooked up with **Barbara Zarfos Landis** whom she hadn't seen for six years. Lunch, a tour of art galleries, the new convention center, an historic church and cemetery were high on their to do list. They also compared notes on their upcoming sepa-



Heather Antell Abed and husband Haytham, in Damascus

rate tours of Spain and Portugal, Barb's in September and Joan's in October. Barb and her husband, Bob, planned to rent a car and drive through both countries while Joan was scheduled to be on a Road Scholar Tour (formerly known as Elderhostel). Joan also has signed up with this company for a January 2011 trip to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, part of her plan for seeing the world while she can still see the world! She reported that Barb is the 2010 Ladies Golf Champion of the Conestoga Country Club.

Joan stays in touch with the family of the late **Elaine King Albin** who died of cancer six years ago. She reported that Elaine's husband Mike, an Arabic speaker, is currently in Baghdad with the Army's anthropologists' program. Joan also says he is dating a woman our age who used to work with him at the Library of Congress. Mike took her to New York to meet Joan last winter, a visit Joan says was not even a teeny bit awkward. Elaine's daughter, Miriam, has two children. She was pregnant with the first child when her mother died and this Elaine knew.

Judy Mason Betz e-mailed that she and husband Gary have made several trips this year to North Carolina to help out daughter Sarah with their grandchildren. In September, Sarah planned to accompany her parents to California to attend a wedding after which Gary and Judy planned to visit friends.

Carolyn Sparks Kokalis loves living in Fort Myers, FL. She noted that all three sons are married and that she has her fingers crossed that one day soon she will hear that grandbabies are on the way! Her summer travels were to take her north to Rhode Island and visits with her siblings. Later she planned to go to Lewes, DE, and find the perfect summer home near the ocean which would put her halfway between her two youngest sons during the summer months and make her a reverse snowbird. She also hoped to visit with **Carol Hoexter Mandel** and husband Steve, whom she missed seeing in Florida in April because she was stuck

in Rome, Italy, for six days due to the Iceland volcanic ash problem.

Heather Antell Abed and husband Haytham celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year by traveling to Italy for several weeks. She especially was pleased to locate her father's birthplace in Finochito. Later she treated herself to two weeks' biking through Tuscany with a group of 20 for her 65th birthday. With every visit to Italy, her Italian improves. Heather and Haytham spend a month every year in Beirut and Damascus visiting family and friends. Last year they toured Palmyra and its incredible ancient ruins while attending a family wedding and then went on to spend a fascinating week in St. Petersburg. At home, they keep busy with their children and grandchildren. Heather tries to stay in touch with **Elisa Kessler Caporale** but rarely gets back to the East Coast to visit. When in Turkey, she does her best to hook up with Hadi and **Diane Eby Ozbal**. She sends her best wishes to all in the Western community!

Ann Coleman Lynn tried to beat the 112-degree Phoenix heat this summer with visits to Santa Fe and Flagstaff, both known for their higher altitudes and cooler temperatures. She and husband Fred also spent three weeks touring Germany where the Passion Play in Oberammergau was a highlight. Ann's 65th birthday was in October and she had plans to spend it in Paris where her son Jeff and his wife Lindsay would join them from their home in London.

Also traveling this year was **Gloria Tumino Molella**. She and husband Chick flew to Sicily and spent two weeks with her father's relatives in Ragusa being royally entertained and catching up on the family gossip. They then flew to Rome to meet up with Chick's brother and his wife and to begin their next adventure. A driver picked them up and took them to Ravello on the Amalfi coast where they had rented a villa for a week. This was then used as their base for exploring the nearby sights including Capri and Mt. Vesuvius. Next stop was five days in Rome with a side trip to Fondi where Chick's grandparents were born. Then they boarded a ship for a 10-day cruise through the Mediterranean with stops in Korfu, Santorini, Ephesus, Athens and Messina, then it was back to Rome for another three days. Gloria's philosophy: See and do it all while you can, life is short and you don't know when you are going to leave it. Back home in Savannah Gloria cares for her 95-year-old mother who lives with them. Mom is blind, hard of hearing and uses a walker, but Gloria says she can't be kept down, she is always ready for a shopping trip. Until August 7th, Gloria and Chick had four granddaughters. That night daughter Danielle and her husband Kilmer had their first child — a son, Jackson Dominic — born on his due date, which was a day after his father's birthday and a day before his mother's.

Mary Newbold Brammall has limited her travels recently to four or five trips a year to Indiana to check on her parents. While there she and husband Stephen do little odd jobs around the house that her parents can't do. Otherwise, the Brammalls keep busy refinishing and reupholstering chairs that once belonged to Mary's grandmothers and playing music. About a year ago Mary joined the Daytona Beach concert band which entails driving 117 miles to Daytona once a week. Stephen decided that to make this trip a bit more worthwhile that he should participate in the band too and thus has taken up the cornet. As for turning 65, Mary says she finally can count on having health insurance, and that the Y's Silver Sneakers program is looking like a good possibility. She celebrated the day by having dinner with friends and was looking forward to a September high school class reunion 65th birthday bash with friends she hadn't seen since graduation. Mary keeps in touch with **Jeffie Hughes Olney** who lives in the Hilton Head area and whom Mary vows to visit. Jeffie's daughter was recently married and Mary viewed those wedding photos on line.

A note from **Elaine Harris Gomperts** informs us that she and Bob are enjoying their retirement in North Carolina. They now have four grandchildren who are a joy to be with. A 3-year-old lives within three miles from them so they see that child daily. Elaine also keeps busy with an area newcomers club which she reports is a great resource for newly retired northerners in the sunny South! Elaine hopes all of us are enjoying Medicare!!!

Hasna Jahan Jasimuddin Moudud arrived at Western on a full scholarship in 1965, where she was met by art professor Katherine Donaldson, who became her mentor/guardian while at Western. Hasna retains many fond memories: The beauty of the campus turned her into a poet. She saw her first snow fall while attending a religion class and Dr. Will Stoetz let the class out early so everyone could enjoy her magical experience of snowflakes. She joined the college choir and enjoyed singing as well as traveling with the choir. Her roommate, **Kay Harold**, a fantastic girl, introduced her to the life of young Americans, and Kay's mother sent her a warm coat. Everyone was so kind and helpful that she never felt alone. Since she came to Western with a B.A. from Dhaka University, after just a year at Western she went to the University of Dayton on a graduate assistantship and received a M.A. in English. Later she went to the University of Iowa's famous International Writing Program, where she taught Kurt Vonnegut's daughter Edie, who introduced her to more about youth in America. Her proudest achievement to date has been being recognized in 1992 as a United Nations Environment Programme Global 500 Laureate. Hasna also has been honored to attend the UN General Assembly as an alter-

nate representative from Bangladesh. She often visits Washington, DC, where she once was a visiting scholar at the Elliott School of International Affairs and hopes she can touch base with Westerners when next she is there. Hasna's e-mail is cleanwater07@gmail.com, she is on Facebook, and invites all to visit her there. If we Google her, we can read descriptions of her books and other activities. Hasna hopes to reestablish contact with **Kay Harrold** and to attend a Western Reunion in 2011 or 2012.

Ruth Kline Keppler, her husband and another couple celebrated Ruth's 65th birthday in Israel. They spent three weeks touring in a rented car and had a fabulous time. Even managed to get to Petra and Wadi Rum in Jordan for two days before ending their trip with six days in Jerusalem. The sights were incredible, people beautiful, weather perfect and so much to learn! Back home, four grandchildren keep the Kepplers on their toes. Their daughter has two sons, 6 and 4½. Their son has a 5-year-old daughter and a 1-year-old son. Ruth is lucky that they live within a half hour from Tarrytown so it is possible to be with them often. Much of the summer was spent at their place in the Berkshires in Massachusetts where they had lots of company, lots of good food and wine, got lots of culture and read many books. Ruth keeps in touch with Tom and **Pat Troyer Leipzig** and Jeff and **Ann Verdon Leisenring**, who, she reports, are well and enjoying life with their grandchildren.

An e-mail from **Susie Jennings Wilson** on her birthday says she was celebrating by signing up for supplemental health and prescription insurance, renewing her driver's license, and hoping that this time her photo would make her look younger. Our farmerette reports that the Wilsons spent the past year raising an adorable calf/steer who recently "went away to camp" to be returned in another form. It was a sad day for Susie even though he had head-butted her and broke her ribs. She also keeps 50 chickens and raised 14 meat birds for about eight weeks and then transformed them into freezer paper. It took her a few weeks to adjust, but she now loves the end result and will do it again next year. In addition she kept an acre vegetable garden whose produce she either processed for later use or sold. To help keep the body going she attends a spin class, works three days a week at Wild Birds Unlimited, and volunteers with Special Olympics. In her spare time, Susie continues to make concrete birdbaths from rhubarb leaves that she sells at craft shows and farmers' markets. When her husband, Dean, isn't at work on the farm, he is commuting two hours each way to his job at Rock Island Arsenal or volunteering with Susie at Special Olympics.

During a recent road trip with her stepson, Susie visited her brother and family in South-

ern California and then drove through the Grand Canyon and Mesa Verde to Evergreen, CO, to visit her son. Since **Gail Chatham Clifford's** son lives nearby, she hopes to meet up there with Gail someday soon.

Rauni Pellikka is now retired! Her last working day was May 31st. She plans to continue living in Brussels, Belgium. Her new e-mail is nita.cattail@gmail.com.

Our condolences to **Jo Ann Brombaugh Wittmann**, whose father passed away last October at age 99. Jo Ann and her husband Jack visited him several times a year and always drove down to Oxford for a day of nostalgia. While these visits might be curtailed, the Wittmanns are still on the move. They spent Thanksgiving '09 visiting Washington and Oregon, the homes of her two brothers and their families. By luck they were on a Caribbean cruise this winter when the two big snow storms hit the Washington, DC, area. Later, on the way home from a golf event at Myrtle Beach, NC, they stopped in Wilmington, NC, to visit with Bob and **Elaine Harris Gomperts**. When not traveling, Jo Ann enjoys golf, water aerobics, yoga, line dancing and playing the piano for other seniors.

Diane Eby Ozbal is another new retiree, sorta. Turkey has a mandatory retirement age of 65 for teachers on that magical birthday. So after 38 years teaching at Robert College, Diane had to call it quits, sorta. No one agreed to take over her SAT GRE testing job so she will work part time doing that for Robert College. In addition to being the "test consultant," Diane will run all the ETS tests for Istanbul. Thus, she can ease rather than jump into retirement. In January, Ozbals decided to have their apartment remodeled and rewired. Since walls were to be knocked out and the kitchen gutted, it was necessary to pack up and move to the next-door apartment. The work took 10 weeks, during which time Diane and Hadi visited an appliance store to buy a new refrigerator. Turns out that the mall was having a two-month promotion whereby customers would receive an entry ticket for a prize drawing. To Diane's amazement they won the Grand Prize, a Princess Line cruise from Seattle to Alaska leaving June 24th! July found them helping out on daughter Rana's archaeological dig, Hadi doing all the shopping, paperwork, and hiring; Diane, the babysitting as well as detailed computer entries for found items.

In September, Diane went to Boston to help son Jon move to a new home in Lexington, MA, and fix up his old home for sale. By October, she was back in Turkey administering tests and babysitting again while Rana was teaching archeology at a private university — where her starting salary is higher than her full professor father's current salary.



Mary Brubaker Garman and family

Libby Klingel Falciano Stadler e-mails that she is married and living in the Atlanta, GA, area. She too was shocked when she received the notice that Medicare was to begin this year.

Mary Brubaker Garman sent the following update. Her e-mail and phone call simply sang with joy and excitement. She spent two wonderful weeks at the beach with 32 Brubaker family members in July. Mary has such wonderful memories of the beach with her relatives when she was a child and then later with her children that she was delighted to be able to share this experience with the grandchildren. In early September, Mary and sister-in-law Margot jetted off to Jordan and Egypt for several weeks where they planned to see and do as much as possible in each country.

Jan Chadwick sent a new e-mail address: jchadwic@columbusrr.com. She continues to enjoy her volunteer work for the Columbus Library System which was named this summer the number one library in the country by *Library Journal*. Jan says it is exciting to be involved with such a vibrant system but she is grateful that professionally she is no longer wrestling with the day-to-day issues caused by budget cuts. She spent Father's Day in Florida with her father who also was celebrating his 92nd birthday and later part of July at the family house on the lake in New York.

Rosemary Gingrich Parks has a new street address: 21 Thomas Nelson Dr., Hampton, VA 23666. She decided to make a move after the November '09 Nor'easter storm damaged her house. She also felt that it was time to downsize. Other '09 events in her life included the March birth of her grandson, child of Marissa and Hector, who both work at the Art Institute in Sunnyvale, CA. Marissa brought the baby east in July so they could spend some time with her father, Warner Parks, Rosie's ex. Amber, Rosie's other daughter, teaches art to K-5th grades at three schools in Newport News, VA. Last December, son-in-law Joe received his B.A. degree from Old Dominion University with a major in English.

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Reunion '10 ... the 35th anniversary Grand Finale



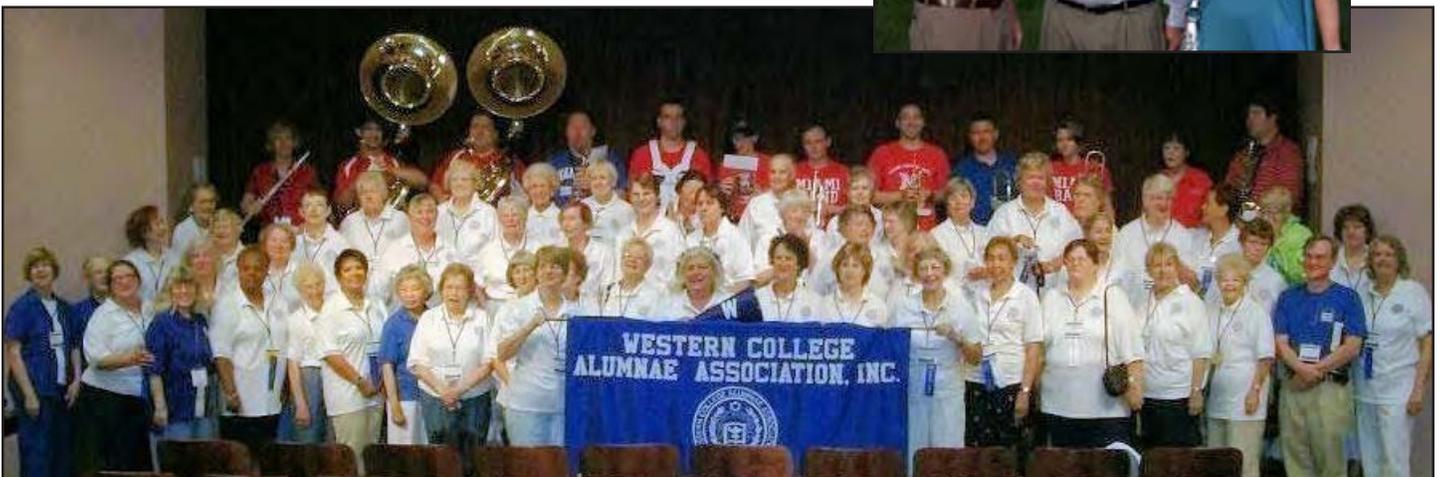
Don't call it a *conclusion*, call the June 18-20, 2010, weekend the *climax* of our 35th-anniversary celebration! Every class is always welcome at Western reunions, but the 50-year class is special. "Little sister" Judith Dudman Henderson had the honor of giving the Friday night invocation.



Meeting and greeting begins at the Lodge, gets serious as WCAA Director Judy Waldron welcomes MU President David Hodge and new WP Director Nik Money, and gathers speed with fun and games on Clawson patio after Friday dinner. A faculty gallery of honor featured photographs of just a few of the extraordinary Western professors to whom we pay tribute in the creation of the Western College Professorship, the designation for our Reunion Gift.



Well, it finally rained on our parade! Undaunted, we marched the length of the corridor in Lower PH and posed for the All-Western picture in Leonard. (Except for three Western Program alums — Tom Toffoli '80, Bill Wagner '80 and Stephanie Wagner '84 — who waited for Saturday's sunshine.) Incoming WCAA President Jocelyn Woodson-Reed '74 presided over the Annual Meeting and later the All-Western luncheon to honor the Meily Society, where Joan Willitts Glatte '53 demonstrated the ever-popular *WAVE*. Faculty sponsor for the Class of 1960, Margaret Barrier was visited by a few of her former students from the 50-year class.



Class Reps rule! Fourteen of our past and present *Bulletin* class representatives were guests of honor at the Celebration Banquet, Jane Noble Miller '38 at Saturday's luncheon. The banquet is all about toasts and awards: Barbara Williamson Wentz '68 received a Western print as thanks for seven years' service on the board, Mary Jean Corbett, retiring WCP Interim Director, was made an Honorary Alumna; Cathy Bauer Cooper and Betty Milligan Kipp beamed and gripped the Peabody Cup awarded to '60 for top attendance percentage. The Class of '70 chanted in unison to the theme, "the beat goes on." Brand-new alums Abby Hils and Chelsea Hodges spoke for 2010, the last class of the Western College Program. Mieke Van Waveren Smit '54 presented an antique oil lamp to the WCAA, symbol of light as depicted in the first Western seal in 1858 and thereafter.





Beautiful music filled Kumler Chapel at the Farewell Gathering on Sunday morning. Eleanore Vail FF and Western friend Frank Jordan performed a piano/organ duet, and Jan Sandrock MacEwen '60 directed the ever ready and willing Alumnae Choir in the singing of our beloved "Western Blue." Presider Ann Gingrich Kuehn '60 read poems by Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost, selected by chapel speaker Joanne Sallee Kernitz '51, who brought three generations of family members along for support.



**See you June 17-19, 2011, for Spotlight Western!
(Information on Alumnae Service Award nomination, p. 45)**

NEW at our June '11 Reunion: SILENT AUCTION and SHOWCASE WESTERN
We need YOU to be a BIG part of both!

AUCTION: Do you have Western stuff in your attic? An old bureau with the Western crest on it, a Western coffee mug or — gasp — ash tray, a silver bowl that belonged to a great-aunt whose name you have forgotten? Or something intangible — a time share at the beach or a trip to Falling Water? Donate it to the Silent Auction — and benefit the WCAA. No reasonable item will be refused. We hope to have the items online so you can bid from home as well as at Reunion. Details will be included with Reunion Registration information. Meanwhile, contact the WCAA office: wcaa@muohio.edu or 513-529-4400.

SHOWCASE: Do you have a talent (hidden or otherwise)? Singing, dancing, playing the violin, reciting "The Highwayman" from memory? Or have you always wanted to crew backstage? You needn't be professional, just enthusiastic. Director Debbie McDuffie '71 wants to hear from you: Send your name, class year and talent to mcduffie@arts4jax.com.

In November '09, the alumnae office was belatedly informed of the death of classmate **Barbara Deen Schwartz**. Barbara graduated from Rosemary Hall in Greenwich, CT, prior to coming to Western. After leaving, she was an office administrator for Jordan, McGrath in New York. Barbara died on May 24, 1999, after a brief illness. She was survived by two sisters and four nephews.

As for me, at the end of May my mother had a spinal fusion to relieve some nerve pressure. I spent the month of June in Lancaster, PA, supervising her recovery and doing whatever housework she required. This enforced quiet time led to some interesting conversations especially concerning family happenings as she and her sister began answering questions prompted by the books in which they were writing their memories, interesting observations from differing viewpoints. I also did a lot of reading and spent a day each with **Barb Zarfos Landis** and **Mary Brubaker Garman**. During this visit the family got together for dinner on my actual birthday, though we had celebrated it along with my mother's 90th and my niece's 21st in March with a family cruise through the western Caribbean. Back in Albuquerque I spent a lovely July afternoon with John and **Elisa Kessler Caporale** who were in New Mexico for a weaving and basket-making convention. Thanks again Heather and Mary for the photos! And, thanks to all of you for writing this column. May the rest of you silent ladies be inspired to help too!

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Lucy Bardshar Borland '68 (left), now living in Biltmore Lake, NC, near Asheville — and "back in the fold" — lunching with classmate Gerri Kuscher Pizzi



I heard from **Susan Hodge** at Christmas-time. Despite major computer failures and the problems entailed in getting those things righted, she made great strides in '09 to put together the genealogy of the Nebeker branch of her family from the material left to her by her mother. Susan even made a trip to the Covington, KY, area and was rewarded by finding the site of the log cabin of one of the Nebekers and the house in town of another, along with treasures such as a family quilt now in the hands of the Vigo County Historical Society.

In March, **Donna Blodgett** retired from IKON. She is very happy with her decision and is looking forward to not having to work and the stress that revolves around it. She is learning how to relax and keeps busy with sewing and quilting, reading, learning wood-working. Perhaps she will try a little gardening if she can keep the deer away.

This past summer **Ann Noble** played golf, worked in her garden, walked her dog, Charlie, and interviewed lawyers for an office she may open for the Department of Labor, should Congress ever appropriate the funds. If she actually goes back to work it will only be for about a year because she really enjoys retirement and will be eager to return to it. Both her 30-year-olds are now married but their younger (28 years) brother and sister don't seem close to taking the big step, which is fine with her. All four of them seem quite happy and that's the important thing. In early July, Ann was going to her 45th high school reunion, a reunion she thought should be interesting because the people she had kept in touch with are very conservative compared to her!

Nancy Galbraith Karoll had a busy year. In May, she and her husband, Richard, flew to Istanbul where they spent some time before boarding an Oceania cruise bound for Marseille. They stopped at several interesting destinations (Santorini, Malta, Tunisia, Sardinia, Cinque Terre, St. Tropez) before arriving in Marseilles where they rented a car and headed to Arles, touring the region of Provence, which was wonderful! Nancy was only home a few weeks before flying to Vancouver, BC, to help her daugh-



the Karolls

ter Nicole with last minute details before her wedding on July 10th. It was a beautiful garden wedding and a very happy event for everyone there. Richard arrived the day before the wedding and Nancy's son, Mark, flew in from Denver. It was a rare treat to visit the family all together. In mid-August, Nancy was to attend the 45th reunion of her high school graduating class (high school was in Tehran, Iran) in San Antonio. This should have proved interesting as she hadn't seen most of these people since 1965! On the Western front, Nancy has kept in touch with **Betsy Summers Solis** and **Carol Abarbanell**.

What a hectic and packed year this has been for **Stephanie "Stevie" Bentzen Snook**. Last Christmas (2009) her son, Devon, became engaged to another teacher in the same school system. In December of 2010, they will be married in Bellevue, OH, and the reception



Betsy and Stevie

will be in Sandusky, only a short walk from Dick and Annie's (**Annette Bevan Gallagher**) home. Spring and summer found Stevie and husband Fred deep in renovations as they upgraded the kitchen (reportedly is looking great) and repaired their winter-damaged roof. During the height of the upheaval of kitchen remodeling, Stevie was delighted to escape to her favorite Italian restaurant to meet up with **Betsy Summers Solis** who was visiting the area for a few days. Stevie was impressed with how much Betsy does — including making earrings and gardening.

Stevie found a couple of other ways to get out of the house. She and **Mary Hamulak Hovanec '75** hosted a well-attended alum meeting for the Cleveland area. Another was planned for the fall to be hosted by **Lolly McDavid** at her home. And then she attended Reunion 2010, and although Stevie was the only '69er at Reunion, she wanted everyone to know that Reunion is great fun no matter how many from your class attend.

Betsy Summers Solis wrote that she also enjoyed her time catching up with **Stevie Snook** while in Ohio. Before going to Ohio, she had dinner with **Rebecca Doherty** who is working on home improvement projects and enjoying retirement. Betsy sprained her ankle last August ('09), which turned into acute Achilles tendinitis that still bothers her. She did do several running events, but paid for it afterwards. She and her husband spent three weeks in April traveling in Australia and



Class of '69 adventurers (L to R): John Kensingler, Larry Plumb, Betsy Philipson Kensingler and Karen Kling Plumb, on tour in Alaska

visiting friends, a nice break from athletic events. She saw **BJ Gibbons Bramlett** in California before returning to Kona Sept. 1.

Karen Kling Plumb and husband Larry had a good year enjoying their five grandchildren, traveling to Colorado to visit some and staying home with the others.

The big adventure of the summer for Karen and Larry and **Betsy Philipson Kensingler** and her husband, John, was a tour to Alaska that included five days of land tours to Anchorage, Talkeetna, Denali and Fairbanks, and seven days sailing from Seward to Vancouver along the Inside Passage. They say it was a wonderful experience and they are all still friends after traveling together for two weeks. Earlier in the year Betsy accompanied John to Hamburg and Rome for academic conferences, and stopped in England en route to visit her cousins. Other than traveling, Betsy tries to keep up with her seven grandchildren, all of whom live within 35 miles.

Gretchen Schmidt Grzelak sends greetings from Wisconsin. Gretchen and husband Tom had a wonderful summer that included a short relaxing time in Wisconsin Dells in July. She surprised herself by going ziplining and enjoying the thrill. A camping trip with son Michael and his family was a highlight in August. They didn't do as much biking as planned but hoped to pick that up again in the fall. Her work at the hospital continues to be very busy; it is a challenge to keep up with the pace. Tom still enjoys retirement and stays busy with projects and caring for the dogs. Her horse, Buster, celebrated his 30th birthday this October. He has had his share of health problems this past year, but is always eager to see her and they always enjoy each other's company. As always, Gretchen is looking forward

to the next time we'll get together for a reunion.

This summer **Britt Henne** finally had a visit from **Sue Williams Oblinger '68**, who spent 10 days in Oslo. Britt has visited her many times but in all these years Sue had never been to Norway. They went sightseeing, she met Britt's kids and their husbands and Joachim, the grandchild, and they just talked and talked. Britt's daughters, Siri and Marthe, are both working, Marthe as a doctor in a big hospital in Oslo and Siri is the head of a nursing home in Oslo. Marthe's son Joachim is nearly 2 and charms his grandparents; his little brother is expected in February '11. Britt and her husband, Thor Christiansen, are still working and have no plans to retire, yet. Britt noted that all who went to our 40th Reunion enjoyed themselves. She has been to Reunion every five years and looks forward to seeing many classmates at our 50th. britt.henne@nav.no

As for me, **Nancy Wilson Kobayashi**, in the fall 2009 I took my daughter, Christine, and grandson Makoto to visit my mother and other family in California returning via Maui where we met up with my husband, Kazu. It was great fun introducing the little one to tidepools and jump houses. Our second grandson, Naoya, was born in January '10. I do love being a grandma! I'm still dancing hula and writing occasionally. Kazu has an Internet shop where he sells soaps and such from Thailand. On his next trip to Thailand I hope to go with him and meet up with **Jitrapa Kantabutra Himathongkam** (Judy).

With Kazu now having a Bangkok connection, I did a lot of searching on the Internet and found Judy, who was in our class freshman and sophomore years. She then transferred to the University of Wisconsin where she met and eventually married Dr. Thep Himathongkam. They returned to Bangkok in 1974 where Thep taught in a medical school for 10 years, leaving to establish the Theptarin Diabetes and Endocrine Center, later expanded to full general hospital Theptarin Hospital. Judy worked as an actuary at an insurance company. They are both retired now and leave the administration of the hospital to their two older children daughter Tanya (Bunny) and son Tarin (Bic). In retirement, Judy and Thep travel world wide, much of it to conferences concerned with diabetes prevention and care. Their youngest child, daughter Tinapa (Bam), is in graduate school at Georgetown University. Judy is in touch with **Val Silpabanleng Hongstong '67** and says that Val is well.

Thank you to all of you who wrote in, and I hope to hear from you others in the coming year. You can write any time!

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Reunion 2010, Class of '70-style: Jennifer Ferdinand, Pam Watts Coates, Nana Ruth Mbele and Sherry Glickman



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Celebrating 40 years!

Unfortunately, I only heard from two classmates this year. I hope this isn't a trend. I have recently reconnected with friends with whom I spent my junior year in Vienna. It had been 40 years since we had seen each other and we just picked up where we left off. It has been wonderful and I realize how interesting and important it is to keep the connections. So, thank you to **Kathy Staubach Robinson** and **Janet Kimmel Mullens** for responding. I hope to hear from more of you next year.

The update on **Kathy Staubach Robison** is that life continues to be good — in spite of the fact that she turned the BIG 60 this past year: "I decided that it was worth a celebration of life so my three sisters and I (I am the oldest with the rest quickly following) held our first Annual Sisters' Weekend in Asheville, NC. It was great — no food fights and no one went to their room angry. Mom said she wished she could have been a fly on the wall. This past year held other

family celebrations as our oldest son, Sam, was married and promoted to the rank of major in the Army. He is in military intelligence special forces and making it a career. Our second son, Ben, passed the national boards for Nuclear Medical Physicists. I am still practicing insurance management consulting. Each year brings some different twists and turns. This year I had increased technical writing assignments while the training assignments were less. And that is due to the economy, as more companies turn to computer-based training and the Internet with less costs than on-site training. I continue to do expert witness testimony. The best parts are that I mainly work from my home and have great flexibility. Jeff and I continued to enhance our native gardens here in eastern Tennessee. This past June we were on the local garden tour. And so, I continue to continue ...



Hank Ryan

Recently "found," **Hank Phillippi Ryan** (aka Harriet Ann Sablosky) is living in Boston, where she is an award-winning investigative reporter for WHDH-TV and a best-selling mystery writer. Her latest novel, *Drive*

Time, published in May, is the fourth in a series of mystery novels featuring protagonist Charlotte "Charlie" McNally, veteran TV investigative reporter. Hank says she is delighted to have been found, has fond memories of Western — she dedicated her first book to English professor Alice Blich. You can catch up with her on her website, www.hankphillipryan.com.

Janet Kimmel Mullens says, "I'm retired!!! Yes I am and loving it! Finally I have time for my adult children and their families. And I have time to read, to cook, to travel and to care for my rescue pups. I am getting involved with DART (Disaster Animal Response Team). This is an organization that teaches volunteers to care for animals in disaster situations. DART reaches out and provides services, food and general animal welfare during emergencies. Remember the black Lab walking on the roof of the flooded house after Katrina? DART would step in and help. In the past few years my husband and I have become involved with Pet Rescue in the Dayton area. We have brought several small poodles into our home after the worst imaginable conditions in Amish puppy mills. It is a passion and a love. Giving a damaged dog a forever home and watching that dog change, learn how to love and to become a part of a family is truly rewarding.

"Life is good. My three boys are all successful and married. Ben just left NYC for Louisville, Trevor is in Vancouver with EA, and

Max continues his golfing career in Minnesota. I would love to reconnect with gals from the class of '70-'71."

Personally, besides reconnecting with old friends, my life is good. We continue to commute between Massachusetts and St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. We are residents in the islands now and spend about eight months there. I still love it there and feel lucky to have found such a wonderful place to live. I am in the phone book in case anyone passes through. We fly our Piper Comanche back and forth and it is at least a four-day trip with the cat still sitting in the back seat. We try to make it an adventure, stopping in different places especially up and down the coast. I have a new appreciation for the East Coast of the U.S. It is all lovely. Flying over the Bahamas is also a beautiful trip. Our summers in Amesbury, MA, are always fun too and we feel lucky to be able to live in two places. The only problem is moving our lives twice a year. But, it is worth it in the end.

I hope that anyone reading this will consider writing about themselves next year and reconnect with the class of '71. Next year is 40 years since our graduation, I can't believe it. Until then, I wish everyone a healthy and happy year.

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Greetings to everyone! Here are some classmate notes from the mailbox.

Joan Campbell writes: "Ben and I are fine and continue traveling as we get the chance. The biggest expedition for us this past year occurred in December, our second trip to Bhutan (we first went in 2005), this time including a five-day trek as well as a couple of religious festivals. Amazing. Then in late April/early May we played host to a French



Beniko Tsubaki Noguchi and family, March 2009

couple we'd known for many years — Serge was boarding in the same house where I lived during my junior-year-abroad in Nantes while I was at Western. Serge and his wife, Jeanne, are now retired and were taking their first-ever trip to the U.S. We hosted and traveled with them for about two and a-half weeks, and I don't think I ever laughed harder in my life. Finally in July, Ben and I went to Scotland for two weeks, including five days in Orkney. Anyone who really wants details, check out Ben's blog: <http://anothersideofthislife.blogspot.com/>. Telling travel tales is how we bore our friends in lieu of showing off grandkids' pix." (vjc@wideopenwest.com)

Lynne Mueller Sweeney sent me the following news: "Last fall, my mother, a sister, and I traveled to Berlin to visit my youngest sister and her family. Her husband is a colonel and attaché to Berlin for the Army. Fantastic trip! Real estate has been up and down. The first-time homebuyer credit helped the market tremendously. Both of my kids were able to take advantage of the \$8,000 and I helped them buy homes. Stephanie and her new husband moved back to Indianapolis from Sarasota last June and bought this spring. Andrew and the three dogs moved out last summer after he and his girlfriend of nine years bought a house. Interest rates are at an all-time low, if anyone is in the market. It has been very quiet here but I haven't missed the dog hair swirling under the furniture at all. Now, do I get my own dog?? Still contemplating ... but not until after a visit to my sister in Bonita Springs this fall. Hope all of you are doing well." F. C. Tucker Co., Inc.; 3405 E. 86th Street; Indianapolis, IN 46240; 317-439-5514; (lmsRealtor@aol.com)

Susan Adland sent a bittersweet note: "Still working at American University part-time. Last year was a toughie. Lost my mom and then my former husband a few weeks later. Spent a lot of time cleaning and emptying apartments. Not what one is really prepared for. Did do one wonderful trip to SE Asia — three weeks in Vietnam, Siem Reap, and finally a few days with a friend in Bangkok. I am eager to go back to see more temples at Angkor, possibly a destination 60th celebration. But oh the heat! — not unlike what

we had this summer in DC. Besides work, there is tennis, knitting, reading, playing Shanghai Mahjong, ushering at a local theater, and working with young students through Common Threads — an organization that introduces healthy nutrition through global cuisine in after-school programs. Was quite rewarding and fun. My daughter was working on the Hill, involved with the successful passage of the Health Care Reform Act, but is moving on to FamiliesUSA, a healthcare think tank. She's a DC kid.

"Wondering what has happened to all of our classmates? **Marcy Jackoway Cornfeld** is busy and dealing with her aging mom but there's no word from anyone else." (sfadland@hotmail.com)

I heard from **Alison Owens**, who says it's been years since she put anything into the *Bulletin*. This is what she shares with us: "I retired from my 21-year position as administrator at the New Mexico School of Natural Therapeutics in '05 but am still working part-time — doing eldercare, whole foods cooking, and wedding officiating. If you are planning a wedding, or know someone who is, please check out my website at (www.weddingsabq.com). I live just a few blocks from the Rio Grande and volunteer at the Nature Center State Park and at Wildlife Rescue, where I rehab abandoned baby bunnies. Still trying to finish the second 18-foot long tile mosaic on the cinder block wall beside my garden — making cards and collages inside my studio is so much easier and more fun! My memories of Western are special treasures ... have lost track of **Ada Harrigan** and would love to have her contact info." (alisono@swcp.com)

Well, Alison, I have good news for you! I also heard from **Ada Harrigan**!! She writes, "I'm consulting on a project at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Department of Energy). A herd of goats is now on the property clearing the brush and I've run into a flock of wild turkeys and deer when walking to appointments there.

"I see **Cris Arguedas** and we were her guests (for golf) on members' day at the Olympic Club. My partner, Mary Anne, won the prize for closest to the pin. There were about 132 men playing and 12 women (two 18-hole courses). There are very few women members there and it's 2010!! I'll see Cris again when she returns from her trip to Hong Kong and Bhutan.

"I also spent some time with **Diane Bratcher** out in Orient, Long Island, this summer. She had us over for brunch (delicious!) and we caught up and watched some of the World Cup. I've started planning my first trip to Rome for my birthday in February." Ada's address: Harrigan; O'Connor & Harrigan Associates, LLC; 248 Third St. #842 Oakland, CA 94607 510.834.1666 (adaharrigan@ohsf.com).

From Africa, we have a note and some photos from **Margaret "Millie" Adongo Odede**, who was visiting her son, Mitchel Gould, and granddaughter, Armanie — quite the charmer — in York, England, recently. Her other son, Alistair, just graduated from BCOM last September, and is now working at Standard Bank Investment in Nairobi. Alistair is the proud papa of baby Paul, who is now about 1½. Millie reports that she loves spending time with her grandchildren whenever she gets the opportunity! She goes on to say, "Am now back home [from UK] and thank God for each day as my twin sister and I minister at her House of Praise Church. I do miss Western College colleagues and friends but thank God that we can keep together in one spirit even thru mail."



Proud grandmother Millie, with baby Paul

Millie also wanted to send greetings on behalf of Susan Mboya, her niece, who now resides in South Africa. "She was at a Western College Reunion a few years back with her late mother, **Pamela Odede Mboya '61**, and continues to praise the Western Community." (adoded@yahoo.com)

My massage business, Healing Spirit Holistic Health Center, continues to weather the storms of the economy; and I continue with my ministerial vocation, called Loving Spirit Ministry, with regular worship services, a wedding, some grief counseling, as well as a few house blessings. My youngest child, Gino, graduated from SDSU shortly after returning from a semester abroad at the Universitaat Maastricht in the Netherlands. The two older kids in Florida (Allegra and Hugo) surprised him by showing up



Class Rep Christy Wines at her Healing Spirit booth during a Cinco de Mayo street fair. Her "honey," Robin Bradshaw, is the willing recipient of a Reiki treatment.

unexpectedly for his graduation! They both continue to do well. Allegra's two children, Adrianna and Jean-Paul, are now 11 and 7 respectively, and my one regret is that the economy was giving me grief this year, so I couldn't take my usual trip to spend a few weeks with them. The wonderful man in my life— Robin John Bradshaw — and I just had our second anniversary of dating. We have no plans to marry; he still lives in another county, about 1½ hours away, so we mostly see each other on weekends, which suits me well. We both enjoy classes and workshops in Kundalini Yoga, Tantra, and other spiritual modalities, and trips to various hot springs in California. I'd love to hear from ANYONE from any class and am eager for Westerners, who are coming to Southern California for business or pleasure, to come spend some time with me in lovely San Diego! Please stay in touch!

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Mary Hamulak Hovanec can't believe time has flown by this quickly and that we are middle aged! She still loves teaching history (world and Russian) at Cuyahoga Community College in Parma, OH, and is serving as the advisor to the Chi Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges. Her sons are grown: one in Pittsburgh, the other back home from North Carolina! Although she was unable to attend, a Northern Ohio Western alumnae meeting she helped organize went well, and she looks forward to their next get-together. She has "such fond memories of my time at Western College" and believes "we had a privileged and extremely special experience there." She's not yet made it to a Reunion, but has been back several times since one son attended Miami. Mary recently reconnected with **Jackie Daw Mullen** through Facebook and hopes to reconnect with other members of our class.

As far as our household is concerned ... the girls and I traveled to Georgia to visit this

past July, and on the way back we took a side trip to Western. I can't believe how the place has changed. Other than the buildings it was very unfamiliar. My oldest Sarah graduated in June and is taking classes here at home. Christine is in kindergarten at our local Catholic school she is loving it. And the youngest, Alyson, is in the step-up kindergarten program in the public school. I continue to work at our church. I retired from bus driving in February — the routine was too difficult on Christine and Alyson. We had much better days once I retired. That is about all for now.

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Sally Jo

Sally Jo Dinwoodie shared her bold, busy and beautiful website with us: www.TLCgardener.com. Check it out, especially if you live in the San Francisco Bay area.

I am happy to report that all is well in my life, but sorry to report that the class of 1977 notes will be brief this time. There is a distinct possibility that my e-mail address was compromised in the late summer and early fall; our tireless editor, Cathy Cooper, sent me correspondence that I never received and it is quite possible that some of you sent me your updates via e-mail. If that is the case, please accept my apologies for not including your news here. Technology is wonderful when it works as it should — and extremely frustrating when it doesn't. I will be in touch with all of you soon — and please note my new e-mail address which follows. All good wishes for a wonderful 2011!

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In Memoriam

Helen Birkmier Blicke '26
March 2008

Catherine Saurer Smith '31
February 2010

Kathleen Durflinger '33
October 2010

Eloise Pooch Wagner '36
October 2010

Rachel Waltz Heath '37
October 2010

Phyllis Harsha Gilmore '38
April 2008

Miriam Bilyeu Berger '39
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Jane West Gardner '39
July 2010

Mary Jo Train Lewis '39
February 2010

Kathleen Redmond Kock '40
March 2010

Harriette Conn Frank '41
September 2010

Helen Sayre '42
October 2010

Margaret Bower Bossert '43
February 2010

Frances Judy Du Chemin '43
May 2010

Mary Jane Brickley Rowe '43
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Helen Wilson Updegraff '43
May 2006

Alice Yost Bixler '45
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Janet Shriver Roelofs '45
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Janet Schwab Eisler '47
October 2009

Barbara Hawk Hampton '47
August 2010

Mary-Jac Noyes Hatch '47
March 2010

Jane Wallace Kusser '47
April 2010

Mary Newby Pierce '47
January 2009

Dorothy Littler Albrecht '48
September 2008

Victoria McCord Davis '48
April 2010

Eleanor Tynan Bent '49
February 2008

Margaret Kent Waln '50
April 2010

Anne Raub Watson '50
April 2010

Robyn A. Rathman '51
December 2006

Donna Jeffries Boese '53
March 2010

Carolyn Gillen Pittenger-Coyle '55
August 2007

Sonia Niemeyer Fonseca '56
September 2009

Marcella Enderlin Klink '56
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Nancy Adams McCord '56
October 2010

Ellen Tooke Pugsley '57
May 2010

Laura Inman McDowall '58
April 2010

Penny Boudreau Garrett '59
August 2010

Jane Hauenstein Bidlingmeyer '61
April 2010

Fahimeh Akhavein '62
October 2010

Sara Al-Fadil Al-Mahdi '62
February 2008

Jeff Dovel '81
April 2010

Genelle Gatsos '88
July 2010

The Western Program

Appointed director of the restructured Western Program in April 2010 Miami University Professor of Botany Dr. Nicholas P. Money is an internationally recognized expert on fungal biology, including fungal growth and development, tissue invasion by disease-causing fungi, and mechanisms that launch fungal spores into the air. His research is supported by more than \$1.5 million from the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health. Extensively published, he has served as consultant for several companies and expert witness in courtroom testimony. His first novel, a “comedy of errors about the conflict between science and religious faith,” is a work in progress, but he comments that his teaching “stresses the importance of scientific literacy and the beauty of evolution.” English-born and -educated (B.Sc. University of Bristol, 1983; Ph.D. in Biological Sciences, University of Exeter, 1986), Nik joined Miami’s Botany Department in 1995 and lives in Oxford with his wife, Diana Davis, a professor at the College of Mount St. Joseph.

I’m writing this message at the beginning of my fourth month in “office,” or, more precisely, my fourth month in the Director’s Office in Peabody Hall (with limited time off after dark for good behavior). There is a saying, ascribed to various sages, most often Chinese, that I have recalled quite often lately: “May you live in interesting times.” The blessing can, of course, be a curse. These are interesting times, challenging ones for the global economy and for Miami University. And what is true for the wider university is certainly true for the Western Program now that we are embedded in the College of Arts and Science. Nevertheless, the news about Western is remarkably positive. Having been birthed (rebirthed), officially, in August, we have already recruited 20-30 majors, including a select group of last year’s freshmen students who are the first sophomores in the new program. This is a very encouraging start and I am confident that we’ll continue to grow over the next few months and be in a strong position to build a new freshmen class for the 2011-2012 school year. The faculty is working hard to refine our curriculum and we share the excitement of developing a superb academic program and fostering a vibrant community on the Western campus.

As some of you know, I am a scientist by training—a fungal biologist—and continue to run a research lab in Pearson Hall. One of the attractions of working in Western is the opportunity to interact with students with very different academic interests from my own. Yesterday, I met with one of our latest recruits, a young woman who is interested in the ways in which traumatic experiences in childhood affect one’s adulthood. I’m well aware that this is a subject that has been scrutinized by psychologists and social scientists for decades. But what impressed me about this student was the breadth of her questions. Rather than limiting her inquiry to, for example, the effects a background of abuse upon one’s personal



Nik Money

relationships, she is intrigued by the ways in which a painful upbringing might impact one’s economic prospects, career choice, and even political affiliations. She has, independently, created the foundation for the kind of individualized plan of study that is the Western Program. Western is her academic home and we will work together to see that she enjoys a rewarding path of inquiry that will lead to professional success after graduation.

My best wishes for the fall, which is my favorite time of year, or would be in 2010, if only it would rain and bring up the mushrooms.

— *Nicholas P. Money*
Western Program Director, Professor of Botany

The Western College Program Alumni Association would like to congratulate its new President, **Irene Dvoraczky Bell '82**, and **John Rego '81** on his position as President-Elect. We’d also like to welcome **Denise Cheng '07** to the board, at last bringing us up to an even dozen.

If anybody would like to contact the board, our website is www.miamialum.org/s/916/groups.aspx?sid=916&gid=1&pgid=1866.

We also have a new Facebook page (search for WCPAA).

We’d especially like to hear from any Western alumni organizations which may have been created in and for certain cities or regions, or for specific classes, so that we can improve our outreach and better organize reunions — and on that note, keep watching for word on the next of our Five-Year Reunions!



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What do we hear from the Class of 1979 ...

By now, we sure do hope folks of our era (and we define that very loosely) know that many of us have managed to get together for two summers in a row, and we plan to continue! Christening these events Western Paloozas I and II, we have so far used Cleveland's Burning Riverfest as a platform.

This year's highlights included **Bryna Fish** driving her motor scooter into the bar Friday night, the ceremonial Reading of the (Friday night) Bartab at lunch on Saturday, and of course listening to **Steve Madewell** and **Caroline Quine** play for us (oh, and the rest of Burning Riverfest) as the sun set over beautiful Lake Erie. If you want to get in on the fun (or even just the e-mail list), please contact **Caroline Quine**: CQ Graphics, 3225 6th St., Boulder, CO 80304; 303-449-8628; caroline@cq-graphics.com

I think there is stuff going on on Facebook, but I can't quite figure that out ...

Carolyn Johns McConnell sent just a tidbit: After bragging about her attendance at Western Palooza II this summer, she notes that: "Bill and I went to Kansas last spring to visit Andrew at Benedictine College — with dogs, in our 'tiny camper.' In September, we went to Maine—a weirdly appropriate 25th anniversary trip, as we had honeymooned there so long ago. Same story — dogs and tiny camper, and we stopped to see (son) Will at Hobart, too. It was wonderful to see everyone this summer. I'm looking forward to WP III."

Carolyn also did a little sleuthing, and tracked down **Frank Mikhail!** He reports: "I have been living and working in the Toledo area since leaving Western. Graduated from the University of Toledo and have been working at and buying businesses since then. Still single and having fun. Looking forward to seeing and hearing from many old friends." FraMkh@aol.com; 419-509-3927.

Peace, everybody ...

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Celebrating 30 years!

After 29 years **Kathy Weihsmann Huesmann** has surfaced to share her current story with her fellow Westerners. After graduation Kathy moved to Arkansas to work as an architectural drafter and married Mark Huesmann in 1984 (after an extensive search to find a guy with more letters in his last name than hers failed). Mark served for 23 years in the U.S. Navy. Kathy, Mark and their two daughters live near Bremerton, WA, and Deidre works for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. (I never realized that we shipped so many "navels," must have something to do with all those bellybutton rings.) Kimberly is attending Evergreen State College.

Mark, now retired, is pursuing a business management degree while Kathy works in the construction industry as a CAD operator. (A CAD is one of those dinosaurs that pick up big rocks like the one operated by Fred Flintstone.) Kathy continues to take courses at U of W and she loves the new technologies and working with 3D and rendering software. Kathy has met Frank Ching, famed author of several books on architecture and design graphics through her course of study. Along with her continuing education, which she highly recommends for everyone, Kathy enjoys gardening, jogging and being active in her community church and welcomes contacts from long lost Westerners. Bim4ward@gmail.com

Maureen Murphy Rolfe has been a psychiatric social worker in an emergency room for the past 16 years and at the VA for the 10 years before that. Maureen and Mike, her husband of 21 years, live in Dublin, OH. Mike was once a raging Republican business executive but Maureen has softened his outlook and he now plays guitar (and sings about tree hugging rather than log-

ging rights, I assume — sorry, Tim Matune). As Mike ponders the meaning of life and his growing love of nature, the two of them travel extensively and together they continue to build connections with people around the world as opposed to collecting lots of stuff. Now at 35 countries and counting, they will be heading to Peru this month. If there is any skiing in the Andes, I am sure they will find it. Rolfe4084@yahoo.com

At Maureen's pencil point **Kim Hartssock Votaw** has been prodded into sharing her news with us. Kim has been in South Florida for the past 18 years (Sun Screen!!!), raising her two daughters Ali (23) and Audrey (17), while working as a wedding and event designer for the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. (Sounds like a nice place for a reunion, do I hear a second?). Kim has used her interdisciplinary training and communal living skills to great advantage as she calms the "Bridezillas" and "Monsters of the Bride" while bringing a sense of harmony to all the frayed nerves, pre-nups, unrealistic budgets and finding that "just right shade of Eggplant." A true Sun Worshiper, Kim and her Boyfriend travel up and down the East Coast toes in the sand and wind in their hair, beach chairs and cooler close at hand. You might wonder what she thinks about during those quiet moments at the sea shore: us of course, her Western pals, and those glorious days of yore. Kimvotaw12@gmail.com

Kickin' it old school in Mentor, OH, **Steve Roos** is now COO of the Lake-Geauga Recovery Center, a nonprofit drug and alcohol treatment agency that also provides dual-diagnosis counseling for folks dealing with addiction and psychiatric disorders. He now counts the beans and spins the plates as needed to keep program development and quality assurance on track. Like many of us Steve was deeply affected by the loss of our dear friend **Jeff Dovel** this past year and in Steve's words, "Jeff dealt with his illness with great dignity and a tremendously positive attitude." Not a day goes by that he does not think of Jeff. Roos6@sbcglobal.net

To Janice Dovel and all of Jeff's family; please know how much Jeff is loved and admired for his sincere smile and warm way of touching everyone around him. We will miss him dearly and I am sure we will all have Dovel-Moments that will remind us of his gentle nature. Each of us would do well to take a lesson from Jeff and how he courageously lived his life. Let's all make an effort to be extra kind to someone every day, Jeff would like that.

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'83



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'85



"I was *nee* **Martha Jane Hollingshead**, but changed my name to **Martha Hollingshead Darif** when I married in 1997. I graduated from the Western College program in 1985 with a B. Phil. in Interdisciplinary Studies and a B.A. in Speech Communication. I went on to get my Master's of Teaching from the University of Virginia in 1993. I am currently enjoying a career in elementary education and am teaching third grade in the Fairfax County Public Schools in Northern Virginia. This is my 14th year at the same school. I live in Chantilly, VA, with my husband and our two sons, ages 11 and 8. :)"
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At Hueston Woods, on the occasion of the 1998 WCP Reunion, as identified by Druid: Julie Harper '85, John Haffner '86, Druid Strong '87, Diane Wright '86, Laura Dobbins '86, et al.

'86



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'87



Druid Strong: "I have been living in Dallas, TX, since 2000. Note to Western-minded individuals: Don't move to Dallas, TX. Dallas sent a great picture taken at Hueston Woods on the occasion of the fall 1998 WCP reunion."

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'88



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Sadly, we must report the death in August of class representative **Genelle Gatsos**. But we are pleased to announce the creation of a scholarship fund in Genelle's name. For more information or to make a gift, contact Evan Lichtenstein (lichteec@muohio.edu).

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Celebrating 20 years!

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'92



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'93



Dear Class of 1993, I received correspondence from three of you, which is appropriate considering three seems to be the theme of this year's class letter ...

Amy Glesius (aglesius@glesiuslaw.com) sent an e-mail that buried the lead! "The universe continues to show us its eternal sense of humor," her second paragraph begins. "Most of my time lately has been spent on our triplets, Seamus Roger Buelow, Phoebe Belle Glesius, and Sophia Claire Glesius, who arrived June 9, 2009, at 33 weeks." (33 weeks!)

It gets better. Amy relays the experience of sharing space at Hillcrest Hospital with **Traci**



At home: "Juggler" Amy Glesius '93, with her "fat, happy, and healthy triplets," elder daughter Stella and, presumably, their dad

Forrester, who was giving birth to her second child, and **Dr. Tara McElroy**, who "made a guest appearance." Three Westerners at the hospital!

To be fair, Amy buried the lead so as not to give short shrift to elder daughter Stella, born in April 2007. Ella "showed up with what appears to be a pre-programmed facility with logical discourse and the delivery of a diva. We're trying to figure out what to do with a kid who is smarter than both of us and our current solution is to start her in a Montessori preschool."

As for the triplets, they are "fat, happy, and healthy" after a "brutal pregnancy and delivery," Amy says. "They came with distinct personalities that manifested in utero. I am certain that they decided to show up together as a set. After 15 months, I am finally feeling confident that I can parent them. The journey that is parenting has also been one of self-discovery, specifically, the limits of what is physically possible without REM sleep. It's been an interesting social experiment, and one that has left us with an attitude of fearlessness. At least until we think about college tuition." I think **Ben Gibbons '94** can help you with that, Amy!

Amy says life is a juggling act. "I'm struggling with the identity crisis of mothering and being a lawyer, since there's not a lot of time left for the latter. I have not been able to get comfortable with moving between writing incisive legal analysis and keeping the babies from biting each other for the millionth time, all in the same 10 minutes. For God's sake, hasn't one of us Westerners figured this out yet?!"

"On bad days, our lives look like that fake Successories poster that shows an ocean liner sinking with the caption: 'it may be that the purpose of your life is a cautionary tale

for others.'" Amy continues. "On good days, it looks like a video game that awards a thousand extra points for getting two consecutive spoonfuls of food into, rather than on, a baby. You can decide: We offer free tickets to our circus in exchange for food, extra hands, and adult conversation."

Brady Christoph checks in as well, saying he took a hiatus from teaching elementary school in Tacoma, WA, to go with his wife to Zanzibar, Tanzania. "My wife had a Fulbright to work on educational issues at the State University of Zanzibar," he says. "My kids and I tagged along and I taught high school biology, physics, chemistry, and math — quite a change from teaching 7-year-olds! It was tremendously rewarding to serve as educational ambassadors in a Muslim society. We returned in August and I am once again teaching first grade which is very rewarding in a different way." Brady can be reached at 253-759-4812; 4823 N. 10th St., Tacoma, WA 98406. bgchristoph@yahoo.com

Scott Mongeau (scott@eyesky.com) also is spending a lot of time traveling the world. He writes that he's living in Leiden, The Netherlands, with his wife, Marloes, and boxer Lucky. "Pursuing a part-time Executive M.B.A. degree at Rotterdam School of Management having completed a master's in Financial Management there last year," Scott says. "Run a small international business consultancy here called Biomatica. Currently working on industrial biotech/ bio-fuel-related/green energy projects and biotech-related business development initiatives." Scott says he'll visit Mexico and Brazil in November as part of M.B.A. residency.

As for me, things remain the same. Still at Bloomberg, still covering Congress and the White House. My biggest joy is watching my daughters try new things (we took them skiing in Colorado last January, I coached Avery's softball team this spring). Still biking to work. For once, nothing much to tell. But you know what? That's a really good thing.

Hope all are well. And remember, many of us are on Facebook, which is an easier way to keep up with our lives than this annual letter! Cheers.

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Greetings from your Class Representative, Tall Paul! I have reached out to a number of you on Facebook to stay in touch. Here are the updates so far this year ...

First, we heard from **Jennifer Kenney**, writing us from Pittsburgh, PA: "I hope everyone is well out there in the great wide world. I have moved back to Pittsburgh after finishing all of my Ph.D. coursework at Columbia School of Social Work. Now, I am trying my best to finish my dissertation. In my free time, I am working part-time at the Center for Hearing and Deaf Services. My American Sign Language (ASL) is getting better and better every day, but I would, by no means consider myself fluent. Otherwise, for those of you interested in learning ASL, I would highly recommend it. It is a beautiful expressive language — one that uses your whole body, not just your hands.

"I am still with my girlfriend — Amy. She just got a new job as a supervisor at a local railroad. I am learning more and more about the transportation in the country every day. In fact, she and **Hannah (Ehrlich) Hardy '97** have crossed paths numerous times with Hannah's Rails to Trails project. It's a small world. The only person I see fairly regularly from Western is Hannah. She has her hands full with two beautiful boys, each with very distinct personalities and gifts. I do not get to see any of them enough. If anyone is in Pittsburgh, look me up. I would not mind spending an afternoon showing you the sights. I am on Facebook, and my e-mail is jenniferzmai@juno.com. Drop me a line if the spirit moves you. Thanks to Paul for compiling all of this, and best wishes to all."

Here is my update: Since I last wrote in the *Western Bulletin*, Jacquelyn and I have moved back to SE Michigan from Atlanta to be closer to family. The Broughton Empire continues to grow. We have two (2) sons now, George at 18 months, and Henry at 2 months old. We still have our dog, Daisy, and two cats, Thatcher and Darby. In August 2009, I took a temporary contractual position with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as a senior asset manager down in Orlando, FL. I worked on the Colonial Bank receivership, the sixth largest bank failure in U.S. history. My contract ended in mid-March 2010, and I have been a stay-at-home father ever since. I may be taking another FDIC contract in November, and continue to interview within the banking industry nationwide.

For fun, my latest endeavor has been growing my pumpkin patch in our side yard. I have one (1) rather large pumpkin so far

this year. This summer, I also grew cilantro, thyme, lettuce, and tomatoes. In addition to my gardening efforts this summer, I have tried my best to revive my severely parched lawn. I even submitted a poem to our family's agricultural poetry contest, entitled, "Ode to My Parched Lawn." Copies are available upon request, copyright pending.

Anyone heading up to Michigan, feel free to drop me a line. I am also on Facebook.

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Haven't heard from any Western kids this year, and really nothing new to report from the Coggin family. I think we might have to sit this one out.

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Celebrating 10 years!

News from the Front:

Kelly Foley reports that all is well in Boulder, CO! She is currently a petroleum geologist by day, associate professor by night. Kelly is teaching an evening physical geology class at Red Rocks Community College. She started in the fall and quickly realized that you need to prepare for class *before* you enter the classroom. Even after this rocky start (no pun intended) lectures are getting better as she gets back into the swing of teaching after her 2.5 year hiatus (used to teach at Village Academy in Powell, OH). Always an exercising machine, she continues to abuse herself by swimming, cycling, mt. biking, hiking, camping, and living the Colorado lifestyle ... which means she is dead-tired come Monday morning.

Nichole Sturm is *finally* finished with her residency and is now working in an ER outside of Chicago. But more importantly she has gotten engaged to Larry LaVanway who is a lawyer in the area. Big changes! Congrats, Nichole!

Kevin Degnan and **Beth Schuh** bought a house last October (2009). With help from Kevin's father and friend, they started extensive renovations (only thing they didn't



Nichole Sturm '01, newly engaged



Vann Geondeff '01, newly married

change was where the walls went) in January and finished in April. [See picture, page 37.] They are proud to pronounce their house liveable. Kevin is still teaching and is expecting a full schedule this fall. Beth finished her prerequisites for nursing school and is awaiting acceptance while practicing on her husband. In the meantime she has shifted from being Chief Morale Officer ('cause she makes people happy) at a local biotech company to working for them in purchasing, which is kind of a promotion. Yay!

An open invitation from Kevin: "If you or anyone else wants to come to San Diego, we have room and I've turned into a decent cook, believe it or not. Good food for all visitors! I actually recently won a friendly burger cook-off with some foodie friends by making an alligator/sausage burger with layers of sauteed SPAM and eggs on a sweet roll. Oh yes. It was tasty!"

Vann Geondeff and **Elizabeth Greene** were finally married on July 10, 2010. Feel free to jump for joy! We did.

Isaac Bloom and wife Monique Sullivan recently purchased a house in Washington, DC. If you are handy with a hammer or jack hammer, you are welcome to visit and/or crash with them while visiting our nation's capitol.

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Sean Collins: "I took a job last October with the Baton Rouge Public Defender's Office representing juveniles — which keeps me busy, but I enjoy it. I recently wrapped up a case involving the attempted murder of a police officer and am looking forward to being able to sleep again."

Erica Bland: "There is nothing new or exciting on the horizon in my life right now. It's all politics! I am working on the governor's race and a couple of city council races in February, but that's about it."

Mike Ernst: "I finished my Master's of City Planning at UC Berkeley and am now working at Design, Community & Environment, an urban planning and design firm in Berkeley. What else? I ran my first marathon this year! I'm still living in San Francisco, so if you're in the Bay Area, look me up!"

Jen Germano: "I finished my Ph.D. on the reproductive biology of the endangered New Zealand frogs in November of 2009. And I got married twice in the past year :) both to the same guy, Simon Madill my partner of the past seven years. We had one wedding in New Zealand at the end of last year and another one here in the States over 4th of July weekend. (**Erica Bland, Randy Wilson and Donna McCollum** from Western were all able to make it out for the one up at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Ohio.) Plus Simon and I moved over here to the States from New Zealand this year so I could take on a postdoctoral research fellowship at the Conservation and Research Department at Memphis Zoo in Tennessee. Having a blast trying to save the world's frogs. If anyone is passing through Memphis, definitely let me know!"

Lene Martin: "I am working for Lockheed Martin as a communications manager in Washington, DC, and am a doctoral student at Pepperdine University (2012) in Los Angeles, CA."

Nuri Pazol: "I'm working at Marketing Support, Inc. (MSI) a design/pr/marketing firm in downtown Chicago. I've been there after working at VSA Partners and AlphaGraphics developing my own design style and working in a lot of Spanish-speaking environments (design and Spanish were my foci). In fact, all of the clients we do packaging for (like The Home Depot) are bilingual, so I often copy-check translations for our Spanish-speaking audiences."

"Other than that, I volunteer with a few organizations in Chicago: Friends of the Parks

(fotp.org), a park advocacy organization helping to preserve/protect/improve Chicago's parks and forest preserves for everyone; and Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN) which not only offers free HIV testing five days a week (prevention) but also empowers people living with HIV through peer-led programming, support services, information dissemination, and advocacy.

"On a personal level: I just turned 30, so I'm ... uhhh ... dealing with that reality. I finished my first year of studying Japanese (it'll probably take me another seven before I'm fluent); I adopted a sweet little kitten named Neko-chan six months ago and I recently moved."

Annie McNerney Tate: "We are doing well, James is a lawyer and I am a school



Julia Tate

psychologist, and we are living in Cincinnati. Our daughter, Julia McNerney Tate, was born on February 6th, 2010. She is so much fun! Here is a picture!"

Jenea' Patrice Selassie: "I work in the Funded Editorial Group with WebMD in Midtown, Atlanta."

Heather Miller: "Did you know that U.S. Foundations give out about \$5.4 billion a year? Working for a Native-led foundation I know that less than 1% of that money makes its way to Indian Country. As a Native American I am personally concerned about the lack of resources coming into our communities. I get to see the amazing, transformative work happening in Native communities and currently work to support fledging Native organizations in the Pacific Northwest. My coworkers and I at Potlatch Fund have committed to raising awareness around the lack of resources being distributed to Indian Country."

"Strengthening my Native American community is an issue near and dear to my heart. The most incredible cultural resurgence is happening across this country as more Na-



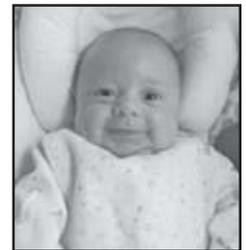
After extensive renovations with a little help from his father and a friend, Kevin Degnan and wife Beth Schuh (both '01) are happy to pronounce their house, bought in October 2009, "liveable."

tive Americans begin to get back to their traditional ways of living and interacting in this world. My foundation supports this cultural renaissance while reaffirming the traditional cultural practices of giving to our own people.

"If you would like to make a difference and support incredible community change please e-mail heather@potlatchfund.org for more information. You can also check out our website to learn more about the work of Potlatch Fund and our presence here in the Pacific Northwest: www.potlatchfund.org"

Lauren Skirbunt: "I just got engaged! Woo Hoo! I'm also going to be going back to school in January to start a double master's in Art Therapy and General Counseling."

Sarah Shook Zinn: "A big year here in Dayton. Our daughter Sophie was born on April 1st in true April-fool's day fashion (she was 6 weeks early)! Besides adjusting to parenthood, I am opening my own private practice counseling business called Toll House Counseling (our home has an attached building that was once a toll-keeper's residence). Miss you all and hope things are well around the globe. sarahazinn@gmail.com"



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The Class of 2005 is still scattered all around the country and spends its time traveling the world. Our sense of humor and many talents have taken us to many places. We seem to have found as many different things to do as possible ... and all seem to be making our corner of the world at least a little bit better.

Amanda Swisher Krisby is still married to Adam and living in Cleveland. She recently graduated with a master's from Cleveland State University. She is working as a special education teacher in Warrensville Heights.

John Neborak now lives in Oakland, CA, where things are constantly buck wild. He's really getting into this Glenn Beck guy and thinks Teen Moms comparable to Shakespeare, but has never read Shakespeare. His D&D character is currently 12th level.

Kelly (Markle) Blewett and her husband Ken welcomed their first child, William, into the world this summer. After Kelly finished a master's at the University of Louisville, they moved to New Hampshire for Ken to begin a master's program.

Audrey MacWood is engaged to Andy Comer. They have an adorable house in Columbus with two even more adorable pooches.

Karen (Schoenfeld) Crossley is expecting her first child with her husband Ryan. They are also still living in Columbus.

Noelle Kujanek moved to Orlando, FL, and never left. She's still living the Disney dream.

Melissa (Hamann) Galli finished her M.D. and is back in Columbus working at OSU Medical Center as a podiatric surgical resident.

After returning from living and teaching English in S. Korea and generally marveling at the wonders of Asia, **Maggie Perrino** and **Jason Harnish** have finally settled back into their American lives. They are living in downtown Cincinnati where Maggie is working for the Educational Theatre Association and

Jason is the new world history teacher at Highlands High School just across the river in Ft. Thomas, KY. After almost eight great/crazy/awesome years together, they will be getting married on December 4, 2010, in Cincinnati surrounded by close family and friends. "We are extremely excited to take on this new adventure in our lives!"

Sarah Arnason: "I am finally finishing the last year of my Master's in Public Administration Program at Georgia State University. I'm in my second year of employment with the humanitarian aid NGO CARE. In between school and work, I've been trying to get as much traveling in as possible. I spent two weeks in South Africa last summer and a month studying Spanish with my boyfriend in Guatemala this past July. Atlanta is still an amazing city (despite what people say), and I'm happy to show anyone how awesome it is if they are in the area."

Beck Singson: "I am still living in Cincinnati, doing interactive project management for an ad agency. But indeed, I decided to enroll in culinary school on a whim at Cincinnati State's Midwest Culinary Institute. Not really anticipating a career switch — just development of a hobby/passion. I love love love it so far. I happen to live next door to **Bethany Weber** in Oakley, so we have a bubble of Western pride on our little street in Cincy!"

Lisa Headen: "I finished my master's in Environmental Education in 2009. I am currently teaching middle school science for the Lee County School System and I am an adjunct professor at Florida Gulf Coast University teaching environmental science and sustainability."

Kristen DeLap: "**Todd Nadenichek '02** and I have been busy in Chicago. One year into our new home, we've started an urban farming experiment in our backyard that includes four chickens. They've started laying prolifically and are great entertainment. The rest of our time is spent on travel (we heartily recommend trips to both Hong Kong and Toronto — we had a real adventure in both destinations) and on various home renovation projects. (We do not recommend buying a home that has been the home of renters.) The post-Western population of Chicago seems to be dwindling, but we enjoy hanging out with those who are left, and persuading them to chicken-sit when we are out of town. Hope all are well — let us know if you visit the Windy City!"

Amanda Gibson: "I graduated in 2008 with my master's in Social Work from OSU. After graduation, I started working at Franklin County Children Services where I've been since. In 2009, I passed my exam for my social work license. I also got married Oct. 31, 2009, to my husband, Josh. Since graduating from Western, I have collected two

cats, one who is Satan Spawn and another who thinks she's a squirrel, along with a neurotic dog."

Sophia Turczynewycz Cifuentes: "I spent the month of June in Mongolia. It was probably one of the most incredible, life-changing experiences I've ever had. Ten days were spent completing a field course for my graduate program and Earth Expeditions. We did everything from searching for pallas cats and their dens (and finding some) to setting rodent traps to researching the tahki, the last true wild horse in the world. The rest of the month was spent traveling throughout Mongolia with one of my classmates. We made our way south, to the South Gobi Desert, where we star-gazed among sand dunes, rode camels, rode horses, hugged and kissed a glacier (after three days in 110-degree heat, the glacier was glorious), hiked to beautiful red rocks/climbing cliffs, visited many monasteries, camped almost every night and fell in love with Mongolia every day. Upon my return to the States, Daniel and I put our condo on the market and I received incredible news of two new job positions for me. The first is a dream come true, working with our Wings of Wonder Bird Show at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. Birds are an incredible passion of mine, and being able to work with them everyday makes me so happy. The second new job at the Zoo is an AmeriCorps position that focuses on sustainability, working closely with community councils to build community gardens, offer green education and raise environmental awareness. I'll round out the year with in my position as assistant coordinator for our Overnight program, as well as resuming my position as naturalist for Indian Hill Nursery School. Needless to say, it will be a busy year.

Erica Govich: "I am in the third and final year of my M.A. program in Anthropology and Applied Archaeology at Eastern New Mexico University. That means it's the glorious thesis year ... or, as I like to think of it, MEGA senior project. My thesis is on an Ethnography of Flintknapping in Portales, NM. That basically means I get to hang out with a group of guys who make stone tools, and I learn how to make my own. It's pretty fantastic. In other news, I get to TA a cultural anthro class, study human osteology, hone my cougar skills (by dating a 21-year-old), and this year I was promoted to a senior member of the DiDi bellydance troupe here in Portales! So if you are in the area, come visit and I promise to take you to Roswell."

Connect and re-connect with each other... find some of your alum friends on Facebook in a group called "Western College Program Class of 2005ish."

On my home front, I am still living in Oakland, CA, with Brad, and am growing by the day, expecting our first kid in November. We

certainly don't feel grown up enough to parent, but are excited by the coming adventure. I work as a pastor of a small Presbyterian church (Fruitvale Presbyterian Church, fvpc.org), still making art, fitting creativity into the nooks and crannies of my life (www.abbykk.com).

Until next time ... your class representative,

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Michelle Brasseur is currently working as an administrative assistant to the chair of the board of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Newark, OH. Part of her duties include development and research for A Call to College, the nonprofit college access program that serves Newark High School (her own alma mater). Michelle is also pursuing her master's in Library and Information Science with Kent State University, attending classes in Columbus, OH.

Emily Brown spent the last summer brushing up on Spanish at language schools in Quetzaltenango and San Pedro de la Laguna, Guatemala. She also traveled to the colonial capital Antigua, visited Mayan ruins in Copán, Honduras, and learned to scuba dive in Utila, a tiny Caribbean island of the coast of Honduras. Between the whale shark sightings, the beautiful reef, and the great beach parties, she could have stayed and been a dive bum the rest of her life (still working on that end, actually). Instead, she is finishing her second, and last, year of graduate school in International Development Studies at George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Adam Brule is a fourth-year medical student at Lake College of Osteopathic Medicine, currently in the interview process for a psychiatric residency position.

Nick Delphia: "I recently started my third year of teaching middle school science. This

year, I'm starting at a new school, an all girls independent school in Pittsburgh, PA. I am enjoying the new job, and look forward to some of the clubs/extra curricular things I'll get to do (I'll be gradually moving into a leadership role for the school's outdoor adventure club, and am starting a "take stuff apart" club this fall). My brother got married this past July, and my girlfriend and I visited the alumae association at Western to find some old pics of her father and uncle (both of them went to Western, back before it was part of Miami). Apart from teaching, and spending time with the lady, I've been enjoying riding my bike, baking bread, making yogurt, and home-made pizzas."

Jessie Feister is living in Chicago and making a stab at being a musician. Jessie and fellow IS alum **Tom Schleiter '08** put together an educational event with the Chicago chapter of the Recording Academy (the Grammy people) for students interested in working in the recording industry. The recap video they produced was due to be featured on the www.facebook.com/1/3833d:grammy.com site last spring.

Gayatri Guhanarayan started graduate school at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst this fall to get her M.S. (and possibly Ph.D.) in Kinesiology. She's excited about the research she'll be doing, which looks at adult stem cells and their role in preventing cardiovascular disease. Before grad school, she worked as assistant director at Sylvan learning center in New Jersey, and before that took a year-long course in Respiratory Therapy. Somewhere in the middle, she spent a semester taking engineering courses "just for fun — NOT!" So now she's in Amherst "which is beautiful! Lots of outdoorsy stuff here. Please contact me if you're in the area."

Maureen Harter moved to New York at the end of July and is the director of a teen center at West Point (Army military academy). She works with grades 6-12 and her building is getting a rock climbing wall in the very near future — "which is very exciting!" She's in the process of purchasing a condo — "extremely stressful but I'll be excited when it is complete." Maureen is also in the midst of doing an online master's program in youth development through Kansas State. "Hope all is well for everyone else. If anybody is near New York City or West Point let me know!"

Chris Kwarciany is teaching English at a middle school in Andong, South Korea, a city of about 180,000.

After some traveling **Willi Lempert** went to Denver for two years to go back to school and have fun in the mountains. He recently returned to Oxford to teach anthropology at the Hamilton Campus.



Nick Delphia '07 visited Patterson Place with his friend **Rebecca Kottler-Wein** last July. They were on a mission: Tracking down pictures of Becca's father and uncle, "old Western" alums. Mission accomplished! Here they are looking at pictures of dad **Jan Wein '76** and uncle **Josef "Joel" Kottler '75**. Pals at Western, Joel introduced his little sister, **Kathy**, to Jan and ... Another happy ending: Nick and Becca (who graduated from NYU with a M.S.W. in 2008) are engaged and plan to be married next summer! They met when both were crew leaders for high school students doing conservation work in Pittsburgh through the Student Conservation Association.

Kara Love just moved to Chicago to attend the University of Chicago, where she's getting her master's in Social Service Administration with a focus in Nonprofit Management. She lives in Hyde Park ("just a couple blocks from Obama. It's the first thing everyone mentions around here :)"). Kara's other big news is that she got engaged at the end of April: "My fiance is the wonderful **Joe Bruce**. He just graduated from Wright State and is now living with me in Chicago and working for Americorps. I am having way too much fun planning a wedding with no budget and tons of ideas. Other than that, life with Joe and our kitty, Lily Dean, is immensely wonderful right now!"

Anne McLean is a reigning first-year student at Northern Illinois University College of Law. In 2013, she WILL be practicing in the realm of entertainment law. If you need representation, feel free to contact her. She will, no doubt, be awesome.

Zach Moning is in Fairfield right now, but that's likely to change soon. He is indeed married and since "the wifey" got a job in Richmond, IN, left his publishing job to come back: "We're probably gonna stay here for good since we want to be near family." If you know of any jobs in the Cincinnati/Dayton area, let him know.

Shira Moskowitz finished her Master's of Science in Television from Boston U in December '09, while a fellow at the Museum of Science in Boston, but is now in Baltimore at the Maryland Science Center as the assistant producer/education coordinator of

the Davis Planetarium. She'll be working on behind-the-scenes production for in-house planetarium shows as well as coordinating and doing presentations for the schools that want to visit the planetarium. With her first day (Sept. 22) still ahead of her, she was "super excited to be starting this next adventure in my life."

In between riding bison at Yellowstone and hiking on volcanoes in Hawaii, **Allison Plavecski** resides in Seattle, where she spends much of her time eating, sleeping, sailing, and listening to awesome music around town. She works as a sales coordinator for Commercial Office Interiors, a commercial furniture dealership.

Jon Pliske has been living in Chicago and working as a software developer for a digital advertising company called Centro for the last couple years: "Sometimes it's a little too much like Madmen + the Internet, but usually it's a lot of fun." Before that he got a master's degree in Knowledge Management from Dominican University in Oak Park/River Forest, IL. Jon loves living downtown and riding his bike everywhere.

Sarah Reed received her master's in Community-Ecological Psychology last spring from Michigan State University and is now a Ph.D. candidate in Community Psychology at MSU, with a specialization in Gender, Justice and Environmental Change. Her research focus is on the implementation and evaluation of structurally based approaches to HIV prevention for adolescents.

Leo Sack quit his long-time naturalist job with the Cincinnati Parks this past May, and spent a good chunk of the summer traveling/job searching all over the country. Somehow, he ended up right back in Cincinnati as a full-time outreach educator for the Cincinnati Observatory Center. He gets "to play with the oldest professional telescope in the country on a daily basis, stay up late stargazing, and teach people of all ages (especially kids) about space and astronomy. It's awesome. Oh, and I get paid about triple what I used to make, plus benefits, a nice change. I'm currently looking for a bachelor pad to match. I'm single still/again/whatever."

Anne Smart graduated from grad school at the University of Delaware last spring and then inherited a house in San Jose, CA ("come visit — I have guest rooms!). She is the associate director of Energy and Environmental Policy at a very progressive business trade organization called the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, where she works closely with CEOs and executives from companies like Google, Apple, IBM, Intel, HP, and SunPower, elected officials (including the Governor), and environmental groups like NRDC and EDF on a daily basis: "I love my job and if you're looking for employment in the Silicon Valley, let me know — I have connections. :)"

Rachel Goldsmith is STILL living in Oxford while her husband, Jacob, finishes his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Rachel received an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Miami University in May 2010 and spends her time working and volunteering. They and their chocolate Lab (Penny Lane) will be leaving town for Jacob's internship next year.

Zoe Streicker-Howard moved from Chicago to San Francisco with her husband by train and now works as a project support administrator for CMR, a company that handles housing and registration for conferences. She started a blog on books, movies and TV with a friend and joined Twitter, so is feeling very connected.

Jenn Swing is working on her master's in Counseling at Xavier (in Cincinnati). "So far so good on the cancer being gone thing ... but I still get checkups every three months. And I am enjoying being a part of the leadership council for Earth Warriors Festival (earthwarriorsfestival.com)!!!"

Andrew Trout is 25 years into life and three years into medical school with no roots to speak of other than a 1995 Buick LeSabre Custom that he lives in.

Craig West (teacher, musician, writer, good guy) got his master's in English Education from the University of New Hampshire in 2009. Also in 2009 he married Dr. Sarah Stitzlein, a professor at UNH and former Miami prof. He teaches English at Spaulding High School in Rochester, NH ("this might be Muriel's alma mater because I know she's from Rochester, but I'm not completely sure she went there"). Last year he had a fantastic job teaching in Maine, but got cut because of budget reasons. Now he's considering quitting teaching to become a recording engineer.

Craig has traveled recently to Italy, Spain, France, and Switzerland. He lives "in the middle of 1,000 acres of woods in rural New Hampshire where I enjoy hiking, skiing, snowshoeing and dodging moose and/or bullets from my neighbors who hunt in my back yard. Still do a lot of songwriting and recording; some of my music is on Facebook on my musician page, 'Craig K. West.' I am currently teaching myself to play the accordion."

Most of my life is still consumed by Grand Rapids' citizen journalism project, *The Rapidian*. We just celebrated our first anniversary, and I'll be heading to Chicago to represent us at a conference with some of the folks I cited in my senior project! Weirdness. I've been super involved in my neighborhood, organizing block parties, community gatherings, activities and distributing news. Next block party combo: A sweaters-and-ciders for the adults, snow murals for the kids. I've become a sucker for monthly challenges, including a swim challenge and ve-

gan challenge. My next challenge: Build a civic media site in Drupal with food as the common currency among Grand Rapidians. Most importantly though, I've been learning how to balance and let go.

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The graduating class of 2009 has been very busy in the past year whether it be working for a cause, working for a degree or as we hang our Western heads in shame ... working for the man. Numerous members of our class have recently returned to school, deciding they missed their theses tremendously and are back for more.

Two of us began graduate programs this year: **Keri Agriesti** spent the last year in Puerto Rico and is now pursuing a master's in Geography while working for the Gender Cross-Cutting Research Activity with the Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program (SANREM CRSP).

Marisa Rendina is working in Public Education at the New York Botanical Garden and at the NYU metals studio and if she wasn't busy enough, she recently began her graduate school career at New York University in Visual Arts Administration.

While others are continuing school: **Rosie Landau** is in her second year of the Severe Disabilities Special Education Master's program at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Jan Shanklin is in her second year at Georgetown Law where she participates in the Moot Court team (which is like pretending to argue in front of the Supreme Court) and the American Criminal Law Review (a student run scholarly journal).

Priyanka Chandrasekaran is at Indiana University in Bloomington, pursuing her graduate studies in Information Systems and working for Mead Johnson Nutrition in Evansville IN.

A number of us ran off to Chicago to try and earn an honest living: **Garret Koehler** recently returned from Central America last winter, and took a job as a Project Manager at a software firm named Symphono, LLC. While briefly losing his soul, he recently tried to buy it back by becoming the director of a nonprofit called LendforPeace.

Michael (Mikey) Warden is living entirely off of his wages as a lighting and sound designer and engineer on the South Side (go Sox!).

Anne Towne in her own words "sold my soul to corporate America" working as a health-

care consultant for Arthur J Gallagher & Co on the outside of Chicago.

And **Emilie Orians** bought a house this summer making a permanent home closer to Western while continuing to work in Cincinnati doing market research.

As for me, I have returned to the States humbled by my time in Ghana where I was working in water and sanitation, and I am working quickly to finish up my studies at the Rollins School of Public Health. And in true Western never-too-busy style, I am working for CARE's Water Team and consulting for WaterAdvocates (based in Washington,

DC) while writing my thesis at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Till next year ...

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Western 2010 . . . The Last Class

We asked **Abby Hils**, member of the Class of 2010, daughter of Kevin Hils '85, and student helper in the WCAA office, to tell us how the splendid flag of the WCP's Last Class (pictured on the cover) came to be. Here is Abby's account:

This flag was a long process!! Getting all 20 of us to make a flag was terrifying!! We were consumed by our senior projects, with no time, no patience, and no energy. I knew from working at the WCAA office that each class made their own flag, so I really wanted to head up the operation.

First we needed a plan. The plan was making a tree. Everyone considered Western like a tree because we all were sprouting from the trunk of Western into our own beautiful and unique leaves. The idea of the tree was actually formed by **Michael Ebbelin**! (He is getting a tattoo, I believe, of the exact tree that he drew for the flag.)

I then took the idea of the tree and tried to make it our own flag by allowing everyone to create their own leaf. The leaves were made from various materials bought from Wal-Mart such as paint, puffy paint, buttons, markers, felt, paper, wire, etc. The only restriction was that the leaf be no larger than half a piece of paper, in order for all the leaves to fit on the flag. The leaves could be anything the person wanted. Some were made out of enthusiasm for the materials like buttons and wires, some were meant to represent personalities, home life, or what each person brought to Miami University and Western.

The next step was painting the tree onto the flag, then attaching the leaves. It took about a month until everyone had made their leaves. Each leaf was GORGEOUS! The first thought, to have it done before Winter Break, failed. So one final night before our presentations, **Cayla Adams** and I painted



on the tree and the world the tree is rooted in, glued on each leaf, glued on buttons of sorts that turned into saplings — also sprouting from the world, to show that we are creating ourselves — and put colors on the inside of the tree to show Western's uniqueness. A few of the new Westerners (Western 3.0) helped because we wanted to include them in the process to make sure that they would eventually make their own flag. We finally turned it into **Genevieve O'Malley**

Knight '04 (WP program associate) the next day so it could hang in Peabody (aka "The Bod") for all to see!

This flag itself represents our class as a whole. Each individual created their own leaf with their own talent. It means a lot to us all because we made our own flag. Western will always live in us and we take pride in calling ourselves Westerners!

— Abby Hils

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Dalai Lama and Mystical Arts of Tibet Attract Westerners

On October 21, more than 10,000 students, employees and regional community members heard the Dalai Lama speak at Millett Hall. Two days prior to his appearance, magnificently costumed Tibetan monks performed sacred music and dance in a program, *The Mystical Arts of Tibet*, sponsored (among others) by the WCAA. Each year one concert in Miami's Performing Artist Series is selected for support through an endowment made several years ago. This year's pick was in keeping with Western College's international focus as well as MU's new Tibetan studies semester abroad. Patterson Place was honored to house two of the monks, who made presentations across the campus, as overnight guests.



Attending the Tibetan concert, October 19 (L to R): Judy Waldron, Jane Graham Murphy '66, Susan Baker Taylor '69, Barbara Johnson Mecklenborg '53, Virginia Meierjohan Fossier '54, Donna Fossier, Jane Smucker Fryman '58 and Jack Fryman

Ohio Alums Meet for Lunch, Chicago WCP Alums Dine Out



April 10: Columbus, at Columbus Country Club



April 24: Northeast Ohio, at Bainbridge Library, Chagrin Falls



July 20: Southwest Ohio, at Oxford Country Club



Getting together for a community dinner in the Windy City this fall (L to R): Dave Hertzog '84, Denise Cheng '07, Nuri Pazol '03, Rob Oldenburg '03, Kara Love '07 and Anne Towne '09

Upcoming club meetings:

December 4 Indianapolis Holiday Gathering
December 7 Dayton Holiday Luncheon

From the Archives

Archivist **Jacky Johnson** reports on two significant events related to the WCMA's newest collection, the Freedom Summer Collection: She has received a poster by noted photographer Danny Lyons. It is currently undergoing preservation at King Library, but there is a copy available for viewing in Archives. Also, the Freedom Summer website is now a link on the Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement website: <http://www.crmvet.org>.

This fall King Library featured a display on the Western College Memorial Archives and on November 8 replaced it with an exhibit titled "Mysteries of Western."

View all the collections at: <http://westernarchives.lib.muohio.edu/>.

Alumnae Service Award Call For Nominations

The Board of Trustees invites nomination(s) of any living alumna, alumnus, former faculty, or administrator who has brought credit to the traditions and spirit of Western by contributing significantly in one or more of these categories:

- **Community and Humanitarian Service**
- **Professional or Career Accomplishment**
- **Service to Western College, Western College Program, or to the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc.**

The award will be presented at Reunion 2011, June 17-19. Please fill out the form below and mail by **January 31, 2011** to:

**ALUMNAE SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE
WCAA, INC.**

325 S. Patterson Ave. | Oxford, OH 45056-2499

To fax your nomination, 513/529-7400 or
Submit online at: www.muohio.edu/wcaa/asa

For further information, call 513/529-4400 or
E-mail: wcaa@muohio.edu

Past Award Recipients

	(please do not re-nominate)	*deceased
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2007	Hélène Mambu-Ma Disu '72 Rachel DeLugish Hastings '94	
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2005	Kyle W. Farley '83 Lucy A. Liggett '54	
2003	Emily Wilson Greenland '47 Catherine Ross Loveland '52 Sylvia G. Stanfield '65	
2002	Deborah L. Moran '72	
2001	Ruth Elzey Rawlings* '31 Josselyn Bennett Winslow '51	
2000	Gay Belcher Hadley '52	
1999	Dorothy Mershon Bajak '48 Robin Lynn Bartlett '69 Jane Alexander Durrell '47	
1998	Janet Smith Dickerson '65 Ann Niehaus Tobias '50	
1997	Phyllis Hoyt FF Eleanor Van Dervort Talbot '34	
1996	Mary Kinzie '66	
1995	Catherine Bauer Cooper '60 Valerie Dickson-Horton '71	
1994	Martha McKee Keehn* '43 Nancy Ewing Travis* '40	
1993	Carman Wolff Hunter* '43 Margaret Gardner Markel* '27	
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1990	Betty Maddox Daniels '46 Nancy Boerner Larkin* '48 D. Ann Goldstone Marcus '43	
1989	Elizabeth Brown Peelle '54	
1988	Alice Lanterman Hammond* '28 Frances Hall King '29	

I WISH TO NOMINATE: Name(s) _____ Class of _____
(Please include all information as the selection will be based on this nomination form. Attach any additional pages, clippings, letters, etc.) **Please mail no later than January 31, 2011.**

- **Community and Humanitarian Service**
- **Professional or Career Accomplishment**
- **Service to Western College, Western College Program, or the Western College Alumnae Association**

Your Name _____ Class of _____ Telephone _____

The Magic of Small Gifts, Big Giving

The article below is reprinted from the January 2010 newsletter to the Meily Society (for alumnae who have celebrated their 50th Western anniversary). We thought the story and information would be interesting to ALL Western alums.



Elsie Nussman Steiner passed away November 1, 2009. Family and friends put together this photo montage of Elsie's 100 years for her memorial service. She had joyously celebrated her 100th birthday on March 25 that year, typically thanking those in attendance: "All the love and excitement I have felt have given me the oomph and energy needed for a little bit of number 200. Everyone needs encouragement to live, in particular to live happily."

Mine will have to be one of the small gifts that has a magic all its own.

With these words, **Elsie Nussman Steiner, Class of 1930**, explained why her 1968 annual gift to the alumnae association was less than usual: Her brother-in-law had

died and she and her husband had taken on some serious financial responsibilities. Nevertheless, stating, *Western will always have a special place in my memory*, she made a small gift. Her gift did indeed have "a magic all its own."

In 1974 after the college closed, Elsie immediately sent a "small gift" to help our new organization with best wishes for *A Never-Ending Western!* When the new Western College Alumnae Association, Inc. asked for support to move the chimes from Alumnae Hall to a new tower across from Peabody Hall, her thoughts invariably turned to Western and she decided to make a gift for the Bell Tower to add to the enjoyment of others, with best wishes for *Western memories and influence*. Another gift with "a magic all its own."

Fifteen years later, Elsie once again decided to put her feelings for Western into action. Her interest in *assuring that the spirit which was and is Western would live on way beyond our lifetime* prompted her to become involved in the WCAA's Charitable Gift Annuity program with the eventual distribution going to a Peabody Scholarship, *helping the ones who want to learn*.

Compared to some, Elsie's annuity was modest, but it provided her a guaranteed income for over 20 years and, at its culmination, added to the Peabody Scholarship Fund MORE THAN DOUBLE what she had originally given! This gift truly had "a magic all its own"!

... *Mine will have to be one of the small gifts that has a magic all its own*. With these words, Elsie defined more than her financial giving; hers were gifts of spirit ... the Western spirit. A self-described "orphan" of the Class of 1930, she began college close to home because of finances, attended Western for just three years, and left early due to poor health. But Elsie Nussman Steiner was devoted to the college she loved ... with a magic all her own.

How to make a gift to the WCAA and also receive income ...

This can be done through the WCAA Charitable Gift Annuity Program, with rates of 6%-9.5% for Meily Society members, depending on age. If you would like to learn how the WCAA Charitable Gift Annuity Program might fit into your goals, as it did for Elsie, we'd be happy to send you a personal illustration — no obligations!

Contact the WCAA today (wcaa@muohio.edu or 513-529-4400) and ask what YOUR return rate and tax savings will be.



WESTERN COLLEGE PROFESSORSHIP

In tribute to the faculty of Western College, alumnae and friends are joining together to create a Professorship in the name of Western College. The professorship will be awarded to outstanding faculty working in the areas of women's history and/or public history and/or the history of social justice. Annual earnings from the endowment principal will supplement the professor's income, as well as provide support needed to pursue research, work with students outside the classroom, present at national conferences, and more.

This important campaign for Western's legacy has three goals:

- To achieve the total required to endow a professorship: \$400,000
- To welcome MANY first-time donors as partners
- To keep the name and spirit of Western College alive in perpetuity

Support for the Western College Professorship can be done in several ways:

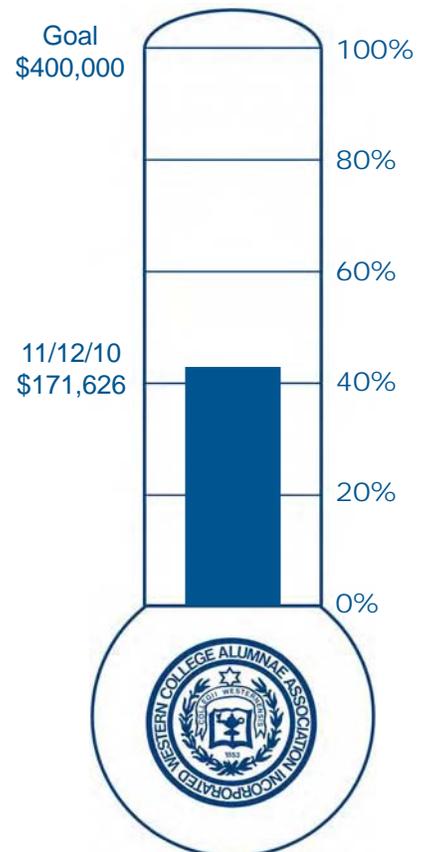
- Give to the Reunion Fund each year
- Make a five-year commitment to the Professorship Fund
- Transfer appreciated securities to the Professorship Fund



We are pleased to report that our national campaign to create the Western College Professorship is off to a good start! To date, 230 of our 2,708 constituents, as well as 33 friends of Western, have responded. This Professorship is a very important part of our legacy plan to keep the spirit of Western College alive and active IN PERPETUITY, so I urge you to respond affirmatively and generously when asked. If you are

ready to make a commitment and have not yet been approached personally, please contact me!

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All-Western Reunion 2011 June 17-19

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To donate or for more information, contact:
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“The level of talent does not matter, it’s
enthusiasm we are looking for.”

Donations must be made by February 28, 2011.
Proceeds benefit the Western College
Professorship.

To volunteer or for more information,
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