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President's Message: Seeking His life water



During these hot summer months, I often find myself thirsty for cold, ice water. As refreshing as it is, the water only provides my body temporary relief. How blessed we are to have a source of everlasting water for our souls. As Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:13-14, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

As you endure the heat of this summer and perhaps cherish time off with family and friends, I hope you have been able to find renewal in the Lord. It is His "life water" that will satisfy, cleanse and refresh us. It is only with His spiritual hydration that we can continue to pursue His mission for our lives.

During my own time of reflection this summer, I have been keenly aware of God's many blessings to Asbury University this year. This May we celebrated our first Asbury University graduates, myself among them. What a surprise and joy it was to be presented with the first Asbury University diploma, an honorary bachelor of arts degree. I once considered myself an "adopted" Asburian as the Lord has allowed me to serve here for more than 20 years. I am now so proud to call myself an official Asburian.

Less than two months later I joined you for my first reunion as an "alumna." The collective impact of our alumni is awe-inspiring and our global reach is stunning. Exponentially, if each of our alumni witnessed to one other person per year for the next 20 years, Asburians would impact more than 1 million people. However, I am well aware that each of us impact more than one person per year, and that fact is astounding.

During reunion I encouraged our alumni to reconnect with one another, and spend some time in spiritual renewal and rest. I hope that you are able to find time to retreat with the Father as well and to drink of His living water. Please also know that you are always welcome back to campus and we hope you do not wait for your next Reunion. Please join us for a play, chapel, concert or sporting event sometime during the next academic year. The calendar is full of events and activities that exhibit the abilities of our students and bring glory to our Lord.

As we sent out one of the largest classes in Asbury's history with bachelor's and master's degrees ready to impact the world, we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of a brand new class of students who are seeking God's will upon their lives. Many will be your children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. We are so honored that they have chosen to continue the Asbury legacy. Thank you for your continuing support of Asbury University and our students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra C. Gray".

Dr. Sandra C. Gray
President



MINDLESSNESS vs. MINDFULNESS

Christians have known for centuries that meditation and truly focusing on God can have a powerful and oftentimes healing benefit. Recently, however, secular psychologists and researchers are discovering the healing affect of meditation and are teaching this technique to their patients who are struggling with addictions, depression, anxiety and eating disorders. These researchers believe that if patients can practice mindfulness or avoid automatic responses to certain stimulations, they can better maintain their gains of recovery.

Professors Paul Nesselroade '89, Janet Dean and Asbury Theological Seminary Professor Steve Stratton '82, along with students at both the University and the Seminary have collaborated to study the similarities and differences between self-focused forms of meditation and spiritual meditation; that is, meditation focused on God's qualities and abilities. They found that while the professional literature covered the affects of secular mindfulness, it neglected references to the affects of spiritual meditation and mindfulness.

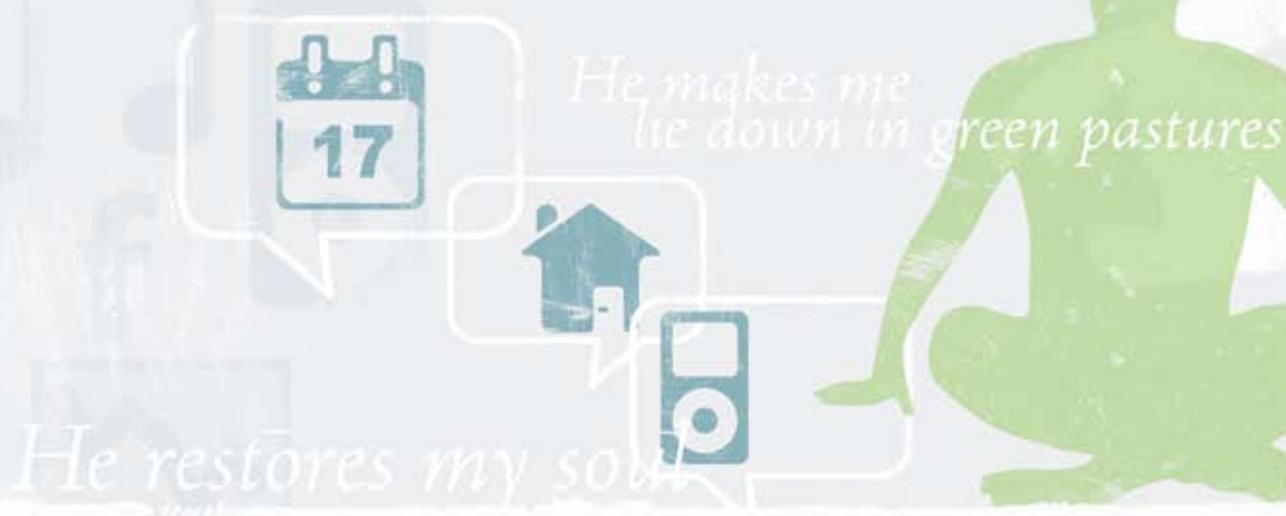
This group set out to understand the meditation practices of students at both Asbury University and Asbury Theological Seminary, and how those practices affected the students' awareness and response to anxious thoughts.

Dr. Steve Stratton '82, associate professor of pastoral care and counseling at Asbury Theological Seminary, spearheaded the project between the two campuses. He speaks of the historical significance of meditation in Christian heritage. "Some people will say that meditation is 'new age' or Buddhist, but that is not true. Meditation and contemplation have been part of the Christian tradition for centuries, and our culture is looking for practices with this quality to it. This is a historical, but forgotten part of our Christian tradition. Behavioral medicine is seeing the advantages of it. We are rediscovering what our tradition has for human living."

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Be still and know



Faith Shaw, a senior from Plainville, Texas, says that meditation can be beneficial to Christians in many ways, not just mentally. "Research has evidenced several studies showing the positive effects mindfulness meditation has upon stress and improvement of mood as well as issues such as cardiac problems," she said. "Meditation is far reaching – it not only effects the spiritual life but the physical and emotional life as well."

Dr. Janet Dean explains how daily human practices have led to a shift in our thinking and behaviors. She describes how the students coming in to the university setting are accustomed to constant stimulation from the world of MP3 players, smart phones, texting and social networking. "The culture is good at multi-tasking from the constant stimulation of the world around us." She says this leads to an automatic lifestyle of response without contemplation or a conscience understanding of our thoughts and reactions. Researchers call it "mindlessness" or habitual responses, which are in some cases unhealthy.

The Asbury research teams wanted to see what happened when students were able to be more mindful of their thoughts through spiritual meditation, more specifically, if students were able to move away from habitual living to be more intentionally aware of what they think and do.

The research teams taught students at the University mindfulness techniques to be quiet and redirect their attention to the present in an effort to be more self-aware of their thoughts and actions. Each student was asked to be quiet for 15 minutes daily for one week before researchers tested their responses. They then continued the mindfulness practices for three more weeks and were tested again.

Nesselroade, Stratton and Dean have found that college students do not know what to do with down time and have a hard time understanding prayer and Bible study without time to reflect. "We have students who say they have never experienced God before because they can't be alone," Nesselroade said.

While the results of the study are not yet complete, Dr. Dean says the students are seeing a strong positive pattern between spiritual meditation and lower levels of anxiety. Just as important as the result, however, is the research process and exposing students to graduate-level research. Professors at the University plan to continue research projects with professors and students at the seminary.

Senior Jordan Stratton spoke of the importance and value of collaborative research. "I learned so much more by being able to apply it," he said. "You read about a lot of different studies, but do not know what it is like until you do it."

He also spoke of the uniqueness of the collaborative research, "There's no barrier between teacher and student to hinder communication and intellectual growth."

Nesselroade agreed, "Students learn to critically assess other research and think about the conclusion. They have a better sense of how to work with other research." ■

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"THROUGH THIS COMMUNITY, **WE JOURNEY TOGETHER** WITH FELLOW STUDENTS **TOWARD HOLINESS**. STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE REAL WITH EACH OTHER, REVEAL THEIR WEAKNESSES AND **SHARE LIFE TOGETHER**."

Christ calls us to live in community with other believers to encourage, motivate and grow together in faith. This communal mandate is one that is celebrated and cherished among Asbury University alumni and current students. While residence life requirements for traditional undergraduate students have waned at many private and public universities around the nation, Asbury University has remained steadfast in their commitment to require students, freshmen through seniors, to live among each other in community.

Residence life experiences have changed throughout the decades, from traditional dormitory-style residences to suites with lounges, entertainment areas and kitchens to allow for more community interaction. However, students at Asbury still leave their doors unlocked, pray with each other, and play the occasional prank on one another.

From the beginning of Asbury's history, President Hughes required students to live on campus among each other thus he made arrangements to ensure that all students had housing on campus. In fact, his wife Mary Hughes was instrumental in supervising and directing the residence life experience. She even designed the student residences during construction. When a fire destroyed Glide and Crawford halls in April of 1924, work began as soon as the smoke

cleared to reconstruct the facilities. The new building was ready by fall albeit with wet plaster and lack of door knobs.

Throughout Asbury University's history as enrollment grew, so did the number of living quarters. When Johnson Hall opened in 1947 men tripled up in rooms designed for two as the enrollment surpassed 1,000. Throughout the 1960s, the board continued to devote construction funds toward campus housing, instead of allowing upperclassmen to secure off campus housing.

Today, there are few exceptions to allow students to reside off campus and alumni and students agree that is a good thing. Most alumni share the top two things they miss about Asbury are Chapel (despite the occasional confession of skipping) and community. Dr. John Morley '85, former Johnson Hall resident director and current In-Reach coordinator, says that the community alumni speak of is rooted in the residence life experience. "[The residence life experience] is not about being perfect. It is about allowing Christ to heal us, to meet us and to redeem us. Through this community, we journey together with fellow students toward holiness. Students are allowed to be real with each other, reveal their weaknesses and share life together."

A program unique to Asbury University, of which its beginnings were birthed some 60 years ago, is the In-Reach



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program. For as long as anyone can remember, each hall has had a chaplain, responsible for helping shape and facilitate the spiritual formation within the residence halls. In the 1990s, John Morley and Andy Shelton, and then-Campus Chaplain, Stu Smith '77, noticed a need within this position. With an administration committed to enhancing and nurturing spiritual development on campus, this team and others moved to create what is now the In-Reach ministries program.

This program places a Spiritual Life Coordinator over every hall and Spiritual Life Assistants on every floor. These students seek out these special positions to serve their fellow students, many pouring in hours of time to counseling, witnessing and encouraging. These students meet weekly and receive special training to help them in their roles.

The SLA and even RA positions at Asbury University are very much ministry positions, preparing students for full-time ministry upon graduation. Morley knows of more than 40 RAs and SLAs who are now involved in full-time ministry using their experience in the residence halls as a training ground for their positions today. "I am so thankful for residence life and that Asbury University is committed to it. There is so much to be learned by living in community," Morley said.

Morley's 9-year stint as a resident director at Asbury University is not uncommon at Asbury. Former Glide-Crawford director, Koby Miller '76, lived among the women of Glide-Crawford for 15 years. At many universities, resident directors are full-time graduate students who leave their positions within two years. However, at Asbury University, resident directors are



professional employees required to have earned a master's degree.

Miller, now the dean of students at Mid-Continent University, lived in Glide-Crawford from 1990 to 2005. She speaks of the community at Asbury University. She observed freshmen every year come into the residence hall and begin to figure out where they belonged. "I think residence life helps them to figure out who they are by being in community. Asbury welcomes a new student to community and says, 'Yes, you belong here.'" ► *continued on page 6*

FRIENDS THROUGH THICK & THIN

Ron Harper '91 and his group of friends, **Mark Buzby '91, Ron Creque '91, John Bryson '91, CD Morton '92, Stephen Bryson '93, Jeff Carroll '90, Greg Griffin '93, Blake Long '94 and Tim Glenn '93 from Johnson West 1st floor started getting to know each other through the residence life community, athletics and different campus functions. Starting in 1999, the group began getting together for "the major" or annual event usually involving boating, fishing and golf, and all of those activities that were once effortless as students.**

"While our lives don't cross paths as often, we still stay in regular communication—often sharing life's hard and joyous times. We request prayer and support for situations that move well beyond our control. We share a genuine and sincere interest for one another," Harper said. "We all seem to have the common thread of trying to find our way and be the person Christ would want us to be."

Another group that has held steadfast to their relationships are the Johnson West Bears. **Jeff Francisco '84** started his Asbury career in 1980 on second west with **Paul Bryan '83, Chuck Cole '83, Ady Luyk '84, Bert Medlock '85 and Chris Sipes '84**. The men spent their semesters swapping advice on professors to take and avoid; comforting each other through break-ups; and discovering music together "that would become the soundtrack to our lives." The group started getting together following graduation, and in 1998, decided to be more intentional about reunions after a weekend in Atlanta and a Braves game. In



Ron Creque, Jeff Carroll, CD Morton, Blake Long, Ron Harper, Steve Bryson; Front, John Bryson and Greg Griffin. These college friends from Johnson West 1st Floor trained for and ran a marathon together.

1999, they planned a trip to Gettysburg for a guided tour. "We all re-read Killer Angels, studied and were prepared," Francisco said. "We wowed the guide. Doc McKinley's fingerprints were all over this trip. Ady found a quote from a speech that hero, Joshua Chamberlain, delivered at the 50th anniversary of Gettysburg and read it atop Little Roundtop as we stood in a circle around him. It was a powerful, touching moment. The guide even wept."

Over the years, it has become more difficult to get away for a weekend, but the men continue writing, calling and praying for each other. "On 2nd West, our lives were formed and our hearts were born," Francisco said. "We were just the right group of guys in the right place at the right time. We were all, each one of us, exactly what we needed at that point in time. We have simply determined to stay in touch. Our relationships were too valuable to give up on because of time and distance. We have just been there for each other in weddings, divorce, the birth of children, successes and failures. We just refused to let go. And yet, we don't live in the past, these relationships are not based on old war stories. They are very current and vibrant." ■

Tell us your Residence Life stories, traditions and favorite pranks
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As Miller witnessed, the residence life experience provided students with the opportunity to experiment with new ideas and theories while at the same time encouraging and supporting each other. "Residence life is the living lab for what they are learning in chapel and the classroom," Miller said. "They created a community to support, encourage and challenge each other to grow."

Miller described how the women would support each other in good and in challenging times. One tradition involved giving a recently engaged resident a shower—literally, by throwing the fully-clothed betrothed in the shower on her engagement night. Another tradition was the commissioning service for seniors, praying for them before they departed. "They had grown so much, so much more of who God called them to be," Miller said.

The community birthed in the residence halls doesn't end at commencement. Groups that formed have continued to strengthen their bonds, make memories and support one another for decades after the final party, prank or koinonia. ■



His final ‘bow’

CAMPUS ICON SAYS ‘THE TIME TO GO IS WHEN EVERYONE WANTS YOU TO STAY’

Take a seat in one of Edward McKinley's history classes and you'll feel as though you've been transformed in time as a German in World War I or a soldier during the Civil War.

The tall lanky man, who is rarely seen without a bow tie, has an eloquent way with words and a knack for story telling that makes it simply impossible to be bored during one of his lectures.

After 40 years at Asbury University, McKinley, the most senior faculty member, will say his final goodbyes as he begins the next phase of his life — retirement. He is more than ready to move forward.

“It really is time,” McKinley said. “The time to go is when everyone wants you to stay. If you stay too long, you’ve outlived your welcome.”

Both students and faculty agree that the history buff will leave a void in the college that will be nearly impossible to replace.

“We can replace him with another professor, but not the unique personal contribution that he has made for four

decades,” said history professor Burnam Reynolds ’70. “He is the longest serving professor in Asbury’s 120 year history.”

But the professor who is so recognizable with teaching history almost became a lawyer.

Living in California during his youth, McKinley enrolled at the University of California at Berkley as a law student. After taking a few history courses during his sophomore year the decision was clear, he had found his calling.

“I really enjoyed it,” he said. “I thought to myself hopefully I would become a successful lawyer. But then I thought as the lights grow dim and I have tubes coming out of my nose, I didn’t want to say to myself I should’ve become a history teacher.”

And so he switched majors and the rest is history.

McKinley went on to get his undergraduate degree in history at Berkley and later got his graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin.

As a member of Salvation Army, McKinley heard about a small school in Kentucky that was looking to hire a history professor.

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"Someone had just left. I came into interview and I just loved it," McKinley said about seeing Asbury's campus for the first time.

McKinley is passionate about teaching African history, German history and American history among others.

"History teaches you perspective," McKinley said. "Things change but people, human nature stays the same. We can learn from the past."

Instead of using text books, which McKinley calls "boring," he encouraged his students to read literature based in the time frame they were learning about. McKinley aimed to provide a new lecture, every class, every year and for the most part he was successful.

Jennifer Walz '88, a former student and current colleague of McKinley, describes his teaching as "exuberant," "enthusiastic" and "humorous."

"He relies entirely upon his voice and body language to convey the meaning of history and his passion for how we are connected to the past," said Walz, who is head of Research and Distance Services at Asbury. "In many ways, he is an excellent storyteller."

Bonnie Banker, dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies described McKinley's teaching style as "very interesting and descriptive."

"I consider Dr. McKinley to be a campus icon, who has served one-third of the life of the institution," Banker said. "He will leave a legacy of scholarship and leadership. It is hard to imagine the campus without him."



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—Theology Professor Neil Anderson '88

Banker said she will miss McKinley's unique approach to life including his famous bow ties.

Those famous bow ties have been a staple of McKinley for much of his life. As a young teenager he was very tall and lanky at a time when long skinny ties were the latest fashion trend. The skinny ties exaggerated McKinley's tall, thin frame, and aside from that, he was a messy eater, resulting in an often stained tie, he said.

A friend introduced to him to the bow tie and showed him how to tie it. He's been wearing them ever since. McKinley has about 80 bow ties in his collection.

During his four decades at Asbury, McKinley has worked under eight college presidents. The two most notable to McKinley are Cornelius R. Hager '34, who he calls "the finest man he's ever met," and current President Sandra C. Gray.

"Asbury never had a better future than it does right now," McKinley said.

Theology Professor Neil Anderson '88 said McKinley is partly to credit for making Asbury what it is today.

"What stands out about Dr. McKinley is that he has been part of the great Asbury tradition of high academic standards and liberal arts education in the Christian tradition," said Anderson, who is a former student of McKinley. "Faculty members like McKinley, who valued Asbury's tradition and foundation, created, guided, and sustained this institution over the years."

McKinley recently had the opportunity to meet his successor, a young man with a Ph.D. from Notre Dame.

"I hope he is as happy and fulfilled as I have been here," McKinley said. "This was the right choice for me and I have never regretted anything. It really is a wonderful way to end to my career. I am leaving on a high note." ■

— Amanda Baumfeld
Jessamine Journal
Published May 5, 2010

THE "A" AWARDS

SINCE 1946, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS RECOGNIZED ALUMNI WHO HAVE ACHIEVED DISTINCTION IN THEIR FIELD. THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI WERE HONORED DURING THE 102ND REUNION ACTIVITIES.

A: Grant Nealis '55

Grant Nealis '55 was recognized for his work in ministry and heart for education for more than 50 years. During Grant's senior year, he was accepted as an OMS Crusader to Japan and joined the team of Japanese workers in Nagoya to plant a church that is still active today.

During the OMS conference in Winona Lake, Ind., Grant met Dottie Bryan, a candidate for Brazil to teach missionary children. During the fall of 1957 they spoke at missionary meetings together and decided to marry. Grant began his studies at Asbury Theological Seminary and the couple married in 1958. A few days following Grant's graduation from seminary, their first son Jonathan was born and they embarked for Hong Kong.

They worked with the Every Creature Crusade (now Every Community for Christ) to start a church in the industrial village of Tsuen Wan. Their constituency matched funds to buy a shop space for a new church in memory of Dottie's parents, Mr. & Mrs. T.M. Bryan. The congregation outgrew the shop space, still active today, it is now in its third location.

While in Hong Kong, Grant served as director, supervisor and treasurer for United Christian College. Founded in 1974, United Christian College's mission

was to provide young people with a solid academic education and an understanding of God's love. Grant served as director, supervisor and treasurer for the student body which grew to 1,200. About 70% of the students accepted Christ while there and several were called into the ministry. The Nealis also helped start the Hong Kong Evangelical Church.

By 1983 their family was now six—Jon, Nancy, Melody, Cherry and they began directing the OMS National Ministries Department to fund scholarships for OMS students in affiliated seminaries overseas. During this time Grant and Dottie sensed a need to supply regular income to supplement the individual scholarships that donors were providing. The OMS Board of Directors approved the Central Theological Education Endowment Fund, to establish an unlimited number of endowed scholarships.

In the last 25 years, scholarships have been funded in memory of several key OMS families with Asbury ties: Eugene Erny, the Elkjers and Clevengers, Rolland and Mildred Rice, and three generations of the Kilbourne family. More than \$2 million have been raised from OMS constituency. Recognizing there is still a need, the Nealis have been given the opportunity to continue in retirement raising funds with a goal of \$5 million. ■



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A: Sharon Wilhelm '60 Ranalli Folkart

Sharon Wilhelm '60 Ranalli Folkart began her dedicated ministry to Ecuador when she and her late husband, Al '58, began their ministry in 1968 when they arrived in Guayaquil, Ecuador to serve with the OMS International. Al became the co-director of the OMS National Church, and Sharon served as mission treasurer and advisor to the Association of Women's Societies.

In 1978, affiliated with the D.M. Stearns Missionary Fund in Philadelphia, they returned to Ecuador to concentrate on evangelism and church planting with the Spanish and Quichuas. Sharon taught math, physics and Bible, and served as the Honors Program advisor at the Alliance Academy for missionary children in Quito.

In 2002, Sharon initiated a handicraft workshop in the village of Pompeya to help the Christians get out of poverty. Today, Sharon continues with eight teaching centers of the Bible Institute, in five different provinces, with 130 students and 400 graduates.

To meet the need for spiritual leadership in the Quichua churches, Al and Sharon founded The Bible Institute of the Prophets in 1986. In 1988, they began the second Bible Institute center in Pompeya, in the province of Chimborazo.

In March of 1995, Al went to be with the Lord after a heart attack and Sharon continued their ministry. In 1997, Chris '82 and his family arrived to work with pastors, churches and church planting in Ecuador.

In 2002, Sharon initiated a handicraft workshop in the village of Pompeya to help the Christians get out of poverty. Today, Sharon continues with eight teaching centers of the Bible Institute, in five different provinces, with 130 students and 400 graduates. Each June there is an intensive course for graduates; in July, a National Conference of Quichua Women; and in November, an annual Youth Camp. In addition she is giving three monthly workshops for pastors and leaders. She also helps the Good Samaritan elementary school in the city of Riobamba, which provides education to the poor, by getting sponsors for the children and giving a bi-monthly Bible study for the teachers.

In March 2010, Sharon was joined in ministry by Charles Folkart. The couple married in Quito, Ecuador. She and Charlie are teaching and ministering throughout the country with no plans to retire. Sharon and Al have four children and 13 grandchildren. ■



Left to right: Dan, Jeff Hutchens '01, Martha, Rilla Crothers and former Asbury President Bill Crothers, and Peter Hutchens '03 at an Asbury event in Washington, D.C.

A: Daniel '75 & Martha Faber '76 Hutchens

Daniel '75 and Martha Faber '76 Hutchens receive the "A" Award for their work in education and foreign policy. The couple met at Asbury and married in 1975. After graduation, they began work with OMS, serving in Costa Rica and Colombia. In 1978, the couple moved to Michigan, where Dan taught bilingual education and earned a master's degree.

After sons **Jeff '01** and **Peter '03** were born, the Hutchens accepted positions as teachers in The People's Republic of China, which had only recently welcomed Western visitors. They moved to Harbin in northern China. Though the Hutchens say this was the hardest year of their lives, they would never trade their experiences.

The Hutchens' family including new daughter, Erin, returned to Asbury in 1983, and Dan directed and taught in the new ESL minor. He also earned an M.A. from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, and took the examination for entry into the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State.

Dan's first tour with the State Department was to China as a consular officer, in charge of the anti-fraud unit of the Guangzhou consulate. Martha taught at the American School of

Guangzhou. She later worked as an English teacher for Proctor & Gamble's newly-hired Chinese staff.

Their time with the State Department has kept the Hutchens moving to interesting places at interesting times. From 1991 to 1993, they worked in the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria, shortly after Nelson Mandela's release from prison through South Africa's first multiracial elections, beginning the country's post-apartheid era.

Upon returning to the U.S., Dan spent two years as an economics and trade officer on the Korea desk. In 1996, he began working on NAFTA issues on the Mexico desk of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

The family moved to Manila in 1997, catching one of the worst typhoons in the country's history. Dan worked in the Embassy's economic section and Martha began her career as consular officer for the State Department.

Returning to the Washington area in 1999, Dan served as Ecuador desk officer, during an oil spill in the Galapagos Islands. Martha worked for the Bureau of Consular Affairs in International Child Abduction, assisting parents whose children had been abducted to Germany.

In 2002, Dan became the Director of the U.S.-China Fulbright Program, one of the largest educational exchange programs managed out of a U.S. embassy. Martha became head of the Immigrant Visa Unit of the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou, the State Department's second largest immigrant visa processing post. She joined Dan in Beijing as both head of the consular section's Fraud Prevention Unit and China-wide Fraud Prevention Coordinator for the five U.S. consular sections.

Upon returning to Washington in 2006, Dan worked in the Department of State's Political Military Bureau, overseeing humanitarian demining programs funded by the U.S. Government in Cambodia and Laos. He moved to State's Office of Aviation Negotiations to oversee bilateral civil aviation relations with countries in Latin America and Africa. Martha moved into a management position in the Bureau of Consular Affairs' Office of Fraud Prevention Programs – the office which sets and guides U.S. consular fraud prevention efforts worldwide. The Hutchens are preparing for an onward assignment in Brussels, Belgium, beginning in fall 2011. ■

The Doorpost Film Project exists to "find, fund, mentor, and release the next generation of filmmakers." David wants to spend the rest of his life helping cultural creatives find their "voice."



A: David Spring '95

David Spring '95, receives the Distinguished Young Alum Award for his work of shining the light in many dim places. David's path didn't bring him straight to Asbury. In fact, when he transferred to Asbury in 1993 he had already completed two years at Southern Wesleyan University; been a dive master in the Florida Keys; worked in the music industry in Nashville; and experienced Youth With A Mission in Jamaica where he met his wife, Kristy Hendley, a recording artist with several No. 1 songs on the charts.

David and Kristy ventured to Asbury for David to pursue a counseling degree, but he says he was running from his calling to ministry. "My desire to go into counseling was a compromise I was making with God," Spring said, "I loved Him, I just did not want to go into full-time vocational ministry."

That calling finally caught up with David during a chapel service in Hughes Auditorium. After the birth of their daughter, Tyler Elizabeth, David graduated with a double major in psychology and Bible. Fourteen years of church ministry followed beginning with Christ Church as a youth pastor in Nashville, then heading south to the beautiful "Down Under" of Australia and New Zealand. While living in Australia and New Zealand, David and Kristy helped plant churches and leadership institutes. They also traveled throughout Australasia training worship leaders, church staff, and pastors.

The family returned to Nashville in 2005 and felt the need to engage culture more effectively. David and Kristy began pastoring Church @ The Globe in urban Nashville to reach the creative community celebrating the arts and artists. This church grew with a congregation of writers, musicians, models, actors and actresses, painters and sculptors. And in 2008, son Isaac Daniel was born.

In 2009, after serving on the boards of Ichthus Ministries and The Doorpost Film Project, David felt God leading him to impact art and culture on a full-time basis. While still overseeing a church plant in East Nashville called "The Edge," he took a position as the President of The Doorpost. The Doorpost Film Project exists to "find, fund, mentor, and release the next generation of filmmakers." David wants to spend the rest of his life helping cultural creatives find their "voice." ■

102nd Reunion Report

Asbury University's 102nd Reunion brought back hundreds of alumni, family and friends for a weekend filled with great food, music, events and reconnecting with old friends.

The weekend kicked off with a cookout at the Equine Center. Alumni were able to tour the equine facility, meet the horses and Asbury's equine management students. Asbury's equine students are spending the summer preparing for their participation in the upcoming World Equestrian Games, and assisting with summer horse camps offered to the community. Later that evening, alumni and friends enjoyed a Hymn Sing in Hughes under the direction of **Bill '65** and **Anna Keith** featuring a men's quartet.

The weekend continued on Friday with a talk given by President Sandra C. Gray. The Singing Ambassadors also got together for a special reunion

tea. Retired History Professor Edward McKinley concluded the day with a special address in Hughes.

On Saturday, several hundred alumni turned out for coffee and muffins with faculty, both retired and current. Class lunches, the Young Alum Picnic and Alumni banquet were also well attended. Last year, alumni gathered for the groundbreaking of the Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts. This year, alumni were able to tour the nearly complete center. The building will be open for occupancy by faculty and students in January 2011.

Saturday evening Dr. Gray presented this year's A Awards and Young Alum Award. Members of the Highlander Class of 1960 were inducted into the Golden Grad Society and the gavel was passed from **Chuck Cole '83** to **John Needham '73** who will serve as Alumni Board President for 2010-11. ■

Alumni also enjoyed one final opportunity to snag some "Asbury College" memorabilia at the silent auction. Bids for t-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, camp chairs and other items, netted \$1,200 for the Alumni Scholarship fund. Alumni also took up an offering on Sunday morning for the Asbury-sponsored Haiti relief project. Last semester, Asbury University partnered with Quisqueya Christian School to provide aid after the earthquake in January. The alumni collected nearly \$3,000 to go toward the project. Alumni were also generous in their giving toward the Reunion Gift project for the continuation of Jewell Street Walkway. Alumni gave more than \$66,000 for the multi-year project to build a plaza from Hughes to the new Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts. ■



Class Photos



Class of 1940

Charles Crouse,
Alice Wilcher Crouse,
Ruth Childers Seamands



Class of 1945

Row 1 – Margaret Overmeyer
Shepherd, Helen Cox, Carolyn
Campbell Estes, Madge Lemaster
Buehler, Virginia Gardner Shannon
Row 2 – William Key, Joseph Davis,
Glenn Brunstetter, Kathleen Bear
Demaray, Wayne McKinley

Class of 1950

*Row 1 – Gertrude Baumbach
Griffith, Kathleen High, Wanda*

*Youngs Winn, Ann Barnett
Thomas, Esther Davidson Martz,*

Helen Johnson Anderson

*Row 2 – G. Fletcher Anderson,
Winston Smith, Robert F. Hahn,*

*Ruby Vahey Piety, Phyllis
Roggenkamp Irwin, Al Whelchel
Row 3 - Ted Smith, Jiles E. Kirkland
Not Pictured - Charles Turkington*

**Class of 1955**

Row 1 – Nancy Swank, Jeannine Freudenberger, Phyllis Thomas Brom, Carolyn Reeder Kingsbury, Beverly Santee Hammerstrom, Shirley Smith Sims, Phyllis James McCarty, Norma Hicks Patton, Carroll Ferguson Hunt Rader, Roberta Cannoy Daws, Barbara McGilvray Foster, Grant Nealis, LaVerna Saueressig Meyer Row 2 – J.B. Crouse Jr., Lowell Williamson, Burrell Dinkins, Edward “Ted” Hanawalt, Betty Basham Hanawalt, George MacDonald, Ben Cain, Luther Cain, Orlo Freshly, Don Love, Milton “Mickey” Atkins, Jerry D. Wortham, W. Jing Chow, Dan Wallace, Richard F. Gottier, Delmas M. Copeland

Class Photos



Class of 1960

Row 1- Rhea Jackson Huey, Colleen Overton Stratton, Ruth Davis Cundiff, Christie Carruth Otter, Joyce Redwine Hayes, Marjorie Ann Hildreth Ellisor, Rosalie Brooks Quarry, Lois Merwin Rader, Carolyn McCord Wyant, Rachel Bright Erny, Pat Burke Russell, JoDell Walters Stevens, Rachel Hodges Hilbert, Dottie Hacker Blue, Faye Naylor Geverdt, Joanne Young Peterson Row 2- Alma "Rice" Kirkpatrick McGuire, Barbara Calloway Gaddie, Beverly Neuder Gatlin, Joyce West Griffith, Alberta Hoagland Harp, Gerrie Lawless Brown, Sharon Wilhelm Folkart, JoBelle Masters, Patsy Mason Spencer, Ethel Kearns Mayer, Juanita Cochran Russell, Row 3- Tom Snyder, Herbert C. Rader, Erich E. Hamm, Dennis Lamb, Art Lindsay, Buddy Gaines, Carl Ricks, Gary Herndon, Alan Moulton, Albin Whitworth Row 4- Mitchell Murrow, James K. McGuire, Robert Cundiff, Ernest Otter, Tom Beach, Amos Tinnell, Paul T. Morton



Class of 1965

Row 1- Dorothy Wetter Germann, Judy Gillam Amos (Class Sponsor), Norma Schultz Erny, Brenda J. Plummer, Judy Albright Mertz, Marilee Ragsdale McAnespie, Joan Dunn Ewan, Roseanne Smith Brasington Row 2- Marilyn Montgomery Hylton, Jeannie Skinner Brazelton, Lynn Mallard Beck, Gail McAllister Nunn, Betty Burchfield Modschiedler, Maribell Williamson Chittenden, Joy Kocher Kroehler, Martha Chapman Laurila, Suzanne "Suzie" O'Neal Gehring, Marianne Elsner Miller, Row 3- Bill Keith, John Doyle, Gerald Koch, Larry Larabee, Kent Kroehler, Mike Henderson, Al Coppedge, David Crouse Row 4- Harland Lutz (Faculty Advisor), Robert Hinkle, David Billing, Howard L. Biddulph, David Waite, David Lee Brazelton, George Whitmer Row 5- Terrance Millbyer, Robert Wolcott, Wendel B. Arms, David Miller



Class of 1970

Row 1- Lois Amstutz Webster (Class sponsor), Deborah BonDurant Calhoun, Janet Samborn, Loretta Scott Kroehler, Sylvia Myers Stevenson, Julie Nagel Schroen, Carol Amstutz Seamands, Myrna Johnson Moehring, Hope Haggerty McFarlane, Sherry Bechtold Gillam, Lynn Smith (Class Advisor), Winston Smith (Class Advisor) Row 2- R. Wayne King, Ivor Wilson, Harold Delaney, Mary Blanchard King, Pam McCain McClain, Nancy Hurst Delaney, Kathy Hutcherson Nysewander, Ruth Percifield Amerson, Dick McClain, Bart McFarlane, Steve Seamands, Burnam Reynolds, Bill Nieto Row 3- Fred Hannah, Tom W. Minor, Mark Nysewander, Dan Johnson, Bill Amerson, Bill Dean, Sam Williams, Mark Davis, Steve Kroehler, Rick Gillam, Rick Reitz Ford, Mike Baughn



Class of 1975

Row 1- Gary Wilson, Greg Pitts, Carol Brady McGlothlin, Judy Wayne Dockter, Libby Neutt Cross, Grace Squirlock Wilson, Sandi See SaKenes, Sandy Majorowicz Sutton, Brucek Davis, Andrew Howell, Dan Hutchens, Lynn Smith (Class Advisor)

Row 2- Paul Stevens, David R. Riel, James Jones, Dwight Dockter, Paul Mock, J. Parker Locker, Deb DeFine, Tim Crook, Bobbi Spicer Graves, Jack Graves, P. Mark Hill, Larry Andrews, Don Roxberry, Winston Smith (Class Advisor)

Class Photos



Class of 1980

Row 1- Shirley Doerfel Whiddon, Pam Hughes Wood, Marjie Beam Simms, Beth Parris Barrett, Cathy St. Clair Pershing, Diane Gamble Markesbery, Esther Wehrman Otero, Sue Mulvin Busse Row 2- Cynthia Vettors Lanning, Kristin Sims Strong, Barbara Timmons Twachtman, Helen J. Rehner Rader, Carol Weaver Coulliette, Denyse Wilhelm Farrell, Dolores Chutneg Yilibuw, Sherry Davidson Row 3- Tom Tumblin, David Frazier, Larry Brown, Jerry Guthrie, Beth Luce Reed, Becky McGill Barber, Jimmy Duncan Row 4- Mike Fletcher, William Van Nuys, Rick Whiston, Jac Sallade, Eric Twachtman, Les Barker



Class of 1985

Row 1- Linda Wentworth Barnes, Renee Jones Marsh, Debbie Owen Baldwin, Wendy L. Adams, Gloria Pierce Cardona, Elizabeth Buzzi Dupree, Elaine Hamilton (Class Advisor) Row 2- Lori Black Laufenburger, Michele Sturgill Dible, Ruth Reitz Ford, Sheryl Wells Sanders, Joan Yenger Gonzalez, Stephen Dupree, Jim Hamilton (Class Advisor) Row 3- Phil Stauffer Todd, Laurel Anderson Flaget, Amber L. Trader Grimes, Cindy Zamzow, Nancy Harrison Stephens, Brian Jones, Lousetta Carlson Mitschelen, Eric "Fig" Newman Row 4- Norm Barker, Scott Wells, Todd Pelphrey, Kerry Lambert, Jeff Wolfe, Sal Buonocore, Eric A. Grimes, Nancy Cummings Buonocore

Class of 1990

Row 1- Lisa Biddulph Hamilton, Lora Wells Cuckler, Amy McClain, Humaira Tufail Dale, Laurel lee Simms Adams, Lisa Falin Harper, Julie James *Row 2-* Craig Gillispie, Marc "Spanky" Wilson, Rachel Leinheiser Trent, Jim Maljanian, Bill Kingsbury, Todd Kelly

**Class of 1995**

Row 1 – David Spring, Heather Jewett, Julie M. Johnson, Jenny Berkmyer Madill, Beth Dantzler, Malinda Stull, Jay Jeffrey, Johnny Strange
Row 2 – Kellis Snodgrass, Jennifer Skinner Reyes, Kathryn Cochran Wiggam, Don Mink, John Salsman, Raeanne Lynette Wright Marsee, Mandy George Rocks, Chanda Crouse Jeffrey, Michael Israel

Class Photos



Class of 2000

Row 1 – David Watson, Paul Sember, Josh Poorbaugh, Daniel Maggart, Jonathan Heizer Row 2- Andrea Logan LaMotte, Kimberlin Kellogg Zelinsky, Melody Gatewood, Leann Nesselroade, Heather Hugh Bush, Alice Cook Smith, Jamie Bolinder Bott, Vivian Bush

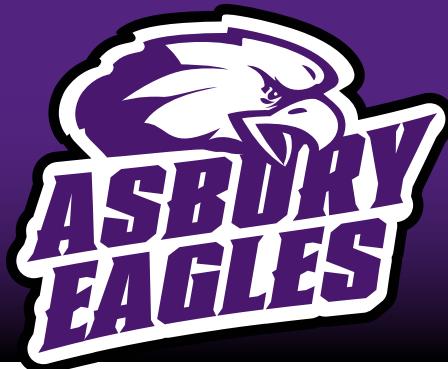
Row 3- Michael Longinow (Class Advisor), Ivy Sterling Lasley, Maura Reynolds, Andrea Williams Sember, Isaiah Surbrook, Jessica Creech, Kurt Johnson, Matthew Newcomer, Amy Fannin Poorbaugh, Rebecca Nordmoe Surbrook, Darby Patterson White, Robin Longinow (Class Sponsor)

Class of 2005

Row 1- Molly Rego Jaeger, Catherine Smith Fitzgerald, Lisette Lewis, Kit Zukas McGuire, Emily Hubacher, Mallory Nisbett Wiley, Amanda Polston, Amanda Owens Harpold, Jenn Latimer Whiteman, Penny Story Pohlmann, Christel Hatcher, Bekah Miller Peiffer

Row 2- Teresa Meyers Jenkins (Class Advisor), Allison Shuey Buzard, Dan Jenkins, Katie Blair, Allyson Henry Swanson, Haley Mikeska Edwards, Sarah Seaton, Chrissie Leidgen Moon, Ashley Dalton Grigg, Laura Byron Riegel Row 3- Rick Jenkins (Class Advisor), Adam Buzard, Stephen James, Israel Swanson, Andren Edwards, Nathan Miller, Joshua Moon, Tres Adames, Chip Wiley, David Paul Grigg





SPORTS ROUNDUP

The Asbury University Athletic Department held their annual Awards Ceremony in Hughes Auditorium on April 27. This marked the first year the event was held in Hughes to accommodate the more than 300 student-athletes and more than 30 coaches and support staff. They were joined by friends, family, University administration, and community members for a night of praise and worship, and recognition of the seasons' accomplishments. This year's award winners are:

Gamble-Walker Award (Outstanding Senior Athlete) – **Brian Johnson '10**– Men's Basketball; **Miranda Wiley '10**– Women's Soccer

Cecil Z. Zweifel Award (minimum 3.0 GPA athletes must make significant contributions to team) – **Greg Bowling '11**– Baseball; **Hannah Wheeler '11**– Volleyball

Rita J. Pritchett Award (given to the male and female senior with the highest grade point average) – **Daniel Drury '10** – Men's Basketball; **Kelsie Martin '10**– Volleyball

Frank B. and Lucille Fryman Award (excellence as a student-athlete, strong Christian witness and attitude of service, potential for leadership) – **Jordan Crouse '11**– Swimming; **Nick Kerhoulas '11** – Men's Soccer; **Dorian Downs '13**– Women's Basketball; **Demetria Todd '12**– Women's Basketball

Ted Harper Award (tennis player who best exemplifies hard work and Christian leadership) – **Julianne Wyrick '12**

Stuart Smith Award (student-athlete who best demonstrates hard work and Christian leadership) – **Kelsey Robinson '13**

Eagle Award (non-department members who have given graciously to the department in service) – **Tiffany Gregory '10**; **Barb Crouse '69**; **Mark Monnell**; **Dr. David Hager '68**

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Brian Johnson '10,
Gamble-Walker Award (Outstanding Senior Athlete)



Miranda Wiley '10,
Gamble-Walker Award (Outstanding Senior Athlete)



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SOFTBALL - In only their second year as a re-established team, the Asbury University softball team matched a team record with 24 wins. They also finished with the best winning percentage (.686) in school history. Asbury would finish the season with 2nd place in the KIAC Regular Season.

BASEBALL - Coach Bob Silvanik's 2010 baseball team became only the 4th in the program's 25 years to win 20 games, finishing with a 22-28 record. The team has exceeded 20 wins in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the 1999-2000 seasons. This year the Eagles finished 3rd in the KIAC Regular Season and Tournament, guaranteeing their spot in the top half of the conference for the third straight year. Since baseball returned in 2008 the team's three-year win total of 65 is the best three-year total in program history. After losing only one senior, the players who helped re-start the program are looking for the school's first KIAC Baseball Championship in their senior year, spring of 2011.

GOLF - Asbury Athletics will be growing again in 2010 thanks to the revitalization of a men's and

women's golf teams. **Steve Rehner '79** has been hired to coach the teams, and has already signed 12 new student-athletes to play.

With most of the athletic programs nearly filled to capacity, Athletic Director Gary Kempf saw an opportunity to expand the athletic program for Christian student-athletes in golf. "This gives us another avenue to reach out to athletes who want to grow spiritually, academically, and athletically. We want to bring in student-athletes who meet the mission of the university and are called to be here," Kempf said.

The first students in this program will play an important role by helping build the program toward success. "The student-athletes who start this program should be able to look back in 10-15 years and see they were first layer to a successful program," Kempf said.

The addition of men's and women's golf gives the Eagles 15 varsity programs, the second most in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC). Both of the new programs will compete for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the KIAC Championships. The teams will play some tournaments in the fall, but the majority of the season and the Championship season is in the spring.

Coach Rehner is a 1979 graduate of Asbury, played soccer, and was on the track and field team. All four of his children have or are planning to participate in Asbury athletics. "It

is always vital to have someone in a coaching position that understands the culture of our university and can be a great ambassador for their program and the school," said Kempf.

The majority of the time, the teams will practice and play their matches at the Golf Club of the Bluegrass on the north side of Nicholasville. They will also have the opportunity to play at Keene Run Golf Club and Peninsula Golf Resort in Lancaster. Owner of all three courses, Danny McQueen, has agreed to have Asbury Golf play on three of the nicest courses in central Kentucky.

For schedules and all up to date information on all athletic programs please visit the official web site of Asbury Eagles' athletics at asbury.edu/athletics. ■

Asbury Baseball finished 3rd in the KIAC Regular Season Tournament, guaranteeing their spot in the top half of the conference for the third straight year. Below: Josh Thigpen '12 pitches for the Asbury Eagles



CAMPUS NEWS



Asbury gets Amped at Ichthus 2010



Asbury University's involvement could be seen from every angle of the festival. Media communication students, staff and faculty worked the production of the jumbotron. Festival goers could keep up with their schedule and even weather reports using the Ichthus iPhone app developed by sophomore media communication major Zach Whelchel. More than 800 guests stayed in the Asbury residence halls. The admissions office conducted tours for nearly 500

high school students, and received inquiry cards from more than 2,500 prospective students. The admissions office and Christian ministries department awarded 30 \$4,000 scholarships to youth pastors to give to rising seniors within their churches. Asbury also gave out 3,000 lime green t-shirts, which could be seen dotting the festival grounds all weekend.



First Asbury University commencement

On May 8, Asbury University recognized 360 graduates. The class included three associate, 303 bachelor, 36 adult degree completion, 45 master of arts, and nine master of social work degree candidates who were eligible

to participate in commencement exercises. Dr. Dermot Quinn, a professor and Director of Graduate Studies of History at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, addressed the graduates.

President Sandra C. Gray was awarded an honorary degree in a surprise presentation by Board of Trustees chair C.E. Crouse. Dr. Wesley Stafford, the Baccalaureate speaker from Compassion International, was awarded an honorary doctorate degree. Ten graduates earned Summa Cum Laude (3.97-4.00 GPA), 30 earned Magna Cum Laude (3.80-3.96 GPA) and 72 earned Cum Laude (3.50-3.79 GPA) honors; 28 students received honorable mention recognition.



University partners with Florida college

On April 21, 2010, Asbury University and Valencia Community College signed an agreement that will allow students with an associate's degree from Valencia and who meet Asbury's admission criteria, to transition seamlessly to Asbury University's Orlando campus. This agreement is an extremely beneficial opportunity for students at Valencia Community College who need a more affordable way to enjoy the Christian liberal arts education that Asbury has to offer. Valencia Community College has five campus locations in Orlando and a total enrollment of approximately 65,000 students.

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Communications students produce sitcom

Asbury University's School of Communications Arts presented "Friends Like You, Too," a sitcom taped before two live-studio audiences in the Doddridge-Holland Theater on March 30 and 31, 2010. The cast included Brianne Beck '11, Olivia Wardwell '11, Tim Bishop '10, Kara Laufenburger '10, Michael Gaynor '10, Cameron Hassler '13, and Andrew Groves '11. Professor Doug Smart, Asbury's television and film director-in-residence, was the production's director and writer.

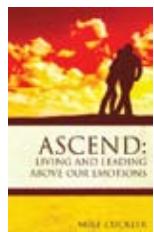


Biology students explore native grasses

Through a joint project with the University of Kentucky, several Asbury University students are beginning a multi-year project to learn how a field of switchgrass impacts the small mammal population. This summer, University of Kentucky professor and Asbury alumnus Dr. Ray Smith '83 is working with Asbury students Evan Duszynski '11, Kenton Sena '12, Rhonda Beasley '11, Joel Noah '10, and University of Kentucky graduate student Laura Schwer. The team is trapping and tracking small mammals in three fields on Asbury

University's property. Switchgrass, once a native Kentucky grass, is also being studied by UK as a possible biomass for energy production.

FACULTY



Mike Cuckler '88 (behavioral sciences) published *Ascend: Living and Leading Above Our Emotions*. This book is about overcoming emotional issues that cause people to live and lead below their full potential.

Don Zent (music) performed solo recitals at Campbellsville University and Asbury University, featuring the work of Mozart, Szymanowski, Liszt, and Brahms.

David Coulliette '81 (mathematics) worked with alumnus **Chris Hatfield '08** on a modeling muscle modeling contraction with the University of Kentucky Physiology Department.

Lynn Shmidt (Christian ministries) published *Boys to Men: Adapting Tswana Manhood Rites for Christian Discipleship*. This book develops a functional substitute for the Tswana ritual of bogwera, the manhood initiation ritual, that enables young men to be recognized socially as responsible adults who live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Peter Kerr's (communications) article "Essentials for your Media Toolbox" was accepted into PRNEWS Media Training Guidebook.

Jim Owens '79 (media communications) was co-author of *Television Production*, 14th Edition, for Focal Press/Elsevier in Oxford, England. Television Production is about storytelling and communicating your vision, and is a practical guide to professional television and video production techniques. Owens is also under contract to co-author a new edition of *Video Production Handbook*, 5th Edition. The fourth edition, which

he also co-authored), published in November of 2008, has already sold more than 10,000 copies. Asbury students helped shoot many of the illustrative photos in both books.

Mike Peterson '72 (philosophy) published *Philosophy of Religion: Selected Readings* 4th edition in November by Oxford University Press. Peterson's chapter "The Logical Problem of Evil" appeared in *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion* 2nd edition. Also, his article "C. S. Lewis on Evolution and Intelligent Design" was solicited for publication later this year by the *Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation*. Dr. Peterson was awarded an honorary doctorate—Doctor of Humane Letters—from Trinity Western University (Vancouver) in recognition of lifetime achievements in philosophy and contributions to the Christian college movement.

Devin Brown (English) and **Greg Bandy '76** (media communications) along with student **Austin Berry '11** produced a video interview of Micheal Flaherty, president of Walden Media. The C.S. Lewis Estate has entrusted Walden Media with bringing to life the film adaptations of *The Chronicles of Narnia*. The video will be premiered preceding the release of the third film in the series, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. Brown's third book on C.S. Lewis, *Inside the Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, will be released on Oct. 1, 2010.

Michael Peterson is editor of the journal *Faith and Philosophy*, which is included in *Leaves of Grass*, a new Hollywood movie. Two years ago, Peterson signed a release to allow a few copies of this international journal, which has been a scholarly journal published at Asbury for 27 years, to be used as a prop or stage dressing for this movie.

Celebrating lasting relationships



As I reflect on this issue of the *Ambassador* I am reminded of the importance of relationships and how thankful I am to God for placing people in my path who have been influential in shaping who I am today. Pastors, teachers, mentors, bosses, co-workers and friends have all, in their own special way, impacted my faith journey. I am especially grateful for the relationships I have made because of Asbury University.

Reunion is my favorite event on campus each year because it brings together hundreds of alumni and friends. Classmates reconnecting and sharing their lives with each other, ministry taking place, conversations between former students and professors, and stories of how our alumni have made an impact in their community, in their profession, and in our global Church is an encouragement that Asbury University is still vital and fulfilling our founding mission.

Under President Sandra C. Gray's leadership, we're continually challenged to ensure that our students not only learn academically and grow spiritually but are also provided opportunities to live out their faith. As our nontraditional programs continue to attract more students and as the Lord opens up additional campus locations for us, we desire these students experience the same

Christian community and develop the lasting relationships that have been the hallmark of our traditional residential program.

Our adult professional studies students in Wilmore and Orlando typically enjoy interacting with each other via distance learning. This spring our Wilmore students wanted to meet their classmates in Orlando face to face, so they drove down to Florida to have class with them one evening. It is affirming to know that despite the distance, our students are developing that special bond with their classmates.

God designed us to live in community and to use the gifts and talents He has given us to invest in people. As you consider the role Asbury University has played in your life and in the relationships you have formed, please consider supporting us financially to provide this same opportunity to the current and future generations of Asburians. Your giving is a direct investment in the lives of our students. ■



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Gregory Swanson, JD '78".

R. Gregory Swanson, JD '78

Vice president for institutional advancement & general counsel

Why Give?



Eric Bentley with the senior class cabinet

It is not my money," said Eric Bentley '02 of the matching gift that he and his wife, Elizabeth Rogers '05 Bentley committed to the Senior Class Gift Project.

Every spring, the graduating seniors raise funds toward a gift that they give back to the University. The gift is given in grateful appreciation of the investment the institution has made in their lives and to leave a gift for classes to come. Gifts vary from a physical structure, signage, or some kind of campus improvement. Previous senior class gifts include a pavilion at the reservoir, Bibles and hymnals for Hughes Auditorium, rooms in the Kinlaw Library, a scholarship, and a grand piano for Glide-Crawford residence hall. This year, the Unashamed Class gave an outdoor classroom, located in the alcove between Hughes Auditorium, and Reasoner and Morrison halls. It features eight rock benches, a rock pathway, and beautiful landscaping.

The financial advisor for Sinclaire, Ross and Associates admits he had difficulty staying alert in traditional classroom settings, and that he and Beth are self-proclaimed "outdoor junkies." Eric told the senior class cabinet and gift committee that this project is important to him because he recalls hearing God speak to him in the outdoors. By encouraging students much like themselves, this project not only suits the Bentleys' interests perfectly, but it also meets their desire to answer God's call to give.

Giving financially is difficult, especially for young graduates who are still trying to build their careers and pay down student loans.

The Bentleys are no different from their peers in that regard. However, they still feel called to give of the abundance that God has blessed upon them.

The Bentleys credit God for helping them to overcome professional and financial struggles over the last several years. Faced with tremendous bills, difficult decisions and uncertainty, the Bentleys leaned heavily on their faith and on the counsel of Asbury University friends and professors, including President Sandra C. Gray. "Had I chosen one path, I could have had my student loans and bills paid. However, Dr. Gray counseled me to choose the right path and I did. I had no idea what would happen. Then one year later God provided," Eric said.

The Bentleys remained faithful to God's call and plan for them even when they did not know where they were headed. While their journey is far from complete, the Bentleys know that God's provision is not an automatic blessing for answering His call. "Sometimes He asks us to go to see our faith so that later He can provide," Eric said.

More than \$1000 was committed to the project by the senior class. Senior class gift committee co-chair, Philip Wood said, "The Bentley's willingness to give back to their alma mater and to a class that was not even their own is a real encouragement to me. They truly have a giving spirit that is hard to find in most people today. I can only hope that one day I will be able to give back to a similar cause." ■

1950s

Joel Key '53 was awarded the Doctor of Divinity Degree on May 8 by John Wesley College in High Point, N.C. He served the school as their interim president from September 2008 to May 2010. Prior to this he served as president of the Board of Trustees.

1960s

Ruth Bott '60 Haffner retired on June 30, 2010 after working at Averett University in Danville, VA for the last 33 years.

Vincent '60 and Delores "Dolly" Cowan '60 Mungillo are serving with World Gospel Mission at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, East Africa as the host couple for visiting staff and their spouses. They will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 20, 2010 and were sorry to miss their 50th reunion of the Highlander Class at Reunion 2010.

Rev. Bob Maxwell '63 married Estelle Lyons on June 6, 2010. E-mail: bob.maxwell63@asburyalumni.org.

Kenneth Yon Smith '65 is retiring from the Osceola County Commission after 14 years of service. He is not seeking reelection and ends his current term on Nov. 15 of this year. He plans to stay with the Osceola Education Foundation for another three years where he has been President since 1996. He can be reached at the Foundation (407-870-4928).

Henry C. Anderson Jr. '68 retired from the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference on June 30, 2010. He is caregiver for wife, **Kay Diefenbach '66 Anderson**. E-mail: aandka@comcast.net.

Jim Sunderland '68 retired after 40 Years in the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Janice, reside at 1077 Cherry Street Montoursville, PA 17754.

Mary Vore '68, Ph.D., department chair and director of the Graduate Center for Toxicology at the University of Kentucky, has taken on the additional role of associate dean for faculty advancement as of April 15, 2010. In this new role, Vore will focus on working with basic science and clinical faculty on career advancement and tenure.

1970s

Sarah Klipp '75 Hupp is the author of "The Roller Coaster of Unemployment: Trusting God for the Ride" published by Discovery House.



45TH TUMBLING TEAM REUNION

Guy (Young) LaJeunesse '76 is the manager of Marketing and Communications for the Cincinnati May Festival. Web site: www.mayfestival.com

Bob '79 and Diane Logue '79 Treen welcomed grandbabies – Kaelyn Elizabeth, (parents-**Chris '01 and Sarah Amrine '02 Treen**) in September 2009 and Avery Bryn (parents-Michael and **Rebekah Treen '05 Yohe**) in January 2010. Bob is still running (for 27 years) Old South Stained Glass and Antique Mall in Eustis, FL.

1980s

Paul Bryan '83, coach of the women's track team at Pine Forest High School in Pensacola, capped an undefeated season by winning their first Florida State Championship in women's track. It was the 7th most dominating performance since they have kept records.

Chuck '83 and Robin Watkins '82 Cole received Georgia Maeleigh TingJia Cole into their family on April 11, 2010. Georgia was born Jan. 16, 2008 in Guiyang, China.

Jim and Barbara Carnes '83 Beward welcomed Ethan Richard on Oct. 11, 2006 and Katherine Anna on Dec. 28, 2009. They join older brother, Patrick. Their new address is 108 Chapman Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601

Jim and Debbie Payton '86 Jewell are delighted to announce the birth of Caroline Rose on Nov. 30, 2009. Debbie, Jim and Caroline along with Payton Elizabeth Maye (born Dec. 29, 2007) live in Suwanee, GA. Jim and Debbie own Rooftop MediaWorks (www.Rooftop.biz), a firm that provides public relations and communications services for Christian organizations and causes. E-mail: dpayton3@msn.com

Dr. Mark A. Maddix '87 coauthored with Dean G. Blevins, "Discovery Discipleship: Foundations of Christian Education" (2010) Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press. The book provides a Wesleyan approach to Christian education and will be used as a textbook for Christian education courses in Wesleyan-Holiness Universities and Seminaries.

Gene Tate '87 has been selected as the Deputy Chief of the Current Operations Branch at the National Counterterrorism Center in Washington, DC.

Tim Baker '88 recently published his 18th book, "Jesus is for Liars" through Zondervan Publishing. Tim is the Managing Editor of Immerse, a Journal of Faith, Life and Youth Ministry.

Joel Winckler '88 is the Executive Pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church in Fargo, North Dakota. E-mail: jwinck@msn.com

Bradd '89 and Cynthia Edwards '89 Falkenberg announce the adoption of Caroline Lynn Yunim from China. Caroline was born on Oct. 7, 2007 and welcomed into the Falkenberg family on Feb. 1, 2010.

1990s

Brad '90 and Marnie Reeder will be teaching ESL in China during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Ruth Freeburg '90 and Paul Anthony Rutherford of Sterling, KS were married on Dec. 29, 2009 in Fairbanks, AK. E-mail: ruth@ferretlovers.com

Russ and Denise Briesacher '91 Muenz welcomed their second daughter, Lily, in September 2008.

Steven Evans '93 recently received a grant from the Southern Group on Educational Affairs (SGEA) from the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) for a project titled "Assessment of Student Patient Centered Medicine Experiences During Their Off Site Rotations." He is the Senior Clerkship Coordinator for the new College of Medicine at Florida International University in Miami, FL.

Jennifer Raynor '94 Melton recently received her MS in Education and teaches at Evangeline Booth College in Atlanta, GA.

Holly Sheilley, Ph.D. '94 has recently accepted a new position at the NCAA in Indianapolis, IN as Assistant Director of Championships.

Phileena Bacon '95 Heuertz is the author of her first book, "Pilgrimage of a Soul: Contemplative Spirituality for the Active Life," published by InterVarsity Press.

Scott '96 and Raeanne Wright '95 Marsee have moved to 614 Willow St., Celina, OH 45822. They have two children Megan, 9, and Kendra, 7. E-mail: raeanne.marsee@yahoo.com

Brent and **Shannon Keller '97 Hunt** announce the birth of Elena Rose on March 28, 2010. E-mail: sehunt17@gmail.com

Brian Hurley '97 was recently recognized by the Association of Professional Chaplains as a Board Certified Chaplain, a national certification in health care and institutional chaplaincy. He continues to serve as a staff chaplain at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Lakeland, FL.

Matthew and Doree Fedei '97 Lattanzio welcomed son Gabriel Matthew on May 26, 2008. They live in the Chicago area.

2000s

William and Erin McMurray '00 Avera welcomed Paige Elizabeth on Sept. 16, 2009. Paige joins her brother, Cooper, at home in Washington State.

Betsy Lynne Hall '01 moved to Grand Goave, Haiti in the beginning of March 2010 as a relief worker with Samaritan's Purse. She serves as the Deputy Country Director overseeing water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), rubble removal, food security, and medical programs as well as one of two base operations and program development.

Jeremy Lang '01 has completed his studies at Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry. Affiliated with Bethel Church in Redding, California.

Jason '01 and Anne Nelson welcomed Lydia Lee on Feb. 1. Lydia joins older siblings, Abby, 4, and Jonathan, 2.

Matt Swaim '01 is producer of "The Son Rise Morning Show," syndicated through the EWTN Global Catholic Radio Network. The show airs from 6-8 a.m. EST in more than 125 markets. Web site: www.sonrisemorningshow.com.

Whitney Weeks '01 and Joseph Keane were married in May 2010 and live in Chicago, IL with daughter, Ella Anne.

Shawn Okpebholo, Ph.D. '01 has joined the faculty of Wheaton College as Assistant Professor of Theory and Composition in the Conservatory of Music.

Andrew Deroo '02 is in a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship in at Harvard's Brigham and Women's

Hospital in Boston, MA. He has completed 3 years of general surgery residency at The George Washington University and will return after the year fellowship to finish his final 2 years.

Kentucky Educational Television recently aired the documentary "Thoroughbred" co-produced by **Matt Grimm '02**.

Nathan '02 and Jackie Adams '02 Marrs announce the birth of their first son Owen Stuart on Feb. 23, 2010. Nathan graduated in May from Baptist Seminary of Kentucky in Lexington with his Master of Divinity.

Bradley and Amanda Burks '02 McGrath announce the birth of James Bradley on June 29, 2010.

Brad and Brooke Newkirk '02 Swango welcome the arrival of Mason William on Jan. 15, 2010.

Nathan '03 and Julie Freeman '02 Alfano welcomed Lauren Elizabeth on May 26, 2009 in Chatan Cho, Okinawa, Japan at a Navy hospital at Camp Lester. They are living in Hurlburt Field, FL.

Sara Mabrey '03 Miller completed her law degree from the University of Nebraska Law School and resides in Fort Myers, FL where she is a Felony Firearms Prosecutor. On June 5, 2010 Sarah married James Miller, an economic crimes prosecutor in Lee County.

Charlie Shoemaker '03 was ordained an Elder and became a member of the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on June 9, 2010. E-mail: PastorShoe@gmail.com

Jara Sturdvant-Wilson '03 married Kenley Davis Sturdvant-Wilson October 24, 2009. The couple resides in Omaha, NE, where Jara serves as the Advocacy Coordinator with Word Made Flesh. Web site: www.wordmadeflesh.org

Thomas '04 and Erin Taber '04 Mitchell announce the birth of Levi Thomas on March 22, 2010 in Bristol, CT. Tommy works in Event Operations for ESPN in Bristol, Conn. Erin is a graphic designer at Valley Community Baptist Church in Avon, CT.

Ainsley Salmon '04 and Emil Handke were married on June 4, 2010. E-mail: Ainsley.handke@gmail.com

Brendan Byrne '05 completed a master's degree in Renaissance Literature in 2010 at the University of York, Yorkshire, England. He also has a master's degree in teaching from Wesley College in Delaware. He is currently in a Ph.D. program in Renaissance Literature at the University of Reading, Berkshire, Reading, England.

Anna McFadden '05 is Legislative Specialist at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Sarah Seaton '05 received her M.A. in writing from Johns Hopkins University in December 2009. She moved in Knoxville, TN in March to begin work as a producer for DIY Network. In June, Sarah received an Emmy Award for a promo I produced for ABC 7 News in Washington, D.C. titled, "Who's Tapping Your Cell?"

Josh '05 and Jenn Latimer '05 Whiteman welcome the arrival of Madeline Elizabeth on Feb. 28, 2010.

Diana Shipe '06 married Noel Ball on May 22, 2010.

Ricky '07 and Aidan Oliver '06 DiMartino celebrate the birth of their first child, Aolani Elizabeth, on Feb. 18, 2010.

Ashleigh Lauren Graves '07 married Bryan Roesler on April 17, 2010 in Indianapolis, IN.

Tyler '07 and Ruth O'Neal '07 Tate welcomed a son, Galileo Tyler, on Jan. 19, 2010. They live in Blackheath in Southeast London, UK.

Andrew Sullivan '07 recently opened a warehouse for Stop Hunger Now in Philadelphia, PA.

Will Adams '08 is Video Production Director at Frazier Memorial United Methodist in Montgomery, AL.

Abe Parker '11, Grant Ebright '10 and Landon Cunningham '10 make up the band, Rookie. The group played Ichthus 2010 for the second year and released their second album, "Into the Wind."

Jenny Baldridge '11 married Jason Knott on June 12, 2010. They were married by Jenny's father **Rev. David Baldridge '81** in Englewood, FL.

Benjamin '08 and Christina (Kiki) Blankenship '09 Spann welcomed Caleb Lee on March 24, 2010, in Lexington, KY. Grandparents **Glen '78 and Shelley Neff '78 Spann** are exuberant, as are great-grandparents Dr. Bob and Marilyn Neff, and Dr. Harold and Bernice Spann. Uncles **Travis Lee Spann '05 and Michael Caleb Spann '09** joins with all the rest in welcoming the newest Spann to the clan.



A number of Asburians recently met at the Camp China Engage summer program through ELIC (English Language Institute/China) on Cheung Chau Island in Hong Kong. From back L: **Ethan Engelhardt '13, Bryan Dewaal '11, Job Canfield '11, Matt Deroo '00** From front L: **Becky Russell '00, Sarah Peck '03, Jessie Baker '10, Meredith Knowlton '12, Andrea McQueen '12**

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Clifford Flood '29, Business, March 4, 2010, Yulee, FL

Rodney Stockton '30, Business, July 1, 2009, Oakland Park, FL

Evan Jones '36, Ministry, Feb. 19, 2010, Columbus, OH

Catherine Crossno '39 Tucker, Education, April 16, 2010, Macon, GA

John Falkenberg '40, Ministry, April 28, 2010, Ft. Myers, FL

G. Elizabeth Moe '40 Snider, Education, Sept. 16, 2009, Hialeah, FL

June Wilson '41 Hough, Education, March 12, 2010, Gastonia, NC

Ferne Miller '42 Bowersox, Education, May 13, 2010, Hutchinson, KS

Marian Dieck '42, Education, Aug. 9, 2009, Swartz Creek, MI

L. Louise Niles '42 Doyle-Rich, Business, May 23, 2010, Franklin, IN

Sarah Holbrook '42 Sloat, Homemaker, April 23, 2010, Springfield, GA

Jeanette Stephenson '42 Wallace, Education, Nov. 18, 2009, Carlisle, KY

Lewis Hedges '46, Ministry, March 5, 2010, Terre Haute, IN

Betty Postel '47 Matthews, Education, March 30, 2010, Medina, OH

Emil Haering '48, Ministry, April 5, 2010, Burton, MI

Eunice Ward '48 Weldon, Education, April 22, 2010, Wilmore, KY

Phyllis Jenkins '49 Hedges, Ministry, June 20, 2009, Terre Haute, IN

Harvey Pierce '49, Ministry, Feb. 9, 2010, Essex, MA

Carol Warner '49 Rector, May 21, 2010, Williamston, MI

Claude Campbell '50, Ministry, Feb. 16, 2010, Gastonia, NC

Victor Galloway '50, Law, June 12, 2009, Sparta, TN

Wesley I. Kersh '50, Ministry, June 4, 2010, Putnam, IL

Hubert Patrick '50, Ministry, April 8, 2010, Bel Air, MD

Doris Allison '51 Fogle, March 22, 2010, Woodstock, VA

Edward Hunter '51, Ministry, March 13, 2010, Irvine, CA

Verna Harbison '51 Pellow, Medical, April 21, 2010, Westland, MI

Richard M. Burns '52, Ministry, March 16, 2010

Mary McWilliams '52 Whelchel, Ministry, May 30, 2010, Wilmore, KY

John Groce '53, Education, March 30, 2010, Tiffin, OH

Jackson L. Newberry '53, April 20, 2010, Orlando, FL

Doyle Pavly '53, Ministry, Feb. 27, 2010, Bloomington, IN

Joyce Daughtry '56 Porter, Education, Nov. 4, 2009, Salemburg, NC

Wilma Algren '57 Blackstock, Education, Jan. 8, 2010, Fuquay Varina, NC

Mary Scudder '57 Covert, Accounting, March 25, 2010, Rex, GA

Ida McDaniel '59, Education, Feb. 24, 2010, Heath, OH

William Moody '62, Ministry, April 2, 2010, Wilmore, KY

Roxie Patterson '66 Thompson, Ministry, March 8, 2009, Dennison, OH

Budd Johnson '69, Ministry, June 8, 2009, Bonita Springs, FL

Gary Hunt '74, Feb. 11, 2010, North St. Paul, MN

Joan Clark '83 Morgan, Business, May 30, 2009, Russellville, KY

Gary Nelson '84, Ministry, May 12, 2010, Lexington, KY

Friends

Kenneth Bissey, March 9, 2010, Olney, IL

John Blackford, Feb. 13, 2010, Forest Lake, MN

Florence Casey, Jan. 16, 2010, Columbus, IN

J. Mark Casey, Feb. 17, 2010, Columbus, IN

Arthur Conn, March 3, 2009, New Port Richey, FL

Dale Cox, Nov. 1, 2009, Oldsmar, FL

Robert J. Dixon, July 1, 2009, North Vernon, IN

David Guiler, April 28, 2010, Lexington, KY

Tom Jenkins, Jan. 16, 2010, Lexington, KY

Charles Kendall, April 13, 2009, Mt. Vernon, IN

Dorothy Moegerle, April 9, 2010, Orlando, FL

Joseph Parker, April 14, 2010, Greer, SC

Paul W. Pierce, June 5, 2010, Nashville, TN

William Redding, Aug. 16, 2009, Pendleton, IN

Robert Shearer, April 8, 2009, Lancaster, KY

William A. Ury, June 22, 2010, Wilmore, KY

Christobel Via, March 10, 2010, Martinsville, VA

Ann Weathers, Feb. 8, 2010, Elkton, KY

Henry A. Wilson, June 1, 2010, Lyman, SC



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Fall Revival

September 16-18

Alumni Board Meetings

September 23-25, 30

Fall Play: Dearly Departed, Doddridge-Holland

October 1-2

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Women's Retreat

October 4-6

Wesleyan Heritage Conference

October 7-8

The Call Conference

October 8

Artist Series: Orchid Ensemble, Hughes

October 29-30

Homecoming

October 29

Sibling Invasion

October 30

PAC Meeting

October 28-30

Board of Trustees

November 1-5

Great Commission Congress

November 11-13

1940s Radio Hour, Doddridge-Holland

November 18-20

All Star Band Clinic

November 18-20

1940s Radio Hour, Doddridge-Holland

December 3

Narnia Night III, Hughes

December 4

Wilmore Old Fashioned Christmas

December 10

Last Day of Classes

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