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### Phonathon 2002

*Student Alumni Association members make plans for the annual Alumni Scholarship Phonathon to be held on February 25-28. SAA volunteers have helped to increase the scholarship endowment over \$50,000 since the Phonathon's inception in 1999.*



### How 'bout those Lady Cats?

*In the latest issue of the NAIA Winter Media Guide, the College of the Ozarks Women's Basketball program is listed as one of the "winningest" programs in the last five years with 120 wins and 35 losses.*

*This season is no exception as the Lady Cats have been consistently ranked in the top ten of the weekly NAIA poll. They will most likely earn a berth to the women's National Tournament to be held in Sioux City, Iowa, March 6-12, 2002.*

## Presidents' Messages

Dear Alumnus,

Have you ever found yourself in a position you never dreamed you would be in? I find myself in that position now as the new President of the Alumni Association. The College has many projects in store for the future.

One of these projects is currently underway, thanks to the help of many of you. The Williams Memorial Chapel is receiving a new roof; the brick cleaning and a new HVAC system are slated to be accomplished this summer. As they say, "time really flies." I cannot believe it has been almost thirty years since I was a student here.

When I think about my college days at S of O, I can't help but be amazed at my good fortune of attending a top-quality school where I could work and graduate debt-free. As a student, I never had a worry of how the tuition or room



Larry Cockrum

and board were to be paid. My thoughts were on passing Dr. Stone's test or winning a big game. With no thought of the awesome responsibility of Dr. Clark and Dr. Good before him, I guess I thought I "earned" it all and didn't realize how indebted I was to this institution.

Shortly after I began my position with the College as an administrator ten years ago, I soon realized the profound fund raising responsibilities that Drs. Good, Clark, and presently Dr. Davis have shouldered. Currently, as in years past, students continue to work off about 25 to 30% of their cost of attending classes. Earnings from the endowment and donor gifts must cover the remaining costs. As an alumnus, I have sought to provide the necessary financial information to inform our students exactly how the institution provides such an opportunity of graduating without

debt. I believe it has made a difference in our young alumni participation.

My genuine thanks to all alumni who have pledged to help with the restoration of Williams Memorial Chapel. Because of a matching grant provided by the Board of Trustees, work is nearly complete on replacing the roof. Even though the College has provided for regularly scheduled maintenance of the chapel, forty-five years of deterioration from the natural elements have taken a toll on this incredible building. Here again, I marvel at the monumental undertaking of Dr. Good and Dr. Clark in the early 1950's of building the chapel—after all, the largest building on campus at that time was the Green Building. If you haven't pledged yet on the chapel restoration, I trust that you will soon.

Sincerely,  
Larry Cockrum  
Alumni Association President

**Nominations are being accepted for future Meritorious Award recipients. If you know an alumnus that would be a good candidate for this honor, please complete the nomination form on page 7 of this issue and send it to the Alumni Office. You may also make your nomination on-line at [cofo.edu](http://cofo.edu). Click on "Alumni" and then go to the Honors and Awards program.**

Dear Alumnus,

It was wonderful having so many of you join us in November as we celebrated our college's "Legacy for a Lifetime." We are already making plans for Homecoming 2002 and hope you can join us again!

Students have returned to campus for the spring semester and things are busy. Student Senate hosted the traditional Welcome Week,



Christian Woelk

giving everyone a chance to meet the new freshmen and catch up with old friends.

Senate has also stepped up its role as student representatives to the administration. Dr. Davis and the Deans are eager to solve student concerns and together we have accomplished much. This semester, students will enjoy an additional dorm open house and new furniture for a student lounge. We are excited about what is happening and about the future.

Sincerely,  
Christian Woelk  
Student Body President

Dear Alumnus:

Happy 2002 from College of the Ozarks! I hope your Christmas was a joyous one and that the New Year has been good to you so far. Have you kept all your resolutions?

My family had a wonderful holiday; we had all our children and grandchildren, including my daughter and her husband's twin baby girls, with us. It was terrific fun, but never a dull moment, let me assure you. Along with our son's daughter, who's just a little older than her cousins, the twins kept things hopping. Maybe I just have a selective memory, but I don't recall that our three children were ever quite that active when they were little.

As always, we had a great Homecoming this past fall, and I'm sure all of you who were able to attend the weekend's festivities would agree. In particular, I thought the floats in the parade

were more impressive than ever, ranging from Archimedes in the bathtub to an airplane, complete with sound effects and its own vapor trail.

Speaking of floats, let me also mention that some of our Army ROTC students rode on the Branson/Hollister Rotary Club's float in Branson's Adoration Parade this past Christmas. Dressed in their uniforms and seated around a campfire, these soldiers were part of a scene captioned, "Blessed are the Peacemakers." The float received much applause throughout the parade route and took third place honors.

We were also honored this past fall to have former Secretary of State James A. Baker speak on our



*Jerry C. Davis*

campus. Originally, he had planned to speak on leadership in the 21st century, but after the events of September 11, he changed his topic to life in America after the terrorist attacks. His comments were frank and to the point, but full of the insight and wisdom you would expect of a leader of his caliber.

This spring, we will welcome former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger to campus, and we look forward to hearing the lessons this fine man has to teach us.

Best wishes to you and yours from Point Lookout, and may this year be a happy and productive one for you.

Sincerely,  
Jerry C. Davis  
President

Dear Alumnus,

Wow! It's hard to believe we're already in the spring semester. Last fall, SAA was very busy with several activities. Of course the highlight was Homecoming and we couldn't have asked for a better time. As the SAA President, I was honored to speak at the alumni council meeting and attend the alumni banquet. I certainly look forward to attending as an alumna next year! SAA had a fabulous float and banner that displayed our American pride with the slogan, "Only in America—Hard Work U." Our hard work was definitely rewarded with our float placing third! Way to go SAA!!

After September 11, SAA wanted to do something for the relief effort. So, with the housing staff, we



*Cindy Casper*

organized a Dollar Drive for the Salvation Army where all students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to give just one dollar. It was a success as we raised over \$900, and gladly donated it to the Salvation Army's relief efforts in New York and Washington D.C.

In the past few years, one of SAA's favorite activities has been Operation Christmas Child and this year was no exception. The project consists of filling shoeboxes with Christmas gifts and sending them around the world to needy children through Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse Ministry. SAA collected over 100 boxes of gifts to offer to this wonderful outreach program. This service project is not only fun, but also helps you understand what Christmas is all about—giving of ourselves for others, just as Christ

did. In December, we also took a group to Beverly Health Care, a nursing home, where we sang Christmas carols. The appreciation shown by the residents was a big reward for our small sacrifice of time.

This year's Phonathon is just around the corner, and we hope that we can count on each of you for support. SAA does a great job contacting Alumni during the Phonathon to get pledges for the Endowed Alumni Scholarship Fund, and we hope that this year we can break our record. With your help it could be possible!

I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season and is as excited about the New Year as I am. Let's make 2002 a year to remember! God bless,

Cindy Casper  
SAA President

# Advancement Notes

## The Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity

Many of you may be familiar with the standard annuity from an insurance company or even the charitable gift annuity issued by charitable organizations. The deferred charitable gift annuity is somewhat a combination of both and may be an attractive estate planning tool for the person interested in deferring income to a certain time in the future such as retirement.



Rodney Arnold '91

The deferred gift annuity is similar to the charitable gift annuity in that the agreement is between the College and donor. Also, in exchange for a gift of a specified amount a fixed income stream is promised. However, annuity payments begin at a fixed time in the future beyond one year from the creation of the agreement. With the income stream being deferred to a set time in the future, the payout rate significantly increases when compared to the rate for the typical gift annuity. Additional benefits beyond a higher payout rate include an immediate charitable deduction and tax free income for a specific period of time.

For those approaching retirement, consider this estate planning tool as a part of your investment portfolio for retirement. Your current income tax bracket may be more than you can bear, and deferring income to retirement may be a suitable option because most retirees have a lower tax burden during retirement than during the peak earning years. To illustrate the attractiveness of the deferred gift annuity, listed below are examples of the payout rates for a person retiring at age 65.

| Present Age | * Payout rate |
|-------------|---------------|
| 60          | 8.7%          |
| 55          | 11.6%         |
| 50          | 15.3%         |
| 45          | 20.2%         |
| 40          | 26.4%         |

\* Payments beginning at age 65

The deferred gift annuity may also include a second annuitant (or income recipient) in the agreement. Should the second beneficiary survive you, the College continues to make payments until the agreement is complete.

The deferred payment gift annuity is irrevocable and is secured by assets of the College. If you would like more information about the deferred payment gift annuity, please complete the request form below, and a personalized proposal will be sent for your review.

**Request Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Considered Gift Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Basis (for stock) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of First Payment \_\_\_\_\_

## Tenth Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

The annual alumni golf tournament was held Friday, November 2, 2001, at Holiday Hills Golf Club. Twenty-three alumni participated in the event and great fun was had by all, until rain canceled the event.



## Retiree Profile

### Born to Serve, Born to Fly: Major Seth B. Caperton



Second Lt. Caperton, 1944

Major Caperton today

By Matthew Gregory '04 and Joshua Watkins '04

On January 15, 2002, we had the opportunity to meet a very interesting man, retired Air Force Major and S of O retiree, Seth B. Caperton. During his visit at the Alumni Office, he shared some of his World War II experiences and an overall view of his remarkable life.

Seth was born the 18th of February 1921 in Ballinger, TX, attended school there, and graduated in 1937 at the age 16. He married his wife Pat in June of 1945, and they have two sons, Bryan and Brett.

At the age of 18, Seth volunteered for the civil service, and worked two years as an aircraft mechanic before joining the Army Air Corps in July of 1942; there he completed initial gilder training. In 1944, he received his pilot wings and was commissioned Second Lieutenant. In World War II, Seth was sent to fly the B-17's for combat missions. During these combat missions, he flew at altitudes of 27,000 feet with temperatures of 40 degrees below zero, wearing not much more than his flight gear. Seth was with a crew of eight other men and piloted or co-piloted their plane, *The Uninvited*. "We had to complete 35 missions in order to return home, if we made it through 35 missions." Thankfully, God was with Seth and saw him through each one. Through these missions, he saw a number of planes shot down and friends who never returned to base. Seth now gives a presentation about his experiences of flying a B-17 called "One Day in Combat." Here is just a clip of a powerful visualization piece of his presentation:

"We encountered some flak, but received no damage as we approached Berlin. Communication reported enemy aircraft in the area. The 385th bomb group

immediately behind us was attacked, and eleven B-17's were shot down within 8-10 minutes. Our tail gunner was witnessing this and reporting to us in the cockpit. I was flying the aircraft at that time. There were 30 enemy aircraft, Folk Wolf and ME 109's. They moved up in line abreast and attacked our formation and within five minutes had shot down three B-17's. Our tail gunner reported that an ME 109 came so close he could see paint peeling off the aircraft. Our fighter escort arrived and the enemy fighters broke off their attack. As the attack was from the rear, I did not see one enemy aircraft. I was flying a close formation and saw 20-millimeter shells burst between ours and the aircraft with which I was flying formation. Our aircraft received only minor damage. Gun camera confirmed a kill for the tail gunner, a probable for the ball turret gunner, and a damaged for the waist gunner. Our bombs were dropped on target with good results. Return to England was uneventful with eight hours flying time and we proceeded to debriefing."

*"Life is your choice; it's what you make of it...I am satisfied with the choices I have made."*

"When we returned to our Quonset hut where twelve officers lived, there were only four of us left. Brasher's and Fausnough's crew were shot down, along with several other crews. We did not get much sleep that night. We did not fly the next day. The 94th launched 26 aircraft and were attacked by 50-60 enemy fighters, and eight of our planes were shot down."



Seth (first row, second from left) and His Crew, 1942



*The Uninvited*

Upon completion of his 35 combat missions, he then trained others to fly T-6' and B-25's for about four years. In 1949, Seth was sent to Okinawa. When the Korean War started, he supported the B-29 groups flying C-46's and C-47's from Okinawa. In 1951, he became an accident investigator for B-47's until 1954. He later went on to do photo reconnaissance flying out of Forbes in Topeka, Kansas, in a RB-47, six engine jet bomber, until 1957.

As the Russian communists were seeking to assert their dominance, Seth was sent to fly B-52's

out of Massachusetts over the North Pole on airborne alert, then moving on to Orlando, Florida, as a B-52 aircraft commander. Carrying necessary live ammunition, Seth flew "communist aggression deterrent missions" in the Mediterranean off the coast of Spain. During long flights, they would refuel while in the air. Refueling took about 23 minutes through a tube four inches wide, passing 123,000 pounds of fuel from one plane to the other. While the two planes were connected, movement was crucial, with an operating zone of ten feet vertically and only five

feet horizontally. Major Caperton completed his career at the Orlando base until his retirement in 1963 after twenty-one years of service. During those twenty-one faithful years, he was decorated with several medals which include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air-Force Commendation, Army Commendation, Good Conduct, American Theatre, European Theatre with two bronze stars, Victory Medal, United Nations Medal, Occupation Medal for Japan, National Defense, AF LSA Medal with three bronze clusters, and the Korean Service Medal.

After leaving the service, Seth accepted the Airport Manager position at The School of the Ozarks in September of 1968, and was later named Director of Aviation. He was also the personal pilot of Dr. M. Graham Clark until he retired from the college in 1986.

After his second retirement in '86, Seth has finally decided to slow down; however, he is still an active member in the MO Pilots Association and the US Pilots Association. Throughout Mr. Caperton's life he has flown 18,250 hours. At 80, Seth continues flying as an instructor pilot, giving check rides to local pilots so they can stay current.

At the end of our interview with Mr. Caperton I asked one question that summed up his entire life. I asked, "When you were a little child, did you ever expect to have lived the life you have, and, if given the chance, would you have chosen a different path?" He revealed to us that he never thought that he would be a pilot or have done any of the things that have lead to where he is now. He enjoyed working in the service and with all the students at The School of the Ozarks. Seth finished the interview by saying, "Life is your choice; it's what you make of it...I am satisfied with the choices I have made."



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## AWARDS PROGRAM College of the Ozarks Alumni Association

The purpose of our awards program is to recognize outstanding achievements of alumni, faculty and friends and to encourage interest in College of the Ozarks. The awards program for the Alumni Association is to broaden the scope of the Alumni Association's program to include faculty, friends and students, in addition to Alumni.


### Categories and Eligibility:

1. **Meritorious Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievements**—College of the Ozarks Alumni
2. **Distinguished Community Service Award**—College of the Ozarks Alumni
3. **Distinguished Young Alumni Award**—any College of the Ozarks alumnus who has graduated less than twenty years ago and is not older than forty-five
4. **Award for Distinguished Service to College of the Ozarks**—faculty, staff and administration, friends or any other worthy individual.

### Guidelines:

1. The nominee must be living at the time of notification of the Award selection and be present, if possible, at Homecoming to accept the award.
2. Nominees must show current and continued interest in College of the Ozarks.
3. Nominees must complete an official nomination form listing dates and achievements.

Selection of awardees is determined by the Honors and Awards Committee, appointed by the President of the Association every two years. The Honors and Awards report of selections is approved by the Alumni Council before awards are published. Nominees' files are kept active for two years following nomination.

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| <h3>NOMINATION FORM</h3>  |  | <p>Nominate your candidate for the<br/><b>2002 Distinguished Alumni Awards</b><br/><b>Deadline: March 1, 2002</b></p>  |
| Nominee _____   |  |  |
| Address _____   |  |  |
| City _____ State _____ Zip _____  |  |  |
| Category _____  |  |  |
| Service and qualification for this award (use additional paper if needed) _____ |  |  |
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| Submitted by _____  |  | <p><b>Return this form by the deadline date to:</b><br/>Alumni Office<br/>Attention: Honor and Awards Chairman<br/>College of the Ozarks<br/>P.O. Box 17<br/>Point Lookout, MO 65726</p>                   |
| Address _____   |  |  |
| City _____ State _____ Zip _____  |  |  |

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**Williams Memorial Chapel Restoration  
Alumni Four-Year Campaign  
Our goal is \$2,000,000!**

To reach this goal we need the following...

- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| • 25 Chapel Sponsors at \$10,000 (\$208.33/month) in four years          | \$250,000 |
| • 50 Chapel Founders at \$5,000 (\$104.16/month) in four years           | 250,000   |
| • 700 Chapel Patron/Benefactors at \$1,000 in four years (\$20.83/month) | 700,000   |
| • 2,000 Chapel Forsythe Fellows at \$100 each year (\$8.33/month)        | 800,000   |

*This is possible with your help—what can you give? We need your commitment and pledge to make this, our greatest ever, campaign successful! All gifts may be given online at [cofo.edu](http://cofo.edu) (Go to Gift Programs on the Alumni Association webpage.)*

### **Yes, I will help! This is my pledge:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapel Forsythe Fellow – \$100 per year                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapel Patron – \$250 per year                  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my first gift of \$_____ towards my pledge.                      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please send me a reminder each year of my pledge.                            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to give my gift monthly—enclosed is my first month's gift of \$_____. |  |

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please notify \_\_\_\_\_



# Homecoming 2001



Michael Stapp '81 received the Award for Distinguished Young Alumni.



Dr. Marilyn Graves received the Award for Distinguished Service to College of the Ozarks.



Vonee Hammers '82 received the award for Distinguished Community Service.



Edward Berry '65JC received the Award for Distinguished Achievement.



Elected to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term are Brian Thompson '82, Ruth Raley '51, and Russell Martin '69.



Elected to Alumni Council for 2002-2004 are: (l-r) June (Sanderson) Meyer '46, Roy Bruce '69, and Sammy Shrum '50; not pictured Dave Barker '61JC and Diane (Watson) Butler '73.



Newly-elected Association Officers were recognized at the Homecoming Alumni Banquet. They are: (l-r) Richard Miller, Treasurer; Betty (Stafford) Watts, Secretary; Marci (Smith) Linson, Vice-President; Frieda (Wilson) Hornback, President-Elect; and Larry Cockrum, President.



Outgoing Alumni Council members were recognized for three years of service to the Alumni Council at the bi-annual council meeting on November 2. They are: (l-r) Drew Smith, Steve Eslinger, Diane (Watson) Butler, Bob Wilson, and June Meyer (not pictured).

# Homecoming 2001 Reunion Years



**1936**  
*J. Hugh Wise and Norvis Hill*



**1941**  
*Front Row (L-R) Alfred Fain, Betty Fain, Lenore Fain and Helen Stauffer Second Row (L-R) William Harris, Anna Belle Brewer, Keith Curtis, Lester Dudley, J.D. Nave, Robert Railey, Eli Taylor and Lois Anderson*



**1946**  
*Front Row (L-R) Darlene Anderson, Geneva Stewart, Jackie Reeves Second Row (L-R) Wanda McCann, June Meyer, Ruth Moore, Ethel Hensley, Leora Trublood, June Azevedo Back Row (L-R) Robert Fredrick, Wilbur O'Neil and Jolly White*

**Photography by  
Ted Martin '95**



**1951**  
*Front Row (L-R) Guy Stamps, Jeanette Lozano, Betty Ward, Jean Sykes, Nellie McBryde Second Row (L-R) Frank Moreno, Ruby Hayes, Juanita Voronin, Halleen Mills, Ruth Raley, Lena Hancock, Shirley Caudy, Dave Troutman, Bill Ayers Back Row (L-R) R. D. Bradley, Iris Scribner, Joel Johnson, Alan Neff, Roger Stanley, Walt McCarter and Paul Patrick*



**1956**

Front Row (L-R) Myrtle Jones, Jayne Novak, Lucia Gideon, Maxine Lane Second Row (L-R) Phyllis Hans, Edith Breshers, Fred Boswell, Marion Flippo, Robert Eden, Ed Boswell, Bill McEntire and Maxine Whittaker



**1956**

Norma Jean Moreno



**1961 HS**

Front Row (L-R) Michael Hunt, Mardell Scott, Marian Penrod, Thelma Scrivner Second Row (L-R) Sue Miller, Myrna Burdine, Mary Gilbert, Allie Jackson, James Robertson, Ronald Jones, Lonnie Leatherman, Joyce Mackey, Margie Hubert, Reta Bruffey, Virginia Kenyon Back Row (L-R) Don Disheroon, John Gass, Marshall Croy, John Williams, Wayne Bruffey, Dennis Eggensperger

**1961 JC**

Front Row (L-R) Joyce Mackey, Margaret Miller, Deanna Vale Second Row (L-R) Jody Wooldrige, Nelson Mackey, Bill Miller, Bill Tibbets, Dee Scrivner Back Row (L-R) Joe Treat, Carl Herd, David Bennet, Jim Williams and Bob Vale





**1966 HS**  
Ron Vaughan

**1966 JC**

Front Row (L-R) Delores Houser and Mary Orth  
Second Row (L-R) Frank Miller, Terry Goodrum,  
Norm Eikman, Fred Bugg  
and Ron Brown



**1971**

Front Row (L-R) Sandra Clopper, Jewell Farrow, Mary Ann Fryar  
Second Row (L-R) Richard Gatewood, Brenda Gatewood,  
Sherwood Thoele, Feyaz Odabasi, James Scott, Darrel Stafford, Ansel Asher, Roscoe Righter, Doug White, Bill Watts, Leonard McCullough, Bill Graves and Norma Wortman



**1976**

Front Row (L-R) Mary McFarland, Wilda McNiell, Terry Eaves  
Second Row (L-R) Judy Barnett, Sheri Collie, Dallas Collie,  
Grace Youngberg, Teresa Foss, Alice Nathan, Beth Hanschu, Cathy Nations  
Back Row (L-R) Fred Hale and Randy Parker



**1981**

*Front Row (L-R) Kathy Kelley, Mike Williams, Jeanie Williams Second Row (L-R) Steve Eslinger, Jeff Tiller, Keith Gregory, Gary Wilson and Mike Stapp*



**1986**

*Front Row (L-R) Monica Reemes, Valerie Davis and Shelia Henson Second Row Galen Davis*



**1991**

*Front Row (L-R) Lisa Smith, Keri Kennedy and Renda Willson Second Row (L-R) David Young, Rodney Arnold, Martin Whited, Jamie Whiteis, Novy Foland, Jennifer Rose, Scott Rose and Allen Rogers*



**1996**

*Teresa Green and Brandy Payne*



**Homecoming Royalty**

*L to R: Ginger Langford, Miss Congeniality; Emily Sipes, fourth runner-up; Kristin Hagood, third runner-up; Noemi Celeti, second runner-up; Jenny Jackson, Queen; and Dusty Reasons, first runner-up.*

## Alumni Profile Feature

By Jennifer Moore-Tanner '02 and Jenny Mitchum '03

Leggett & Platt, Inc. appears to be just like any other manufacturing company—until you walk through its doors! Lining the walls of the corporate office in Carthage, Missouri, are stunning historical paintings of cowboys, Native Americans, and landscapes. Many of the paintings depict the rich history of the Southwest Missouri area. But even more impressive than the art, that is equivalent to any gallery, are the people and the legacy of Leggett & Platt.

In 1883, J. P. Leggett, the inventor, and C. B. Platt, the manufacturer, founded the company at Carthage. Their first patented product was the coiled bedspring component for box springs and mattresses. Today, the company produces component and finished parts for residential and commercial furnishings as well as aluminum products, industrial materials, and specialized products in branches around the world. After going public in 1967, Leggett & Platt has grown into a renowned Fortune 500 company.

Leggett & Platt has a family-type atmosphere that promotes teamwork and diligence, encouraging its employees to be “Partners in Progress.” Cathleen Garrison, Sr. Employment Coordinator, attributes the similarities between Leggett & Platt and College of the Ozarks as an important reason that C of O Alumni find the company appealing. “We value a solid work ethic, positive attitude, honesty, maturity, and customer service orientation,” she said. “It does not take (C of O Alumni) long to understand our culture because they were educated in a very similar one.” Cathleen sees the alumni who work for Leggett & Platt as very appreciative for the opportunities they have been given and finds them highly responsible and ready to serve.

*“L&P is an attractive place to pursue a career because it offers many opportunities for advancement and growth...”*

Currently, Leggett & Platt employs twelve S of O/C of O alumni, who represent over three decades of graduates. Several of these alumni learned about Leggett while at S of O/C of O. Through field trips and career fairs, their interests were peaked in this company that is close to home and loaded with opportunities. On January 8, we had the opportunity to meet some of our alumni at the Leggett office in Carthage.

**Nancy (Reeves) Stephens '73** has been with Leggett & Platt for four years after a 22-year career in



*The writers, sporting safety eyewear, took a tour of the original L&P branch with Ryan Barks and Amber Asher*

education. After graduating from S of O, Nancy taught PE, English and Health at Pierce City, Missouri for four years; she then did substitute teaching for the next 18 years so that she could be home more with her two boys. Nancy's second career allows her to use her insurance knowledge to help others, and it provides her with a secure retirement. She works in the Human Resource Department as the Cobra Coordinator.

While attending S of O, Nancy was on both the girls swim team and the track team. She had the opportunity to work with Townsend Godsey in Public Relations and assist with the research for the book *Flight of the Phoenix*.

**Sara Compton '80** majored in Math and minored in Computer Science at S of O, and serves the C of O Alumni Association as a Class Agent. Sara and her husband, Terry, live in Nevada, Missouri. She is an active member in the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Butler, Missouri and has been an active member of the Nevada Branch of the American Association of University Women for 20 years. She has also participated in the United Way fund raising campaigns in Nevada and at Leggett & Platt.

With over 14 years of Information Technology experience, she joined the Leggett family in February of 1998, working in the Corporate Information Technology department on the mainframe computer. About a year later, she joined the International Information Technology Department, where she is currently a Senior Programmer Analyst working with several of L&P's international branches.

**Amber Asher '99** graduated with a B.A. in Business Administration and a minor in Psychology. She is engaged to Jason Jewett, also an L&P employee, and they plan to be married on May 18, 2002. Amber

is very active in the community through her involvement with youth soccer, church activities and United Way. With the company for two years, she began as a Continuous Improvement Trainer at the Corporate Office and is currently the Continuous Improvement Facilitator at Branch One.

Amber believes her education and extracurricular activities at C of O greatly prepared her for her current position. The balance between work and classes really helped her to adjust quickly to the many projects that she deals with in her position. Being involved with SIFE, working in teams, and organizing projects gave her the experience she needed at Leggett to handle her day-to-day duties.

**Mary Jo (Little) Barks '99** married fellow graduate Ryan Barks in May 1999 and moved to Carthage as Ryan began his career with L&P. Mary Jo started as a clerical temp but was soon brought in permanently to work for a team of Infor-

*"It is a large company, but has a hometown feeling."*

mation Technology professionals. In August 2000, she was promoted to PC Analyst, advancing to Advanced PC Analyst and Buyer to which her duties include serving as I.T. Equipment Commodity Manager for a new Procurement System, reviewing computer-related capital expenditure requests, and assisting I.T. staff with MS Office training.

Through L&P events and contacts, Mary Jo has the opportunity to be involved with non-profit groups and projects including United Way, American Cancer Society, Sunshine Children's Home, Turnaround Ranch and Life Choices Pregnancy Center.

During his senior year at C of O, **Ryan Barks '99** was introduced to Leggett and Platt through a tour of its former Springfield branch. The company's location in Carthage, its history, and overall stability were appealing to Ryan, as were the opportunities and competitiveness offered due to Leggett and Platt's size. After this introduction to the company, he attended C of O's Career Fair where he met Cathleen Garrison. The meeting led to his current position as a production supervisor over 25 employees at L&P Branch One.



Front Row L to R: Nancy (Reeves)Stephens, Mary Jo (Little)Barks, Alechia (Newberry)Meador, Mirela Alic. Back Row L to R: Amber Asher, Ryan Barks, Mike Whitescarver, Sara Compton.

Ryan finds that some of the most beneficial learning to him is also what he learned outside the classroom. Multitasking, meeting deadlines, and working with people are the things that helped him the most in his current position.

**Mike Whitescarver '00** lives in Webb City, Missouri where he enjoys being involved in church and the community. He has coached 3rd, 4th and 8th grade soccer teams and is now part of an indoor/outdoor soccer league.

Mike works in the Information Technologies Department of Leggett & Platt where he is a Programmer/Analyst of Leggett & Platt's distributed information technologies segment. He writes new software and updates their current software for the many branches of Leggett & Platt around the world. He also travels to Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas, and other cities to install and setup software.

**Alechia (Newberry) Meador '01**, a native of Green Forest, Arkansas, is married to **Chris Meador '01**, and has worked as a staff accountant with Leggett and Platt for seven months. When asked how her time at C of O has helped her in her career, she responded, "I feel my education from C of O was probably the best I could have received." Alechia also enjoys being active in the community when possible and has helped with the Leggett and Platt events that sponsor the local United Way.

The Leggett & Platt legacy was first presented to Alechia during her sophomore year when Cathleen



Mirela Alic loves her job working with international accounts at the corporate office.

## *Plateaus of Giving*

### **FORSYTHE FELLOWS SOCIETY**

A gift of \$100, or the accumulation of \$100 within a year, qualifies one as a Forsythe Fellow Society member.

### **PATRON SOCIETY**

A gift of \$250, or the accumulation of \$250 in one year, qualifies one as a Patron Society member. A one-time plaque will be presented at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association the year the gift is given.

### **BENEFACTOR SOCIETY**

A gift of \$1,000 or the accumulation of \$1,000 given in four years, qualifies one as a member of the Benefactor Society. A one-time plaque will be presented at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association the year the gift is given or completed.

### **FOUNDER SOCIETY**

A gift of \$5,000 or the accumulation of \$5,000 given in four years, qualifies one as a member of the Founder Society. A one-time plaque will be presented at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association the year the gift is given or completed.

### **SPONSOR SOCIETY**

A gift of \$10,000 or above, or the accumulation of \$10,000 given in four years, qualifies one as a member of the Sponsor Society. A one-time plaque will be presented at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association the year the gift is given or completed.

## **College of the Ozarks Alumni Association**

Alumni Funds as of December 31, 2001

### **Alumni Chapel Restoration Fund**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance 1/15/01   | \$100,434.79        |
| Interest & Contributions 1/15/01 to 12/31/01              | 113,463.31          |
| Gift from Endowed Maintenance Fund                        | <u>20,733.41</u>    |
| Total Alumni Contributions to date                        | 234,631.51          |
| C of O Matching Gift<br>(50% of donations as of 12/31/01) | 117,315.75          |
| Expenses 12/31/01   | <u>(145,435.35)</u> |
| Total Fund 12/31/01                                       | \$206,511.91        |

### **Alumni Friendship House Renovation**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Balance 1/15/01                              | \$536,258.30      |
| Interest & Contributions 1/15/01 to 12/31/01 | 20,495.50         |
| Expenses 12/31/01                            | <u>(5,516.85)</u> |
| Total Fund 12/31/01                          | \$551,236.95      |

### **The Alumni Endowment Maintenance Fund**

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| Balance 1/15/01                              | \$917,826.62       |
| Interest & Contributions 1/15/01 to 12/31/01 | 30,342.95          |
| Gift to Alumni Chapel Renovation Fund        | <u>(20,733.41)</u> |
| Total Fund 12/31/01                          | \$927,436.16       |

### **Alumni Scholarship Fund**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Balance 1/15/01   | \$304,346.75     |
| Interest & Contributions 1/15/01 to 12/31/01<br>Net of '01-'02 scholarships | <u>13,614.47</u> |
| Total Fund 12/31/01   | \$317,961.22     |

### **J. Hugh & Martha Wise Alumni Scholarship Fund**

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Total Fund 12/31/01 | \$68,806.99 |
|---------------------|-------------|

### **Winfrey Alumni Scholarship Fund**

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| Total Fund 12/31/01 | 38,146.15 |
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### **Curtis Memorial Alumni Scholarship Fund**

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| Total Fund 12/31/01 | \$5,274.30 |
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### **Don Schofield Alumni Scholarship Fund**

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| Total Fund 12/31/01 | \$102,242.40 |
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### **Ridinger Brothers Alumni Scholarship Fund**

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| Total Fund 12/31/01 | \$10,302.83 |
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### **Virginia Gillespie Lucas Scholarship Fund**

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Total Fund 12/31/01 | \$50,000.00 |
|---------------------|-------------|

(All undesignated alumni gifts received are credited to the Chapel Restoration Fund.)



# Chapter News

## Kansas City Chapter 2002 Meetings

DATE: June 8, 2002 @ Noon  
 WHAT: Potluck Meeting  
 WHERE: Burley & Mary Medley's Home  
 313 N. Peck Dr., Independence, MO  
 64056-1687  
 PHONE: 816-257-4767

DATE: December 7, 2002 @ Noon  
 WHAT: Potluck Meeting  
 WHERE: Central Presbyterian Church,  
 Kansas City

## Violet Adams '39 Receives Citation from MO House

Violet Adams '39 has been recognized by the Missouri House of Representatives. Violet has retired from her position as Treasurer of the Fifth Congressional District of the Missouri Federation of Republican Women, after twenty-one years of steadfast and admirable service.



Besides the College of the Ozarks Alumni Association, Violet has been an active supporter for several associations, including the Diabetes and Spinal Bifida Associations, and serves an active role in her community. She was awarded the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance Anchor Award for fifty-two years of service in the Longfellow School community.

Mrs. Adams has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include four children, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into her life.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Violet upon her retirement as Treasurer of the Republican Women of her district, and also wish her many prosperous years to enjoy the better things God has to offer in life.<sup>1</sup>

*The information given here is summarized from the official citation from the Missouri House of Representatives.*

## Tulsa Area Alumni Chapter

Submitted by Marilyn Worden, Secretary

The Tulsa Area Alumni Chapter met on Sunday, September 23, at the Owasso Community Center for an indoor picnic/luncheon. We were very pleased to have Helen Youngblood, C of O Alumni Director, and her husband Eugene visit with the chapter.

Also in attendance were: Lessie Speed, Bill and

Eddie Hoge, Larry and Pamela (Wier) Davis, Janet Snow, Louis and Betty (Johnson) Ward, Richard and Shirley (Johnson) Wilkie, Marilyn (Poole) Worden and daughter Rachel.

Thanks to Helen Youngblood and Shirley Wilkie for providing the door prizes. We invite all alumni in the Tulsa area to join us for our next meeting, which will be a cookout at the Wilkies, 6989 E 19th Street, Tulsa, on Sunday, April 21, 2002. Hamburgers and trimmings will be served at 5:00 p.m. A raffle will be held for a nice prize to generate income for the Chapter. Tulsa area alumni please put this important event on your calendar now!

## Aviation Chapter News

The Aviation Alumni Chapter's first meeting was a great success over Homecoming weekend. John Potthast (1990) presented the chapter constitution that describes the purpose and membership of the organization. Nominations were accepted and subsequent voting placed Scott Rose (1992) as President, Robert Ramey (1995) as Vice-President and Mike Barrett (1990) as Secretary/Treasurer.

Ray Siebring (2003), A&P student and flight instructor, and Drew Smith (1990), Aviation Science faculty, presented an exciting Powerpoint overview of the current activities and training in the Aviation Science programs.

Note to all Alumni: If you ever worked at the airport, took flying lessons at S/CofO, or studied in the Aviation Science program and want to become a chapter member please contact the Helen Youngblood in the Alumni Office at (417) 334-6411x2203 or Drew Smith, at extension 4382.

## Point Lookout/Tri-Lakes Alumni Chapter 2002 Meetings

Date: May 25, 2002, 3:00 p.m.  
 What: Annual Fish Fry (Potluck) and White Elephant Auction  
 4:00 p.m. (Dinner), 5:00 p.m. (Auction)  
 Where: Josh and Sara Franks' home  
 675 Freeman Lane, Hollister, MO

Date: September 12, 2002, 6:30 p.m.  
 What: Fall Meeting and Potluck Dinner  
 Where: College of the Ozarks  
 College Center Cafeteria (Lakeside Room)

### 2002 Officers

President: Tom Smith • Vice-President: Bryan Oetting  
 Sec.-Treas. Jennifer Rogers

## Tribute Giving

### In Memory of:

**Leo C. Adams** from B. Fern Smith and Violet (Frye) Adams

**Christopher L. Adams** from Violet (Frye) Adams

**Jimmy Ayers** from Jerry and Lynn (Anglin) Stude

**Roy Franklin Becker** from James R. Becker

**Edna Lee (Thaxton) Berger** from G. Edgar and Sadie (Thaxton) Galloway

**Carroll D. Bradley** from Sharon (Payne) Bradley

**Joe Brinell** from Roger Burl Young

**Gene Brooks** from Iva Nell Reeves, Harold Allred, Jack and Jacqueline Reeves, Ila (Phillips) Stapleton, Maryan (Raper) Smith, June (Sanderson) Meyer, Alice Larsen and Frieda (Wilson) Hornback

**John Brown** from Ruth (Bates) Brown and Pat and Wanda (Brown) Barnett

**Thelma (O'Dell) Carter** from Teresa Joyce Carter

**Jane Carty** from Jennifer (Carty) Justus

**Winston Douglas Carty** from Jennifer (Carty) Justus

**W. W. Cary** from Sarah (Fry) Garrison

**Kathryn Mae (Sands) Chastain** from Jerry D. Chastain

**Johnny Cheek** from Ruth (Cheek) Raley

**Virgie Cheek** from Ruth (Cheek) Raley

**Dr. M. Graham Clark** from Donna (Sanders) Horton, Patricia (Goodman) Wheaton, Charlene (Stricklen) Eichhorn, Tom Smith, Julia Hampton, James and Mary Watkins, Darwin A. Brock, Gayle (Garrison) Keith, Vicky (Dunn) Fore, Michael Fred Bugg, Palmer Pellham, Roger and Diane (Watson) Butler, Sara Compton, Lori Frasier, Esther Hall, Yvonne (O'Dell) Simmons, Basil Hicks, Mary Lou Gilbert, D. Nelson and Joyce (Trost) Mackey, Bob and Deanna (Hirsch) Vale, Thomas N. Taylor, Russell R. Wilson, Clark G. Vernon, Frank and Mary Ann Hogue, and Eugene and Helen Youngblood

**Mrs. M. Graham Clark** from James and Mary Watkins

**Helen Cobb** from Jack Cobb

**Elsie Lee (Hicks) Cudworth** from J. Hugh and Martha Wise

**Albert Dudley Cummings** from Laddie and Nancy (Brown) Tabor

**John Davidson** from Christodoula Efsthathiou

**Rex Dawson** from Don E. Baker

**Weldon DeBoard** from Faye (DeBoard) Riley

**Deceased Members of Class of 1941** from J. D. Nave

**Olen DePew** from William and Christy (Arnold) Glaser

**Constance Downs** from Doris (Sitzes) Hughey

**Virginia F. Dudley** from Lester L. Dudley

**Max Duncan** from Ethel (Hedrick) Hensley

**Blaine Elmer** from Gussie (Elmer) Redfearn

**Hayes and Ethel Elmer** from Colene (Elmer) Croft and Gussie (Elmer) Redfearn

**Carol (Tilley) Esmay** from Burke Tilley

**Margie Lou Freeman** from Morris Freeman

**June Fry** from G. Stanley Fry

**Maude Finch** from Doris (Sitzes) Hughey

**Brad Gale** from R. Stephen Graves

**Betty Sue (Metz) Galloway** from Etta (Brown) Henbest

**Donald Garner** from Bruce C. Garner and Jessie May (Kite) Hackett

**Rayetta Maureen Gibson** from Gayle (Garrison) Keith, and Gerald and Edna Marie (Gibson) Wheatley

**Dr. and Mrs. Townsend Godsey** from Gay and Pidge (Godsey) Land

**Dr. R. M. Good** from Betty (Rathbun) Darden, Duane Hutchinson, Mary Lou Gilbert and Paul Thornton

**Eli M. Goodrum** from Terry Goodrum

**Everett Green** from Robert and Lillie (Green) Railey

**John H. Greene** from Franklin D. Greene

**Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffith** from Janet (Griffith) Clower and Ed and Carolyn (Griffith) Stuart

**Jack and Ken Griffith** from Janet (Griffith) Clower and Ed and Carolyn (Griffith) Stuart, Myron and Mary

Goldsworthy

**Tatjana (Schaetzke) Grogan** from Diane (Grogan) Litow

**Dr. Walter W. Hammers** from Vonee (Wilson) Hammers and Sammy Shrum

**Mr. and Mrs. James Hardy** from Kien P. Su

**Lillian Hays** from Doris (Sitzes) Hughey

**John Henbest** from Etta (Brown) Henbest

**Marlan D. Hester** from Doris (Smith) Hester and Janet (Griffith) Clower

**James K. Hickman** from James Gordon and Edith (Hickman) Breshears

**Henry Hirsch** from Ruth (Bates) Brown, Bob and Deanna Vale and J. Hugh and Martha Wise

**Gary M. Hogue** from Frank and Mary Ann Hogue

**Bill and Joy Hollingsworth** from Sharon Hillhouse-Neveux

**Lynn Ann Hopper** from Kansas City Alumni Chapter

**Alvie, Mary, Webber and Helen Hoppis** from Hazel C. Hoppis

**Ruby (Adams) Houser** from Estol R. Adams

**Ed Huffman** from Shirley Huffman

**Ray Huffman** from Shirley Huffman

**Jacque Justus** from Jack Justus and Loraine Garner

**Stayton Justus** from Elma (Seals) Vaters

**Clarence T. "Mike" Klotz** from Jeff and Tamara Schneider

**Chris Koerner** from Wanda (Orr) McCann and Maryan (Raper) Smith

**Forrest Lipscomb** from J. Hugh and Martha Wise

**Norma Littrell** from Clell E. Littrell

**David Sturman Mackey** from Judy (Grimes) Mackey, David and Chad Mackey

**Audra Orr Marchbank** from Maryan (Raper) Smith

**Fayma Marten** from Arliss and Linda (Wistrom) Stillings

**Elizabeth Ann McKinney** from Hugh McKinney

**Vernie Meyer** from June (Turner) Azevedo

**Miriam Evans Miller** from Jessie May (Kite) Hackett

**Violet Morgan** from Kansas City Alumni Chapter, B. Fern Smith and Violet (Frye) Adams

**Jean Olbricht** from Doug and Jan (Olbricht) Melton

**Clifton O'Neal** from Kansas City Alumni Chapter, Ruth (Bates) Brown and Bonnie O'Neal

**Frank W. Ott, Jr.** from J. Hugh and Martha Wise

**C. M. Parkey** from Eli Taylor

**Krysty Phillips** from Vi (Kerksiek) Dale

**Darin Price** from Paunee (Welch) Rohr

**Kenneth Raley** from Ruth (Cheek) Raley

**Roger Raper** from Ethel (Hedrick) Hensley

**Russell L. Reeves** from Iva Nell Reeves, Ethel (Hedrick) Hensley and Jack and Jacqueline Reeves

**Mary Dos Remedios** from J. Hugh and Martha Wise

**Ruth Righter** from Roscoe Righter  
**Alberta (Mault) Roberts** from Gayle (Ross) Mault

**Gloria (Mueller) Robertson** from Myrna (Bittick) Burdine

**John Rosenberger** from Charles R. Ross

**Marilyn (Holliday) Saladin** from D. Nelson and Joyce (Trost) Mackey

**Don Scholfield** from D. Nelson and Joyce (Trost) Mackey, Glen Blankenship and Paunee (Welch) Rohr

**V. Vonceile Schumacher** from George Schumacher

**John D. "Pete" Seals** from Elma (Seals) Vaters and Maxine (Seals)

Story

**Mona Shipman** from Joetta (Rowlison) Glidewell

**Arthur Shopp** from William Shopp

**Bryan Silvey** from Larry J. Hart, Paunee (Welch) Rohr, Eugene and Helen Youngblood, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Price, Boehne Financial Group and Misha Hammond

**Roy and Alice Southard** from D. Nelson and Joyce (Trost) Mackey

**William Stephens, Jr.** from Edith (Stephens) Stevens

**Lisa C. Stevens** from Bill Stevens

**Sharon (Brown) Stevens** from Ruth (Bates) Brown and Pat and Wanda (Brown) Barnett

**John W. Story** from Maxine (Seals) Story

**Marie Tilley** from Burke Tilley

**Georgia Tinker** from Linda (Payne) Tremain

**Minnie F. Tipton** from R. D. Bradley

**Ruth Dillon Vowell** from Elma (Seals) Vaters

**Lucy Aline Walter** from Edna (Walter) Greene

**Jerry and Pat Watson** from Emma (Butler) Day

**Herbert and Martha Webster** from Marian (Webster) Dawson

**George Whitman** from Myrtle (Whitman) Jones

**James Robert Whitman** from Myrtle (Whitman) Jones

**Auburn Wilson** from Iva Nell Reeves

**Dovie (Robinson) Wilson** from

Eleanor (Wilson) Howell and Frieda (Wilson) Hornback

**Dr. Beulah Winfrey** from John and Loretta Harris, Brandy Payne, Jim Williams, Sharon (Knaust) Harris, Kyle Bartshe, Gwen Simmons, Angela Sturm and Doris (Smith) Hester

**Hardy Wyman** from L. Doyle and Sue Childers

**Stanley Zezulak** from Helen (Graves) Zezulak

## In Honor of:

**Violet (Frye) Adams** from B. Fern Smith

**Marcia G. Brown** from B. Fern Smith

**Wilma (Martin) Callahan** from Ronald L. Martin

**Glen Cameron** from Sherry Goode

**Class of 1953** from Etta (Brown) Henbest

**Alyce Cooper** from Frieda (Wilson) Hornback

**Alpha DePew** from Helen Youngblood

**Dr. and Mrs. Courtney Furman** from Galen and Valerie Davis

**Eleanor Howell** from Frieda (Wilson) Hornback

**Bill and Teresa Keeter** from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Keeter

**Theron D. Nordin** from Mildred (Murray) Nordin

**Robert and Lillie Railey** from Martha A. Railey

## *Lifetime Memberships Benefit Alumni Scholarship Fund*

**Lifetime Memberships (\$200) are credited to the Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund that continues to provide scholarships to worthy C of O students each year. Special thanks go to the following new 2001 Lifetime Members:**

Altman, Daniel 1992  
Ansley, Jonathan 1999  
Bell, Paul 1945  
Brisco, Doug 1986  
Brisco, Kelly (Berning) 1984  
Curl, Nancy (Howe) 1974  
Dake, Terrence 1964 JC  
Davenport, Sandra 1991  
Edwards, Michael 1972  
Erwin, Stanley 1963  
Evans, Henry 1953

Hertweck, Daniel 1979  
Hill, James 1977  
Hornback, Frieda (Wilson) 1947  
Hutchison, Susan 1986  
Johnson, Martha 1965  
Legan, Paul 1958 JC  
McCain, Janice (Ellis) 1974  
Owen, Sandra (Hillis) 1985  
Rogers, Allen 1991  
Schmitt, Jodie 1994  
Sissom, Dan 1964

Stamps, Imogene 1934  
Thompson, Brian 1982  
Thompson, Cathy (Snow) 1982  
Troutman, Charles 1951  
Wallis, C. Renee 1999  
Walsh, Verginia (Marsh) 1927  
White, Jolly 1946  
Wilson, Milton 1965  
Wilson, Robert 1977

## Class Notes

### 40's

**Kenneth Masterson '45** and his wife, Bobbi, moved to Southaven, Mississippi, in August. They can be reached at 7254 Flower Creek Dr., Southaven, MS 38671 or (662) 280-9645.

### 50's

**Dewey Pleake '51** and his wife, Tina, have six children and eleven grandchildren. Dewey retired in 1985. They live at: 4045 Williams Wharf Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685; (410) 586-1837 or pt@chesapeake.net.

**Betty (Clarkson) Howell HS '59, JC '61** has recently retired from the USDA Farm Service Agency with 25 years of service. Having served in Texas and St. Charles County, MO, she now resides at 1306 Rehoboth, Searcy, AR 72143.

### 60's

**Patsy (Murphy) Shepherd HS '60** has moved back to the Kentucky Lake area. She can be reached at 169 Shelton Lane, Hardin, KY 42028 or (270) 354-6426.

**Antonio Valadez '66JC** would like to locate some of his old classmates from 1962-1965 class years. He can be reached at 716 E. Walnut Street, Springfield, MO 65806 or via email at thunderhudd@yahoo.com.

**Dona (Pitts) Bradley '67** and husband, Bill, are beginning their 6th year of retirement. Dona retired from Kearsley Community Schools after 29 years of teaching and Bill retired from General Motors after 32 years. They can be reached at: 5445 Linger Lane, Lapeer, MI 48446; (810) 667-4224; sbradley@tir.com or sbradley@avci.net.

**Gerald '67 and Edna (Gibson) Wheatley '68** celebrated their 34th anniversary in September, 2001. Marie retired in August, 2000, after thirty years of employment with the Missouri Division of Aging and currently is a stay-at-home caregiver for her mother who suffers from Alzheimers. Gerald continues to work with Burrell Mental Health in Springfield, Missouri, as a Senior Case Manager. They have two sons, ages 27 and 20, that are out of the home. Gerald and Edna would be happy to hear from classmates either at: 2113 S. Lexington Ave., Springfield, MO 65807 or by email at WHEATLEYG@Prodigy.net.

**Edgar Ogle '69** has a new address 605 Bordeaux Ct, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 or se605@aol.com.

**Jerry W. Ragsdale '69** is commander of the Texas Air National Guard and was promoted to Major General in October 2001. He commands, controls, and supervises all Air National Guard units in the state; directs the

employment of ANG resources during state emergencies; ensures that all units maintain the highest operational readiness posture for a variety of air missions; develops, interprets, and coordinates implementation and compliances of policies; and develops air positions on major issues, including mission requirements, and coordinates with other state and federal agencies. Ragsdale is a registered professional engineer and partner in Land Advisors, Inc., a real estate investment company in Dallas. Jerry resides at 14206 Edgecrest Dr, Dallas, TX 75240-2803

### 70's

**James '70 and Mary Ann (Seiler) Fryar '71** have four children: Brent, Shelli, Derek, and Aaron. Jim has worked at The Joplin Globe since 1975 and has been sports editor since 1995. Mary Ann teaches special education at Joplin High School. They can be reached at 2025 S. Fallen Oak Lane, Joplin, MO 64801, or email jfryar@sofnet.com, mafryar@hotmail.com, or jfryar@joplinglobe.com

**Paul Hokanson '70** and his wife, Patricia, can be reached at 414 East Chestnut, Odessa, MO 64076, or phokanson@hotmail.com.

**Jerry Aday '71** can be reached at 101 Ceda Crest PO Box 1, Ellsworth, KS 67439; (785) 472-4593; or email jaday21@hotmail.com.

**Vicki D. Petty '71** has a new address at 6049 Lawrence 1174, Miller, MO 65707; vikip@millertel.net; or (417) 452-3523.

**Linda Fowler '74** just moved to Granbury, Texas, where she teaches and coaches volleyball, basketball, and track. She would love to hear from anyone that attended S of O in the early 70's. She can be reached at 5500 Gateway Hills Ct, Granbury, TX 76049 or (817) 326-0146.

**Gary Horner '74** and his wife, Dana, can be reached at: 629 W. Crestview, Springfield, MO 65807; or email GARY.HORNER@DAYCO.COM; or



*Class of '61: Thank you so much for your fantastic response to our efforts to get us all together again!! As I recall, there were 26 of us who attended Homecoming- which confirms the fact that "we are the best"! Many of you have helped in the effort to find others who may, in the future, be able to attend and share in the fantastic feeling of camaraderie and nostalgia. It wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of each one of you! Myrna (Bittick) Burdine and Thelma (Rodgers) Scrivner.*

(417) 883-5453. They are interested in contacting any classmates from the JC'69-'74 period, especially William Ipock who was originally from the Alley Spring, Missouri, area.

**Martin Schmidt '78** has been married since 1979 to Marcia, a graduate from the University of Nebraska. They have four children ranging in age from 12-20. Martin is a senior pastor of a Lutheran Congregation in Grand Island, NE, and would like to hear from former classmates. He can be reached at 3019 Sothman Dr., Grand Island, NE 68801; mschmidt@ccusa.net; or (308) 395-8551.

**Leveta Diane (Breedlove) Ray '79 and her husband, Carl X'80**, now live in Waukegan, Illinois. Carl retired from the Navy in June 2001. They have a son, Chad (9), and a daughter, Kaitrin (3). Carl and Leveta would love to hear from anyone who was at S of O when they were there. They can be contacted at: 759 Walnut St. 2W, Waukegan, IL 60085; (847) 263-9567; or clck2001@aol.com.

**Mike '79 and Cheryl (Cook) Shores '80** are still teaching and coaching in Lockwood after 22 years. Cheryl won her 400th volleyball match as a coach with the help of daughter, Tasha, a senior two time All-State player. This year's squad also took 4th place at state. "Mike sold his 1968 Chevelle after 24 years...all good things must end!" Mike and Cheryl can be reached at PO Box 8, Lockwood, MO 65682 or (417) 232-4838.

## 80's

**Dale '80 and Bunny (Smith) Gilchrist '82** are still teaching at Reeds Spring Schools. Dale is in his 21st year and is teaching high school p.e., and coaching varsity football and girl's varsity basketball. Bunny is teaching sixth grade p.e. and health. Their daughter, Ashley (15), is a sophomore at Reeds Spring. She plays volleyball and basketball. They would love to hear from old friends. Dale and Bunny can be reached at: 650 Austin Place, Branson West, MO 65737; (417) 338-1116; bgilchrist@wolves.k12.mo.us or dgilchrist@wolves.k12.mo.us.

## Please let us hear from you!

You can email your class notes or address update to the Alumni Office at [youngblo@cofo.edu](mailto:youngblo@cofo.edu) or [alumni@cofo.edu](mailto:alumni@cofo.edu). Information for articles and class notes must be submitted to the Alumni Office by May 10 to appear in the summer issue.

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We reserve the right to edit any information submitted for publication. We appreciate the inclusion of photos with articles and class notes submitted for publication. Every effort is made to use them; however, space sometimes prohibits their use.

**Gary '80 and Terri (Meador) May '80** have three children, Cynthia (19), Jennifer (17), and Travis (9), and one granddaughter, Kaitlynn (1). Terri stays at home with their granddaughter. Since the closing of the Aviation program, Gary is teaching computer classes at Maple Woods. He is also working on the police helicopters in Kansas City. Gary and Terri would like to hear from old friends that they have lost track of in the past few years. They can be reached at: 7816 E. 103rd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64134; [tmay@KC.rr.com](mailto:tmay@KC.rr.com) and [May@kcmetro.cc.mo.us](mailto:May@kcmetro.cc.mo.us); or (816) 966-0746

**Dean Thompson '80** and his wife, Sandra, can be reached at 2731 W 59th St. Circle N., Wichita, KS 67204; [nvestig8r@worldnet.att.net](mailto:nvestig8r@worldnet.att.net); or (316) 755-3204.

**Paul Boateng '81** and his wife, Juanita, have two children, Kofi Jr. and Cherisse. Paul is presently the Associate Director of the University of the Virgin Islands Cooperative Extension Service. He has received numerous community awards and is on the Board of Directors of several corporations in the Virgin Island. Paul may be reached at: RR-02, Box 10000, King-shill, VI 00850; [kboateng@uvi.edu](mailto:kboateng@uvi.edu).



**Paul Fry '81** has been promoted to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for American Dehydrated Foods, Inc. International Dehydrated Foods, Inc., and FoodIngredients Technology Company, L.L.C. All companies are headquar-

tered in Springfield, Missouri. He has worked for the companies since 1989, most recently serving as Vice-President and Controller. Paul and his family reside in Ozark, MO.

**Michael Carron '82** has a new address at 214 South First, Rogers, AR 72756; [mike@rossmarketing.net](mailto:mike@rossmarketing.net); or (501) 644-2525.

**Michael '82 and Nicole (Feller) Layden '85** have been married for 18 years and have two children, Andrea (14) and Emily (12). Mike works with the Missouri Department of Corrections at the Potosi Correctional Center. Nicole works at keeping Mike and the girls in line and also volunteers at the school. Mike and Nicole can be reached at: 105 S. Long St., Bonne Terre, MO 63628; [mlayden@i1.net](mailto:mlayden@i1.net), [cclayden@i1.net](mailto:cclayden@i1.net); or (573) 358-7899.

**John Hensley '82** was named Curator-Archivist for the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library at Westminster College. He is currently pursuing his PhD in American Studies at Saint Louis University. He spoke at the annual conference of the American Studies Association in Washington, DC, in November 2001. The paper he presented is entitled 'Dreadful' No More: Misrecognition And Transformation In The Ozarks. John also published an article in the journal Studies in American Culture entitled Ambivalence on the Arrested Frontier: Us, Them and the Other in Harold Bell Wright's -The Shepherd of the Hills." He can be reached at 2049 Peine Forest Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385; [henslej@jaynet.wcmo.edu](mailto:henslej@jaynet.wcmo.edu) or [henslejr@slu.edu](mailto:henslejr@slu.edu).

**Virginia Bounds '83** has a new address: 2025 Denver Ave, Kansas City,

MO 64127; (816) 920-6417; or email [ginnywren@excite.com](mailto:ginnywren@excite.com) or [Virginia.Bounds@us.fortis.com](mailto:Virginia.Bounds@us.fortis.com).

**Dale '83 and Belinda (Pobst) Harris '83** live in Columbia, Missouri, with their two children. They have recently purchased a business called Temporary Quarters, which rents furnished apartments on a short-term basis. Dale and Belinda would love to hear from classmates. They can be reached at 3800 Godfrey Drive, Columbia, MO 65203, or email [belharris@aol.com](mailto:belharris@aol.com).

**Steven '83 and Margaret (Nelson) Roe '84** Steven has completed Hypnotherapy Certification from New England Institute of Hypnotherapy and will be opening a practice of his own. He hopes to take classes from Omega University for his M.S. degree in Hypnotherapy later this year. Steven and Margaret would love to hear from their college friends. They can be reached at 741 Matthew Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418; (361) 937-6481; or [cctxsam@aol.com](mailto:cctxsam@aol.com).

**Janita (Breedlove) Kelly '84** and her husband, Robert, are now living in Seymour, MO. Janita is now an area supervisor for Head Start. She would love to hear from old friends and classmates. You can reach her at: 424 West Park, Seymour, MO 65746; or email [janitamo@hotmail.com](mailto:janitamo@hotmail.com) or [hdstrt1@msn.com](mailto:hdstrt1@msn.com); or (417) 935-2094.

**Nick Keeter '86** and his wife, Vanita, have a new address: 510 Rena Rd., Van Buren, AR 72956; or (501) 474-3744.

**Jeff Cantwell '86** and his wife, Laura, have been married for eight years. They have two boys, John (6) and Jacob (4). Jeff is active with the NRA, the state NRA affiliate, and the Arkansas Libertarian Party. Jeff would like to hear from former classmates and can be reached at: 100 Rosetta, Little Rock, AR 72205; (501) 660-4503; [jnc01@swbell.net](mailto:jnc01@swbell.net).

**Tina (Tarter) Solari '87** and her husband, Mark, just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. Mark and Tina enjoy their home on Bull Shoals Lake and most outdoor activities. They would enjoy hearing from classmates and can be reached at: 2710 Deer

Lane, Kirbyville, MO 65679; [mtsolari@aol.com](mailto:mtsolari@aol.com); or (417) 546-6620.

**Jeffrey Hankins '88** and his wife, Pamela, have a new address: 808 Kent St, Jackson, MO 63755; (573) 243-5247; or [jeffhankins@atprs.net](mailto:jeffhankins@atprs.net).

**Kerry (Beard) McManus '88** loves her career as a Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch. She was recently designated a Certified Financial Manager and is in her first term on the Springfield Regional Opera Board of Directors. Kerry can be reached at 4846 E Cherokee, Springfield, MO 65809; (417) 886-3699.

**J. R. Nuckolls '88** is a Surgical and Technical Trainer for Pharmacia Corporation. He says he is doing great and keeping very busy working on his new home, but would love to hear from any of his former classmates. J. R. can be reached at: 5047 Parker Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139; [Nuckpalz@aol.com](mailto:Nuckpalz@aol.com); or (314) 351-1813.

**Craig '89 and Roxie (Smith) Flynn '89** are living in Stafford, Virginia, with their three sons: Killian (8), Corbin (2) and Kylee (1). Craig and Roxie would enjoy exchanging email correspondence with distant alumni or contacting alumni in the DC area. They can be reached at: 4 Leather Bark Ct, Stafford, VA 22554; [crflynn@aba2net.com](mailto:crflynn@aba2net.com); or (540) 657-4007.

**Steve Haas '89** just completed his first year as a District Sales Manager with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals where he has been employed for 6 years. He retired from radio in 2000 after 15 years as an on-air personality. Steve enjoys softball, fishing, and snow skiing. He would love to hear from classmates and can be reached at 10740 Oyster Bay Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46236; or email at [shaas@galaxyinternet.net](mailto:shaas@galaxyinternet.net).

**John Lumb '89** is in his eighth year as a 9-1-1 operator for Springfield-Greene County. His wife, Heather, teaches third grade at Miller Central Elementary. They would enjoy hearing from college friends. They can be reached at 711 Striper Drive, Nixa, MO 65714.

**Scott Marazita '89** and his wife, Starla, are now at: 1768 Hillman Drive, Troy, MI 48083; (248) 743-2596.

## 90's

**Dr. Joana Owens '90** has begun a new job as Assistant Professor of English at Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama. She can be reached at 116 Three Sons Dr, Hoover, AL 35226; or [joana\\_owens@hotmail.com](mailto:joana_owens@hotmail.com).

**Terrence Bax '91** currently works as a senior tax accountant for Archon Group, Real Estate Asset Management Company. He is also a certified public accountant and has previously worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers and Deloitte Touche. His hobbies include softball, volleyball, weightlifting, and rollerblading. Terrence can be reached at: 3628 Routh Street, Dallas, TX 75219; (214) 514-7969; or [terrybax67@yahoo.com](mailto:terrybax67@yahoo.com); or .

**Steve Bradley '91** is now flying for Central Air in Kansas City. Steve and Lela (Robinson) '91 may be reached at: 4950 W. Farm Rd 156-141, Brookline Station, MO 65619-8231.

**Bryan King '91** and his wife, Annette, can be reached at: 3619 West Cardinal Dr, Springfield, MO 65810; [BryNet@msn.com](mailto:BryNet@msn.com); or (417) 883-1762.

**Aaron Winslow '91** and his wife, Michelle, have moved to the Moberly area where Aaron is working for the State Department of Health as an Environmental Public Health Specialist. They would love to hear from old friends. Aaron and Michelle can be reached at: 330 Woodland Ave, Moberly, MO 65270; (660) 263-8143 or [winsla@health.state.mo.us](mailto:winsla@health.state.mo.us).

**Mark '92 and Tammy (Cooper) Barrett X'95** would like to share their new address and phone number with old friends whom they would love to hear from. They now reside at 840 Prosperity Lane, Andover, KS 67002, and can be reached at (316) 218-0822. Mark is changing jobs and will be working at Bevan-Rabell in Wichita, Kansas, as an airplane technician. Tammy is currently at home with 2-year-old Brett.

**Christine (Hampton) Brownlee '92** is currently working for Medtronic Sofamor Danek, as a Graphic Designer and her husband, Jeff, is working at Fed Ex. She would like to hear from old friends and can be reached at

5853 Morganton Dr, Olive Branch, MS 38654, jbrownlee@pngusa.net.

**Connie (Cronk) Roth '92** her husband, Robert, were married in April of 1997. Their daughter, Isabella, was born in November of 1998 and their son, Alexander, was born in November of 2000. Connie is currently a stay-home-mom enjoying her children. Connie would love to hear from friends and can be reached at: 6503 M HWY, Blackwater, MO 65322; reroth@mid-mo.net; or (660) 834-3172.

**Tom Vernon, Jr. '92** has moved to Phoenix to take a position as Director of Maintenance for Airline Training Center Arizona (ATCA), a Lufthansa Company. His address is 5150 North 99th Ave. #1087, Phoenix, AZ 85037; (623) 521-4671; or tvernon28@hotmail.com.

**Christianne Faber '93** can be reached at: Poststraat 18B, Leeuwarden-Holland (Friesland) 8911 GX; (058) 213-3804; or christiannefaber@yahoo.com.

**Ryan Euliss '93** and his wife, Kimberly, are now living in Columbia, Missouri, with their three-year-old daughter, Layton. Ryan has recently taken the position of Manager of Engineering and Technical Services for Boone Electric Cooperative. Kimberly is teaching second grade at Parkade Elementary. They would love to hear from their old classmates. They live at: 1400 Strathmore Dr, Columbia, MO 65203; (573) 441-8227; or euliss@booneelectric.com.

**Mark Gimlin '93** can be reached at 402 N. Main, MT Vernon, MO 65712; or premeirgim@aol.com.

**Jeffrey John Leyland '93** can be reached at: 515 E. Palm Valley Blvd. #1124, Round Rock, TX 78664; (512) 341-2249; or LEYLANDJJ@aol.com.

**Maria (Kuntz) Pierce '93** and her husband, Mark, have moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, with their one year old child Zoey. Maria would like to correspond with former classmates. Her address is: 3802 Kavanaugh #531, Little Rock, AR 72205; (501) 666-5278; or mfpierce2@aol.com.

**John C. Adcock '95** has lived in the Emporia community since 1999. He attends the Rock of Life Church, a

non-denominational church with a heart and vision for area youth. Finding no job in his field, John returned to school full time last August at Flint Hills Technical College. He is studying Industrial Maintenance, which covers a wide range of opportunities. John is excited about the various experiences and opportunities that God has blessed him with. He continues to use the skills gained from his education and on-campus job at Jones Theatre at C of O. John can be reached at 1425 E. 6th Ave #6, Emporia, KS 66801 or phos4us\_now@yahoo.com.

**Keith Blair '95** and his wife, Alissa (Ashley), have been married for over two years and have lived in Springfield for over five months. When possible, Keith still plays baseball in Nixa. They would like to hear from old friends and can be reached at 3660 S Cox Rd 1608, Springfield, MO 65807; (417) 886-6345; or www.kbhawg@msn.com.

**Edward Blake '95** and his wife, Jenni, were married on October 21, 2000. Their first child, Edward Gage III, was born on August 2, 2001. Eddy works at the Sheriff's Department in Johnson County, Kansas. Jenni works at the Olathe Fire Department. They can be reached at 19090 W. 163rd Terrace, Olathe, KS 66062.

**Candace (Gourley) Mitchell '95** and her husband, Brian, were married on August 5, 2000. Candace received a Master's Degree in Communication Disorders from ASU in Jonesboro, Arkansas, in December 2000. She is currently working as a Medical/Geriatric Rehabilitation Speech-Language Pathologist in Southeast Missouri and Northeast Arkansas. Brian is a pharmacist working in his family-owned pharmacy in Kennett, MO. They live happily with their dog and cat at: 207 North Jackson, Kennett, MO 63857; (573) 888-5940; or clmitch@hotmail.com.

**Melissa (Donaldson) Warren '95** can be reached at: 631 W. Edgewood, Springfield, MO 65807; (417) 889-2239; melissaw5@aol.com or teachu348@hotmail.com.

**Rebekah Lawson '96** can be reached at 4241 North Center Street, Hickory,

NC 28601; or RebekahLawson@hotmail.com.

**Nathaniel Swift '96** and his wife, Misty, can be reached at 1010 North Church, Jacksonville, IL 62650; or nathanswift@juno.com.

**Christopher '97 and Rhonda Bailey '95** can be reached at 565 Harlow Rd #32, Springfield, OR 97477; (541) 988-1389; or chrhbailey@juno.com.

**Becky (Arnold) Pronia '97** and her husband, Padraic, were married in 1998. Becky is working as the Graphic Artist for all 18 Brown Derby stores in Springfield. She can be reached at: 123 Melissa Ave, Ozark, MO 65721; (417) 581-5685; or bpronia@hotmail.com.

**Web Freeman '97** can be reached at 518 E. Redwood, Springfield, MO 65807; or email web@springfield-chamber.com.

**Nathan Hoyt '97** and his wife, Enid, were married in December 1997. They have a son, Aaron Daniel, born March 2001. Nathan is a captain for Air Wisconsin Airlines and is based in Chicago. Enid is a stay-at-home mom. They can be reached at 602 Learning Lane, Monett, MO 65708; or (417) 354-0876.

**Bethany K. Miller '97** has been teaching criminal justice since 1998 and has now started teaching it online for Drury University. She works at SMSU as the Academic Outreach Coordinator full time. Bethany's address is PO Box 841, Gainesville, MO 65655 or email bethanymiller@wp.smsu.edu.

**Casey '97 and Jennifer (Burgess) Simmons '98** have relocated back to Missouri. They were living in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, where Casey was a police officer for the Tulsa P.D. for two and a half years. Jennifer was a case manager for Big Brothers and Sisters. Now that they are back in Missouri, Casey is a Conservation Agent for MO Dept. of Conservation. Jennifer is currently staying at home with their two beautiful boys, Cole (6) and Hunter (16 months). They would like to hear from old classmates and can be reached at: 13955 Tapestry Lane, St. Robert, MO 65584; (573) 336-5995; or squirrelsheriff@hotmail.com.

**Steven J. Marler '98** graduated from Drury University with an MBA in December 2001. He may be reached at 2811 W Page, Springfield, MO 65802, or smarler@bsaemail.org.

## 2000's

**John '98 and Erica (Allison) Dees '00** live at 2 Willow Lane, Kimberling City, MO 65686-9528.

**Stephanie (Call) Kirchner x'98** and her husband, Jason, can be reached at 5112 Marion St, Russellville, MO 65074.

**Jonathan Ansley '99** can be reached at 1713 Clubhouse Dr Apt 102, North Kansas City, MO 64116, (816) 842-3205, or jonathanearl@hotmail.com.

**Robert Armstrong '99** and his wife, Angela, can be reached at: 2858 Country Acres Ct., Salem, IL 62881; (618) 548-5774; or email armstrong73@msn.com.

**Benjamin and Diana (Farmer) Ball '99** Ben works for Murphy Farms, a corporate hog farm located in rural Nevada, Missouri, as an Environment Specialist. Diana is a Certified Paraoptometric Assistant in Lamar. They would love to hear from their friends and can be reached at: RR2 Box 159 Sheldon, MO 64759; (417) 398-9104; or DianaBall77@hotmail.com.

**Tommy McMillan '99** is serving as the Assistant Women's Basketball Coach and Assistant Sports Information Director. He was recently named Head Women's Golf Coach at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. He can be reached at: 860 Salem Rd. #6011, Conway, AR 72032; (501) 327-5932; or mcmillan@hendrix.edu.

**Amanda (Shawgo) Miller '99** and her husband, Mark, are expecting their first child in June 2002. Amanda graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in May 2001 with a Bachelor's in Science in social work. She is now employed at the Division of Family Services in Greene County. They can be reached at: 3350 W. Sylvania, Springfield, MO 65807; (417) 890-0695; or maajmiller@aol.com.

**Eric '00 and Karissa (Bratt) Cook '02** live in Taneyville, Missouri. Eric is currently teaching fifth through eighth grade math and science at

Mark Twain School and has recently applied for the highway patrol. Karissa will graduate from C of O this May. They can be reached at: PO Box 244, Taneyville, MO 65759; (417) 546-9626; or duncandonut@hotmail.com.

**Jessi Butler '01** began a ten month service program with AmeriCorps based in Charleston, South Carolina, on September 25, 2001. She will be participating in service projects all over the southeast U.S. and can be reached at Jessica Butler Class VIII-Blue 7, AmeriCorps NCCC, 2231 South Hobson Ave, Charleston, SC 29405-2430.

**Amanda S. Dunn '01** can be reached at: 622 K Street NW, Miami, OK 74354; (918) 397-3539; or star-dunn@hotmail.com.

**Jason Hill '01** can be reached at: P.O. Box 472, Greenville, MO 63944; (573) 224-3763; jhill43\_99@hotmail.com or bball\_020@hotmail.com.

**Stephanie Huett '01** can be reached at: 2040 W. Bingham Rd F208, Ozark, MO 65721; (417)-583-1622; or shuett@hotmail.com.

**Courtney Trombley '01** teaches middle school and elementary art at Fordland, Missouri, and is planning on work towards her masters in Art Therapy, or L.P.C. license starting in the summer. She can be reached at: 3213 North 21st Street, Ozark, MO 65721; (417)-485-3159.

**Carey Lunn '01** now works for the College of the Ozarks as an Admissions Representative traveling to schools in the southeast region of Missouri and southern Illinois. She can be reached at 117 White River Mountain, Hollister, MO 65672; or carey\_lunn@hotmail.com.

**Luke Smith '01** and his wife, Jenni, live in Kansas City. Luke is a Service Coordinator for the Division of Youth Services and working on his Masters degree in Social Work at UMKC. Jenni is a part time student and a leasing agent at their apartments. They are expecting their first child June 27, 2002. They can be reached at: 7904 N Anita #12, Kansas City, MO 64151; (816)-587-8230; or luke132@hotmail.com.

**Sarah F. Wombacher '01** can be

reached at: 3523 Federal Drive #306, Eagan, MN 55122; (651) 406-9120; or swombacher@hotmail.com.

**David A. Brown '01** was recently designated a Master Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) by The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI). He is one of only five in the state of Kansas to receive this title. He is now flying as a first officer for Skyway Airlines in Milwaukee and resides at 214 N Sturges, Potwin, KS 67123, or dabrown15@hotmail.com.

## Marriages

**Patricia Ann (Pruitt) and Miles Alexander '79** were married on September 11, 2001 in Eureka Springs, AR. Family and friends thought it would never happen! If you would like to contact them, their address is: 3325 West Dorber Drive, Springfield, MO 65807 or you can email them at Pattea@hotmail.com.

**Christine Louise (Holrath) '95 and Kevin Vinson** were married on June 16, 2001 at West Side Church of God in Poplar Bluff, MO. They have recently moved to Springfield, MO where Christine is working as a graphic artist in the Advertising Department at Associated Wholesale Grocers and Kevin is a Security Office in Corporate Security at Prime, Inc. They can be contacted at: 1412 S. Estate Court, Springfield, MO 65804-1902, (417) 887-2737 or clvinson@swbell.net.

**Timothy R. '97 and Deborah M. (Rice) Ferguson** were married on October 13, 2001 in O'Fallon, MO. They can be contacted at: 1565 Brittany Timber Dr., St. Charles, MO 63304, (636) 926-0634, or via email trferguson@lucent.com.

**Elaina (Kates) '98 and David Daniels '98** were married in December of 2000. In January 2002, they will be having their first baby. They live on 22 acres near Stockton Lake and can be contacted at: 15325 S. 1453 Rd., Stockton, MO 65785.

**Marla (Morrison) '98 and Tony Messenger** were married in April of 2001. Tony is the city editor for the Columbia Daily Tribune. They can be contacted at: 3004 Middlebush Drive, Columbia, MO 65203.



**Daniel '01 and Sharon (Zimmerman) Wilson '99** were married on May 26, 2001 at the Williams Memorial Chapel. Daniel is starting his masters degree program at CMSU where he is a teaching assistant. They would love to hear from old friends and classmates. They can be contacted at: 1010 S. Holden St. Apt. 3E, Warrensburg, MO 64093 or (660) 543-7140.

**Matt and Amber (Toney) Mulnik '99** were married at Williams Memorial Chapel on September 9, 2001. Matt received his master's degree from the University of Tennessee Space Institute and is now working as a Flight Test Engineer for Rockwell Collins, Inc. Amber is a Public Relations Account Executive at CMF&Z Marketing Communications. Contact Matt and Amber at their new home: 6615 Creekside Dr. #7, Cedar Rapids, IA 52408, or (319) 393-3290.

**Elizabeth (Byrd) Case '00** married Adam Case on December 15, 2001, at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Ozark, Missouri. Elizabeth is currently working on her masters in Social Work at SMSU and is working as a graduate assistant. She will graduate from SMSU in spring 2002. Adam is a 1998 graduate of Missouri Southern and is currently working on his masters in Public Administration at SMSU. He is also working as a graduate assistant. Elizabeth and Adam can be reached at 1331 W Englewood Dr, Nixa, MO 65714 or (417) 725-5130.

**Amiee (Lane) '00 and Steve Meyer** were married on April 21, 2001 at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Jefferson City, MO. They had their first child in October 2001. Steve is employed with Henley & Sons Construction and Amiee is with Exchange Bank. They can be contacted at: 57255 Oak Grove Rd, California, MO 65018; or (573) 796-6377.

**Joshua '00 and Jennifer J. (Moore) Tanner '02** were married on November 17, 2001 at Temple Baptist Church in Searcy, AR. They currently reside in Branson and can be reached at PO Box 854, Point Lookout, MO 65726 or jjmoore1980@hotmail.com.

## Births

**Keith '84 and Joyann (Sinclair) Dublin '90** are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Kendon Jay, on September 5, 2001. He was welcomed by his brother Keaton (5). They may be reached at 386 Cope Lane, Forsyth, MO 65653 or (417) 546-2075.

**Kim (Connelly) '85 and Derek Walker** are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Amy Lynette, on November 15, 2000. Big sisters Bobby 12 and Jeni 8 welcomed their new sister. Kim is a stay-at-home mom and would love to hear from her former classmates either by email or mail at: 23786 U.S. Hwy 160, Kisse Mills, MO 65680 or bobbys\_mom@hotmail.com.

**Greg '93 and Linda (Brewer) Collier '92** are proud to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Livia Catherine, on April 1, 2001. She joins her sister Lauren (4). Greg is now an Education Consultant with the MO Department of Conservation. They can be contacted at 8556 LIV 515, Chillicothe, MO 64601 or (660) 707-0887.

**Donald '93 and Martha (Houston) Dingerson '93** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Justin Henry, on January 10, 2002. Justin was 7 pounds 10 ounces and 19 inches long. He joins his two sisters Sarah (3 1/2) and Amanda (18 months). They may be reached at 11400 W. 70th Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66203, email: ddingerson@kc.rr.com.

**Andrea Dee (Jones) '94 and Ronnie Gipson** have two children. Their daughter, Sabrina Marie, was born on September 12, 1998, and their son, Benjamin Lee, was born on March 10, 2000. The family can be contacted at 8 Hula Dr, Sherwood, AR 72120 or agipson2000@yahoo.com

**Ronda (Hursh) '94 and Christopher Plaster** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cody Lane, on October 6, 2001. They can be contacted at 8092 State Hwy 248, Branson, MO 65616 or (417) 334-8745.

**John '94 and Gina (Roten) 'x96 Jordan** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Zane Edward, on August

17, 2001. Zane was welcomed home by his big brother, Heston Paul (4). John is now a meat inspector for the Missouri Department of Agriculture. They can be contacted at 31285 CR 6190 Edgar Springs, MO 65462 or (573) 435-6686.

**Dane '94 and Lisa Ulrich** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Bryant Edward. He was welcomed home by big sister, Cassidy (4 1/2). They receive mail at 357 Oak Tree Acres Lane, Branson, MO 65616, or daneulrich@peoplepc.com.

**Joseph '94 and Dale Anne (Draper) Esther '95** are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Katie Lauren, on February 7, 2001. She weighed 7lb. 15oz and she was welcomed home by her two big brothers, Bradley (5) and Benjamin (4). They can be contacted at: 3595 W. Cardinal Drive, Springfield, MO 65810; (417) 889-8597; or jakeesther@hotmail.com or daleaesther@hotmail.com

**Brad Chapman '95** and his wife, Cheri, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Rose, on March 19, 2001. They can be contacted at (402) 256-9013 or by email at bchapman@und.com.

**Melody (Prine) '95 and Jim Thuss** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Grace, on June 14, 2001. She weighed 8lb. 2oz. and measured 20 1/4 inches. She was welcomed home by her big sister, Emily Elizabeth (4). They can be contacted at: 709 SE Pierre Court, Lee's Summit, MO 64063; (816) 524-7796; or lakecvb@birch.net.

**Daniel '96 and Kopper '96 (Lewis) Ernst** proudly announce the birth of their third child, Joshua Lewis, born on August 17 2001. Weighing in at 7 lbs, 6 oz, he was welcomed home by sister, Lauren (3 1/2) and brother Ethan (2). Their address is: 744 Woodland Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22801; or DanielNCu@worldnet.att.net.

**Branda (Garrett) '96 and Jason Muselman** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Quincee Mae, on August 20, 2001. She has been such a blessing to their family. They would love to hear from old friends. Their address is: 124 W. Lafever St.,

Ossian, IN 46777; (219) 622-1101; or musselman@adamswells.com.

**Nathan '98 and Christy (Taylor) Coffman '96** announce the birth of their second son, Samuel Dale, born on July 19, 2001. He was welcomed home by big brother, Taylor (3). Nathan is a District Manager for Pepsi, and Christy enjoys staying at home caring for the boys. They can be reached at 2625 Lowell Ave, Memphis, TN 38114.

**Joseph '99 and Suzanne (Midgette) James '98** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ian Nathanael, on July 10, 2001, weighing 10lbs. 5oz. They can be contacted at: 812 Fairview Circle, Krugerville, TX 76227; suzanneintexas@hotmail.com or joseph.james@paccar.com.

**Amanda (Anderson) '99 and Brian McBride** are proud to announce that their son will be a year old in January,

and Amanda resumed classes in January. Their address is: 2111 Tenbrink Dr., Rolla, MO 65401; (573) 368-4644; or baemcbride@hotmail.com.

**Ben '96 and Misty (Crawford) Weston '00** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Leif David, in February 2001. Ben currently works at Worldwide Aircraft in Springfield, and is currently working on his masters in Aviation Safety at CMSU. Misty works for KOSP, KKLH, and KOMG radio in Springfield, Missouri. Email them at mbweston@webtv.net.

**Tim '94 and Cara Robbs** announce the birth of their daughter, Carly Rae on January 5, 2002, weighing in at 8 lbs., 6 oz., she joins a proud big sister, Shelby Layne (3). The Robbs receive mail at 1097 Madison 409, Fredericktown, MO 63645; 573-783-4550.

## Deaths

**Mary Helen Kilgore '34**, October 16, 2001

**Bob Hill '51**, September 19, 2001

**Betty Sue (Metz) Galloway '52**, October 13, 2001

**Evelyn F. (Little) Martin '56**, September 15, 2001

**Rayetta Maureen Gibson '61**, June 2, 2001

**Janet Grobe x'64**, August 21, 2001

**Rosa (McFarland) Williams '69**, January 1, 2002

**Donna June (Loftin) Cox '75**, January 1, 2002

**Doyle Wayne Neff 'x76**, October 5, 2001

**John Womack 'x78**, November, 2001

**Nominations are being accepted for future Meritorious Award recipients. If you know an alumnus that would be a good candidate for this honor, please complete the nomination form on page 7 of this issue and send it to the Alumni Office. You may also make your nomination on-line at [cofo.edu](http://cofo.edu). Click on "Alumni" and then go to the Honors and Awards program.**

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Garrison visited her Accounting I class. Initially, the company's size and location interested Alechia, and career fairs offered more information that fueled her interest further.

**Mirela Alic '02** was born in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovia. Her mother, Kadira Vejzovic, advised her to come to College of the Ozarks in 1998. At that time she was working for NATO and the U.S. Army in Bosnia. The three and a half years she spent working with the Army helped her learn about the USA and its people.

Mirela learned about Leggett & Platt, Inc. her first semester at College of the Ozarks when Cathleen spoke to her Introduction to Business class. "That very day I knew I wanted to work for Leggett & Platt," she affirmed.

Mirela's networking paid off. "My education at C of O was very important and helpful, but it is really what I learned outside the academic curriculum that helped me the most." She worked as an intern this

past summer and was hired permanently with Leggett & Platt in December. She is currently working in the International Sales Department as an Export Customer Service Representative.

Regrettably, we were unable to interview four of our alumni during our visit. We proudly recognize them and their positions at Leggett & Platt. **Kevin Johnson '85** is a Manufacturing Systems Coordinator for the Residential Furnishings Segment in Carthage. He is currently on leave after being called to active duty. **Chad Adams '95** is a Quality Technician at the Carthage plant. **Renee Hughes '97** is an Account Coordinator with Leggett and Platt Global Services in Chicago, Illinois, and **Clint Schrock '00** is a facilitator at the Mason, Ohio, branch.

"L&P is an attractive place to pursue a career because it offers many opportunities for advancement and growth," Amber Asher stated. "It is a large company, but has a hometown feeling."

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