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NEW BOOKSTORE IN THE HOWARD CENTER

The campus bookstore, now located on the lower level of the Harold Howard Center, continues to be the campus source for most of the following items: textbooks and course material, school and office supplies, health and beauty aids, snacks and soda, software through our Web site, and Eastern imprinted items such as clothing, gifts, and memorabilia, diploma frames and class rings.

The bookstore features faculty author titles and will special order other general book titles upon request. With the additional space, it has been able to expand the selection of apparel and gifts. The store is open weekdays year round, as well as weekends for Homecoming, Graduation and other special events. Students can sell their textbooks back to the store at the end of every fall and spring semester. Store hours vary at the beginning of every term, as well as holidays, vacations, and special events, but are generally:

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Mission Statement

Spirit supports the mission of Eastern University to provide a Christian higher education for those who will make a difference in the world through careers and personal service rooted in faith applied to academic disciplines. The news magazine serves as a connection between the Eastern University campus community of students, faculty, staff and administration and its alumni, trustees, friends, donors, parents and neighbors.

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Eastern is one of 4300 colleges and universities in America that prepares students to fill productive roles in our Knowledge Age. The vast majority of these institutions define knowledge as the result of sound scientific and intellectual reasoning. About 200 of them define it as the result of the integration of such reasoning and faith. Eastern University is one of a handful of institutions that has expanded this definition of knowledge to include the integration of faith, reason and justice.



Adding justice to the definition has transformed teaching and learning at Eastern in ways that are consequential to society. For example, business students who have graduated from Eastern over the last 25 years have incubated more than a million new jobs in the two-thirds world. The University's pioneering work in education over that same period has resulted in a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation invitation to partner in the development of a promising new model for teaching and learning in urban high schools. Just imagine the value to society if this project is successful!

Eastern graduates excel in influential corporate, professional, ecclesial and government offices, making important decisions based on knowledge that includes a moral compass. In this issue of Spirit, you'll read about alumni, faculty and students demonstrating Eastern's brand of Christian leadership. Whether it's helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina (p. 16) or pioneering a model of international social work (p. 11), members of this community are making an impact. I invite you to read their inspiring stories.

I also invite you to join me in Eastern's sacred mission by becoming a President's Associate. You'll see all the details of this new way to support our vision of faith, reason and justice on p. 14.

And, as always, thank you for your prayers for Eastern University as we strive to be Christ-like servant leaders in an increasingly complex and troubled world.

In His Name,

David Black



PREPARING LEADERS OF FAITH AND VISION

The Challenging Templeton Honors College Experience

By Dr. Christopher Hall and Beth Chapman

A small group of students sits exhausted at the crest of Mount Marcy, one of the tallest mountains in the Adirondacks. For some of this entering class of Templeton Honors College (THC) students, the trek up the mountain has been one of the most difficult, challenging, and rewarding experiences of their lives.

What might be the rhyme and reason behind such an arduous, demanding task? Virtues such as perseverance, grit, determination, and resolve come to mind. If leaders are to guide others to new, unforeseen terrain, they themselves must possess the traits and skills to navigate their course safely and skillfully. They must understand themselves well. What are the strengths they already possess? What are the hidden cracks in their personalities, crevices in danger of widening under stress? Because a central goal of the Templeton Honors College is to identify and develop students who will be future leaders in our society – whether their field is education, journalism, the arts, business, medicine, law, politics, or science – we head off together each fall for a week-long camping trip with first-year students.

IMAGINE A WELL-CONSTRUCTED LADDER

In describing leadership development at the Templeton Honors College, we often use the illustration of a ladder. A ladder has two rails, along with any number of rungs, depending on its length. Picture the first rail of the ladder. At the THC, this rail represents our emphasis on the life of the mind. We want our students to think well, read well, and write well. After four years at Eastern, Honors College students should be well on their way to becoming educated people: familiar with the great works of the Western canon, well-versed in both the humanities and sciences, and well aware of major

currents and developments domestically and internationally.

A well-formed mind, however, represents only one rail of our ladder. If the intellectual growth of our students were our only goal, we would match the primary emphasis of most honors colleges across the country. But the second rail of our ladder is equally important: the character development of our students. We are deeply concerned about the spiritual formation of THC undergraduates. We ask during their time at Eastern whether THC participants are increasingly being shaped into the image of Christ. As Egyptian monastics used to put it, are students learning to study with “the mind in the heart?” The Templeton Honors College is focused on developing leaders whose intellect and character have matured through immersion in an academically and spiritually challenging environment.

Finally, the rungs on our ladder represent the important skills our students must develop to lead effectively. Practice in public speaking, lessons in societal graces, exposure to cultural events, studying abroad, and opportunities to lead are just a few of the experiences we provide throughout a student’s four years.

SOUND CHALLENGING?

It is. But for students who are wired to excel and compelled by a drive to make a difference, this program is the experience they seek. Although only three cohorts of the THC have graduated, we have alumni pursuing graduate degrees in fields such as

theology, medicine, genetics, musical performance and clinical psychology, and alumni who are already employed in their chosen vocations. We have a graduate who is engaged in conflict resolution in El Salvador, another who is a corporate and financial analyst for Gaudenzia, Inc., and one who is working with Arab refugees in Atlanta. These alumni are young but determined. They realize the responsibility associated with their gifting. They are paving the way for future generations of THC graduates.

It’s time for that exhausted group of hikers to begin their descent from Mt. Marcy. They pick up their packs, a little unsure of what this challenge has to do with an honors college, but a bit surer of themselves and each other. They take one last glance at the breathtaking view and wonder what the next few years will hold. What their future holds is an experience that will push them, shape them, and prepare them for the calling God has placed on their lives. At the Templeton Honors College, leadership development is designed to position people of faith to engage their entire world. The first-year hike may be coming to an end, but the journey has just begun.

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Prior to its move to the present location in Wynnewood, the Seminary was situated in downtown Philadelphia at Rittenhouse Square.

BUILDING ON CHRISTIAN TRADITION

The School of Leadership and Development

By M. Thomas Ridington '78, Senior Vice President

The legendary South Pole explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton, wrote in his diary, "Optimism is true moral courage." Optimism is the hope of a different future. It takes moral courage to believe things can be different. The School of Leadership and Development's students, graduates and partners incarnate the concept of moral courage, as did our founders.

Eastern University is Christian in tradition, a heritage that is active and alive today. Our motto is "The Whole Gospel for the Whole World," which we appropriated from our parent, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University), established in 1925.

1925 was a memorable year. Adolf Hitler published his manifesto, *Mein Kampf*. The famed Scopes Trial was held. The American church was dividing over the question of whether

salvation was exclusively personal or social.

Fundamentalism and the social Gospel movement arose in response to the modern problems of the early twentieth century, responding to the negative consequences of industrialization. Many establishment churches, whether silently or in solidarity with the wealthy captains of American industry, interpreted wealth as God's blessing and had little concern for the poor (or child) laborers who produced it. This provided fertile soil for the birth of a social engagement message claiming that Christ's salvation included society and its economic institutions as well as individuals.

Fundamentalism responded to a completely different modern phenomenon, the increasing trend of viewing the Bible as historical literature instead of the revealed Word of God. Fundamentalism viewed its fight as a spiritual one. They emphasized that Christ's primary interest was the salvation of individuals, and had little interest in addressing social injustice.

1925 was also the time six believers in Philadelphia came together with the moral courage to promote an alternative thought— that salvation was both individual and social.

They pooled their resources of \$26 and opened the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In an act of optimism, with only a handful of students, those same "six men with \$26" legally registered the name "Eastern University," as a potential future fulfillment of their vision—which came to fruition some 75 years later. The University's recently adopted vision statement exhibits our faithfulness to that of our founders (see box).

The spirit of moral courage that Eastern exemplifies in forging its distinctive pedagogical approach both attracts and repels people. Some perceive us as too conservative, while others as too liberal, but some find most attractive a Gospel that is both.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Eastern has hosted ambassadors and senators, a Baroness and an archbishop. Far more impressive, I believe, have been those drawn here to teach—our faculty. Many have exhibited the same moral courage of our founders, leaving posts at premier research universities to impart "The Whole Gospel for the Whole World." They have elected Eastern University because of their compelling desire to labor where com-

mitments to faith, reason and justice transform pedagogy and scholarship.

Finally, there are our alumni, inhabiting 50 states and even more countries, pursuing what Billy Graham referred to as the "adventure of a commitment to Jesus Christ." Our alumni, particularly in the School of Leadership and Development, include relief workers in Chile, and missionaries in Thailand; they create jobs in Bangladesh and Seattle. They run AIDS clinics in Los Angeles and Malawi. They direct development organizations in Canada, Russia, Indonesia, Uganda, and clinics in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia. They are diplomats, educators, entrepreneurs, trainers, pastors, CEOs, youth workers, urban planners, marketers, analysts, community developers, program managers, presidents, doctors, lawyers, builders, and bankers.

As one of Eastern's friends, you are part of this compelling story of moral courage. As we sojourn with God, let us travel this path together, so that the lives we live and stories we tell continue to build on a Christian tradition quickened with optimism.

EASTERN UNIVERSITY VISION STATEMENT *(From the Eastern University Strategic Plan, 2005.)*

The society and church that are Eastern's reason for existence face complex challenges. As a consequence, so does the University. Those challenges stem largely from urban pluralism, globalization of the knowledge economy, opposite trending birthrates among the haves and have-nots, geopolitical tensions, and frayed educational and family systems. The University's ongoing

contributions to society and church are in the form of graduates and faculty who are knowledgeable, ethical, productive and charitable. The next generation of influencers and leaders of society and church would benefit substantially from the distinctive set of qualities present at Eastern. Included in that set is a worldview that combines academic excellence, evangelicalism and

social action. Also present are a context for interpretation and formation that is inclusive ethnically and a faculty whose scholarship is significant in this knowledge age. Given those challenges and distinctive qualities, Eastern envisions a transformational role in society as socially active evangelicalism's pre-eminent institution for ecclesiastical, economic and human development.

THE LEADERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

By Tess Bradley

Last fall, the 10th cohort of the Leadership Grant Program (LGP) arrived early on campus for four days of orientation before the rest of the first-year students were dropped off by their anxious parents. By that time, the 20 LGPers had already made some friends and knew where things were on campus.

Since students are chosen for the Leadership Program based not only on their grades and leadership activities in high school, but also on their servant hearts, that little bit of familiarity with the campus helped them help their classmates. Equipping students to be helpful to others is what the Leadership Program is all about.

From the 100 or so applications received each year, 20 students are selected to form a group of potential leaders who, in time, will serve the University in leadership positions. That is one of the requirements. Other requirements include orientation, several courses in leadership, and the ability to have fun with a very diverse group of stand-out individuals. As one LGP student put it, this is the one place on campus where the lions lie down with the lambs. LGPers are leaders of sports, student government,



Seniors graduating from the Leadership Grant Program are (left to right): Front: Reeja Koshy, Dan Smith, Josiah Carden; Back: Kenny Coombs, Katie Castle, Kristen Gaiser, Sabrina Parker, Janine Wineberg Tillman, Ashley Tennis, Elise Hunsicker, Gabe Lambright, Greg Klimovitz. Not pictured: Jon Ruiz, Katie Gorman, Whit McCullough

resident assistants, student chaplains, theatre and music performers, leaders of clubs and service organizations. Not all leaders on campus are part of the Leadership Grant Program. But all members of the LGP, at one time or another, are leaders. Members of the LGP receive a grant, renewable each year if they have fulfilled the expectations of the program.

Although the Introduction to Leadership course for the first-year LGP students is closed, the Practicum, which is a one-credit class taken while the student is doing his or her major leadership service, is open to any campus leader. These small classes become a support group for the student as they try their leadership wings with the encouragement of others going through the same experience.

The Leadership minor is open to any student.

The Leadership Grant Program is a quiet giant on campus. It is the culture of the program not to make much of ourselves. Members are not often identified as part of the program, but achieve recognition on their own merits.

Among the seniors this year is a former President of Student Government, three Barnabas Servant

Leadership award winners, former resident assistants and student chaplains, four inductees into the Walton Honor Society, and an already working youth minister. Many people on campus know the Leadership students, although few know they are members of the Leadership Grant Program. And yet the four years of wonderful role modeling from those who go before, close friendships, academic challenges and shared experiences have contributed substantially to the leaders they have been and are becoming.

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\$2.1 MILLION EDUCATION GRANT AWARDED

Eastern University and Nueva Esperanza, Inc. are pleased to announce that Esperanza College, a branch campus of Eastern University, received a \$2.15 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to continue its partnership with Nueva Esperanza, Inc., expand facilities and develop new academic programs for the Hispanic community. The award, spread over a five-year period ending in September 2010, is made possible under the Title V Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions program.

"Esperanza College offers an outstanding opportunity for promising individuals in our community to realize a quality college education locally with considerable financial assistance," said Esperanza College Dean Dr. Jack Weaver.

Esperanza College is the smallest school ever to be funded, and one of only 20 schools nationwide to win the highly competitive Title V grant. The grant will develop unused space at the college campus, located in Nueva Esperanza, Inc.'s offices at 4261 North 5th Street in Philadelphia, for a library, classrooms and other facilities to meet the needs of its growing student population. Currently, more than 90 students are enrolled in its associate's degree program in one of three concentrations: business, communications or early childhood education.

Esperanza College is the only Hispanic Serving Institution of higher learning in Pennsylvania and the only

program of its kind in the country where students study in Spanish while learning English. Upon earning their associate's degrees, students are prepared to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Nearly 50% of EC alumni continue into four-year colleges.

Last year, The Commission of Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the official accreditation organization for this region, designated Esperanza College as a branch campus of Eastern University.

"Esperanza College is an example of good practices implemented to yield a positive outcome in a community plagued too long by negativity," said Orlando Becerra, a nontraditional student at Esperanza College who started this spring session. "Our youth are looking up to us as adults," he added. "We must be the best role models for them so they too can follow in our footsteps."

Esperanza College of Eastern University (formerly known as Nueva Esperanza Center for Higher Education) is the realization of a dream that Nueva Esperanza, Inc.'s president, the Rev. Luis Cortés, first articulated for a college that serves the Latino population. By forming a partnership with Eastern University President Dr. David Black in 2000,

Rev. Cortés saw his dream take shape. *Time Magazine* named Luis Cortes one of 25 influential evangelical leaders in America.

Nueva Esperanza, Inc. (NEI) is the parent company of Esperanza USA, located in North Philadelphia. Founded in 1987 by the Rev. Luis Cortés, Jr. and the Hispanic Clergy of Philadelphia, NEI brings "New Hope" to a community where poverty and discrimination hobble too many aspirations. In less than two decades, NEI has built new homes, refurbished abandoned ones, and started a charter high school and a center for higher education. It has also served as an incubator for small businesses, provides job training, and operates a summer camp for underprivileged youth.

For more information about Esperanza College of Eastern University, call 215-324-0746.



CLAUDIA CURRY DCP '93, MBA '95



Dr. Curry's Steps for Building Effective Teams

1. Choose a leader based on merit and skills, not personality. A leader is responsible for determining how the team should be developed, and so should be someone qualified to do that job.
2. Identify deliverables and nondeliverables.
3. Establish roles and responsibilities; set ground rules.
4. Develop a mission statement.
5. Establish a shared vision or direction.
6. Develop an agenda and a road map.
7. Define specific, measurable goals.
8. Determine individual talents and skill sets.
9. Strategize/develop action plans, demonstrating concepts and examples whenever possible.
10. Promote an open exchange of ideas, being careful to exercise responsibility and self-discipline. Encourage team participation from all members.
11. Determine lines of formal/informal communications.
12. Develop reasonable timelines.
13. Delegate and coordinate responsibility and authority.
14. Set conditions and standards for each task. Establish checks and balances.
15. Benchmark progress, successes and failures.

LEADING THE WAY

"Leadership is a lonely business. It can be tough at times. But it is also fun," says Dr. Claudia Curry. "To be effective, you have to have vision and get people to buy into your vision." As founding director of the Women's Center at Community College of Philadelphia, she especially appreciates the power of teams. "It has been proven that building effective teams can be one of the most competent strategies for retaining employees, boosting morale and enhancing personal performance," she says. The Women's Center provides programs and resources for students in response to a variety of campus issues and needs.

Before joining Community College of Philadelphia, Dr. Curry created the Urban League of Philadelphia Leadership Institute, where she served for 12 years. The Institute's graduates include notable professionals from government, banking, medicine, business and the nonprofit sector.

Dr. Curry's own education began at Community College of Philadelphia, and then Temple University. Like so many other working adults, she had taken many courses but had not completed a degree. One day, she heard about Eastern's degree completion programs for working adults on KYW News Radio. "I thought it sounded like just what I needed," she says.

Claudia Curry completed her bachelor's degree in organizational management at Eastern and then went on to complete the Fast-Track MBA® program. "Eastern was a great experience," she says. "I really learned to write like a scholar, which helped me so much in my doctoral studies later. And I appreciated that Eastern is a Christian university."

She completed her doctor of education in January at Wilmington College. Dr. Curry returned to Eastern's Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies in February to speak at a seminar and share her knowledge and expertise on building effective teams.

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TISH MOGAN '98**SETTING ETHICAL STANDARDS**

Patricia "Tish" Mogan serves as Standards for Excellence Officer for the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations, Harrisburg, PA. The Standards for Excellence program is an ethics and accountability code for the nonprofit sector in Pennsylvania. Her background includes work in the fields of education and nonprofit administration. Tish Mogan is an adjunct faculty member of Eastern University's MS in Nonprofit Management program, and developed the curriculum for the "Ethics and Issues in the Nonprofit Sector" course. She holds an MA in Theology from St. Bonaventure University and an MBA with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from Eastern University.

BRYAN STEVENSON '81**JUSTICE FOR THE POOR**

Attorney Bryan Stevenson is director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama, an organization which exposes the biases under which capital punishment is imposed, and represents those who cannot afford legal representation. Stevenson and his colleagues have overturned death sentences in over 67 cases. His work has earned him the MacArthur Foundation Award and the Olof Palme Prize 2000 from Sweden, awarded annually to an individual who promotes peace and fights against injustice.

**SHANE CLAIBORNE '97****THE NEW MONASTICISM**

One of the Eastern students who founded The Simple Way in Philadelphia, PA, Shane Claiborne lives among the poor he serves as he responds to the call for radical faith in Jesus Christ. The Simple Way is part of a movement its members call "the new monasticism." Most are young Christians frustrated with the complacency of established Christianity, and inspired by the model of the early church. He has just written *The Irresistible Revolution* (Zondervan) explaining his commitment to fully living out his faith, and has spoken on several occasions to students on the Eastern campus.



TONY CAMPOLO '56



A LIFETIME OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Dr. Tony Campolo '56 has served his alma mater for nearly 30 years as a professor of sociology, after earning his Ph.D. from Temple University. An advocate for social justice, a renowned motivational speaker, and a prolific author, Dr. Campolo has appeared on *Nightline*, *Larry King Live* and *CNN News*. He hosts a radio program in England, and has written 32 books, the most recent of which is *Speaking My Mind*.

Dr. Campolo is an ordained minister who serves as the associate pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in West Philadelphia. It was his vision for economic development that created that program at Eastern. He says, "Recognizing the need for job creation among the poor, the Campolo School has developed specialized graduate programs in urban economic development and nonprofit leadership that equip students to empower indigenous people to develop and own faith-based microbusinesses and industries, and to manage community-based organizations." His passion for social justice and boundless energy in serving God's people motivate everyone at Eastern University to try to emulate his example of Christian leadership.

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RON SIDER

CARING FOR CREATION

Ron Sider (Ph.D., Yale) is professor of theology, holistic ministry and public policy at Palmer Theological Seminary, a professional school of Eastern University in Wynnewood, PA. Dr. Sider is president of Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA), which is now part of the Sider Center. A widely known speaker and writer, Dr. Sider has spoken on six continents, and has published 26 books and scores of articles. His *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* was recognized by *Christianity Today* as one of the 100 most influential religious books of the 20th century. He is actively working for environmental stewardship and helped form the Evangelical Environmental Network and the Call to Action which declares "the lordship of Christ over all creation." In an opinion piece published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* this February, Dr. Sider wrote about the need to combat global warming and climate change.

See www.ChristiansAndClimate.org and contact Dr. Sider at rsider@eastern.edu.



MARK RODGERS '73



TACKLING TOUGH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Dr. Mark E. Rodgers, dean of the Graduate School of Social Work at Dominican University, earned the Ministry of Education and Science Award from the Republic of Latvia for helping to establish social work as a profession there. He has traveled to Latvia over 20 times to teach, train supervisors and staff, and assist in developing licensing procedures and a code of ethics. The issues they confront are global, ranging from human trafficking and drugs, to child welfare and employment.

One of the first to develop U.S. State Department partnerships with social work programs throughout the world, Dr. Rodgers is committed to fighting human trafficking, which he describes as a “big problem all over the world.” He has written extensively about this subject, served on a Salvation Army task force, and is currently involved with a program to combat this abuse in Ecuador. He designed a groundbreaking internationally-focused social work program in the U.S., which led to his invitation to serve as dean at Dominican University in Illinois.

Mark Rodgers credits a semester at Oxford University in England, when he was a junior at Eastern, as the beginning of his interest in international social work. “I believe I was the first social work student to study abroad in 1972,” he says. “Eastern was a truly life-changing experience for me. I treasure the relationships I developed there, and I was well prepared for my professional work and further education.” The most important relationship was with his wife, Jan Aiello’74. Their son, Lucas, is now a student in international relations at Drexel University.

After Eastern, Dr. Rodgers went on to earn his MSW and DSW degrees at the University of Pennsylvania, serving as an adjunct professor at Eastern during those years. He held various teaching and leadership positions at Monmouth University, NJ, for 21 years.

In reflecting on his time at Eastern, Mark Rodgers says, “I value Eastern’s clear Christian base. My faith certainly grew there. I went from reflecting my parents’ faith to forming my own. I enjoyed the small classes and personal attention from professors, including Tony Campolo, Ed Kuhlmann, Bob Ecklund, Martie Shalitta, Jean Kim and so many others. I definitely plan to keep a relationship with Eastern University.”

Contact Dr. Mark Rodgers at 484-802-4464.

Welcome to Olson Field

It was on the soccer field 15 years ago that Chip Olson '90 was first introduced to Eastern when he came as a player on the opposing team. He liked what he saw and knew it was a special place. After receiving Eastern's Leadership Grant, Chip transferred here as a business and political science major. Soon he was wearing the Eagles jersey and says, "Eastern's soccer program was one of the best and most important experiences in my life. Coach Wayne Rasmussen taught us about faith and focus. The harder the task, the harder we pushed ourselves." Chip attributes his success to the seeds that were planted while at Eastern.

Almost ten years after graduation, teammate Derek Ritchie '89 contacted Chip to invite him back to take an active role in the life of Eastern University. And that's exactly what he has done. As president of the Olson Research Group, Inc., a pharmaceutical marketing research firm, Chip has been a major supporter of the annual Eastern Cup Golf Tournament. He's involved with our current men's soccer team and recently helped in funding a much-needed renovation of the Gym locker rooms. He also established the Olson Leadership Award, an annual award presented to two seniors who demonstrate both scholarship and Christian leadership.

President David Black invited Chip to join the Board of Trustees six years ago. Dr. Black recalls, "Chip impressed me right away with his high view of Eastern and his willingness to invest

time, knowledge and resources in the University's advancement. The heart and soul of Eastern had intersected with his own. Though younger than other Board members, he seemed ready in all ways to hold the place in trust on behalf of students, alumni and other constituents. I looked forward to working with him." Chip agreed to the request. "I saw this as an opportunity to share my business experience and serve the Eastern community. So I was honored to say yes." Chip says he was a bit intimidated while attending his first Board meeting, noting that Dr. Jack Templeton was seated to his left and Mayor Wilson Goode to his right, but has found the Board to be a warm and welcoming group of professionals. Now chair of the property committee, Chip notes with

excitement many of the plans underway campus-wide that will build upon the recent improvements of the athletic facilities in contributing to Eastern's success as set forth in President Black's ten-year plan.

It's a substantial gift to the University that has prompted the naming of the main new artificial grass field/soccer facility in Chip's honor. Those who know him are not surprised by the next level of commitment he has shown through this gift. Responsibility and generosity are ideas that Chip takes seriously, and hopes that through this gift his fellow alums



will consider how they can be involved in the exciting transition that is taking place on campus. The official dedication will be at the Homecoming men's soccer game on October 14.

His business experience includes leading a company that is enjoying an annual growth rate of approximately 50%. The Olson Research Group employs over 40 people, including Senior Vice President Paul Neal '88, whom Chip describes as his right-hand man. The company has offices in Warminster, PA, and Ewing, NJ, from which it conducts research that gives its clients the customized data and insights they need to make better, faster, and actionable strategic decisions about their products. Chip has also been asked to join the Board of Achieve Ability, a non-profit organization that helps single parent, low-income, formerly homeless families reach and sustain permanent self-sufficiency.

In addition to his Board activities, Chip stays connected to Eastern through Bible study with Dr. Chris Hall, dean of the Templeton Honors College; Dr. David Black; Mark Wagner, coach for men's soccer; and Derek Ritchie, director of development and alumni affairs. He also works out with former Coach Wayne Rasmussen and says, "The camaraderie and teamwork you learn in competitive sports are lessons you can take into every aspect of your adult life." Chip adds, "With friends like Paul, Wayne, Derek and Dave Urban (executive director of admissions) who take that journey with you, it is all the more rewarding."

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INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

Trustee Stacey Sauchuk

One of Eastern's newest Trustees is Dr. Stacey Sauchuk '81, the senior vice president of academic programs and student affairs at Education Management Corporation (EDMC). She hopes to be a voice for younger alumni and women on the Board and to apply her business mindset to issues confronting higher education.

Stacey Sauchuk transferred to Eastern just for its social work program. "My experience was very good at Eastern," she says. "And this past Homecoming it was fun to catch up with so many faculty like Ed Kuhlmann, Sandy Bauer and Tony Campolo."

After graduating, she went on to earn her M.Ed. and Ph.D. in school psychology at Temple University. Dr. Sauchuk has been in her current position with EDMC since 2003 and was appointed an executive officer in 2005. She was a group vice president for the company before that, and president of The Art Institute of Philadelphia from 1997 to 2000. Prior to that she was an executive search consultant with Witt/Kieffer. Her husband, Sergio, is the administrator of a foster care agency in Glenside, PA, and serves part-time as pastor of Grace Ukrainian Baptist Church in Hatboro, PA.

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among the largest providers of private post-secondary education in North America, based on student enrollment and revenue. EDMC has 72 primary campus locations in 24 states and two Canadian provinces. EDMC's institutions offer a broad range of academic programs concentrated in the media arts, design, fashion, culinary arts, behavioral sciences, health sciences, education, information technology, legal studies and business fields, culminating in the awarding of associate's through doctoral degrees.

Stacey Sauchuk says of Eastern, "Its values and mission have held constant, which I respect. But Eastern has continued to grow and is very innovative, creative and flexible. It's also become more diverse and continues to walk the talk by taking its social justice mission to other groups. It makes me proud that Eastern University keeps working to meet the needs of the times."

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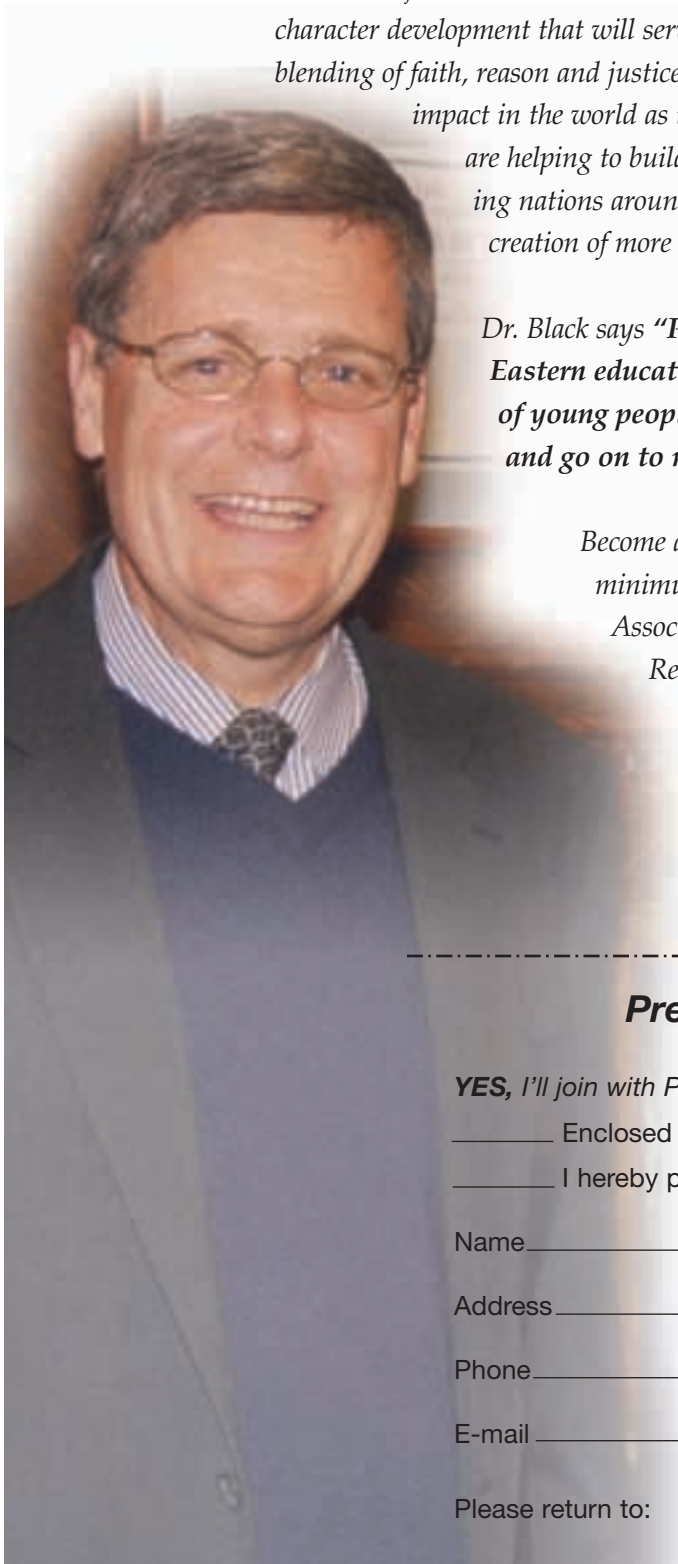
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JOHN H. VAN GORDEN: A LEADERSHIP PHILANTHROPIST

By James G. Rogers CPA, Vice President for Development

“Courage for the deed, grace for the doing.” That is more than a motto of a Philadelphia-area independent school. It’s a credo by which one of Eastern’s oldest and most generous givers lived. That span was significant: three centuries. John (Jack) H. Van Gorden was born in the waning months of the 19th century and lived to the earliest part of the 21st, when he died at age 102. He outlived his wife, his son and all his siblings. Jack was a giver, always looking for ways to make an impact for good with the resources of which he considered himself a steward, not an owner.

A veteran of World War I, Jack spent his entire professional life at IBM. Late in his career, he witnessed the birth of the computer and watched his employer surge from neophyte to unparalleled prominence in what would become the information age. From retirement, which Jack started in 1958, he saw that lead fade in the face of strong competition and a changing business climate.

My first meeting with Jack in 1989 resulted from a letter he wrote asking why he should give to Eastern. He’d been visited years earlier, but the relationship had languished. I called him and made an appointment—the beginning of a 12-year relationship that would become one of the most rewarding of its kind in my experience.

Jack had a passion for excellence and a refreshing intolerance for political correctness. We hit it off right away. Repairing earlier damage in his relationship with what was then Eastern

College was my first task, and it was clear Jack wanted to rekindle what had been lost. A year or so after our first meeting, Jack began to give again:

\$5,000 a year plus matching gifts from IBM of \$15,000 annually at their height.

Several years after that, he said he’d removed Eastern from his estate plans before writing that 1989 letter and wondered how the College would respond.

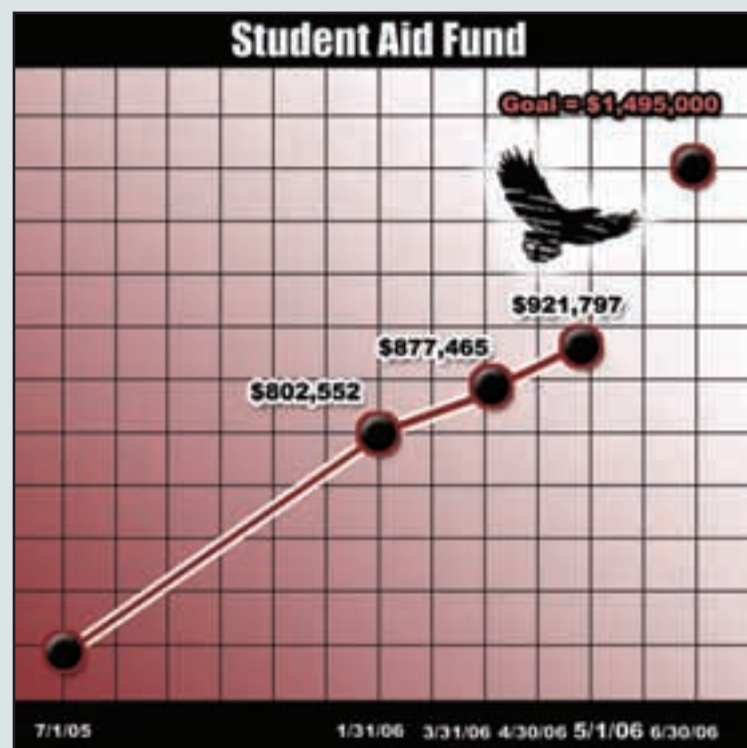
I asked him if he’d found our response worthy of his major reinvestment, and he smiled and nodded before launching into another story from his long and fascinating life.

My last visit with Jack was in a retirement home he helped found in Binghamton, NY. Still amazingly fit at 102, his mind had slipped graceful-

ly though quickly into twilight. I’m not sure if he recognized me, though he did smile when I recounted some of his own memories.

After Jack died, we heard from his executor. Jack had reversed his 1989 decision to remove Eastern from his estate plans. He’d exercised the kind of discernment and leadership that was evident during his long life. Jack’s overall giving to Eastern University created the John and Emma Van Gorden Chair in History, a generous sum that benefits each and every Eastern student today – and into perpetuity.

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HOPE RISES FROM KATRINA AFTERMATH

By Courtney Darby '03

I sat in silence as we rolled along Interstate 10 coming from the New Orleans International Airport. Even three months post-Katrina, waterlogged cars still rested underneath overpasses, and branches and plastic bags dotted the dirty grass. Two rescue boats rested at a ramp onto I-10, and neighborhoods remained desolate, branded with the blue FEMA tarps stretched across each roof.

In downtown New Orleans stores were boarded up and maggot-infested refrigerators sat taped shut along the sidewalks. Many of the palm trees that line the center strip of Canal Street had their tops sliced off. Our group of four stayed at the Brantley Baptist Homeless Shelter from Nov. 25-30, located in the Central Business District. The military-style bunks were yearning for new, rust-free springs; cooking in the kitchen was dicey

depending on when the cockroaches came out to play. We partnered with Desire Street Ministries, launched 15 years ago by a couple who moved into the projects of New Orleans to give hope and help to the children living there. All we knew was that we'd be pitching in wherever help was needed.

In a culture where there is a Starbucks on every corner, New Orleans almost felt like a two-thirds world country. It was quiet and solemn, like a ghost town, with only a fraction of its former inhabitants aimlessly roaming the streets. This eerie silence was most prevalent in the upper ninth ward where we worked for two days. I remember the diesel truck rumbling through the narrow streets, dodging piles of debris and downed power lines. We pulled out endless tools from the back bed—from

wheelbarrows to crowbars. Every home bore the infamous mark of the spray-painted "X," denoting the location, date checked, number of people and animals dead.

EACH HOUSE A STORY

The smell of stagnant, mold-filled air greeted us as we opened the door to Richard's home. Richard was a teacher at Desire Street School until Katrina flooded their facilities. (The school has since converted to a boarding school and is temporarily located in Destin, FL.) Mold covered every square inch of wood. Mud painted the tub and bathroom tile brown. I yanked out the bathroom cabinets; the heavy, wet drywall practically fell off the studs. In the end, every inch of Richard's first floor sat on the sidewalk.

In the second home we gutted, which belonged to the Perkins family, I saw glimpses of a family's life scattered across their front yard. Soaking clothes littered the sidewalk, a tattered Raggedy Ann doll sat atop the rubble.

During our lunch break I gazed at all the homes lining the streets and wondered, Where is all the help? Where are the volunteers? Food isn't enough; money isn't enough—manual labor and construction expertise are needed. Media coverage of Katrina has dwindled. Yet the lives of Gulf Coast residents have been altered forever. Families and children have



Becca Clyde, (left to right) Catherine Claire and Courtney Darby, standing proudly behind their demolition efforts from the first floor of Richard's home.

been separated, natives of New Orleans dispersed throughout the country.

SOMEONE TO LISTEN

Many people just want someone to talk to, like Chris, a twenty-something construction worker. His parents lived close to the 17th Street Canal, where some of the worst flooding hit. He said their home isn't salvageable, nor are any of their possessions because three feet of sludge still rests in it. Chris said that no one expected Katrina to be this bad. He said his grandmother was in one of the nursing homes that did not get evacuated; they were finally holding her funeral the next morning. His parents have decided never to return to New Orleans. Chris is still undecided. He kept asking our group if we worked there. We said that we were volunteering.

"Wait, ya'll are volunteers? You're gutting homes for free?" Chris asked, astonished. If nothing else, that was the highlight of our day. We gave someone the opportunity to share his story. I also think we gave him a bit of hope and encouragement.

Gazing back at the Perkins' neighborhood, I saw a glimmer of a normal life in the distance. Poking through the piles of rubble was a water-spotted American flag tied to a metal stud. Despite the devastation and widespread destruction, an abiding sense of hope remains.

Courtney Darby was a student chaplain and advisor, as well as Editor in Chief of the Waltonian at Eastern. Contact her at courtneyrdarby@yahoo.com

KIRK WILSON: PUBLIC SERVICE FROM CARLISLE TO KATRINA

Kirk Wilson '00, Mayor of Carlisle, PA, for 20 years, has worked tirelessly with other officials to attract developers and dollars to the borough. He has led numerous redevelopment projects and established traditions such as the summer fireworks. Wilson is also a spokesman for the PA State Department of Transportation.

With a lifetime of civil service, Kirk Wilson knew where he had to be when Hurricane Katrina hit. He traveled to Louisiana with the American Red Cross and helped with everything from public affairs and finding missing persons to serving meals and walking dogs at a shelter for abandoned pets. But one thing particularly piqued his interest; he found a small town named Carlisle, LA, and immediately thought of connecting their needs with his own beloved Carlisle, PA. When he returned home he began promoting this relief effort which resulted in a tractor-trailer loaded with 22,000 pounds of food, supplies and household goods, delivered to the tiny town in January.

He says, "My Eastern experience has been helpful within my work experience. You can teach an old dog new tricks. Eastern had a unique approach to continuing education. As someone who graduated at age 49, it was most appealing because it provided me the opportunity to use many of the skills I had acquired in the workplace and apply them towards my degree. With a busy life, I also found the spiritual side of Eastern a blessing. Although I dreaded taking a Bible course, as we affectionately referred to it, with Dr. Tony Blair it was not only enjoyable, but more importantly, it was life enriching. After graduation, I found myself becoming more active in my own church, currently serving as an elder on the Consistory and as chairman of the Evangelism Council."

Contact Mayor Kirk Wilson at 717-787-2956 or kirkwilson@hotmail.com



EASTERN PARTICIPATES IN STUDENT LOBBY DAY

On April 4, over 200 students, administrators, and college presidents gathered in Harrisburg, PA, to lobby the state legislature on behalf of the independent sector of higher education. Eastern was represented by students Adam Brittin, Megan Wilder, Emily Pfizenmayer, and George Reigle. Student Lobby Day was sponsored by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP).

Eastern students spent the morning in the Capitol lobbying local legislators, including State Senator Connie Williams and State Rep. William Adolph. The students were lobbying for: an increase in the PHEAA Grant program (student aid) consistent with the Governor's proposed budget; capital funding for independent colleges and universities; and an increase in the Institutional Assistance Grant (IAG) program.

The House of Representatives spent the day considering amendments to the state budget bill (HB 2499). Many legislators met students and presidents off-the-floor of the House while debate continued in the background. Two amendments implementing part of the AICUP budget request passed. Rep. Peter Zug (R-Lebanon) offered an amendment which added \$4.0



Representing Eastern University at Lobby Day are Leonard Jamison, vice president for university relations and enrollment (left to right), Emily Pfizenmayer, George Reigle, Meghan Wilder and Adam Brittin.

million for debt service for capital projects at private colleges and universities, and Rep. Rod Wilt (R-Mercer) offered an amendment which added \$2.4 million for the Institutional Assistance Grants (IAGs). The final budget will be negotiated between the Senate, House and Governor.

2005-06 BARNABAS LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Barnabas Servant Leadership Award, sponsored by the Barney II Foundation of River Forest, IL, is awarded annually to the junior or juniors who have demonstrated outstanding servant leadership on campus or in the community. Each recipient earns a monetary grant as well as the opportunity to donate to the volunteer organization of her/his choice.

This year's award winners are (left to right) Josiah Cardon, Katie Castle, Reeya Koshy and Juan De Angulo.



EASTERN STUDENT EARNS SPENCER W. PERKINS FELLOWSHIP

Last summer **Kristen Gaiser** (fifth from left) Jamestown, NY, earned the Spencer W. Perkins Fellowship, provided by the Nehemiah Urban Ministry Initiative. The fellowship is named after Spencer W. Perkins, who co-wrote a book on racial reconciliation entitled *More Than Equals*.

Gaiser was one of 12 applicants chosen for the fellowship and was placed with the Refuge Community Development Center, run by a church in Houston, TX. She worked as an intern with a summer program designed to teach fiscal responsibility and a work ethic to at-risk 10 to 15-year-olds. Her job included supervising daily car washes put on by the youth and teaching a class on the Constitution.



As a fellow, Gaiser attended the conference in November of the Christian Community Development Association, an organization run by Spencer Perkins' father, John Perkins. For her work as a fellow, Gaiser received a stipend and a \$3,000 scholarship for Eastern University.

W. WILSON GOODE SCHOLARS



Eastern University developed the Goode Scholars Scholarship program for urban students to honor and model the work and service of Dr. W. Wilson Goode, the first African-American to be elected mayor of the City of Philadelphia. This scholarship offers service-minded and future community leaders the opportunity to fulfill their dreams, and aids them in preparation as leaders in their homes, schools, churches and communities.

WORKING FOR

The Waltonian

Eastern University's student newspaper

By Ruth Robinson

A campus newspaper, including the *Waltonian*, has an almost indispensable role to play on the University campus. It provides the most factual, fairly reported information possible on everything from important workings of the administration to the latest fashion trends among students. From the mundane, such as flu shots, to the significant, such as the resignation of the Provost, to the explosive, such as a neo-Nazi demonstration near campus, the paper covers every aspect of the University. Without the paper, the only source of information would be that provided by administration or by rumors.

The campus paper also fosters communication within the community. A recent *Waltonian* article on a forum concerning poker brought that conversation, and the arguments on both sides, to the rest of the community. Stories about students give readers a feel for the life of the community, and articles on what the administration is doing gives readers a feel for where the University is going.

Finally, the campus paper can be a catalyst for change. It often happens simply because of the paper's accurate, full and fair reporting of what is happening on campus. It was this ability to inform and change that drew me into journalism. I joined the *Waltonian* two years ago only because my adviser suggested it. I had no journalistic experience and was skeptical about pursuing stories that would be forgotten in a month. My very first story was on a fire at the Barry School in Philadelphia. Knowing that I could help the children in that school by telling Eastern about their needs changed my mind about journalism. I eventually became the managing editor of the *Waltonian* and through

the steps that brought me there have discovered that working on a campus paper requires much more skill and time than I ever thought I had. But I have also discovered that keeping the campus informed is worth all the effort.

Without the campus paper, the University would lose some of its vitality. Some issues might be ignored. Some voices might go unheard. And the campus would not be the same.

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EASTERN STUDENTS EARN NEWSPAPER AWARDS



Four students from Eastern University have earned awards from the 2006 Scholastic and Collegiate Keystone Press Awards contest, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, for their work on Eastern's school newspaper, the *Waltonian*.

They are (left to right) **Josh Andersen**, the opinions editor; **Rebecca Harwick**, the sports and religion editor; **Benjamin Carr**, the editor-in-chief; and **Ruth Robinson**, the managing editor (author of the article on this page). Andersen received first place for his review of an *Over the Rhine* CD and honorable mention for a column. Harwick received honorable mention for her Theologian Deathmatch cartoons. Carr and Robinson earned second place for Inquiring Minds, a biweekly, co-written editorial. The students were invited to an awards luncheon March 29.

MEL BWINT '83 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

By Diana Hirtzel, Eastern University Communications Office

For a man who did not want to go to college, Mel Bwint has accomplished much with the knowledge he gained at Eastern University. As the 2006 Alumnus of the Year, Mel is being honored for his career success in psychology and his continued dedication to Eastern.

Mel and his family relocated from Burma to the United States when he was 10. He lived in New York until the Phoenixville Baptist Church sponsored his family's move to Phoenixville, PA.

Originally, Mel did not want to attend college; however, thanks to a suggestion by a friend, he enrolled at Eastern and pursued a psychology degree. He credits professors

Dr. Caroline Cherry and Dr. Martie Shalitta with the strong guidance he received.

Mel says his experience at Eastern was "a wonderful time of finding myself and having the environment of safety to do that." He also credits Eastern as the place where he found God.

At Eastern, Mel met his wife Sherri. A few years after graduation, Sherri became the residence hall director of Gallup, and the couple lived on campus. Mel helped coach the tennis team, on which he played as a student. Mel, Sherri and their three children now reside in Collegeville, PA.

After graduating from Eastern with a psychology degree, Mel worked with children and adults who struggled with drug and alcohol addiction. He earned his master's degree in social work at

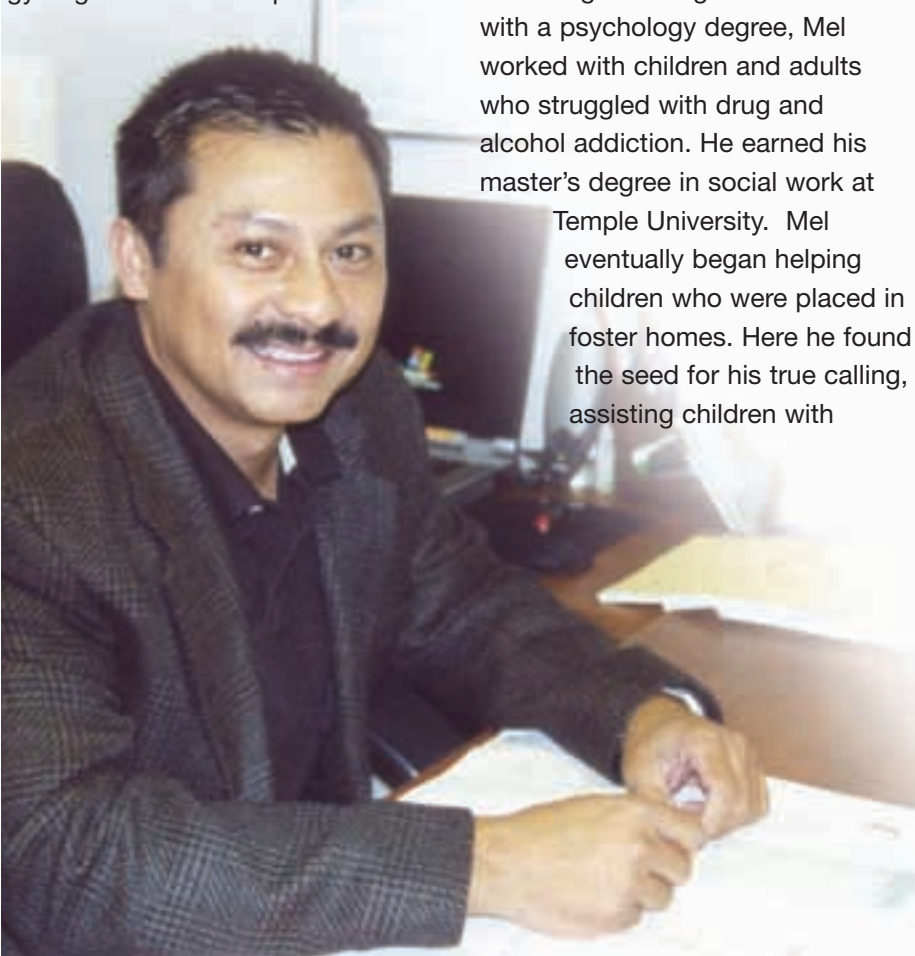
Temple University. Mel eventually began helping children who were placed in foster homes. Here he found the seed for his true calling, assisting children with

mental health issues. Because he felt this group was "being underserved in Chester County," Mel started his own organization, Child and Family Focus, Inc. This is a nonprofit, faith-based organization that advocates for the least restrictive family and community-based settings for the treatment of children with mental and behavioral challenges.

The "heart and soul" of Child and Family Focus has become Operation Joy, a program that takes place at Christmas. The agency enlists the help of churches and individuals in offering residence or assistance to families who are experiencing difficulties. Mel was astounded at the amount of help the agency received. The program was a success and continues today as a year-round initiative.

With his personal and career achievements, Mel claims that his "journey has just begun." He offers this advice to Eastern students who may be struggling to find their own personal calling. "Young people need to have faith and persevere in times of need and believe that they are not alone. Trust the Lord and anything is possible; but you have to do the work."

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ALUMNI NEWS

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Do you remember your alma mater's song? The first five people to contact the Office of Alumni Relations with the correct words to the first verse of the song will receive an Eastern sweatshirt. E-mail the words to alumni@eastern.edu or if you would like to call in your answer, call 1-800-600-8057. Good luck!

ALUMNI 2006 EVENTS**June 16 - Take Me Out to the Ballgame**

Join the office of Alumni Relations and Eastern University's Chaplain Joe Modica at the Third Annual Eastern University Alumni night at the Phillies. We have reserved tickets to the Phillies game on Friday, June 16, 2006 at 7:05 p.m. vs. the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The seats are located in section 208, and the cost per ticket is \$25. Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve tickets, please contact Kelly Van Der Aa '02 at 610-341-1712 or kvandera@eastern.edu by June 7, 2006. Family and friends are welcome.

Aug. 26 - Move-in Day Volunteers Needed

Calling all alumni! We need your help to move in the first-year students on Saturday, August 26. If you can volunteer 1-2 hours of your time (anytime between 8 a.m.-2 p.m.) to greet new students, help them move in, and/or hand out refreshments, please contact Kelly Van Der Aa '02 at 610-341-1712 or kvandera@eastern.edu

Oct. 14 - Homecoming

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming and Family Weekend 2006 - Carry the Vision: Illuminate the World. Saturday, October 14. Look for more information in your mailbox. Information will be posted on the Web as it becomes available. Included in the day's events will be the dedication of the Charles "Chip" Olson athletic field and the naming of the Alumnus of the Year Mel Bwint '83.

Nov. 11 - Site and Sound Theater

Join Bettie Ann Brigham '74, Derek Ritchie '89 and other alumni at the Site and Sound Theater in Lancaster County on Saturday, November 11. The Office of Alumni Relations has reserved tickets to the 1 p.m. showing of the Miracle of Christmas. Following the show there will be a family style dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant, located next to the theater. The cost per ticket and dinner will be: Adults \$70.00, Teen (13-18) \$45.00, Child (0-12) \$30.00. Complimentary transportation will be provided by the Alumni Office. We will depart from the St. Davids campus at 11 a.m. and return after dinner. To reserve tickets or for more information, contact Kelly Van Der Aa '02 at 610-341-1712 or kvandera@eastern.edu.

Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis and must be reserved by October 16.

Dec. 2 - Christmas Fun

Save the date for Grand Illuminations at Eastern University. On Saturday, December 2, treat yourself to beautiful Christmas music, delightful refreshments, a time of fellowship with friends, and the beauty of Eastern's Christmas tree. Bring a child or grandchild for face painting, cookie decorating, and Christmas readings. More information will be posted at www.eastern.edu/alumni on the "events" page in the fall.

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SPECIAL NOTE

Congratulations to **Dr. George S. Claghorn**, dean and professor of philosophy at Eastern Baptist College from 1954-1961, on his appointment as professor emeritus at West Chester University, West Chester, PA in December 2005.

1960s

Judy (Forney) Leaming '63 and her husband, **Spicer '64**, have continued their travel adventures through Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. In Chattanooga, they took the Incline Railway to the top of Lookout Mountain, and visited Rock City and Ruby Falls. They have also visited neighborhood restaurants where they enjoyed the local cuisine.

Donald McLaren '66 has just published another book, entitled *What She Felt*. The novel is about a young woman who gives her baby up for adoption and must face the consequences of that choice when she meets her child 20 years later. He coauthored the book with Jennifer White (her pen

name), and parts of the book are based on White's own experiences. McLaren is an established ghostwriter and author. He has coauthored 12 books, helped 17 books get published, and written 5 screenplays. He is especially interested in working on books and screenplays with Christian themes. What She Felt is available on Amazon.com.

T. William Foyle '67 works as the contracts management/logistics specialist, Egan McAllister Associates (EMA), NAVAIR, Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems, VA. He is married to **Margaret (Johnston) '69** who is a history teacher at Lexington Park Christian School, Lexington, MD.

1970s

Richard Carpenter '70 teaches philosophy at Seattle University, Seattle, WA. He holds a master's degree from Gonzaga University. Carpenter is also a vocalist and plans to record a full-length CD in the near future.

Beth (Elizabeth) Turner '72 works for Comcast Cable information services in Pleasanton, CA. She also maintains a Web site, JesusIsLord.org, which shares the Gospel in 150 languages. Beth distributes Gospel booklets or small cards with her Web site on them.

Hardi Rosner '73 has retired from the US Navy as a captain after 29 years of service. He now works for the MITRE Corp, a federally funded research and development corporation. Hardi serves as a senior information systems engineer supporting intelligence systems.

Jim Wilkin '74 was named director of camping and nurture ministries for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, Valley Forge, PA. He and his wife, Diane, reside in Morrisville, PA.

Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Kelly '77 is manager, code management and distribution, USERS Incorporated, Valley Forge, PA.

Wendy Ryan '77 has retired as director of communications, Baptist World Alliance (BWA), after 17 years. She is now serving as a missionary in a Christian HIV/Aids ministry, the Living Hope Community Center, Cape Town, South Africa. She will help teach women HIV/Aids prevention skills.

Rev. Charles Quann '79 is pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Penllyn, PA. He was the speaker at the May 5, 2005 Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast, observing the National Day of Prayer.

1980s

Lynn Kendall '80 resides in a communal household in Silicon Valley, CA where she is a technical/marketing writer. She also volunteers in a ministry for poor and displaced families.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Dorothea Zink '80** on the passing of her daughter, Christina Zink Hayakawa, on January 25, 2006.

Thomas Bonney '81 is president and CEO of Family Service of the Piedmont, Greensboro, NC. The regional nonprofit agency focuses on family support services, consumer-credit counseling, and victim services.

Capt. Emilio Marrero '82 is a Navy captain, and is currently assigned with the Marines in Okinawa, Japan. The Marreros are the cofounders of a local charter school in Yuma, AZ. that is now in the hands of the non-profit governing board they established.

Sherri (Wilcox) Bwint '83 has been appointed regional manager, AuPairCare, Collegetown, PA. The organization provides families with live-in child care as well as a cultural exchange. She previously served as area director.

Sheila (Williams) Hill '83 is a clinical social worker in behavioral health, Fort Washington, PA. She married Mike Hill on September 19, 2003.

Bronwyn (Mininger) Histand '85 is the director of curriculum at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Lansdale, PA. She and several Mennonite students participated in the Intercultural Communicative Competence program developed by Eastern Mennonite University to open up communication among students from different countries. The group traveled to Vietnam.

Martha Hopley '86 lives in Seattle, WA, and holds a master's degree in spiritual nurture from Mars Hill graduate school. She also holds a master's degree in social work and plans to begin a private practice as a therapist in the near future.

Brenda (Anglin) Huff '86 is the dean of studies at Franklin Road Academy, a K-12 independent school, Brentwood, TN. Her husband, **Ronn '87**, works as a consultant for HCA. He has completed his master's course work at Vanderbilt University, Nashville in med-

ical ethics. Ronn is called in on medical cases and provides continuing education for several local hospitals.

Joe Miller '86 is the manager of audio-visual services at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA. He is pursuing a master's degree in divinity from Columbia Biblical Seminary in Columbia, SC.

Donald Smith '86 is executive director of Fedn Housing, Philadelphia, PA. His daughter, Beth Ann, is a sophomore at Eastern.

Lorinda (Holtzclaw) Taylor '87 and her husband, Jon, have been married for 17 years and have six children. Prior to the birth of the children, Lorinda taught kindergarten for three years. In addition to being a full-time mom, she teaches Sunday school and serves as craft coordinator for a community Bible study children's program.

Becky (Miller) Hancock '88 and her husband, Mark, reside in Clifton Park, NY. Mark has accepted a full-time missionary position with Wycliffe Associates in Orlando, FL, where he will manage their computer network. Becky will continue to homeschool two of their children while she explores employment within the Wycliffe office. They expect to move to Orlando by the end of 2006.

Karen Messina '89 married Jonathan Brunke on October 29, 2005. She is a procurement specialist 3 at Siemens Medical Solutions, Malvern, PA. She has a daughter, Natalia Levingston (4), from a previous marriage.

Andrea (Blackwell) Sydow '89 and her husband, Dan,

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have a son, Jesiah Colt, born on November 10, 2005. They live in Avondale, AZ. where Andrea is a workman's comp specialist at AIG, and Dan manages a store.

1990s

David Betler '91 is a state-wide program representative, New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, Syracuse, NY.

Nancy (Richter) Sampson '91 and her husband, Rich, have a son, Noah Richard, born on August 30, 2005. He joins sisters, Meghan Laura (6) and Lynn Mae (4)

Rev. Thomas J. Cura '92 is pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, Hellers, PA. He is in his last year at Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, PA.

Jonathan Cronkite '93 and his wife, Carrie, have a son, Joshua, born on January 16, 2006.

Natalie Hill '93 teaches an English dual credit program she developed at the high school and college in Rappahannock and Fauquier Counties, VA. She is also developing a broadcast journalism course which she will teach in the near future.

Desiree Dry '94 obtained a master's degree in TESL from West Chester University in December 2004. She is engaged to Cruz Manuel (Manny) Colon.

Rebecca (Plemons) Kelly '94 and her husband, Jeremy, have a daughter, Elizabeth (8). They own a restaurant in Lowville, NY. Rebecca is also a hospice social worker.

Joleen (Senter) '96 and **Brian Durham '95** had their first child, Andrew "Andy" Michael, on June 7, 2005. They live in Bucyrus, MO where they own a small beef cattle farm. Brian is the vice president of operations at Grace Manufacturing, and Joleen is director of public relations and marketing at Texas County Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Joy (Knopp) Greer '96 is an Ob/Gyn physician at Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, NC. She and her husband, Steve, have a son, Rhys Patrick, born on December 10, 2005. They also have a daughter, Tori (3).

Charles Warfel '96 is case manager, Chester County Intermediate Unit, Lancaster, PA.

Tammy Zilske '96 is a medical social worker and volunteer coordinator with SUN Home Health Services in Williamsport, and Lock Haven, PA.

Vickie (Crotts) Corbitt '97 is career services manager at Eastern University's Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Charles W. Griffin '97 is a family wealth counselor who has been helping people with financial services for over 30 years.

Colin Boylan '98 is a senior clinician with the City of Camden, NJ. He is getting married on July 1, 2006.

Aimee (Ruda) Brackbill '98 graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary with an M.Div. degree in May 2005. She is pursuing ordination within the United Church of Christ. The couple resides on an organic farm in eastern Lancaster County, where they also run a Community Supported Agriculture program.

Jaime Lynn Kane '98 is the director of youth and children's ministry at Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, PA.

Lynette Leong '98 married Steven Michael McCann on November 5, 2005 at Church of the Saviour, Wayne, PA.

Susan Barnes '99, who has served as director of alumni relations for five years, is now the director of the annual fund at Eastern University.

Nina (Davis) Green '99 is a homeschool teacher/after-school care provider, Claymont, DE. She and her husband, Kermit, celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on December 4, 2005. They have two children, Ceraiah Brenda (4) and Jeremiah LeRoi (1).

Amanda (Newlin) Kochersperger '99 is an English teacher in the Springfield School District, Springfield, PA. She and her husband, Kevin, are the parents of two boys, Trent and Joshua. They recently moved to Kennett Square, PA.

2000s

Rebecca Bach '00 is a reading specialist for the Downingtown School District, PA. She is planning a June 2006 wedding. Rebecca is the daughter of **Kelvin "Mel" Bach '74**.

Lori Chapman '00 married David Ogulei on July 30, 2005. Lori is completing a master's degree in early childhood education at SUNY, Potsdam, NY. Her husband is completing his Ph.D. in chemical engineering at Clarkson University, Potsdam.

Elizabeth Martin '00 and her husband, Matthew, run Muddy Fingers Farm and Community Supported Agriculture in the Finger Lakes Region, NY. Heirloom and unusual vegetables are grown organically and sold at four farmers' markets, as well as by subscription.

Michael '00 and **Amber (Housel) Rivera '00** have a daughter, Jenna Grace, born on November 16, 2005. Michael obtained a master of divinity degree from Northeastern Seminary in May 2005. He works as a manager at Blockbuster, Batavia, NY. while pursuing ordination with the Free Methodist Church. Amber works part-time at Urban League of Rochester, NY. helping individuals transition from welfare.

Aaron Atkinson '01 married Megan Rusk on July 13, 2002. Their first child, Joshua, was born on July 16, 2005. Aaron is a database administrator at the University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Research Institute.

Michelle (Nuss) Forsythe '01 and her husband, David, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. They have two boys, Ryan (3) and Aaron (1). Michelle is a stay-at-home mom, and David is a purchasing manager at Comcast Cable.

Rebecca (Messner) Gidjunis '01 teaches creative writing at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA. where she is also pursuing a master's degree in fine arts. She and her husband, Joseph, run their own photography business.

Madelyn Mileto '01 married James Howe on December 3, 2005. Madelyn is a primary therapist for the city of Philadelphia.

Stacey (Ebersole) Morahan '01 is a bookkeeper, Oliver P. Morahan Solicitors, Westport, County Mayo, Ireland. She and her husband, Dermot, have a daughter, born on November 16, 2005.

Amy Shumoski '01 and Don Peterson have a baby boy, Aidan McCoy, born on January 10, 2006.

Crystal (Heller) Tracy '01 was married on December 31, 2005. She is the transcript officer in the registrar's office at Eastern University.

Amy Yuhas '01 married Bill Carlin on April 23, 2005. She teaches fourth grade at Sullivan Elementary School in Philadelphia.

Heather Eve Brown '02 married Richard Way on May 14, 2005. She is the youth director at the Christian Church in Cogan Station, PA. Her husband is employed by M&M Excavating and Paving, Loyalsock Township, PA.

Jonelle Flood '02 is ACT Case Manager, Horizon House, Philadelphia, PA.

Kelly Hough '02 is a research assistant at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA. She and Todd Brewer plan to be married this summer.

Laura Lind '02 is a research assistant/graduate student at San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.

Justin Poole '02 is pursuing a master's degree in theater at Villanova University, PA. He is married to **Amanda Messner '01**. She is an education and meetings coordinator for the Clinical Laboratory Management Association.

Amber Hulslander '03 is a corporate and financial

analyst, Gaudenzia, Inc., Norristown, PA. Her fiancé is David Turner, corporate attorney at Bingaman Hess of Wyomissing, PA.

Becky Wanamaker '03 is the head librarian at Leighton Memorial Library, Leighton, PA. She holds a master's degree in library science from Kutztown University.

Mary Kay Otterstedt '03 is an account executive for United Business Machines, a vendor for Canon. She will continue to run her own company, www.FirstAthlete.com, from home. Mary Kay and her brother expect the company to go national soon.

Alissa Miller '04 and **Eric Barshinger '04** were married on October 16, 2004. She is employed as a research assistant at Drexel University College of Medicine. Eric is employed by Wachovia Bank, King of Prussia, PA.

Jordan Nyce '04 is a star pitcher on the Souderton Warriors baseball team.

Anna Marie Sarco '04 married **Jason Michael Bickham '03** on August 7, 2004.

Kristyn Weidner '04 married Abraham Schulze on October 15, 2005.

Eric Thompson '04 teaches American history, and is the seventh grade boys' basketball coach at Downingtown Middle School, PA. He is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership and a principal's certificate from Villanova University, PA.

Loren Rice '04 is the outreach director for discipleship ministries at Eastern Mennonite Missions, Lancaster, PA. He had served

on a short-term youth evangelism service team to Macau as well as to the Middle East and Central Asia.

Alina (Hernandez) Bice '05 is an administrative assistant in the president's office at Eastern. She married Brent Bice on April 8, 2006.

Melinda McGrath '05 is case manager for homeless, abused and neglected youth, Anchor House, Trenton, NJ.

Karen Sharp '05 is a paralegal with Thomas I. Puleo, Horsham, PA.

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Betsy Alexander '91 (Group No. 7) is a senior consultant at LMA Consulting Group, a division of LMA Systems Group, Inc. She provides executive coaching, process consulting and training, as well as recruitment and outplacement services.

Andrew Hughes '95 (Group No. 70) is a computer network and security consultant of District, Berks County, PA.

Paul N. Leo '95 (Group No. 57) is the Magisterial District Court Judge 38-1-14, Upper Moreland, Hatboro Borough, and Horsham Ward, PA.

William Schmidt '98 (Group No. 131) is president, Advanced Gelatin Technologies, Souderton, PA.

Lyndell Backues '95 (MBA) and his wife, Donna, continue their missionary work in Indonesia. Lindy and various members of their foreign consultant team and staff spent the month of September 2005 in Central

Java training foreign staff for a new branch of NGO in Aceh, an area affected by the December 2004 tsunami. They will also open an office in Jakarta to manage all the branches throughout the islands.

Renee K. Chesler '01 (MBA Group No. 41) is general manager, CertainTeed HVAC Insulation Products.

Jefferson Kaighn '02 (MBA) is regional vice president, ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, Inc., West Point, PA. He oversees the operations of five ACTS communities in the region.

Joel Boyles '05 (MBA), '03 (SPS, Group No. 107) is the divisional sales manager, Decore-ative Specialties Inc., Exton, PA. He and his wife, **Beth (McIntire) '00**, have a son, Jackson Clay, born on September 25, 2005.

Steve Eggles '05 (MBA) is a licensed nursing home administrator, and works as the executive director of Normandy Farms Estates, Blue Bell, PA.

In Memoriam

Dennis Bair '86, owner of Bair Enterprises, passed away in January 2005. His wife, Deb, and three children are among his survivors.

Denise Ball Russell '02 passed away on May 26, 2005. She had served as Dover, PA. area school district's business manager and school board secretary.

Joyce Bernice Gilmore '81 passed away on July 19, 2005. She owned a consulting company. Previously, she was a special needs instructor in the Newark, NJ school system. She was also a 22-year employee of Verizon.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY NEWS

Dr. John Stapleford, professor of economic development, served on a panel, *Passing the Buck: Confronting Poverty in America*, in February at the Harvard University 2006 Veritas Forum (with Jim Wallis and Richard Black). He received a fellowship to attend the Calvin College 2005 Summer Seminar in Christian Scholarship's session "Making Markets Work for the Rural Poor: Christian Mission and Global Enterprise." Last December, he presented a coauthored conference paper at the University of Prague, "Corruption and Regional Development in the Czech Republic." His coauthored article "Exchange Matters: Perspectives from Social Capital, Neighborhoods, and Modern Culture" was published in the *Journal of Markets and Morality*, Vol. 8, No. 2. Dr. Stapleford also received a \$5,000 grant from the Fairwyn Fund for research on disparities among blacks and whites in America.



Michele Monaco, director of the Athletic Training Educa-

tion Program, presented "The Millennial Student, A New Generation" at the Big Sky Sports Medicine Conference this February in Montana. She presented "Teaching Strategies for the Millennial Student" with Sarah Strand, athletic training clinical coordinator at North

Park University, at the Lilly East National Educator's Conference in April at the University of Delaware.

Steve Sanders, Jonathan Hargis '00 and Dr. David Bradstreet '76 presented two posters at the January 2006 meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Washington, D.C. The posters were Light Curves and Analysis of the Overcontact Binaries MT Her and DO And and Light Curves and Analysis of the Overcontact Binaries GN Boo, V608 Cas and V789 Cyg. Dr. Bradstreet also presented a poster describing the work on our National Science Foundation grant regarding the automation of light curve analysis via artificial intelligence, entitled Artificial Intelligence and the Brave New World of Eclipsing Binaries.

Dr. Bradstreet '76 is working as project scientist with **Robyn Smith**, an eighth grader at Penn View Christian School, helping her to design and execute a research project on the eclipsing binary BD And. Their observations and analysis of this system were presented by Robyn at her school in mid-January 2006 when she won first place in her category, best in category, and best in 8th grade. She will present the work at Montgomery County Science Fair and at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition held at Penn State University.



Dr. Caleb Rosado, professor of urban studies

and director of the MA in community development program at the Campolo School for Social Change, gave three well-attended workshops on "The Future of Urban Evangelism: From Fragmentation to Wholeness" at the National United Methodist Urban Convocation, in Minneapolis, MN, last November. The theme for the convocation was "Connecting with God in the City: It's a Local Call."

Dr. Sara Miles, retired dean of Esperanza College, was elected to a three-year term as the History of Science delegate to the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

John Greenland, director of electronic music, is a painter as well as a musician. Last spring his painting "Harpo" was selected by *Broadjam.com* for a song writing contest. One hundred seventeen pieces of music interpreting the painting were composed and submitted, from which John selected the finalists.

Dr. Walter Chung, associate professor of counseling psychology, co-authored two chapters "Multicultural Considerations in the

Rehabilitation Counseling Process" and "Family Centered Rehabilitation Case Management" in the book *Case Management And Rehabilitation Counseling* (4th ed.) published Feb. 2006 by Pro-Ed, Inc. His co-written research article "Parental Stress among Asian Americans with Developmental Disabled Children: An Exploratory Study" was published by the *Journal of Pennsylvania Counseling Association* in December 2005. Another co-written article "Biblical Counseling: A Wise Choice?" was published in January 2006 by the *Campus Magazine*, a prominent Chinese Christian magazine in Taiwan. Dr. Chung and his colleagues **Drs. Ruth Palmer, Gwen White and Randolph Walters** also co-presented three empirical research papers in the *Christian Association of Psychological Studies National Conference at Cincinnati* in March 2006. Topics included: Christian Fatherhood and Christian Identity, Helping Students Discern Calling and Gifting for Clinical Vocations and Dynamics of Black Culture and Attitudes towards Faith-Based Counseling.

Dr. Helen Loeb, professor emeritus of education, presented on the ACT (Accelerated Certification for Teachers) Program at *The National Conference for Alternative Education in San Diego, CA* in February. She was chair of the PDE

Evaluating Team for Keystone College teacher certification programs in January.

Dr. Phillip Cary, associate professor of philosophy, has published, "The Weight of Love: Augustinian Metaphors of Movement in Dante's Souls," in *Augustine and Literature*, ed. R.P. Kennedy et al. In the past year, he has been included in the *Dictionary of International Biography*, 33rd ed. (2006); *Who's Who among America's Teachers*, 10th ed. (2006); and *Who's Who in American Education*, 7th ed. (2005).

Theatre Director **Mark Hallen** developed and directed the world premiere of *Between Men and Cattle*, a play which received a 2000 Barrymore Award nomination for Best New Play. One of the actors in the reading at Hudson Stage was Linda Powell, daughter of former Secretary of State Colin Powell. Visit Hudson Stage at www.hudsonstage.com



Eloise Hiebert Meneses, associate professor of anthropology,

will speak on "Beating the Odds: Market Women and Social Change in South India" at the University of Delaware as part of their lecture series on women and minorities. Her purpose is to introduce Christian thinking in the secular acad-

emy by demonstrating the historical role that Christianity has had in promoting the rights of women and untouchables in India.

Dr. Chris Hall, dean of the Templeton Honors College, wrote an article, "John Chrysostom on Romans," for *Reading Romans Through the Centuries: From the Early Church to Karl Barth*, Jeffrey P. Greenman and Timothy Larsen, editors, Brazon Press, 2005. He delivered a plenary address, "What Can the Church Fathers Teach Liberals and Conservatives?" at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Valley Forge, PA, last November.

At Palmer Seminary, the **Rev. Dr. Tokunbo Adelekan**, received an honorary citation from Philadelphia's City Council as part of the celebration of Black History Month and the African American Children's Project. His book is *African Wisdom: 101 Proverbs from the Motherland*.

Librarian **Mark Puterbaugh** was a speaker at the *Computers in Libraries 2006 annual conference*, the largest technology conference for librarians and information managers. His topic was *Gaming and Libraries*, where he demonstrated a gaming interface on OPAC (online public access catalog) that is another way to help students and faculty do research.

Several faculty members of the Social Work Department are involved in the planning of the Annual Convention of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work to be held in Philadelphia October 26-29. **Sandy Bauer**, associate professor of social work, is the workshop coordinator. **Leslie Gregory**, social work faculty, is the chairperson of the direct practice track. **Ed Kuhlmann**, professor of social work, is the chairperson of the education track.

Linda Olson, executive director of the Communications Office, represented Eastern

at a 3-day Web Site Innovations Conference held by the College and University Public Relations Association of PA in Hershey, PA.

99% PLACEMENT REPORT Graduating Class of 2005

Of the most recent (traditional undergraduate) graduating class, a total of 99% are involved in post-graduate education, employed, full-time volunteers, or not looking within six months of graduation. The comparable percentage for the Class of 2004 was 98%. Of those employed, 75% are working in a field directly related to their major.



COMMENCEMENT FOR ONE

When Janet Kane had to miss Commencement this past December, she was heartbroken. After completing the RN to BSN program (cohort 16) in the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CCGPS), she fell on the ice and severely injured her ankle. So, Al Jepson, interim dean (shown above), and David King, chief development office, both of CCGPS, took Janet's diploma to her home in Doylestown and presented it to her to the applause of her husband and children. Congratulations, Janet!

Kate Hoy: Leadership on the Field

By Dan Mouw, Sports Information Director

“Loud and aggressive. Very competitive and forceful.” Kate Hoy talks about her trumpet as a reflection of her personality. To watch the junior from Tully, NY,



play lacrosse one would know for sure that she would play an instrument that would get noticed.

Midway through her junior year, Hoy has accumulated 154 goals and 44 assists and leaves her mark on every game. Hoy’s athletic accomplishments, while spectacular, are only part of the picture. The two-time first team All-PAC (Pennsylvania Athletic Conference) selection is the only Eastern athlete in the very demanding music education program.

With her goal of becoming a teacher and coach, Hoy has had to plan her schedule carefully, work closely with coaches and professors, and sacrifice free time and other extracurricular activities to stay on track to graduate. In order to be able to teach, she has had to learn to play over 20 musical instruments proficiently. That time commitment alone keeps music students in conservatory practice rooms until the early morning hours, but she has also managed to balance her schedule so she can lift weights and run in the off season and practice and compete in the spring.

Surprisingly, Hoy is pretty new to lacrosse. She played for the first time as a sixth grader, but put the game away after a year because the league had modified rules which prohibited stick

checking. “I thought the game was kind of dumb. You just picked up the ball and ran with it until you dropped it or scored. That wasn’t that much fun, so I went back to running track.” She continued to run track through her first year

of high school, but a combination of injuries and friends on the lacrosse team prompted her to “dust off the cobwebs” and give the sport another try in her sophomore year.

She re-emerged on the lacrosse scene as a defender. “I would check the ball free, sprint up the field and then throw the ball to somebody who was good on offense,” Hoy says with an ironic smile. After her sophomore year,

she began to take the game seriously and developed her stick skills at the Syracuse University summer camps, and the next year she played in the midfield and started to play lacrosse on the club level as well.

Hoy took 23 credit hours in the fall to be able to free up time for this lacrosse season. The business is nothing new, as she balanced three sports with music all through high school. The leading scorer on her successful high school soccer team, she also played point guard in basketball. “When I go home,” Hoy says, “people still ask me about my soccer season. It’s only just this year that people are starting to remember that I play lacrosse in college.”

When it came time to look at colleges, Hoy was looking for lacrosse. She recalls going to a college fair and asking schools if they had music education and lacrosse. Eastern was one of the schools that did, so she decided to visit. She visited Eastern first and liked the campus and loved the people and thought, “that will be a good back-up school.” As she continued to visit colleges she kept comparing them to Eastern, and she realized that Eastern was where she was supposed to be.

As a freshman, she earned Rookie of the Year honors for the PAC and quickly established a reputation as a dynamic goal scorer. Last spring, Hoy put up similar numbers, but did not really enjoy the lacrosse part of her year. While she struggled with lacrosse, she found growth in many other areas. “When I came to Eastern, I thought



that it would be a ticket to heaven, but in my second year, I met people who helped me to see what it was like to be real with God." She continues, "Some people think mistakenly that Christianity is defined by how well you can hide your sin, but I've discovered that the growing process is not about hiding, but about opening up and being real with others and with God."

This year, Hoy is loving lacrosse and particularly enjoying her young teammates. She lights up as she talks about her relationship with the team's many first-year players and cites **Jessie Basch** and **Courtney Brennan** as two freshmen that she has appreciated and who have been instrumental in restoring her love of the game and competition. "I can go toe to toe with Jessie in practice and she won't back down." She also enjoys time off the field with the talented freshmen and hopes that she can be as instrumental in their growth as others have been in hers.

Her family travels to as many games as they can, and she credits her parents and their support as a driving force in her activity. Neither one of her parents were competitive athletes, but she remembers always being active growing up. Her brother is active in music and drama, and her parents are very supportive of him as well.

Wherever she winds up, Hoy envisions herself teaching and coaching. She believes that she could coach lacrosse, soccer, track, swimming, basketball, even a little field hockey if needed. That, in addition to her 20-some instruments, should keep her busy.



MEN'S BASKETBALL RACES TO MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON SINCE JOINING DIVISION III

In Coach Matt Nadelhoffer's fourth year, the Eagles started the year with a 101-62 and kept pushing the ball en route to a 16-10 season. The sixteen wins are the most for the Eagles since Eastern made the switch to NCAA Division III. Eastern won 11 conference games, also a program high.

The Eagles, who fell to Gwynedd-Mercy College in the school's first PAC home playoff game, have much to look forward to in the coming years. While they lose three starters from this year's squad to graduation, the deep rotation helped the team run to the 100-point mark five different times.

Junior guards Bobby Black (pictured) and Lenny DiMaria earned All-PAC recognition for the Eagles. Coach Nadelhoffer said of the year, "This year was another step forward for our program. This is not where we want to end up, but we took a big step forward this year and are already excited about next year."

TWO COACHES EARN 100TH WIN

One hundred of anything is a lot. For a coach to win 100 games at a school is a mark of perseverance, skill, and commitment to a program. Two Eastern coaches earned their 100th wins this school year.

Interestingly enough, both **Mark Wagner** and **Carolyn Urban '94**



Mark Wagner

achieved their milestone wins on the same field at Arcadia University. In the men's soccer team's last regular season game on October 29, senior PAC player of the year **Dan Carvalho** scored the game's only goal in overtime to lift the Eagles to an undefeated PAC season and the first seed in the conference playoffs. Coach Wagner's team advanced to the NCAA tournament on PK wins through the PAC tournament, leaving Wagner at exactly 100 wins at Eastern in his eight seasons leading the men's soccer program.



Carolyn Urban

Just over five months later, Coach Urban's women's lacrosse team played a Thursday afternoon game at Arcadia. The Eagles cruised to a 19-2 win to give Coach Urban her 100th career win. Urban, who is stepping down at the end of the year to be able to spend more time with her three young children, told her team of the milestone after the game. With just one loss in PAC play, the Eagles are also poised to challenge for a PAC title.



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