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The mission of Asbury University, as a Christian Liberal Arts University in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, is to equip men and women, through a commitment to academic excellence and spiritual vitality, for a lifetime of learning, leadership and service to the professions, society, the family and the Church, thereby preparing them to engage their cultures and advance the cause of Christ around the world.

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President's Message:

Making Sure Our Labor is Fruitful

With a cell phone, iPad or computer within arms reach nearly all day (and every day), there is rarely a moment when many of us are not "connected" and able, if we so choose, to work. Likewise, a stroll around Asbury University's campus reveals students studying on computers and employing any number of mobile devices to stay up to date with their friends and assignments. Our technology brings tremendous potential for work and productivity.

However, busyness is not really the point, is it? In his letter to the Philippians, Paul reflected: "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me." (Phil. 1:12). The question for us, with all our methods for accomplishing more in less time, is how to make sure our labor is fruitful.

In some ways, it is easier to say what fruitful labor is not. It is not moving papers from office to office; it is not clearing out the inbox; it is not checking off one more class on the way to Christmas break. It is entirely possible to labor in vain, with the result that our vision dims and our ability to meet life's inevitable challenges with strength and courage is diminished.

Instead, fruitful labor takes place when we exert ourselves with a sincere expectation that we will see the Lord at work among His people for His eternal purposes. It can look different from place to place and time to time, but fruitful labor is a divine collaboration in which our best efforts and plans, and sometimes even our failures, are transformed by the Holy Spirit into something with eternal impact.

Paul understood this principle well. From an earthly perspective, he poured out decades of life and energy to share a message that earned him floggings, beatings, insults, hunger and, ultimately, a death sentence ... the epitome of laboring in vain. Yet Paul was able to confidently toss aside the trophies of his time in exchange for the reality of the Holy Spirit's presence in his work. From our vantage point in history, we know the fruit that Paul's ministry has borne because our own faith has been

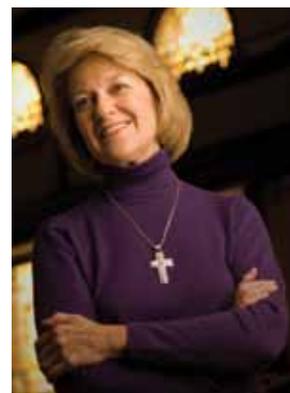
nourished by his words and by his example, consistently pointing us to Jesus.

Though our alumni, students, faculty and staff possess an abundance of talent and creativity, it is only to the extent that we align ourselves with God's work in the world that we labor fruitfully. And this we are doing, indeed.

The stories told in the pages of this magazine share the legacy of fruitful labor Asburians have engaged in around the world and through the years. From the accomplishments of this year's "A" Award winners to the ministry of Asbury's missionary-in-residence Jeannine Brabon in Colombia, a sense of eternal purpose has opened a door for God to move in amazing ways.

"Fruitful labor takes place when we exert ourselves with a sincere expectation that we will see the Lord at work among His people for His eternal purposes."

Philippians 3:13-14 reads, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." There will never be a lack of worthwhile things to do on this earth, but I want our focus to remain squarely fixed on discerning and applying ourselves to that for which Christ Jesus took hold of us. May the Lord so equip his people, and Asbury University, for fruitful labor in the vineyards of His world.

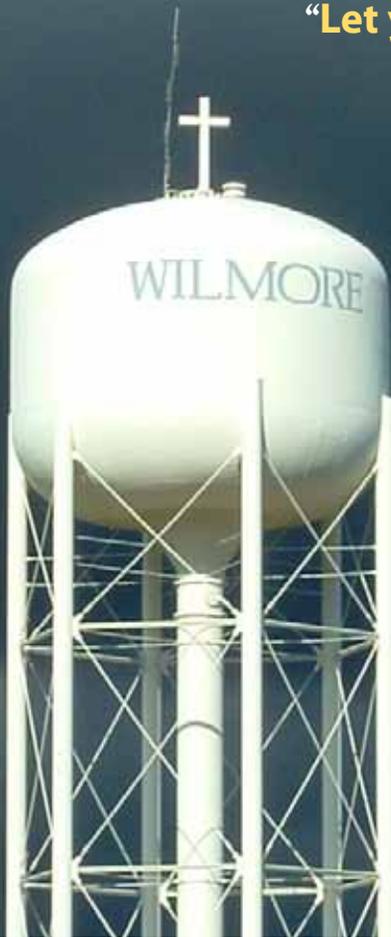


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra C. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Sandra C. Gray
President

“**Let your light shine** before others,
that they may see your good
deeds and glorify your
Father in heaven.”

—Matthew 5:16



Illuminating the Path Home

Visible for miles, the 12-foot cross atop the water tower on Asbury University's campus shines with six high-output fluorescent lamps. Bolted to its breezy perch 125 feet in the air and powered by a photocell on the north side of the tower, it is accessible through a ladder that runs up the central column of the tower.

Ken Rickard '79, Asbury's electrician, is charged with keeping an eye on the iconic structure. Maintenance on the cross used to be a yearly event,

but in 2006, it was reconfigured to hold six identical lamps instead of two lamps in each of three different sizes. Since then, he has only needed to replace the lamps once — a time saver, given the weather and staffing considerations that go into hauling tools and parts to the top of the tower.

Practical considerations aside, the cross on the tower is more than lamps and bolts. An icon of the community and a metaphor for the Christian life, its light is not hindered

by rust. Rather, it's a nightlight, shining brightest when the skies are dark, illuminating the path home.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16) ■



Tank & Tower Trivia

- The senior class gift in 1925 was a 68,000 gallon water tank. Today's tower holds 500,000 gallons.
- Before the current tower was built in 1970, the "old water tower" was in the middle of campus, next to the original Asbury College building (see location in photo on page 32).
- Wilmore bought the water system from the University in 1977.

How does it work?

There are always three people involved in any cross work: two people climb to the top, and one person stays on the ground. We put on our fall protection harnesses, clip into a notched pipe that runs up the middle of the ladder and climb right up the center of the tower to a hatch on top. Once there, we throw a rope over the side, and the

ground person attaches whatever we need — a ladder to set against the tower to reach the top of the cross, lamps, ballast, etc. After completing our work, all those things have to be lowered back down the same way. The ground person will also cover the photocell with black tape so that we can make sure the cross is working before descending. While up there, we also replace the aviation

marker lights that are on the tower. The city winterizes the central access column every year, so if a light goes out in January, it has to stay out until the spring. On windy days, I do not go up, because I do not want the wind to carry anything off the side, a bit dangerous and creating the expense of replacement parts.

— Ken Rickard '79,
Asbury University electrician

Photos by: Ken Rickard '79



The *Ambassador* Goes **ONE ON ONE**

With Dr. Jeannine Brabon '71,
Asbury University's Missionary-in-Residence

This fall, Dr. Jeannine Brabon is serving Asbury University as the institution's missionary-in-residence — speaking in Chapel and meeting with anyone in the Asbury community seeking her first-hand knowledge of the mission

life, field and calling. Brabon grew up in Colombia and later returned to teach at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia. She translated William LaSor's Biblical Handbook of Hebrew into Spanish and has worked in prison ministry in Colombia for several years.

Q: What do you teach at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia?

A: I started in 1986 teaching Biblical Hebrew, translating at the same time. I'd translate six to eight hours a day and then teach two hours of Hebrew, with no text, only what I'd been able to translate. I was amazed how much Hebrew I learned by



Jeannine Brabon's longstanding work with Prison Fellowship International at Bellavista Prison in Medellin, Colombia, has been well documented by Christianity Today.

translating, because you have to understand what you're translating.

A lot of people know about my prison ministry and say, "Why don't you just get out of the academic world and give yourself full time to prison ministry?" But being in the Word and the Scriptures the way I am is

just really thrilling. I've been able to mentor other students who have gone on — there are some in Ecuador, some in Peru, who are now teaching Biblical Hebrew. So gratefully, I've been able to raise up capable people who can replace me.

I also teach a course on the theology

of suffering. I grew up in the persecuted church, so when I came to seminary and did my research on the redemptive nature of suffering, the Lord just opened up several passages of Scripture to me and I found that I could give the students keys to be able to work through a theology of how God uses suffering in our lives.



"I really don't live in fear in Colombia. Fear the Lord, and you don't need to fear anything else."

It's never easy. I can remember one year I had a student come to me the first day of class and say, "Well, it's a miracle I'm here." It turned out he and his wife had decided to go to help his brother-in-law at the pharmacy in the rural town where they came from. That day, the paramilitary came in and killed his brother-in-law right in front of their 5-, 3- and 2-year-old children.

When you teach the class "Theology of Suffering," you are teaching it to people who have real grief in their life. So it's never an easy course, and students kind of joke about it, saying, "Who wants to go in that class of suffering?" Then they find out that the Holy Spirit is the one who gives new life, the one who empowers us to preach and teach, to do what we do. It's a very participative class.

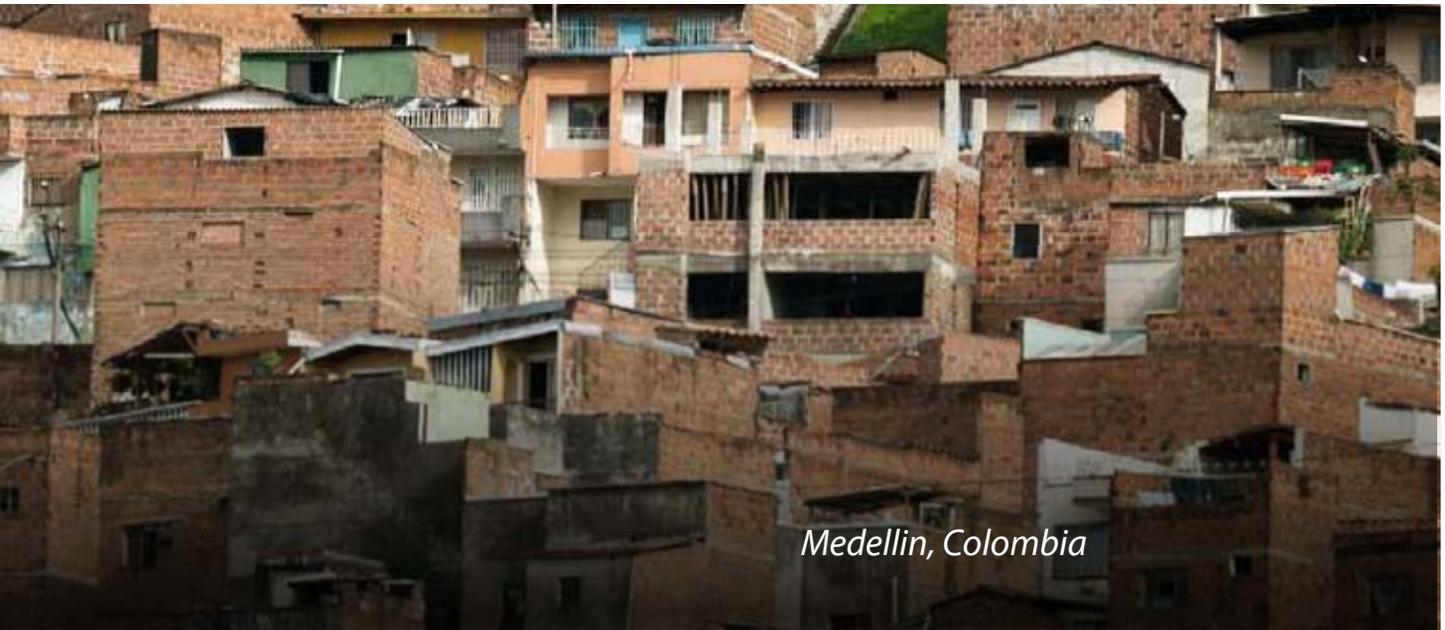
Q: How did you decide to be a missionary?

A: It was difficult because I grew up in the persecuted church. The book of Acts wasn't past history. You hear about stonings? As a child, they always threw rocks at us. When God told me to be a missionary, I was afraid. I was 11. But I said yes, and that was very freeing for me. When I left for high school when I turned 15, the Lord gave me a promise that I would come back to my country. I really don't live in fear in Colombia. Fear the Lord, and you don't need to fear anything else.

People always focus on the prison ministry, but teaching is what I do during the week. I like being with my students. I feel a lot of the things that I've gone through — for instance, I've had contracts on my life, lived through death threats — it's important because our students and pastors are faced with that. So I'm able to use what God has given me to reach them. Government legislation is never going to break the power of moral evil. It's only the regeneration of the soul of man that can transform the society.

Q: When you were a student at Asbury University, how were you prepared for the mission field?

A: I majored in secondary education... but I knew I wasn't going to teach Spanish. I didn't realize when I studied Hebrew and Greek that having a language background made it far easier. Hebrew is a fully Semitic language, totally different, but in Greek I was so glad



Medellin, Colombia

I had that foundation. Then, of course, I've ended up teaching for 25 years now.

God had put me in the school of obedience as a high school student prior to coming to Asbury. It was the time of rioting in colleges and universities, and the Lord had challenged me that I could criticize, or I could pray. I'd say the major thing that really helped me was walking in obedience and being entrusted with the sacred privilege of being obedient, doing what He said to do and preparing the way for Him to come in all His fullness — as He did at the Asbury Revival (1970). I was very quiet, very shy. But the Revival did not surprise me. I'd been praying for it for three years. I learned that when you obey the Lord and do what He tells you to do, He'll do something far beyond anything you can imagine. It's not you, it's

“When you obey the Lord... He'll do something far beyond anything you can imagine.”

Him. Being able to participate in something of such magnitude marked me forever. You're never satisfied with anything less than seeing God work powerfully, deeply.

For years, students have wanted to have their whole life mapped out, but I didn't have it that way. I lived year by year, just following the Lord and seeing where He would want me to be. And Spain — I was there 16 years. It was

a sort of boot camp. Spain is very, very hard toward the gospel, but the fruit God wanted was my whole life and what He was doing in me and through me. So Spain was a hard place to work and serve the Lord, but it was a foundation for what God had for me in the future. We don't always realize all God is doing, but I had a lot of time to pray, a lot of time to study.

Q: What are you communicating to Asbury University students while you're with them?

A: God has a master plan for each one of them, a place unique to them in His kingdom. We're not here by chance; God has a purpose.

I'd like to see individual students be all that God wants them to be and find the thrill and fulfillment in allowing God to lead and direct, and live in a different dimension, not just the here and now.

To really make a life count, we need, in this day and age more than ever, to have young people who are really willing to be committed, to make a mark and make a difference eternally. And they don't have to wait until they get out of school. Sometimes you think, “When I get through...”, but the Lord began to show me in high school that I could be involved in the kingdom, not when I got through with school, but right now. ■





Chapelcast

In the midst of classes, sports, projects and “to do” lists, students at Asbury University are drawn by 10 chimes each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning to listen for God’s voice, to hear His word, to pause in the bustle.

Chapel is a keystone in the structure of Asbury University, an opportunity to tie together the twin traditions of academic excellence and spiritual vitality as students are challenged to think, and believe, in deeper ways.

Some highlights of the Fall semester included:

Fall Revival: Pastor Steve Schellin spoke to the Asbury community in September on being clean in heart, mind and body. Inspired by Psalm 24, each of the week’s seven messages focused on the impact of holiness on a particular aspect of life. Intentionally scheduled for the beginning of the school year, Fall Revival provides an opportunity to begin the school year with an attitude of listening to God and His word.

Faith and an Unforgiving Culture: In October, Asbury spent two weeks focusing on forgiveness and its role in each person’s faith journey. Encompassing not only Chapel but also residence hall events, classroom sharing and other

activities, this initiative is part of a larger effort involving 16 Christian colleges and universities.

Great Commission Congress: In November, Dr. Richard Bransford, a missionary doctor and recipient of the American Medical Association Excellence in Medicine Award, spoke to students from his experiences as a surgeon in Africa.

Join Us Online

Chapel services are the heartbeat of Asbury University. It is the only time the entire campus regularly gathers to worship, learn and soak in the presence of our Lord. You can share in that experience with us.

Listen Live

Chapel services are streamed live by Asbury University’s radio station, WACW, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10 and 11 a.m. To listen to Chapel, visit WACW.com and click on “listen now.”

Miss a Chapel?

Listen at your convenience. Have a favorite speaker you’d like to hear again? Now you can. Search the archives for special Chapels, or just listen to what’s happening this day.

Continue to be a part of the Asbury University community even after you’ve left campus.

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Summer Ministry Teams

Taking the love of God on the road

Though Asbury University's Summer Ministry Teams wrapped up their travels at the end of July, they are discovering that their nine-week journey of camps and service is the ministry gift that keeps on giving.

A longstanding service at Asbury, the summer ministry teams initially focused on musical performance but broadened their scope nearly 20 years ago to incorporate more relationship-building opportunities. Each year, 10 to 12 students begin the application process in October

and meet throughout the spring for Bible study and team building. After a week-long retreat in May, they head out; one team takes a northern route through New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio, while the southern team travels through Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

For the next two months, the teams travel from town to town, helping with summer youth camps, vacation Bible schools, camp meeting youth programs and service projects. Along the way, they form relationships with

students and each other, earning front-row seats to the drama of God's transforming love.

"It's a huge honor, but also humbling to represent Asbury in this way," Susannah Bretz '12 said. "We had a lot on our shoulders — the teams who had come before us made a big impact. It felt like we were living out community in a real way, and it was really neat to see the different ways my teammates make up the body of Christ. Everyone has different talents and skills."



(Not-so) Lazy Days of Summer

Asburians stay busy during “off-season”

Team Redeemed, which took the northern route, started with an after-school program in Camden, N.J., and finished with Bethel Park Camp Meeting in Pennsylvania. Team Refined took the southern route, beginning at a children’s home in Natchez, Miss., and ending at Indian Springs Camp Meeting in Georgia.

As they traveled, each team member took responsibility for different tasks, such as maintaining their vans for transportation or communicating with their ministry partners at each stop. By design, there was no one person charged with leading the team so that when conflict arose, the team members worked things out on equal footing.

“I went into the summer not really knowing what to expect,” said Matt Poole ’12. “A lot of it was learning



to get along with your team and learning who you are. I was surprised by the lack of knowledge about God at some of these places, and how much some kids didn’t know the Bible. I really loved ninth graders — they’re just full of questions.”

Just as preparation for the summer ministry teams began well before the summer, the teams are meeting throughout this fall semester to absorb, discuss and internalize the experiences they collected while on the road.

The long, warm days of summer were anything but lazy as Asbury University’s students and faculty proved true a maxim that some of the most lasting education takes place outside the classroom.

For example, Dr. Burnie Reynolds ’70 (History) and Dr. Neil Anderson ’88 (Christian Studies and Philosophy) led a group of 30 students on a tour of Turkey and Greece in May. The group focused on sites of historical and Biblical significance; the students received either history or theology credit, as well as fulfilling their required cross-cultural experience.

Throughout the University, faculty members reached out to colleagues and students, investing time and thought to make a difference. Just a few of the many examples include:

Dr. Linda Stratford began her second term as president of Christians in the Visual Arts, an organization that seeks to bridge the space between communities of art and faith.

Dr. David Coulliette ’81 (Math) and **Scott Brabon ’12** worked with an environmental engineering firm to develop a model to more accurately predict rates at which soil absorbs and releases contaminants.

Josh Overbay (Media Communications) led a film camp for high-school students at Asbury’s new Miller Center for Communication Arts.



Dr. Jim Owens ’79 and **Don Mink ’94** (Communication Arts) spearheaded a film camp for youth at Mahaffey Christian Camp in Pennsylvania.

David Wheeler ’99 (Journalism) published an article on search engine optimization on *The Atlantic’s* Web site.

Dr. Marty Bilderback and **Harold Rainwater ’69** (Health, Physical Education and Recreation) collaborated with other faculty at Asbury University, as well as faculty at the University of Kentucky, to establish a Mission Farm at Asbury’s Equine Center.

Multiple sports teams and other organizations on campus did several local community service and international mission trip projects. ■

Remember
& Reconnect ...
**Reunion 2011
Highlights**



A Reunion Recap

Blue skies and fresh breezes provided the ideal backdrop for alumni of all ages to gather on Asbury University's campus in Wilmore, Ky, for Remember & Reconnect... Reunion 2011.

Highlights of the summer event included large gatherings for remembrance and worship, as well as smaller group events that gave

alumni the opportunity to catch up with fellow classmates. On Friday, missionary Jeannine Brabon '71 shared about the transformation of Bellavista Prison in Medellin, Colombia, during the Global Impact & Missions lunch. Friday evening, Christian comedian Ken Davis presented a lighthearted approach to life before alumni enjoyed desserts in various

locations throughout the area with their classmates.

On Saturday, the Alumni Association met to elect Dr. Janine Corbitt '76 Jones as 2011-12 president and hear a campus update with Asbury University President Sandra Gray before class luncheons for banner-year classes ending in "1" or "6."

Throughout the day, alumni of all class years had the opportunity to reconnect in a variety of settings, from a Family Run/Walk Saturday morning to casual meals in the cafeteria and more formal dinners on campus. A full schedule of activities for children of all ages lent the event a family reunion flavor as well, drawing together Asburians from the class of 1941 to meet “future Asburians” only a few months old. A variety show of awards, humor and testimonies emceed by Tripp Crosby '01 gathered the group again Saturday evening.

Sunday morning, Hughes Auditorium — a historic building long cherished by many alumni as the place where their faith was nourished by Chapel services and revivals — once again

rang with the hymns of several classes. After a concert featuring alumnae of Asbury’s choral groups, a memorial service honored alumni who have died in the past five years. Dr. Jim Harriman '81, an evangelist with the Francis Asbury Society, gave the morning’s message, and Scott McPherson '86 led worship.

In addition to the class reunions, the Math Department hosted events for returning math alumni that mirrored the meetings current students attend. A “First Friday” gathering drew alumni for barbecue and ice cream, and a “coffee house” event on Saturday evening gave alumni the opportunity to share with the group how they’ve used mathematics in their careers.

Asbury has more than 22,000 living alumni around the globe, making opportunities to share hugs and memories in the place where so many relationships began something to look forward to.

From Oct. 27-30, the Alumni Relations Department hosted the Asbury University Homecoming for 2011, welcoming alumni, parents and families back to the Wilmore campus for a weekend of concerts and athletics. For more information about the Homecoming weekend — or even looking ahead to Reunion in 2012 — visit asbury.edu/alumni. ■





Class of 1941

Left to Right: Anna Galloway Collins, Charlotte Louise Mott Yates, Margaret Martin Moore



Class of 1946

Row 1: Marjorie Lockard Snyder, Lovell Mae Brasel Kesner, Phyllis Davidson Corbitt

Row 2: Margie Miller Lewis, Hughey Jones, Eugene Abbott, Gerry Frasher Abbott



Class of 1951

Row 1: Gail McQueen, Kenneth Vettters, Sherwood Tidman, Kathleen Beryl High, Arnold Baker, David Long

Row 2: Benjamin Edwards, Don Howard, Bob Baldrige, Jim Foulkes, Robert Casey

Row 3: Joe Davis, Eugene Barbour, Paul Thomas, Richard Adkins, Carl Spivey



Class of 1956

Row 1: Lovell Aills, Buddy Coleman, Kenneth Ashitomi, Lila Nakamura Ashitomi, Beatriz Arze Houmard, James Stratton
Row 2: Pinky Murphy Vickers, June Chaney Pustelnyk, Iris McGill Wilson, Carolyn Stoneback-Davidheiser, Nancy Nelson Copeland, Georgetta Owens MacDonald
Row 3: Delia Daughtry Peterson, Shirley Maier Hickman, Shirlee Jacobs Ater, Rhunelle Woolfolk Hotinger, Charlotte Crouse Brown, Beth Lane Gardner, Jean Marsh Fabrycky
Row 4: Max Hickman, Harold Dakin, Robert Kingsbury, Norman Guess, Paul Haering, Paul Rader



Class of 1961

Row 1: Peter Stine, Suzanne Peabody Johnson, Marylin Wallar Henegar, Lou Ann Jones Abbott, Mary Speakman Sutherland, Martha Fruth Kirkpatrick, Martha Faber Dorrell, Carol Seelman Zabilka, Alma Wynelle Scott Deese, Delia Peña Skeels **Row 2:** Nancy Pankuch Kime, Valene Loftis Long, Marilyn Perkins Lutz (Class Advisor), Sandra Calland Gentry, Martie Ewan Gaines, Sarah Hinkle Warner, Betty Neal Johnston, Linda Wiggins Poe, Becky Kibbey Swathwood, Bill Swathwood, Hope White, Janice Bradley Williams **Row 3:** Robert Wiley, Dennis Lamb, Ken Gentry, James Mitchell, Neal Long, Ivan Zabilka, Thomas Ott, Leroy Schultz, Larry Wingate, Carolyn Ryan Dunn **Row 4:** Paul N. West, Harland Lutz (Class Advisor), Charles Bradley, Ronald Hiner, Joe Lineman, Don Young, Charlie Penn, Ken Fraser

Class of 1966

Row 1: Norma Russell Trott, Claudia Fisher Miller, Sharon Yates Gladstone, Mary Lou Pfeifer Bartimay, Virginia Porter Au, Janet Raines Volk **Row 2:** Judy Henderson Young, Janis Flesher Riffell, Ann Kennison VanValin, Ken Everett, Loretta Agnor Caldwell, Doug Volk, Connie Spencer Lewes **Row 3:** Alan Nagel, Chuck Jacobs, Tim Hume, Al Peach, Gerald Miller, Russell Williams **Row 4:** Terry McCollum, Jim Nelson, Gary Saylor, John Phillips



Class of 1971

Row 1: Kathy Spann Hollis, Marilyn Messick Buchanan, Alice Arnold Meyer, Sharon Clark Bryson, Kathie Aufrance Jerrell, Stephanie Chandley Battle, Lora Lea Kinnett Dawson, Marilyn Bolerjack Blackburn, Brenda Key Adams, Judi Kinlaw, Kathleen Doyle McCain, Naomi Glasgow Babcock **Row 2:** Carlton Bodine Jr., Stephen Patton, Nancy Wilson Sandifer, Carolyn Kelly Craig, Betsy Jarvis Stevens, Larry Green, Stuart Simmons, Jerry Ruff, Michael Owen, Jim Fuller, Jon Luedeke, Ted Moon, Tom O'Neal, Don Adams, Jeannine Brabon, Darlene Ward Schwantes, Roberta Toussaint Vore, Vernon Vore



Class of 1976

Row 1: Karen Brammer, Mary Jean McKenzie Banter, Jeannie Corbitt Jones, Carolyn Kusche Hale, Margaret Law Howell, Melanie Wood Cavanaugh, Joanne Davis, Bonnie Banker (Class Advisor), Carol Jones, Mary Miller Pugh, Koby Miller **Row 2:** John Hutchison, John-Mark Brabon, Thomas Gore, Steve Corbett, Jamie Luedeke, Dan Kinnell, Mark Hannay, Bob Moon, Robert Hill Durham, Erol Altug, Malcolm Pugh, Tom McKain, Gary House



Class of 1981

Row 1: Betty Donaldson Aukerman, Glenna Lowe Norton, Delores Fish, Cheryl Cox Goodwin, Nancy Donehoo Hunter, Cindy Holmes Moore **Row 2:** Cinda Hixenbaugh Walker, Marilyn Huber Scott, Karen Holz Kinlaw, Priscilla Hazlett, C.J. Hunter, Laura Billingsley MacLachlan, Michele Devereaux **Row 3:** Scott Gatton, Carolyn Ridley, Bob Webster, Collette Luhn Webster, Linda Lowman Ridenour, Steve Coil, Rhonda Jones Sigler, Kathy Carnes Cooley **Row 4:** Rose Heitkamp Straeter, Mark Nelson, Jonathan Nettles, Mark Ridenour, Miriam Pope Phillips **Row 5:** Wayne Hickman, Jim Harriman, Waldon Garriss, Zoe Brown Custer, Ralph Sigler, Chris Phillips



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Row 1: George Barber, Stephen Carpenter, Ted Batson, Cory Olson, Scott Beck, Norm Barker, John Scott, Brian Eddy **Row 2:** Laura Hudson Patterson, Leigh Ellen Hughes Olson, Johnetta Zweifel (Class Advisor), Karen Davis Jordan, Ruth Gluck Bennett, Cecil Zweifel (Class Advisor), Barbara Lowe Stryker, Lynette Hendry Owens, **Row 3:** Annamarie Stein Hamilton, Hal Hamilton, Cindy Moegerle Graf, Cathie Wettlaufer, Michelle Worley Carpenter, Amy Henkel, Todd Swathwood, Lisa Corbett Bacon, Barbara Beam, Becky Linder-Emenaker, Tracy Phillips Southworth, Ruthanna Kellner-Corbitt, Scott McPherson, Lisa Aills Beard, Hilda Louthain Fyock



Class of 1991

Row 1: Jeremy Oden, Chris Fry, Glenn Hamilton, Bud Ratliff, Bill Coffman, Mark Mungillo, Tucker Lewis, Mark Kozar, William Boggess **Row 2:** Kirsten Lindgren, Kristin Hayes Bryan, Denise Briesacher-Muenz, Claudia Furlong Kuhnast, Julie James, Joy Davidson Smith, Joy Fowler Wyse, Dawn Charles Kozar, Sylvia Boykin, Sharon Stice Bicknell **Row 3:** Susie McQueen Henize, Wendy Watson Wood, Brenda Dennis, Joe Kosin, Lori Lovejoy Lewis, Farai Makombe, Donna Harrod Leopard, Stewart Thompson, Lori Mayes Gauze, Angela Austin Zimmerman, Jim Gregory, Jennifer Fuqua Woodard, Dawn McFarland Coffman, Tina Doverspike Colton, Jenny Gould Bilkey, Sarah Bock Underwood, Kevin Becht, Jennifer Rivers-Fitch, Doreen Spielvogel Vaughn, Dawn Spielvogel Harriman, Karen Bell Herlocker



Class of 1996

Row 1: Jason Dickerson, Glenn Stallsmith, Chris Mazzarella, Jason Dooley, Jason Corbeill, Stephen Brunk, Scott Marsee **Row 2:** David Beaty, Jennifer Upperman Thornton, Jan Graves, Sarah Mitchell Stallsmith, Amy Favorite Jacobs, Heather Dean Dooley, Maggie Taylor Schroeder, Julie Smith Adams, Kristin Hunt, Mindy Murphy, Vonda Carlisle Bryce, Kenneth Winslow **Row 3:** Sara Jamison Beaty, Anne Jones, Hannah Geerdes Campbell, Leslie Buntin Vorndran, Melissa Hargenrader-Singleton, Julie Sproul Wallace, Vanessa Carlisle West, Kathleen Klinger Wince, Lerenda Purvis Walton, Shelese Williams Bonacquista, Jody Zoller Jacques **Row 4:** Daniel Beaty, Greg Jacobs, Sam Robinson, Ruby Edwards Owiny, Bryan Brandeberry, Tracie Goetz Searles, Jerald Walz, William Spencer, Laura Lingle Corbeill, Michael West



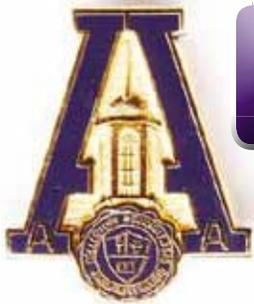
Class of 2001

Row 1: Benjamin Wehling, Brad Camilleri, Chris Needham, Daniel Kiteck, Wes Perry, Jeremy Corbett, James Ballard, Joshe Delicana, Martha Blackburn Williams, Jeffrey Riel **Row 2:** Sarah Kemp Wehling, Melissa Miller Tyler, Rachel Snow Dvorak, Sarah Amrine Treen, Elizabeth Holt, Becky Schultz Friesen, Lily North, Karen Day Riel, Sarah Price Atwood, Jennifer Trumbore Baker, Christa Colton Camilleri, Kerry McKinney Graul **Row 3:** Tripp Crosby, Chris Treen, Jeremy Hatfield, Ashleigh Whitaker Siskar, Candace Nisbett McCallister, Dana Peyton Russell, Meghann Boyer Easley, Betsy Stroffregen Jackson, Jenni Dean, Matt Kinnell, Amy Neild Kinnell, Andrew Gilchrest, Stephanie Grunden Hoffmann, Marcie Craig Maggart, Betsy Lynne Hall, Jackie Wells Neal, Charley Neal



Class of 2006

Row 1: Monica Wray Rowland, Curt Rowland, Caleb Swaringen, Jarrod Cropper, Jay Clifton, Jeremy White, Jonathan Roggio, Jonathan Greenhoe, Jordan Adler, Michael Dobie, Lucas Speakman, Andrew Schloemer **Row 2:** Elizabeth Rogers Bentley, Paula Osborne Dill, Amanda Belvins Zopp, Christy Lee Swaringen, Carolyn Crawford Felton, Erin Speck Clifton, Sara Gehring, Vanessa Lyding Roggio, Ashley Filges, Kari Speakman, Abby Crawford Dobie, Kim Reeves, Melinda Lanier, Megan Burnight '19 (class "little sis") **Row 3:** Elizabeth Bahar Altug, Christina and Michael Burnight (Class Advisors), Maren Banus, Leslie Sills McLaughlin, Melissa Atkins Runyon, Mary Lashbrook Lawson, Meaghan Wood Teal, Kate Barns Winchester, Benjamin Winchester, Suzannah Brabon Jording, Russell Cobb, Brandon Bigam, Jessica Cavanaugh Jones, Nancy Keller, Quincy Burt, Sarah Henrizi Banter, Jean Banter, Diana Shipe Ball, Ashley Haddock Jenkins, Heather Born, Bethany Cahall Fitzpatrick, Amanda Gill, Hannah Rohe-Mastbergen



AWARD

2011 Winners

In 1946, Asbury University's Alumni Association began a practice of recognizing alumni who have achieved distinction professionally and demonstrated loyalty to the University. Over time, these honors have developed into two categories: the A Awards, which are given to alumni who have been out of school for 20 or more years, and the Young Alum Awards, which are given to alumni who have been out of school five or more years and are under 40 years of age.



Each year, the Alumni Office receives nominations for the awards from around the world, highlighting the meaningful work through which Asburians make an impact in their

respective spheres of influence. And each year, the difficult task of selecting the award recipients only highlights the abundance of commitment, talent, integrity and faithfulness shared by so many Asbury University alumni.

To nominate someone for an award:

Please write a letter to the Alumni Office explaining why you feel your nominee deserves this recognition. Please include as many details as possible, including any special achievements or awards that person has received. You can e-mail the letter to alumni@asbury.edu or mail it to the Alumni Office, One Macklem Dr., Wilmore, KY 40390. A list of past A Award winners is available at www.asbury.edu/alumni

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-2011-
A Award
Winner

Arnold Baker '51

Arnold Baker, class of 1951, receives the A Award for his faithful witness and accomplishments in the film industry. Baker came to Asbury with an interest in films and majored in Fine Arts, gaining a background not only in drawing and oil painting, but also philosophy, aesthetics and psychology.

Baker finished a master's degree from the University of Southern California's Department of Cinema in 1962 and taught high-school fine arts while he sought opportunities to work in the industry. After working several years on both television shows and feature-length films, Baker landed a position with Spelling-Goldberg Productions, where he worked on some of the most well-known shows of the time, including "Love Boat," "Dynasty" and "Charlie's Angels."

Throughout his years as an editor in the film industry, Baker continued to teach. He provided a point of contact for dozens of students through his film editing classes at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., and as a production teacher in the School of Cinema-Television at the University of Southern California.

On top of his achievements as a teacher and film editor, however, students and colleagues cite Baker's quiet, gentle and constant witness as a source of encouragement and inspiration, paving the way for believers to follow in his steps.



-2011-
Young Alum
Winner

William and Heidi Raass Spencer '97

William (Spence) and Heidi Spencer receive this year's Young Alum Award for demonstrating outstanding service to the U.S. armed forces and families with special needs children.

The couple met as students and married a month after graduating from Asbury in 1997. After finishing his master of divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary, Spence eventually found himself drawn to the military community where he served as a reserve chaplain in the Air Force. They were packing their belongings to move to their first duty station when they found out their second child would have Downs Syndrome.

While stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, Spence began an outreach mission to young adults and families. Heidi served as the

director of special needs ministries at Fairhaven Church in Ohio, working with both children and adults to make church events more accessible for special needs families.

The compassion for family struggles Spence has experienced in his own life has become a natural part of his ministry, whether on base or on deployment. Last summer, the Spencers moved to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, where Heidi leads a program for mothers of preschoolers on the base and Spence is the senior Protestant chaplain.



-2011-
A Award
Winner

Robert Hayes '51

Dr. Robert B. Hayes, class of 1951, receives the A Award for his lifelong commitment to excellence in higher education. Dr. Hayes came to Asbury after serving in the United States Marine Corps in World War II. After graduating, Dr. Hayes earned a master's and doctor of education degree at the University of Kansas. He returned to Asbury and then worked as Director of Teacher Education at Taylor University until joining the administration at Marshall University. It was at Marshall that Dr. Hayes' experiences

as a teacher and administrator united. Serving first as Dean of the College of Education, Hayes was appointed president of the university in 1974 and ushered in what has since become known as Marshall's "Decade of Progress." Key among his accomplishments was the establishment of Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, as well as the establishment of the Marshall University Community and Technical College, more than \$50 million worth of campus improvements and a three-fold increase in private support of the university.

In 1991, Hayes agreed to serve as interim president of Warner Southern College in Florida while that institution was in a period of significant change. He returned to West Virginia to lead Marshall's College of Business on an interim basis and continues to teach in various capacities and volunteer in the community and his church.



-2011-
A Award
Winner

George Waldon Garriss III '81

Dr. George Waldon Garriss III, class of 1981, receives the A Award for his commitment to the craft of teaching and excellence in the fields of science, ministry and medicine.

Garriss came to Asbury from Georgia as a transfer student seeking a positive educational environment and majored in biology and education. After a few years of teaching high-school science in his home state, he returned to Kentucky to pursue a master's degree in physiology and biophysics at the University of Kentucky. Several years later, after a stint as a youth minister in Mississippi, he realized that medicine could tie the threads of science, ministry, education and service into one united vocation. He entered medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, did his residency in medicine and pediatrics at Vanderbilt University and completed a general medicine fellowship at the University of Virginia, where he also completed a master's in health evaluation sciences and epidemiology.

Garriss joined the faculty at Vanderbilt University's School of Medicine in 1999 and served as the associate chair for ambulatory education and associate program director for both the Internal Medicine and Medicine-Pediatrics residency programs until 2011. He achieved a Master Clinical Teacher designation at Vanderbilt and makes it his mission to share information and encouragement with students, patients, staff members and faculty.

This summer, Garriss and his wife, Renee, returned to Georgia to establish a private medical practice and be more available to care for aging family members. He looks forward to continued study in the overlapping fields of medicine and pediatrics.



-2011-
A Award
Winner

Jack Chang '61

Dr. Jack Chang, class of 1961, receives the A Award for his achievements as a teacher and scientist.

Born in Shanghai, China, Chang graduated from Asbury with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and then attended the University of Illinois, where he earned a masters and doctoral degree in analytical chemistry. After post-doctoral work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he began working as a research chemist at Eastman Kodak. Over the next 35 years, Chang served in several roles there, including vice president and associate director of Research and Development.

A keen interest in leadership has proven just as significant to Chang's impact. Inspired by the work ethic of his parents and Asbury professors, Chang worked his way from "a kid in Shanghai" to a leader at one of the top research companies in the world.

Chang is now a research professor with several different educational institutions in China and Hong Kong, studying nano, organic and inorganic materials to develop methods for delivering cancer drugs directly to cancer cells and nano-devices. ■



Online Degrees Launch

This fall, Asbury University launched a new online degrees program, expanding its services beyond its Wilmore, Ky., and Orlando, Fla., campuses. With the new Criminal Justice (degree-completion) and Elementary Education (degree-completion and certification only) programs, students may combine Asbury’s courses with core education classes from other institutions to receive a Bachelor of Science degree. Two other programs, Principal Licensure and “Teacher as Leader,” offer graduate-level courses for educators that can lead to licensure, master’s degree or Rank I in Education. While the Elementary Education program also is available at Asbury’s Wilmore and Orlando campuses, the Criminal Justice, Principal Licensure and “Teacher as Leader” programs are exclusively online. The Criminal Justice major, which is new for Asbury, has a broad base in the liberal arts and an emphasis on restorative justice. This focus makes the degree useful not only in law enforcement, but also in social work, domestic violence, policy, and juvenile and family court arenas, as well.

MSW Accreditation

The Council for Social Work Education has granted accreditation to Asbury University’s Master of Social Work program, making Asbury one of only two private universities in Kentucky to offer an accredited degree. Because the Council for Social Work Education is



40 Years of the Ichthus Music Festival

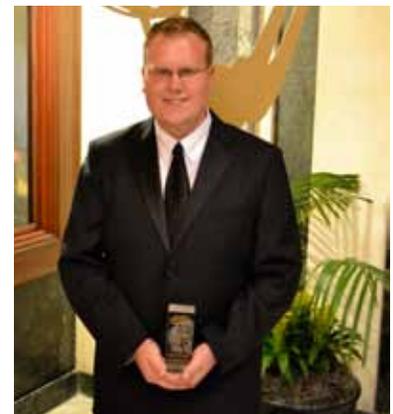
Asbury University once again rolled out the welcome mat for thousands of music fans in June for Ichthus 2011. This annual, three-day music festival attracts more than 15,000 students, youth leaders and families to a farm near Asbury’s campus. The Admissions Department maintained a presence on the Ichthus grounds with nightly announcements of the winners of 50 scholarships (\$4,000 each) to attend the University. This

year’s main-stage emcee was Dave Spring, a 1995 graduate of Asbury and experienced speaker, pastor and film producer. Also representing Asbury were the recipients of the “Peace and Towels” awards, an honor recognizing outstanding Ichthus volunteers: Margaret Torres, a staff assistant in Alumni Relations; Neil Noah ’97, assistant stage manager; and Jeff James ’79, long-time executive director of Ichthus Ministries.

the sole professional accrediting agency for social work education in the United States, and because in a majority of states licensure for social workers is tied to the accreditation status of their educational background, accreditation is extremely significant for graduates of Asbury’s MSW program. The accreditation status will be granted retroactively to students who have graduated since the process began, said Dr. Bill Descoteaux ’72, director of the MSW Department at Asbury. Asbury is one of only four institutions in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities to offer an accredited Master of Social Work Degree.

Senior Wins Student Emmy

Asbury University senior Zach Meiners followed in the footsteps of some other alumni when the Ohio Valley chapter



of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced that his film “PivotPoint” won this year’s student Emmy Award. Marking the sixth student Emmy Award for an Asburian in seven years, “PivotPoint” is a psychological drama that revolves around a school shooting and the choices people

made leading up to the tragedy. A full 90-minute film, the production involved more than 200 volunteers, including 40 Asbury students, and took nearly three years to go from idea to completed movie. The Ohio Valley NATAS covers Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia.



Troyer Moves to New Role

Dr. Mark Troyer, Vice President for Student Development, has accepted a different position at the University and will serve as Vice President for Enrollment Management. In this position, Troyer will bring together admissions, financial aid and retention activities across all academic programs to better advance the mission of the University and adapt to a changing enrollment environment. Troyer has worked in various capacities at Asbury University during the past two decades, most recently leading seven departments in providing services and growth opportunities to students as Vice President of Student Development.

Dr. Jim Truitt

Dr. W. James (Jim) Truitt, an Asbury University Trustee for 20 years, passed away after a lengthy illness. Truitt chaired the committee on business affairs for the Board of Trustees until 2009, a position to which he brought decades of experience in economics and finance. He received his doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1969 and became chair of Baylor University's Department of Economics and Finance in 1970.

After the economics and finance programs separated, he continued as chair of the Department of Economics until 2000, and he continued to teach until 2004. Truitt also was a supporter of the One Mission Society, serving on the organization's international board of trustees as chair of the finance committee and a member of the executive committee.

New Athletics Director

Mark Perdue, athletics director at Spartanburg Methodist College, was named the Eagles new athletics director in May. Perdue, who began work at Asbury on July 1, is filling the role left by Gary Kempf, who spent six years as the Eagles athletics director and who accepted the same position at Sterling College in Kansas. Perdue has been working in college athletics since 1989 when he began his professional career as an athletic trainer at his alma mater, Marshall University. After spending some time as a coordinator of athletic training at the University of Charleston (W.Va.), Perdue moved into athletic administration at USC Upstate in 1996 before becoming athletics director at SMC in 2004.



Chick-Fil-A Leadercast

Asbury University was a live simulcast site for this year's Chick-Fil-A Leadercast, a one-day conference featuring 11 speakers on topics such as influence, service and innovation. The Leadercast was held in the screening room of the new, state-of-the-art Andrew S. Miller

Center for Communication Arts on the Asbury campus, and the emcee of the simulcast – to more than 80,000 viewers – was comedian Tripp Crosby '01. Speakers included leadership expert John Maxwell, best-selling author Seth Godin, University of Texas football coach Mack Brown, television commentator Suzy Welch and Coca-Cola CEO Muhtar Kent. The speakers ranged in experience from corporate leadership and professional ministry to sports and education.



Dr. Rita Pritchett Retires

Asbury University bid a fond farewell in June to Dr. Rita Pritchett '69, long-time coach and faculty member, who retired after 40 years of service to the University. In addition to coaching tennis, soccer, softball and track and field, Pritchett was named athletics director in 1989, giving her the distinction of being the first female athletics director in Kentucky. At a reception in Pritchett's honor during the 2011 Reunion Weekend, colleagues, former students and faculty members gathered to share their best wishes. Recollections from Dr. Bonnie Banker, a colleague with decades of memories to draw on, as well as those of more recent alumni who were inspired by Pritchett's leadership to begin teaching themselves, celebrated a career well-spent in service to Asbury's students. "Rita believed the main task of coaching was to help students develop their God-given talents to the service of others," said Cecil Zweifel, an early athletics director at Asbury. "And she has done that." ■

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Scholarship Winner Expands the Conversation

By Rebekah Daniel

A veteran of several mission trips to Latin America and fluent Spanish speaker, senior Rebekah Swineford still found plenty to learn during a month-long stint at a language institute in Spain this summer.

Swineford won a scholarship to study in Madrid's Estudio Sampere, a language school where students from around the world come to learn Spanish. Though her experience with the language is extensive — Swineford lived in Nicaragua for six months after high school and has spent time in Mexico, Paraguay and Costa Rica — studying in a European context with diverse classmates kept the experience fresh.

"My classes were in an informal seminar style with the purpose of expanding our conversation

skills, as well as learning about Spanish culture and civilization," Swineford said. "The school is run by weeks, so there are constantly students coming in and leaving. There were students from South Korea, Switzerland, Serbia, France, Germany, Brazil, the United States, Croatia, and more. Coming from different countries, cultures, faith groups, traditions and stages in life,

"I did have the opportunity to share how my faith impacts my life."

the one thing we had in common was our desire to learn or improve our use of the Spanish language."

When she was not in class, there were museums, parks, cathedrals, shops and gardens to explore. For

someone accustomed to traveling for faith-related purposes, Spain's secular culture was very noticeable.

Swineford had opted to live with a family in Spain for the duration of her classes, the better to get to know the every-day routines and patterns of life there. Her homestay also turned into her best opportunity to share her faith.

"Religion was not a common topic of discussion, and my host family did not openly practice faith," she said. "However, I did have the opportunity to share how my faith impacts my life and what I hope to do with my future."

Swineford plans to graduate from Asbury University in December with a degree in Spanish and International Communication. ■

An Eternal Investment

As you look through the pages of this magazine, I hope you are able to celebrate how the Lord has knit together diverse individuals into a remarkable family. I'm reminded and encouraged that every member of the body of Christ can be used by God to make an eternal impact for His Kingdom. The Lord has blessed the University with a long, rich heritage of alumni who have gone out and "made disciples" using a variety of career paths and reaching people around the globe. Our current students seek to do the same.

"It is from a deep love for our mission and our students that I ask for support from the Asbury University family."

It is from a deep love for our mission and our students that I ask for support from the Asbury University family. First and foremost, we covet your prayers. Please continue to pray for the leadership, faculty, staff and students. Pray that we will clearly hear God's direction for the future of Asbury University and that our students discover the Lord's calling for their lives.

We also value your partnership in attracting prospective students. You form a world-wide network of recruiters who can share your love for Asbury University with prospective students and their families. Encourage them to visit campus and to learn more about us on our Web site.

Asbury University would not be in existence today without the financial support of generations of Asburians. As we face the challenges of preparing Christian leadership, we are ready for continuing and expanding service. Yet it is essential that we garner the financial resources needed to keep tuition affordable, the academic programs current, spiritual growth opportunities plentiful and campus facilities updated.

If you feel the Lord is calling you to partner with us financially, please use the envelope enclosed in this issue or give securely online at www.asbury.edu/giving.



Your gift will make an immediate impact and be an eternal investment in the Kingdom of God. ■

Thank you for your partnership and prayers.



R. Gregory Swanson, JD '78
Vice President for Institutional
Advancement & General Counsel

CLASS NOTES

1950s



Clark S. Aist '59 received the 2011 Pfister Award in Religion and Psychiatry conferred by the American Psychiatric Association and the Association of Professional Chaplains. He has served for more than 40 years as a mental health chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington D.C.

1960s

Lane A. Scott '60 retired from Azusa Pacific University as Professor of Theology and Ethics on June 30, 2011. He served on the Azusa Pacific faculty for 43 years.

Thomas W. Burkman '65 retired in September from the University at Buffalo where he had served as Director of Asian Studies (1994-2007) and Research Professor of Asian Studies. In August he conducted research in Okinawa for his project on war memory and reconciliation. This fall he is teaching in the University at Buffalo's program in Singapore. To reach Mr. Burkman, please e-mail: burkman@buffalo.edu.

Troy Vesper '66 has recently published the book, "Travel, Travail, Triumphs (from Bayou La Batre to Baghdad)." E-mail: ivesper@aol.com.

Thomas R. Atkins '67 recently retired as Pastor of St. Thomas Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, in June 2011. He and his wife, Alice, will reside in Sarasota, Fla. Thomas retired from the military in 2003 after serving first in the Army as a field artilleryman in Vietnam and then later as a Navy Chaplain for 24 years.

1970s

Dr. Lawson G. Stone '77, Professor of Old Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary, presented a paper at the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible at the University of London's Birkbeck College in May 2011. His son **Zach Stone '08** also presented on the treatment of David and the Psalms in Anglo-Saxon England.

1980s

Randy '83 and Rachel Wachtel '84 Coleman are living in Dayton, Ohio. Randy is the senior pastor at Belmont UMC. Rachel is serving fulltime on the One Mission Society Theological Team and will be working as an occasional adjunct professor for IWU's Dayton campus.

Paul Bryan '83 led his cross-country and track girls' teams to a second-consecutive state tournament in Florida. They were also invited to Nike's Meet of Champions in Oregon, where they finished 11th in the nation.

Jeff Francisco '84 is now Director of Development for the College of Education at the University of Kentucky.

Mark A. Maddix '87 co-edited "Spiritual Formation: A Wesleyan Paradigm" published by Beacon Hill Press: Kansas City (2011). The book provides a Wesleyan approach to spiritual formation

that informs individual and corporate spiritual formation practices. Mark serves as Professor of Practical Theology and Dean, School of Theology and Christian Ministries at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho.

1990s

Marc Wilson '90 announces that Commonwealth Capitol Group will merge with Cincinnati-based Taft Stettinius & Hollister to provide government relations services.



Kimberly Shue '92 Karnes and her husband, Sheldon, celebrated the birth of their first child, Lydia Loraine, on June 8, 2011, in Jeffersonville, Ind.

Andy Bowen '92 and his wife announce the arrival of Joseph Rafael born on March 7, 2011, in Asuncion, Paraguay. Grandparents are **Earle '62 and Dorothy Nace '62 Bowen**.

James '93 and Katherine Gates '95 Botts are proud to announce the arrival of Margaret Elizabeth Anne, who was born on April 26, 2011.

Elizabeth Reisdorph '93 Gilroy is with Freedom Street Ministries, an outreach of YWAM in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Steve “Shifty” Shifflett ’93 completed his Education Specialist Principalship from Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan.

Chris Oliver ’94 and his wife, Jessica, proudly announce the birth of their daughter Riley Noelle Oliver on July 14, 2011.

Stan Pelkey ’94 was recently promoted to Associate Professor of Music at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where he also serves as Vice President of WMU’s chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Among his most recent publications are a series of articles on films and film music for “Movies in American History: An Encyclopedia” (ABC-CILO, June 2011) and his chapter “‘Still Flyin’? Conventions, Reversals, and Musical Meaning in *Firefly*,” which appeared in the collection “Buffy, Ballads, and Bad Guys Who Sing: Music in the Worlds of Joss Whedon” (Scarecrow Press, November 2010).

Sean Moore ’96 and wife, Renata, celebrate the birth of a daughter Olivia Costa Lima Moore on April 27, 2011.

Joy Favara ’96 Schultz completed a Ph.D. in History at the University of Nebraska. Her dissertation is entitled: “Empire of the Young: Missionary Children in Hawaii and the Birth of U.S. Colonialism and the Pacific, 1820-1892.”

Margaret Van Winkle ’97 has returned to Los Angeles and is the new Program Director of Taking the Reins, a non-profit organization reaching out to at-risk middle and high school girls through horse care and riding programs, which also includes garden and creative arts components.

Jessica Hupp ’98 is now working at LifeWay in Nashville, Tenn., as the Domestic Trade Representative for Church Resources.

Margaret Brown ’98 Weyler and husband Michael welcomed Elizabeth Holland Weyler into the world on March 15, 2011. Elizabeth joins big brother David Michael.

Sarah Miller ’99 Johnson and her husband, Nate, announce the birth of their fourth child, Cole Maddux, on April 14, 2011. The family lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Jeremiah Mullins ’99 and Emily Brockinton ’04 married on August 6 in Central, S.C. Asburians in the wedding were **Joe ’74 and Willa Ling ’76 Brockinton, Abby Michael ’05 Wilkinson, Sarah Seaton ’05, Chris White ’99, Scott Harkless ’99, Robert Snelson ’99, Karol Ann Mullins ’01 Willis, Sarah Jewett ’04 Clarke, Sam ’02 and Ashley Hulbert ’04 Brockinton. Lt. Col. John Needham ’73 officiated.**

Eric ’99 and Emily Nestor ’98 Walsh announce the birth of Fredrick James on July 26, 2011. Emily is Assistant Professor of Accounting at Asbury University.

2000s

Rebecca Finney ’00 Angus, and her husband, Brad, have moved to Bellefontaine, Ohio, where Brad pastors the Bellefontaine Church of Christ in Christian Union.

Sean ’01 and Lindsay Young ’01 McComber welcomed twin daughters Riley Kate and Greer Kellen on Dec. 21, 2010, in Santa Monica, Ca.

John Rinehimer ’01 and his wife, Erica, proudly announce the arrival of Caleb Robert Rinehimer on April 25, 2011.

Daniel and Stephanie Wilson ’01 Wier announce the arrival of

Genaveve Lynne on June 12, 2011. Proud grandparents are **Greg ’72 and Sarah McLendon ’72 Wilson and great-grandparents Bill and Olive Johnson ’43 McLendon.**

Jessica Bowman ’02 married Zachary Thelen on Nov. 6, 2010, at Estes Chapel in Wilmore, Ky. They currently reside in Louisville.

Shane Hinderlider ’02 married Amy Mertzseis on Aug. 8, 2009, and proudly announce the arrival of daughter Hannah on April 1, 2011. They live in Middletown, Del., where Shane is Director of Young People’s Ministry for the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the UMC.

Mark ’02 and Krissie Faye ’04 Butler – who both teach at Asbury – welcomed their daughter Avery Elizabeth Butler on Dec. 6, 2010, in Lexington, Ky. Krissie is currently finishing her doctorate in Hispanic Studies, and Mark is also doing doctoral work in Special Education, both at the University of Kentucky.

Matt Holmes ’03 and his wife, Leli, announce the birth of Asher Keisling Holmes on Aug. 24, 2011. The Holmes family lives in Monument, Colorado. Asher joins big sister Gretchen.

Ryan Worthen ’03 was the 2011 recipient of the Governor’s Volunteer Service Award for his work with Ronald McDonald Charities. The award was given by Kentucky’s First Lady, Jane Beshear.

Lori Henson ’04 married Luis Colon on May 22, 2004. Their children include Ryan Luis, born Dec. 6, 2005, and Caden Jonathan, born Aug. 2, 2009. Lori works for the YMCA of Wooster, Ohio.

Kimberly Howell ’04 Logsdon, and her husband, James, proudly announce the arrival of their son, Gideon Andrew, on June 9, 2011. He joins big brother Jeremiah. Proud

grandparents are **Andrew '76 and Margaret Law '76** Howell.

Andrew '04 and Allison Livingston '05 Redmon received the Fund for Teacher's Grant to spend July in the U.K. studying Early Music, attending concerts at the York Early Music Festival and the City of London Festival and visiting the Bate Early Instrument collection at Oxford University.

Adam Aukerman '05 and Sarah Key were married on July 23, 2011, and live in Niles, Mich.

Marta Moser '05 Irvine and her husband, Ricky, welcomed their son, Jonathan Basil, on Dec. 12, 2010, in Louisville, Ky.

Kristen Nielsen '05 graduated from George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University in May 2011 with a Master of Divinity in Cross-Cultural Religious Anthropology. She also holds a MSW from Baylor. In the fall, she will begin work on a Ph.D. in Sociology from Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland, studying adolescent faith development in conflict and post-conflict societies. E-mail: knielsen268@gmail.com

Alicia Kraus '06 is a member of the Board of Directors of McConnell Springs, a historic site located in Lexington, Ky.

Amanda Blevins '06 married Matthew Zopp on Sept. 12, 2009, at Trinity Hill United Methodist Church in Lexington, Ky. Amanda currently teaches Pre-K music.

Joe Wiley '06 married Stefanie Thompson on June 12, 2010, in Versailles, Ky. They currently reside in Versailles.

Joe '06 and Jamie Keller '07 Tipton have moved to Monticello, Ky., where Joe is the new Senior Minister of First Christian Church.



Clay Hassler '08 received a national Student Emmy Award for his graduate thesis film, "The Planeteer." The award from The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences was presented on April 9, 2011, in North Hollywood, Calif. Clay's next screenplay is nearing completion.



Katie Lathrop '08 married Brian Burns on April 10, 2011, and they live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Anna Gittinger '08 married Ryan Kasinec on March 18, 2011, in Valley City, Ohio.

Brittany Polis '08 and Ryan Worthen '03 were married on Oct. 10, 2010, and live in Lexington, Ky.

Jenna Voigt '08 is a writer for the *Financial Times* in London, UK.

Nathaniel Craddock '09 and Jodie Nichols '09 Craddock have recently relocated back to Wilmore. Nathaniel has been awarded a full teaching assistantship towards a Ph.D. in musicology and ethnomusicology at the University of Kentucky.

Rebecca Coleman '11 is serving as the Children's Ministry Intern for one year at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Ky.

Liz Prillaman '11 and Chris Hewett '11 were married on Aug. 5, 2011, in Marietta, Ga.

Laurie Wyse '11 married Kerry Geary on June 4, 2011.



Josh Bynum '13 and Alisha Abner '13 were married on May 5, 2011, in Salvisa, Ky.

Katie Walz '12 and Clay Robertson '11 were married on July 30, 2011, in Wilmore, Ky.

Asbury University Associate Dean for Residence Life **Joe Bruner** and wife Amber announce the arrival of Samuel Kirby on Aug. 19, 2011.

Asbury University Film Professor **Josh Overbay** and wife Ginny Lee, announce the arrival of Annabelle Lee on May 24, 2011. ■

alumni

Beatrice Dennis '31 Pylar, Education, 6/11/2011, Greenville, S.C.

George Shaffer '36, Business, 5/27/2011, Dyer, Ind.

George Wilcher '36, Ministry, 5/12/2011, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

William Gill '37, Engineering, 4/11/2011, Columbus, Ohio

Magdalene Takaro '38 Law, Education, 5/13/2011, Chatham, Mass.

Kathryn Arnold '39 Gaines, Education, 7/3/2011, Frankfort, Ky.

Marian Barber '40 Nelson, Ministry, 7/9/2011, Yuba City, Calif.

Willard Fitch '42, Medicine, 5/5/2011, Vero Beach, Fla.

Wanless Goodson '42, Business, 3/11/2011, Welch, W.Va.

Donald Cale '43, Ministry, 5/15/2011, Uniontown, Pa.

Charles Runyon '44, Engineering, 5/16/2011, Sebring, Ohio

Vernon Brown '45, Ministry, 5/14/2011, Granite City, Ill.

Stanley Cote '45, Ministry, 5/24/2011, New Brunswick, N.J.

Adrienne Andrews '45 Peele, Education, 3/16/2011, Union City, Ga.

Iva Spieth '45 Robinson, Fine Arts, 3/31/2011, Winter Haven, Fla.

Meredythe Schefflen '47, Missions, 8/22/2011, Bolivia

Sara '48 Pricer, Nursing, 4/15/2011, Melbourne, Ky.

Samuel Sink '49, Ministry, 7/9/2011, Salem, S.C.

Mark Smith '49, Ministry, 3/28/2011, Melbourne, Fla.

Dale Doverspike '50, Ministry, 4/12/2011, Morristown, Tenn.

Ralph Hendricks '50, Ministry, 6/11/2011, Pensacola, Fla.

Luther Stokes '50, Ministry, 3/12/2011, Williston, Fla.

Jack Andrews '51, Education, 3/15/2011, Roanoke, Va.

Lorane Brown '51 Gould, Education, 7/18/2011, Chesapeake, Va.

Jayne Hatfield '52 Brackman, Ministry, 5/23/2011, Grand Island, Fla.

H. Carroll Dorsey '53, Education, 3/30/2011, Hixson, Tenn.

Doris Scott '57 Seabolt, 5/24/2011, Wilmore, Ky.

Emily Allen '59 Montgomery, Journalism, 4/30/2011, Perry, Ga.

Charles Music '59, Ministry, 3/12/2011, Abilene, Texas

Mary Alsup '60 Allington, Public Service, 3/30/2011, Knoxville, Tenn.

Loren Miller '60, Business, 7/20/2011, Dayton, Ohio

Esther Post '60, Fine Arts, 5/17/2011, Boise, Idaho

Phillip Wetterling '62, Engineering, 3/28/2011, Susan, Va.

Gary Reeves '64, Ministry, 7/11/2011, Ashland, Ky.

John Fischer '67, Ministry, 4/26/2011, Centerpoint, Ind.

Leonard Stuart '69, Missions, 6/7/2011, Danville, Ky.

Liz Jones '86, Ministry, 4/14/2011, Rogers, Ark.

Timothy Justice '88, Education, 4/23/2011, Opelika, Ala.

Ginger Pratt Patton '02, 5/2/2011, Harrodsburg, Ky.

friends

Robert Bledsoe, 4/3/2011, Ocala, Fla.

Harold Burgess, 3/28/2011, Wilmore, Ky.

Charles Cagle, 6/27/2011, Monmouth, Ill.

David Cross, 5/12/2011, Wabash, Ind.

J. W. Kesecker, 4/23/2011, Hagerstown, Md.

Anne Kuhn, 6/15/2011, Wilmore, Ky.

Paul Maggard, 4/19/2011, Frankfort, Ky.

Joan Monsen, 3/25/2011, Lexington, Ky.

Clarence Olsen, 7/18/2011, Denton, Md.

Susan Schultz Rose, 7/19/2011, Fort Myers, Fla.

Cecelia Soffranko, 6/7/2011, Fairfax, Va.

W. James Truitt, 6/7/2011, Woodway, Texas

Ruth Young Wood, 4/16/2011, Wilmore, Ky.

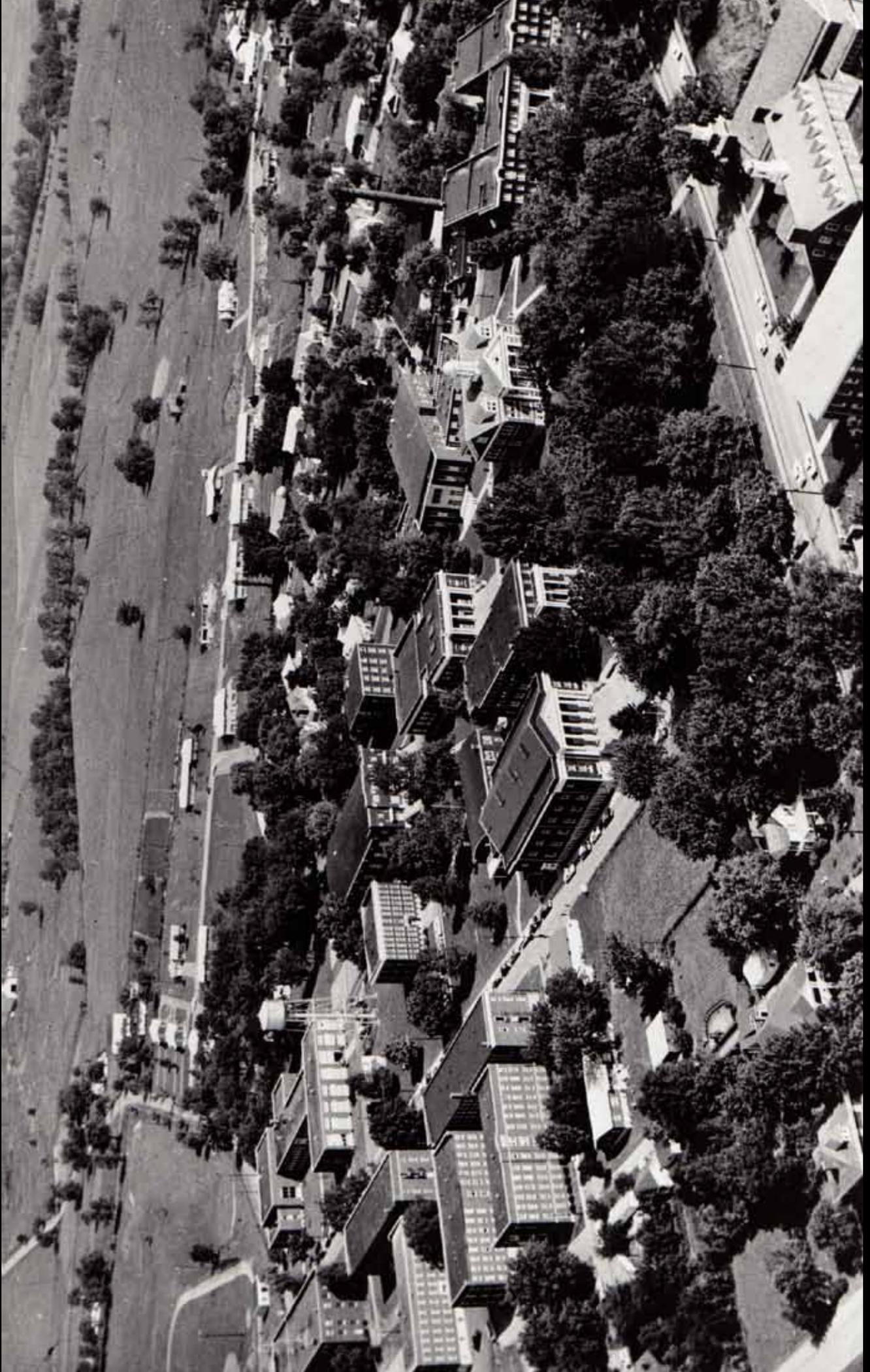


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Story of Karolyn Grimes,
"It's a Wonderful Life"
actress visits campus

"Look, Daddy! Teacher says every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings!" When Karolyn Grimes delivered these lines as a 6-year-old in the film "It's a Wonderful Life," she became a part of an American Christmas classic that has blessed viewers for 65 years. This December, she offers a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the movie that is free and open to the public. Her presentation in Hughes Auditorium — preceding a special viewing of the movie — kicks off a weekend of celebration on campus called "It's a Wonderful Christmas." The campus events include musical programs, additional movies and work hand in hand with the City of Wilmore Old-Fashioned Christmas tree lighting and other festivities.

Upcoming Events 2011-12

- October 31-Nov 4 Great Commission Congress
 - November 4 Artist Series: American Chamber Players
 - November 10 Admissions: Fall Access Weekend
- November 10-12 Fall Musical: Once Upon an Island
 - November 18 Music Department All-Star Band Collage Concert
- November 23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday
 - December 1 Music Department Songs of the Season
 - December 2 Special Showing: "It's a Wonderful Life"
 - December 3 Wilmore Old Fashioned Christmas
 - December 4 Christmas Festival of Music
 - December 16 Christmas Break Begins