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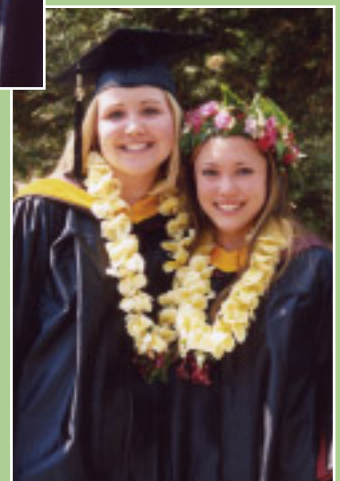
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#### Mission Statement

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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## President's Message

Economic and social justice are dear to the heart of the Eastern University mission. Our academic and student development efforts are directed towards the full spiritual formation of our students, leading them to see the world as Jesus does and commit to works like His.

One of the people who exemplifies this commitment is my friend and colleague, Dr. Ron Sider. I have admired his efforts through the Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA) organization for many years. In fact, Ron's published works and personal activism inspired me to join the boards of the Sider Center and Sojourners, closely aligned with ESA. Ron has been the mind and heart behind ESA for 30 years. His scholarship, teaching and prophetic acts have challenged Christians around the globe to work for a just world as well as proclaim the Gospel. He has influenced countless students during his long tenure with Eastern University and Seminary. A story on Ron is included in this issue of *Spirit*.

Another inspiring story is the Nueva Esperanza Center for Higher Education (NECHE), the junior college established through a partnership between Eastern University and Nueva Esperanza, Inc. NECHE is helping members of the Philadelphia Latino community achieve their educational dreams. And speaking of education, Eastern is proud to have the 2005 PA Teacher of the Year (see page 5).

As you'll see from these stories and the news from our far-flung alumni, like Mathew Maury working in Zambia, Eastern's graduates are making an impact in our world. Our faculty and students are engaged in a continuing dialogue of what it means to be followers of Christ during these complicated times. We strive to be in the world, but not of it, as we live out the whole Gospel across the whole world through whole persons, as our Seminary so aptly puts it. We know that the seeds we plant today will take root and flourish for generations to come.

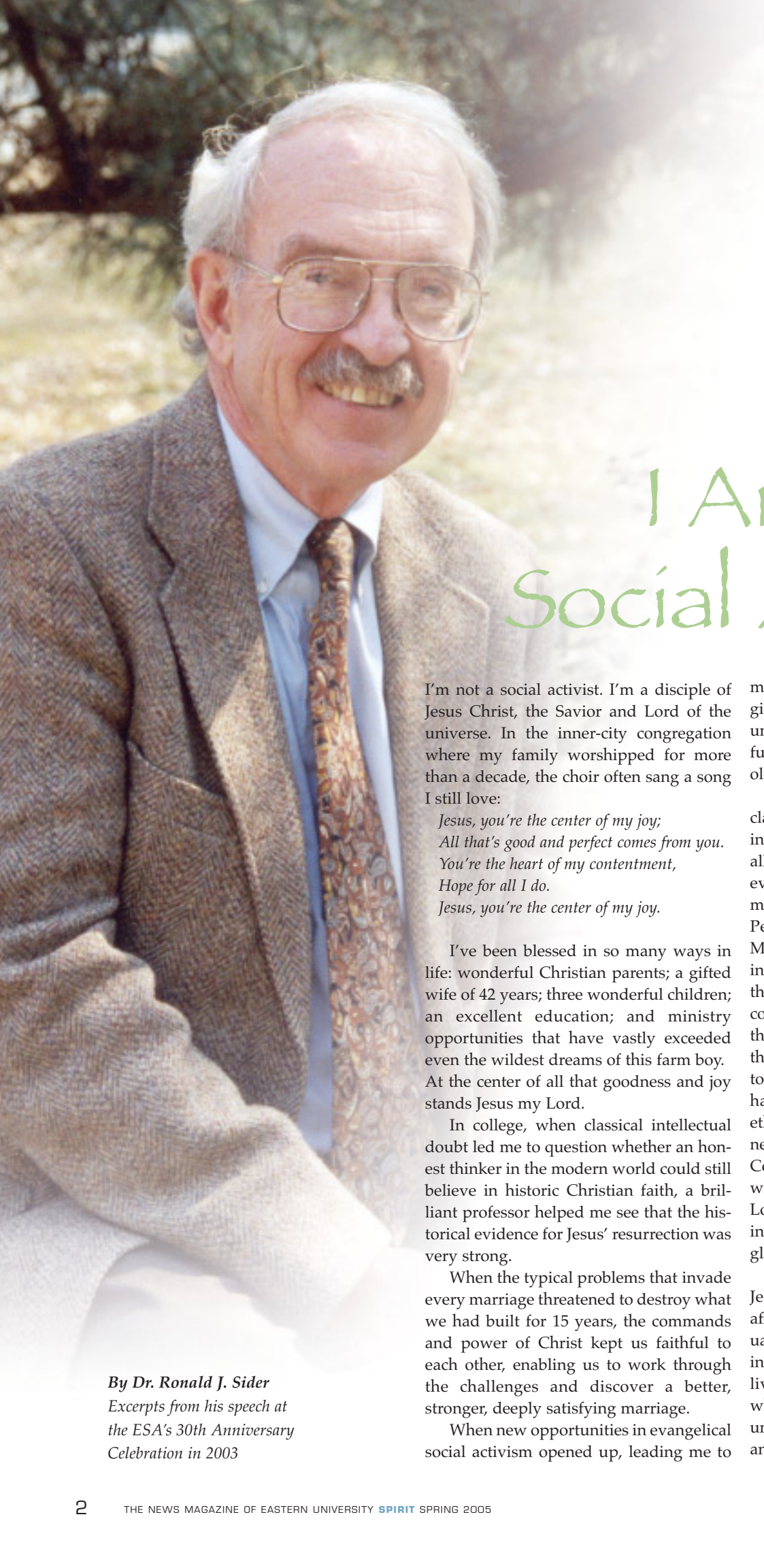
It is my hope that you also will be inspired by the transformational education that is the hallmark of Eastern University. I invite you to continue to support this vital work through your prayers and financial gifts. (See Stewardship Report on page 11.)

Gratefully,

*David R. Black*

David R. Black





# I Am Not a Social Activist

I'm not a social activist. I'm a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord of the universe. In the inner-city congregation where my family worshipped for more than a decade, the choir often sang a song I still love:

*Jesus, you're the center of my joy;  
All that's good and perfect comes from you.  
You're the heart of my contentment,  
Hope for all I do.  
Jesus, you're the center of my joy.*

I've been blessed in so many ways in life: wonderful Christian parents; a gifted wife of 42 years; three wonderful children; an excellent education; and ministry opportunities that have vastly exceeded even the wildest dreams of this farm boy. At the center of all that goodness and joy stands Jesus my Lord.

In college, when classical intellectual doubt led me to question whether an honest thinker in the modern world could still believe in historic Christian faith, a brilliant professor helped me see that the historical evidence for Jesus' resurrection was very strong.

When the typical problems that invade every marriage threatened to destroy what we had built for 15 years, the commands and power of Christ kept us faithful to each other, enabling us to work through the challenges and discover a better, stronger, deeply satisfying marriage.

When new opportunities in evangelical social activism opened up, leading me to

modify my earlier vocation as an apologist for historic Christianity in the secular university world, I resolved to keep the full, biblical Christ at the center of my theology and work.

When Jesus walked the earth he claimed to be the Jewish Messiah, come to inaugurate the new Messianic age when all things would be made new, when everything distorted by sin would be made whole. The resurrection and Pentecost confirmed that the new Messianic age was indeed now breaking in. Of course, the early Christians knew that the old age of sin and injustice would continue, but they so strongly believed that Jesus' Messianic kingdom was upon them that they expected to live according to the radical kingdom values that Jesus had taught. They embraced kingdom ethics and kingdom expectations of holiness. They believed, as Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 3:18, that Christians look with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord and daily "are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another."

The transformation that comes with Jesus' dawning Messianic kingdom affects every area of reality, from individual persons to social systems to the groaning creation. At the center is personal, living faith in Jesus Christ the Lord, whose atoning death provides free, unmerited forgiveness to all who repent and whose Holy Spirit now transforms

**By Dr. Ronald J. Sider**  
*Excerpts from his speech at  
the ESA's 30th Anniversary  
Celebration in 2003*

selfish, evil persons into Christ-centered, wholesome human beings. But equally important is the fact that all believers become part of Christ's new visible body where, when that body faithfully obeys all that Jesus taught, the world can observe a new redeemed society of transformed sinners living as they were created to live.

It is a terrible misunderstanding of what the early Christians believed to reduce Christian faith to a private personal relationship between an individual and Jesus. It certainly starts at that wonderful point, but the early Christians' belief that the Messianic kingdom was now taking shape on this earth meant the transformation went beyond individuals to society and all of broken creation. That's why they refused to worship the Roman emperor, claiming Jesus Christ as their new king. That's why Paul said the new multiethnic body of believers (where ancient ethnic hostilities between Jews and Gentiles were overcome in Christ) was part of the Gospel (Ephesians 2-3).

Every area of the created order is being affected. Forgiven individuals are

now being sanctified. The church is a visible model of a redeemed social order. The power of the principalities and powers who have dominated fallen, twisted social structures is now being broken, and society is slowly being transformed. Even the groaning creation – the non-human world of rivers, rocks, and trees which has been distorted by human sin – will at Christ's final return "be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God" (Romans 8:21).

At Christ's return, too, according to Revelation 21 and 22, the glory of the nations, the best of human civilization, will be purged of its evil and taken up into the new Jerusalem, the glorious transformed earth where God will dwell with us. And the kingdoms of this earth will become the kingdom of our Christ.

Because that is the agenda of the Risen Jesus, because we know history is heading in that direction, we work now to establish signs of that coming complete transformation not just in individuals, but

also in the new society of the church and even in the total social order and the creation itself. As the great Dutch theologian and politician Abraham Kuyper loved to say, there is not one square inch of this whole earth that does not belong to the Risen Lord.

Jesus' Gospel – his death, resurrection and agenda – must remain at the center of any faithful Christian social action. Social action without an evangelistic passion to share Jesus' Gospel fails to convert the next generation of activists. Social action without Jesus' resurrection has no power. Social action without Jesus, true God and true man, at the center is no longer Christian. Social action without Jesus' agenda quickly loses its way.

If ESA has accomplished anything in the last 30 years, I hope it is that we have played our part in nurturing a biblical social action that is thoroughly grounded and centered in Jesus. Jesus, you're the center of our joy, our vision, our ministry. We are not social activists. We are disciples of Jesus the carpenter, Creator and risen Lord of the universe.

## THE SIDER CENTER ON MINISTRY AND PUBLIC POLICY

*Ronald J. 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 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. A successful conference was held in March based on his book, The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience.*

*For over 30 years, ESA has been a progressive evangelical voice committed to economic, racial and gender justice. Its activities include PRISM magazine, Network 9:35 which helps local congregations combine evangelism with social ministry, a public policy program of writing Op Eds for the newspapers and letters to elected officials, and an annual conference.*

*The Sider Center focuses on scholarship and activism. Its theological education and research will strengthen ESA's work in holistic ministry and biblically balanced public policy. The Center includes the Sider Chair in theology, holistic ministry and public policy; graduate research assistants; fellowships for pastoral associates, and an Internet database on holistic ministry.*

*To help fund this work, the Center is now involved in a major endowment campaign. It has already raised \$1.3 million which includes scholarships for Seminary students.*

*As Dr. Sider says, "The core of our message is calling Christians to radical, costly discipleship that really practices all that Jesus taught about loving the whole person. We are passionate about combining word and deed."*

*If you would like to join the Sider Center, general membership is \$35 per year; or \$25 per year for Eastern University alumni and current students. Write to them at 10 E. Lancaster Ave., Wynnewood, PA 19096. Call 1-800-650-6600. Visit [www.esa-online.org](http://www.esa-online.org).*



# Social Action for Dummies?

By Dr. Joseph B. Modica, University Chaplain

As I sat sipping my coffee at a local Barnes & Noble, my attention focused on a new display, The Dummies section. Finally a section for folks like me! We are all familiar with this recent genre, topics on everything from *Cooking for Dummies* to *Christianity for Dummies*. What's the premise? These manuals offer the bare bones for the uninformed. Colorful instructions laced with cartoons, bullet-points, glossaries and even interactive CDs to guide us. The success of this series is based on the fact that we all are "dummies" in one area or another.

As I continued to sip my coffee, I thought, "What would a Dummies book look like for social action?" We've all heard about the necessity for social action as Christians. To be "salt and light" to use the words of Jesus. Yet it can be confusing to make social action part of our lives. Do I volunteer at a food pantry? Homeless shelter? Soup kitchen? Do I form a social action committee at my church? Certainly these are all admirable and needed. But it is not the entire picture.

As I pray, study and reflect upon the Gospel and social action, I am increasingly impressed by social activists who respond to the world's brokenness by first

drinking from the deep well of their own spirituality. Here's the thesis statement for my *Social Action for Dummies* book: we must first cultivate the journey inward with Jesus, in order to journey outward with genuine acts of compassion. The key word here is genuine. If one reacts to the world's brokenness simply through guilt, external pressures or egotism, the hungry may get fed, the naked clothed, the homeless sheltered, but what then becomes of the beleaguered social activist?

A Christian social activist who has been instructive in my life is Thomas Merton (1915-1968), a Roman Catholic Trappist monk, committed to the disciplines of prayer and contemplation. (For those interested in Merton's life and conversion, read his autobiography *The Seven Storey Mountain*.) Many at first might think, "What kind of social activist can a monk be? Isn't a monk isolated from the world, cloistered behind the walls of the monastery?" Much to the contrary. Reading Merton's works is entering into a dialogue with someone who responded to the world's injustices not with a knee-jerk religious guilt, but with the prayerful love of Jesus. Merton once quipped that if the monks stopped praying for a moment the

world would come off its axis. Merton could clearly see the world's injustices through the disciplines of prayer and contemplation.

In his book, *No Man Is An Island*, Merton diagnoses the deadly disease for the social activist. In his chapter "Being and Doing," Merton reminds us that it is the quality of our actions, not the quantity that God is most concerned about: "Our being is not to be enriched merely by activity or experience as such. Everything depends on the quality of our acts and our experiences. A multitude of badly performed actions and of experiences only half-lived exhausts and depletes our being." The journey inward must precede the journey outward. Being must precede doing. Seems basic enough, doesn't it? Seems to epitomize what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the world. 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39). Perhaps I won't have to write that *Social Action for Dummies* book after all. Contact Dr. Modica at 610-341-5826 or [jmodica@eastern.edu](mailto:jmodica@eastern.edu)

## Eastern Graduate is Honored as 2005 PA Teacher of the Year



*PA Teacher of the Year Nikki Salvatico '01 in her classroom at General Wayne Elementary School.*

For Nikki Salvatico, the road to a career in teaching took a few twists and turns. Thanks to both a strong desire to follow her self-professed “calling” and the support of her family, Nikki achieved her ultimate destination, a challenging yet fulfilling career as an elementary school teacher. She recently enjoyed the distinguished honor of being named Pennsylvania’s 2005 Teacher of the Year.

Nikki’s professional career began after she graduated from Penn State with a bachelor’s degree in marketing. She worked as a customer service and sales representative for ICI Pharmaceuticals. While there, she found that her favorite part of the job were the opportunities she had to instruct others. When Nikki gave birth to her first child, she became a stay-at-home mom. As she raised her children, Nikki started working as an aide at her children’s school and teaching CCD, religious education classes at her church. It was these experiences, she notes, that “ignited the spark for teaching.”

After earning her elementary education certificate at York College, Nikki taught at both New Oxford Elementary School and Sugartown Elementary School. She eventually went on to earn her Multicultural Education degree at Eastern University in

December 2001. She now teaches first grade at General Wayne Elementary in the Great Valley School District.

Why exactly did Nikki choose Eastern as the school where she would earn her graduate degree? Several of her colleagues attended Eastern and recommended the University. However, Eastern’s inclusion of a multicultural education track was the main incentive.

The focus on multicultural education helped Nikki understand that “...different cultures will portray different responses to experiences and we need to be understanding but more so aware that people’s actions cannot be taken for granted and assumed to be interpreted via our cultural values.” She insists that a classroom which gives importance to each cultural background that is represented, is one that helps students understand one another and “alleviates much despair and hurtful actions.”

Nikki pointed out two particular Eastern professors who acted as strong motivators for the realization of her own goals. “Harry Mercurio was such an inspiration to me,” Nikki says. “His passion for learning and teaching is contagious.” Adjunct literature professor Ester Jackson also guided Nikki by “...provid-

ing ‘real life’ connections in her lessons” that her students could relate to. Nikki’s future aspirations include becoming an adjunct professor. Harry continues to provide guidance to Nikki as she follows this path.

The upcoming year holds many new challenges and opportunities for Mrs. Salvatico. As Pennsylvania’s representative, she will participate in the national Teacher of the Year competition. She also plans to continue speaking around the state and hopes to begin work on a book. Most importantly, Nikki would like to help support others who are interested in becoming teachers. “I just want to make sure I continue to learn and my passion for teaching continues to grow and hopefully inspire someone else as those who inspired me.”

### ***Tracy Wall: 2004 Teacher of the Year at Redding Middle School***

*Another Eastern alum, Tracy Wall '98, '00, has been named 2004 Teacher of the Year at Redding Middle School in Delaware, where she teaches eighth grade language arts. Tracy received her undergraduate degrees at Kent Christian College and Eastern University. She also earned her graduate degree in multicultural education at Eastern.*

*Tracy credits Eastern professors Heewon Chang and Frank Wright as two standout examples of teachers who espouse the philosophies and teaching techniques she uses in her own classroom. She says, “I knew Eastern had an excellent reputation for academic rigor and outstanding instruction.” She was also impressed by Eastern’s willingness to create an individualized MBA program.*

*In the coming years, Tracy hopes to continue to impact the lives of young people, both in and out of the classroom.*



# Dreams Awaken at NECHE:

## Nueva Esperanza Center for Higher Education



**By Dr. Sara Miles**  
*Founding Dean  
Nueva Esperanza Center for  
Higher Education (NECHE)*

NECHE (pronounced nay-chay) is making an impact in north Philadelphia. The acronym stands for the Nueva Esperanza Center for Higher Education, the junior college established through a partnership between Eastern University and Nueva Esperanza, Inc., (NEI) a faith-based community development organization. It is the realization of a dream first articulated by the Rev. Luis Cortés, NEI's president, for a college to serve the Hispanic population. That dream began to take shape in 2000, when the first students were admitted and began their studies. The academic program, based on Eastern University's CORE curriculum, leads to an Associate of Arts degree.

Hispanics have become the largest and fastest growing minority in the U.S., but

they are under-represented in institutions of higher education. At all levels of education, Hispanics have a low retention rate due to both linguistic and cultural differences with the U. S. educational system. NECHE seeks to provide a setting in which English skills can be enhanced while using their ethnic values to aid student learning. All four semesters include intensive English language instruction. Depending on the student's initial ability in English, disciplinary content (e.g., Bible, sociology, mathematics) may use either Spanish or English as the language of instruction, but the program is constructed so that by the third semester, all students study in English. This prepares students to be able to continue their studies in English if they want to earn a



baccalaureate degree. Moreover, students carry this heavy load while working full-time and having family responsibilities (most of our students have two or more children).

This approach seems to be working. While the national retention rate for Hispanic students who continue into the second year is around 25%, NECHE has a graduation rate of just over 50%. Almost half of the first group of graduates have gone on to earn their BA degrees. Based on this record, NECHE has acquired provisional branch campus status and is seeking funds to develop space in the NEI building for classrooms, offices, and library. We have an aggressive growth plan to expand the number of students we are able to serve, and the published goal is to increase enrollment by 185% by 2007-2008. We are developing a pool of teachers (many bilingual; many Hispanic) who are committed to the program and academically well-prepared (including many educated at the doctoral level) and spiritually attuned to Eastern's emphasis on integrating faith, reason, and justice in the curriculum.

Statistics are impersonal, though. Let's look at a couple of examples. Some of our students are not at all interested in the "Christian" part of our program. Knowing their English skills are poor,

they see NECHE as the one place they can get an education and improve their English. If they have to "put up with" the Bible, theology, and faith integration to get their education, then that's what they will do. I recently talked with one of these students who is now in her final semester. We were chatting before class started and, after a while, I asked her if she remembered her English skills when she entered, asking her, "Could you have carried on this conversation with me then?" "Oh no," she replied. "I have learned so much and improved my English so much as a result of studying here." She paused and then continued, "But what I REALLY like about this program is what I have learned spiritually. When I came here, I thought I knew what religion was all about. I was wrong. I have grown so much spiritually." Her faculty had demonstrated in their lives and in their teaching the importance of the Gospel, and she has come to value it as well.

In another example, this fall a student walked into my office and said, "I'm upset with you!" She had begun her studies



*Nayiber Datil and Wanda Alfaro are students at Nueva Esperanza junior college in Philadelphia.*

"You awoke a dream. You see, when I was a child I dreamed of becoming a doctor, but I knew that I could never do that. I was too stupid, we had no money, and our school was not very good. So I pushed the dream down until I didn't think about it any more. But coming to NECHE has awakened the dream, and I want to know if I can become a doctor." We talked for a while, and she began to have a vision of the ways God may use her and how her dormant dream might take shape.

Until this year, she would have been in full agreement with the proverb God discussed with Ezekiel: "Son of man, what is this proverb you have in the land of Israel: 'The days go by and every vision comes to nothing'? Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it in Israel.' Say to them, 'The days are near when every vision will be fulfilled'" (Ezekiel 12:21-23). NECHE itself is a vision being fulfilled. NECHE is also helping students with dormant dreams awaken their visions and is teaching students with no visions how to dream.

surprised. "What did I do or not do?" I asked.

Contact NECHE at 215-324-0746.



*Carol Ellis teaches a class at Nueva Esperanza, Eastern's partnership serving the Latino community.*



## An Eastern Grad Reflects on Seeds of Transformation

This is the first time I have been able to return to Eastern since my graduation in 1990, and share in the joy of all that has been accomplished over the past 20 years.

I want to start with a scripture from Luke 7. When John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus to find out if he was the Messiah, they were told to go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and good news is preached to the poor.

I was asked to reflect on how my time in the Eastern graduate program has impacted me, but I also want to expand the sharing beyond myself. Because to really comprehend the impact of Eastern's grad program over the past 20 years you need to hear the stories about the seeds of transformation that have been planted around the world by so many people, seeds of hope, seeds of transformation, seeds of the Kingdom of Heaven.

I first heard about the Eastern Economic Development program in 1988. My wife and I felt a strong sense of calling to international mission, to Africa in particular. Having completed my degree in international business, I was really not clear about the next steps of where God was calling us. We had a strong sense of zeal but didn't feel equipped. When we heard about the Eastern Economic Development grad program at the Urbana Mission Conference, we immediately felt like the question of "what next" had been answered. The Eastern brochure spoke of a graduate program that was developing a new wave of missionaries, people equipped to share the "whole Gospel to the whole world" by integrating economic development with spiritual outreach.

During my time at Eastern I gained wisdom from the professors as well as my fellow students. The firsthand sharing by both the faculty and colleagues began in the classrooms and often spilled over into late



*By Mathew Maury '90  
from the SLD 50th  
Anniversary Dinner*



night debates which made relevant a lot of the theory and book knowledge.

There were several ways in which I was personally transformed through the course work. I began to grasp God's heart for the poor and marginalized. Learning about Biblical justice, and other Kingdom values, began to shift my mental picture of who Christ is to those around the world. I began moving from a Western oriented personal salvation view of my Christianity towards one focused on building community and seeing God as active in relationships with me, with others, and with his creation.

Eastern provided the foundation to launch a career devoted to serving the poor. Clearly I did not walk away from my time here with all the answers (though in hindsight I probably thought I had most of them). Rather than leaving with all the answers, perhaps more importantly, I left with a solid foundation of biblical Kingdom values through which I could seek answers.

When I graduated, my wife Susan and I went to serve with Habitat for Humanity (HFH) as community development practitioners in a rural village in remote Zambia. Those first years were very difficult for both of us and the cultural anthropology class that Carolyn Beck taught continually helped shape how we engaged with the community and dealt with culture shock. In fact, it is still a filter through which I reflect on new projects.

Another source of strength through those very hard years was the network of graduate students we developed from Eastern. A few of us who had become dear friends and lived in the same apartment block formed and registered an organization called Service Through Economic Partnership (STEP). This continues to serve as an accountability group, sounding board, prayer network, and spiritual encouragement to us in our work. We graduated and went our separate ways, Susan and I went to Zambia, others to work with the unemployed in Paraguay, the marginalized in Viet Nam, and to inner-city Los Angeles.

The Eastern program has provided anchors for all of us into solid biblical principles related to ministry, leadership, tackling

tough issues instead of avoiding them, and making our faith relevant to the challenges we face. We get together every three or four years somewhere in the world to continue to challenge and encourage each other and to pray and study the Bible. It is interesting to see the continuing dialogue and debates that began 15 years ago in the classes of Lin Geiger, Van Wiegel, Tony Campolo, Ron Sider, Samuel Escobar, Roberta Hestenes, and all the others – and which remain relevant today because the core issues are those related to Christ's heart to see a world (and each of us) transformed.

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We also have been able to collaborate on various published articles for different development journals, sharing our learning and reflections as we have put our degrees into action.

On another note, I am personally very excited that HFH in the past couple of years has joined with Eastern and World Vision as partners in the Leadership Development graduate program. We just approved the new cohort of students from HFH's programs in Africa and the Middle East who

will enter Eastern's courses in a few months. The impact continues.

I want to close by saying how exciting it is for me to continue to come across Eastern Economic Development grads working around the world. The impact of each student is like ripples from rain drops into a calm lake – the concentric circles overlap with so many others – bringing change, hope and the message of Christ to the face of the earth. Eastern continues to help shape the global Christian relief and development sector through the leaders and practitioners who have been passed through its programs.

Thus I want to come back to Luke 7. As you will recall, John's disciples were sent back from Jesus to report their testimony of what they had seen and heard.

How do you measure the impact of Eastern's program in my life and the lives of so many others? I think it is at least partly captured in the modern day response to Luke 7. How do we know Christ is alive and working through the Eastern Economic Development program? The Messiah is being revealed throughout the world by servant leaders from Eastern who, with God's grace, have been reaching the disabled in India, advocating for migrant workers from Central America, developing small businesses in Paraguay, ministering to the street children in Brazil, providing micro-credit in the Philippines, directing resources to ethical investment in Australia, working with slum dwellers in Nairobi. They are helping the homeless in Philadelphia, providing health programs in rural Cambodia, helping heal the scars of genocide in Rwanda and Burundi, developing church leadership in rural congregations of Malawi, advocating for the rights of women in Asia and helping to build peace in Sri Lanka. They are ministering to AIDs orphans in Uganda, providing discipleship training in Bangladesh, challenging local churches around the world to embrace justice, providing leadership to relief and development organizations around the world, “preaching good news to the poor.” I know we are all privileged to be partners with God and his church through the work of Eastern University.

# WELCOME TO



When Eastern University says its professional programs for working adults have real-world applications, we aren't kidding. Just ask Howard James, Duane Higgenbothom, Richard Miller and Holly Pearson who graduated in 2001 from Eastern's Fast-Track MBA® program. The required New Venture Project they completed while students has grown into an actual business called Tea Country.

They say that once they did the financial analysis for the project, a proposed cyber café and a regular café, they decided that this could be a moneymaker. They had in mind a cyber café with computers as well as a regular café serving salads, soups and sandwiches along with all of the specialty teas. But they weren't really thinking about it seriously until Frank Viola, their advisor for the New Venture Project and instructor for Financial Planning I and II gave them his opinion.



*Duane Higgenbothom (left), and Howard James, two of the founders of Tea Country, which grew from a class project.*

Dwayne says, "Frank came to one of our meetings, brought in our business plan and plopped it down on the table and said 'You guys have crossed the line.' Now we'd already been marked down in our grade by Frank because we went over an allotted time in the presentation. So my immediate thought was that we had done something illegal, immoral, or we were getting kicked out of school!" But Frank said, "This is no longer going to be an academic exercise, you guys are really going to do a business!" And I think that as much as anything we believed we had something and Frank's unbiased review confirmed that, and that really was the catalyst that made us go forward."

They had spent a lot of time on making sales projections and felt that they had come up with reasonable numbers. For example, they showed how many times a table at the café would turn over and how many people might be at that particular table and how much they might earn from each person. They had also done extensive research on what it would cost to set up the equipment and supplies for the café.

The three partners agree that they had a number of things fall into place that allowed them to go forward. (Holly Pearson completed the project but decided not to continue with it when they took it to a real business venture.) Howard had a contact at Temple University who had a need to build a Web site. Duane's daughter is a graphic designer who created a look for them. A fellow student in their class is an attorney who incorporated them *pro bono*. Another challenge was that they didn't want to be in debt, and they all had full-time jobs. They decided to go very slowly and investors don't want to hear that. They took the money out of pocket for a host of expenses. Then they had to find either a location or an incubator and they found Temple University's Small Business Development Corporation incubator which gave them a mailbox, phone number and use of their conference space and computers – all free for the first two months. Duane says, "We were getting all kinds of breaks and we knew the Lord was in this plan because of all the different things that were happening positive for us."

### Future plans for Tea Country

The initial business plan was to start with a cyber café of e-commerce and later add a brick and mortar café. These things have happened as planned, with the Tea Country Café at Temple University. Now they are in negotiation for two potential locations. A second one at Temple University, right down the street from their present site, and a third at West Chester University right across from the campus. Their hope is that these plans should materialize by June.

After the business model has matured, they are considering franchising it. All of their expertise has come together to help them manage the company effectively. Richard Miller is experienced in transportation, Dwayne in franchising, and Howard in information technology.

As Dwayne says, "I was working for a franchise organization as a regional business development manager and there comes a point in your career when you can choose to stay at your current level or you can make a decision to try to move up. I thought the MBA at Eastern offered more diverse choices even if I was not going to stay in the industry. As it turned out, it was the right decision and it has helped immensely." Howard was assistant vice president in charge of information technology in the Banking Supervision Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Richard Miller was a transportation manager for DHL, which has turned out to be their third backup after UPS and Federal Express.

### Advice for Others

These successful entrepreneurs offer some advice to others thinking of starting a small business: The first thing is to keep your partners to a minimum and make sure that all of you are on the same page in terms of what your goals are for the business. Then make sure you get a good IT person to help automate your operational processes, along with a good banker, lawyer and accountant. Then be patient. Most people know three to five years is a reasonable amount of time to expect a profit. They also emphasize that you need to focus on the values of your organization. As Dwayne says, "Tea Country is a values-based organization. We're committed to our employees and community and we've been working along that line supporting our community activities, donating tea and time to people. When you give, it all comes back and benefits you as well."

*For information about Tea Country, call 215-276-2051 or visit [www.teacountry.com](http://www.teacountry.com).*



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH SERVICE

By Keila Rodriguez, EU student  
W. Wilson Goode Scholar



It is Saturday morning and my alarm goes off; I reach out and hit the snooze button. Then I jolt up as I remember that I have an engagement at City Team

Ministries in Chester. I have learned that when we are to be most effective for God, we get the most opposition from all directions. The key to overcoming remains with the knowledge that God does not give us anything we can't handle. I had committed to go to City Team, and as a Christian one has to strive to keep commitments.

At City Team Ministries, food is served to the homeless, and there is a rehabilitation program for men addicted to certain substances. The men in the program receive mentoring and go through a period of about five months of accountability and discipleship. At the end of the program they have a graduation and are set up to get a place of their own and start a new Christ-centered life. These men also learn to serve the community by serving the homeless. Paul Homan, the volunteer coordinator, always seems to have so much to do, yet he embodies a joy that can only come from the satisfaction and peace in the work that he does.

At City Team, one can begin to step outside of our "I" universe, to exalt and honor God. There is a lot to learn from City Team Ministries; God wants us to be appreciative of his grace and bounty in life. He gives us the strength and health we need to get up every morning and go about life, get to work or to school. He wants us to joyfully live our lives to the max, and give Him the tenth of our time, our thoughts, our sight, etc. Colossians 1:16: "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible...all things have been created by Him and for Him (NASV)." Our time is a big challenge to surrender to God these days, and at places like City Team, we can begin to ask ourselves if we give a tenth of our time or money to the work of God on earth. It is never too late to begin tithing our time, and it is never too soon either.

Contact City Team Ministries, 634 Sproul Rd, Chester, PA 19013, phone 610-872-6865.

## Eastern Celebrates Lifelong Learning



Marian Louise Henry and family pose by Eastern's famous rock, often painted by students with personal and special events messages.



Michelle Marshall, Laini Sykes, and Janean McLean MBA are Health Administration grads who prove that parents can also continue to learn and complete their degrees.



Korean Nursing students Hye An Kim, (left to right) Joungyoun Park, Soo Ji Oh, and Hyun Mi Lee



Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management graduates Katie McElhone, (left to right) Bruce Nelson, Pam Monti, Linda Ransome-Nichols, Wesley Rankins



NECHE graduates celebrate their achievements. See related story on pages 6-7.

# CAMPUS COMMUNITY NEWS

## BRADSTREET OBSERVATORY NEWS

### Dr. David Bradstreet

reports that the Observatory has secured eight complete multifiltered eclipsing binary light curves of systems that have either never been observed before, or the existing data was of extremely poor quality. This work has been made possible through the hard work of Observatory Administrator Steve Sanders

and data acquisition continues at a rapid pace. Papers on four of these systems were presented at the American Astronomical Society January 2005 San Diego meeting by **Dr. Bradstreet, Steve Sanders and Jonathan Hargis.**

Villanova astronomy majors have been using Eastern's Observatory since the fall to precisely monitor the explosion of a new supernova in a distant galaxy. This is part of our ongoing cooperative program in astronomy and will result in another publication. Dr. Bradstreet submitted an NSF proposal in November in conjunction with Villanova University to study the feasibility and implement automated data analysis of eclipsing binary and variable star light curves to handle the expected tremendous influx of new datasets from upcoming space missions. The current inventory of about 10,000 eclipsing binary

systems known is expected to increase within the next 10 years to 10 million!

Binary Maker 3 is completed and on the market. This software release (4 years in the making) was written by Dr. Bradstreet in conjunction with **David Steelman** (formerly of



Administrative Computing at Eastern, now at Solipsys Corporation). The program realistically and accurately reproduces the light output of eclipsing binary stars as they orbit each other and plots the orbiting stars in 3D and their light for the user to see. The previous version of this program is being used worldwide by professional and amateur astronomers, and the new version incorporates many new features and runs on many computer platforms: Windows, Macs, Linux and Unix machines.

## SECOND-DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Eastern's new Second-degree Nursing Program is tailored for men and women who already have a bachelor's degree, but want a challenging new career. After just two years as a full-time student, they graduate not only with the credentials of a Registered Nurse, but also with a bachelor of

science in nursing degree, an important credential that can open the door to clinical and leadership opportunities. By 2020, it's estimated that there will be a shortage of 800,000 nurses in the United States. Eastern's Second-degree Nursing program helps nurses qualify for multiple employment opportunities and gives them the satisfaction of using their professional abilities to help those who need it most. For more information, visit [www.eastern.edu](http://www.eastern.edu) or call 610-225-5525.

## EASTERN EARNS TOP RANKING IN BUSINESS REFORM MAGAZINE

The editors of Business Reform wrote, "To continue taking the marketplace back for the Lord, this generation –

and those following – must be trained up in the way they should go." They surveyed and researched over 100 schools nationwide, running each through a long list of qualifiers under the following four main categories. 1) How biblical is the foundation of the program? 2) How much of an emphasis is placed on running a business vs. just teaching students to get jobs? 3) How did each of the schools' Business Department heads rank other programs in overall quality? and 4) What colleges offered the most business degrees and courses?

They ranked Eastern University's Business program Number One in the Most Entrepreneurial category, followed by Dordt College, Abilene Christian University,



Paul Neal '88, Olson Research Group, (left to right) Jon Ruiz, Reeja Koshy and David Black

## OLSON LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Jon Ruiz and Reeja Koshy** were selected to receive the 2004 Olson Leadership Award, established in 2000 through the generosity of Chip Olson '90. This \$1,000 award is presented to juniors who demonstrate outstanding leadership both in and out of the classroom. It applauds them because, "Through their words, deeds and diligent commitment to Christ they have become leaders and examples of Christianity in action."



Baylor University, Grove City College, and Biola University, ranked Numbers Two through Six, respectively.

They wrote about Eastern, "This St. Davids, Pennsylvania school makes our list as having the best program for future managers and entrepreneurs, precisely because that is their central aim. The program itself offers numerous courses on writing a business plan, entrepreneurship, and develops in its students a strong sense of stewardship. The percentage of teachers that have run their own business before is 95 percent. To put that in perspective, the next highest on our survey was 45 percent. Far and above the competition, Eastern University's faculty bring real world experience to teaching their students.

Dedicated to attracting students who desire to heed their call to go into the business world, but are not necessarily interested in working in a corporate environment, Eastern University – more than any other school we surveyed – exhibits a great amount of attention to preparing these kinds of future leaders."

"Business leaders," they said, "will gain academic breadth through stewardship." Starting with the introductory course, "Business as a Profession," the Christian worldview and applications of Scripture to day-to-day situations are emphasized in management courses. This course pays particular attention to how



A magnolia tree and plaque were dedicated April 25 in memory of nurse Anita Marland's 17 years of service to Eastern. Her husband, Al, daughter, Andrea Weber and granddaughter, Kaitlyn are shown at the site. Anita's daughter Alyssa is working in Ireland.

one's calling factors into the business world and sets the basis for the rest of the program offerings.

From: The Top Christian Business Colleges in the Country, Business Reform (Sept./Oct. 2004, Vol. 4, No. 5).

#### THE SIMPLE WAY

This ministry founded by Eastern students continues to be active in the inner city. In September they had their annual school supply giveaway, providing over 350 packs of free school supplies for children from low income families. Many of the same Eastern alumni are involved with the summer theatre camp program you can visit at [www.yesandcamp.org](http://www.yesandcamp.org)

#### CHRISTMAS IN THE HOLY LAND.

A special edition of EU's "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land" program will be presented this Christmas. This is a 23-day, top-drawer program in both Israel and Egypt. Our pilgrimage tour is open to all and invites you to

share its blessings with your family and church. For more information contact Dr. Maahs at 610-341-5895 or [kmaahs@eastern.edu](mailto:kmaahs@eastern.edu).

#### RADNOR BENEFITS NAMED TO PHILADELPHIA 100

Eric Zee, President of Radnor Benefits Group and a member of the Governing Board of the Templeton Honors College at Eastern University, reports that his employee benefits consulting firm has been recognized as one of the fastest growing, privately held companies in the Philadelphia region. The company was inducted in 2004 into the Philadelphia 100 Hall of Fame® which presently consists of sixteen companies that have been named to the annual award six or more times. The Philadelphia 100 was founded in 1988 to publicly identify, recognize and promote young successful companies in the Greater Philadelphia region. The Philadelphia 100 is a registered trademark of the Entrepreneurs' Forum of

Greater Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Business Journal and The Wharton Small Business Development Center. For more information about the Philadelphia 100, please visit [www.Philadelphia100.com](http://www.Philadelphia100.com). Visit Radnor Benefits Group at [www.radnorbenefits.com](http://www.radnorbenefits.com).

**Dr. Kathy Lee** presented a paper, "The Religious Imagination and Hearing the Other: Judge John T. Noonan, Catholic Social Teaching, and Immigration," at the Lilly Conference on Christianity and Human Rights at Samford University and at Fordham University Law School.

**Dr. Van Weigel** was the keynote speaker at the 10th Annual Instructional Technology Conference at Middle Tennessee State



University in April. His address was, "Turning the Lecture on

Its Head: Implementing Discovery-Based Learning and the Teach-to-Learn Concept Through Communities of Practice." Read the presentation at: <http://www.mtsu.edu/~itconf/speakers.html>.

**Dr. Phillip Cary**, associate professor of philosophy, reports that his 24-lecture series entitled Martin Luther: Gospel, Law and Reformation, has come out with The

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Teaching Company. It is available in video or audio, DVD, CD, VHS or audiocassette. He says, "While the lectures are designed for a broad, not specifically Christian audience, I do get to say a good deal about what the Gospel of Christ is all about. But I also deal with where Luther went wrong, such as his hateful attitude toward the Jews." Dr. Cary's article, "United Inwardly by Love" is coming out soon in the book, *Augustine and Politics* (edited by Robert P. Kennedy and Kim Paffenroth).

**Dr. Vivian Nix-Early** and **Dr. Nathan Corbitt** presented their book, *Taking it to the Streets*, at Messiah College's Philadelphia campus as part of their "immersion text" weekend in March. They also presented the book in Bratislava, Slovakia to 80 arts therapy students at the University last spring. Their book is the first of its kind in providing a faith-integrated and theological perspective on the arts in urban community mission, that is also interdisciplinary.

**Calenthia Dowdy**, assistant professor of youth culture, published an article in *Duffy Robbins' companion guide* to his newest textbook, *This*



Way to Youth Ministry 2004. Her article is, "Common

Ground: Multicultural Youth Ministry and Hip-Hop Culture. The Facts and the Challenge." She edited a special edition of the *Academic Journal of Youth Ministry*, spring 2005. Dr. Dowdy presented a paper, "Hip-Hop Culture: Voices from the Fringes-Prophets and Town Criers" at the National Christian Multicultural Student Leadership Conference, Seattle Pacific University.

**Eduardo Ramirez**, assistant professor of youth ministry, completed the oral assessment for his Doctor in



Ministry degree at the Seminary. He presented "Character Formation in the Context of a Christian University," in which he evaluated the role of a teacher in character formation.

**Bettie Ann Brigham**, vice president for student development, and students **Katrina Rutt** and **Jessica Thorn** gave a presentation at the National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing at Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ. "Writing Assistance 24/7" focused on Katrina and Jessica's work as writing assistants in the summer Equip program in 2003 and 2004.

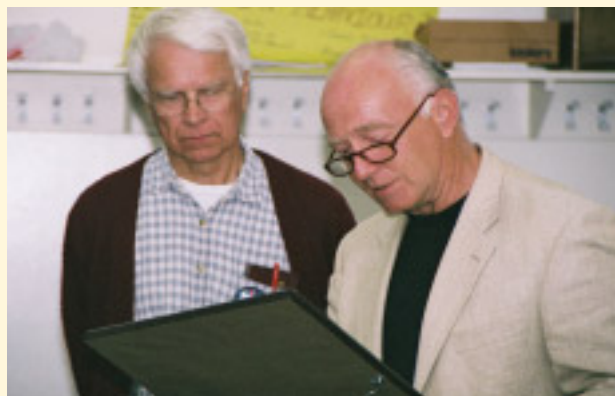
**Dr. Ron Matthews** reports the Music Department has released a new CD of its first Gala Benefit Concert featuring the Eastern Piano Quartet and the University Choir. It is

available for \$15 from the Music Office.

Dr. Matthews has accepted a call to serve part-time as Pastor of Worship Arts at Church of the Saviour in Wayne, PA. He will continue full-time at Eastern and looks forward to developing collaborative projects that will strengthen the relationship between the academy and the church. Ron and his brother, Gary, have completed a new CD that will be available this summer through their Web site: [www.ronandgarymatthews.com](http://www.ronandgarymatthews.com)

**Dave Manley**, instructor of jazz and jazz guitar, is on tour this semester with Jill Scott, an internationally known jazz Gospel singer.

**Library Director James Sauer** reports that the library received a gift of 3000 books from the late University of Pennsylvania scholar Roland Mushat Frye. The books are primarily in the areas of the arts, literature, history, and reference. Dr. Frye was a Christian scholar who published extensively on Shakespeare and Milton.



Dr. David Greenhalgh (right) presents Dr. Meyer with a citation.

After 30 years of service, **Dr. Marv Meyer**, professor of biology, has retired. An innovator, he led the department into the 21st Century, encouraging the use of Power-point; pioneering techniques for distance-based learning; spearheading the creation of the BioPlace, a focal site for student study and interaction; and developing new courses in molecular biology. Marv could teach microbiology as easily in Belize for the Creation Care Study Program as at St. Davids.

Marv received a number of National Science Foundation research grants as he published papers related to cellular and molecular genetics. He is a member of both the Global Stewardship Initiative and the Evangelical Environmental Network, and has represented Eastern at the Academic Council of the Au Sable Institute. He was instrumental in bringing Philly Futures, a science enrichment program for inner-city high school students, to our campus.



## ALUMNI

**LAMPLIGHT SOCIETY ADDS TWO MEMBERS**

The Lamplight society welcomes its 2004 inductees, **Dr. John Ruth '56** and **Mrs. Carol Tatta '84**. The Lamplight award is given in honor of those whose lives and work have been beacons of exemplary Christian service, making a unique contribution to the life and mission of Eastern University and illuminating the path for those who will follow.

Dr. Ruth was a beloved English professor at Eastern for over a decade and went on to write many books that include *Conrad Grebel, Sons of Aurich* (1974), *Twas Seeding Time: A Mennonite View of the American Revolution* (1976), *Maintaining the Right Fellowship* (1984), and *The Earth is the Lords* (2001).

For over 25 years, Mrs. Carol Tatta has served as director of the Central Nursery School in Wayne and Villanova, PA, which has provided internships for Eastern students. Mrs. Tatta served as an adjunct faculty member in the early childhood education program. She is also the founder of the Family Forum, which offers workshops for parents, teens and children, and is the co-author of a book on parenting called *Parent Quest*.

The Lamplight award was created in 2002 as part of the 50th anniversary of Eastern University. There have been 15 inductees since inception including the late Dr. Harold Howard, Dr. Tony Campolo, Dr. George Claghorn, Dr. Betsy Morgan and Bettie Ann Bringham.

**CLASS REUNIONS  
OCTOBER 7-8, 2005**

The following 2005 Class Reunion luncheons will be held on Saturday, October 8:  
45th - Class of 1960  
40th - Class of 1965

35th - Class of 1970  
30th - Class of 1975  
25th - Class of 1980  
20th - Class of 1985  
15th - Class of 1990  
10th - Class of 1995  
5th - Class of 2000  
Social Work Affinity Reunion

If you would like more information about your reunion, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-600-8057 or visit the alumni Web page at [www.eastern.edu/alumni](http://www.eastern.edu/alumni). Look for more information to come in the mail.

**CATCH THE SPIRIT**

Homecoming  
October 7-9, 2005  
Save the date. Look for more information in the mail.

**2005 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

The Eastern University Alumni association Executive Council is in the process of selecting an "Alumnus of the Year" for 2005. The winner will be announced at Homecoming. Do you know an alumnus you think deserves this award? Your nominee should be someone who:

1. Has earned a degree from Eastern University
2. Is a 1995 or earlier graduate
3. Has demonstrated capability and achievement in their chosen career
4. Has contributed to their community and church
5. Has continued to show an interest in the mission and goals of Eastern

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[www.eastern.edu/alumni](http://www.eastern.edu/alumni)

Athletics:

[www.eastern.edu/athletics/schedulelist](http://www.eastern.edu/athletics/schedulelist)

News and Events:

[www.eastern.edu/news](http://www.eastern.edu/news)

Submit news for Class News:  
e-mail [alumni@eastern.edu](mailto:alumni@eastern.edu)

**RECOMMEND EASTERN**

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is always in search of high school students to welcome to the Eastern University community. Many of you may be aware of high school students in your family, church or elsewhere who embody the ideals of faith, reason and justice.

We need your help in finding these students! Please direct these students to our Web site [www.eastern.edu](http://www.eastern.edu). Better yet, have them fill out a form online so we can mail them information. The form can be found at: [www.eastern.edu/admissions/trad\\_undg/RequestInformation](http://www.eastern.edu/admissions/trad_undg/RequestInformation). We would love to see these students visit our campus. If you know the family well (or it's your own family) we hope you come too!

**SUPPORT STUDENTS**

Many gifted students need additional financial assistance to receive a quality Christian college education. The 2004-05 Student Aid Fund drive is now going on at Eastern. Visit [www.eastern.edu/alumni/giving\\_opportunities](http://www.eastern.edu/alumni/giving_opportunities) to make a convenient, secure gift online.

## BIRTHS

**Ricardo Graca '86** and his wife, Judy, had a baby girl, Laura Justine, born January 18, 2005. They have two other children, Elias and Elaina.

**Molly (Varghese) George '88** and her husband, Biju, have a daughter, Andrea Rachel, born November 11, 2003. The Georges now have three daughters.

**Sherri (Sleboda) Feliccia '90** and her husband, Nick, have a son, Alex Joseph, born January 12, 2004. They also have a daughter, Mira Rose.

**Lisa (Myers) Vazquez '92** and her husband, Dan, welcome Liliana Marie, born September 6, 2004.

**F. Kingsley Emerson, III '93** and his wife, Cristy, have twins,

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## ALUMNI continued

William Kingsley and John Forrest, who were born 11 weeks early and delivered at home on September 11, 2004.

**Antoinette (Sanford) Redmond '95** and her husband, Jack, have a baby girl named Sophia Abigail born March 16, 2004. Their daughter Julia is two.

**Randy Fox '96** and **Christi (Dull) Fox '96** had their first child, Ashton Thomas, April 21, 2004. They reside in King of Prussia, PA. Randy works for Delaware Valley Tennis Academy, and Christi teaches kindergarten for the Norristown Area School District.

**Beth (Meanor) Warner '99** and her husband, Cliff, have a son, Joseph Alan, born July 13, 2004. Beth is employed at Bethany United Methodist Church in Red Lion, PA. Cliff is senior quality engineer for the Navy Division at York International Corp. in York, PA.

**Sandra Cruz-Tracy '00** and her husband, Brett, have a son, Joshua Caleb, born January 14, 2005. They reside in Pemberton, NJ.

**Noah '00** and **Heidi (Moss) Macy '00** have a son, Benjamin Eliot, born in October 2004.

**Michael Hartsock '00** and his wife, **Shannon (Hester) '98, MBA '00** have a son, Gabriel Shaun, born March 13, 2005.

## MARRIAGES

**Linda Hart '75** married Rev. Harry C. Green III on August 15, 2004. Harry is the district executive for Metro district of the UUA.

**Susan Burke '98** married Joseph Mangano in October

2004. The Burkes reside in Audubon, PA.

**Charlotte Stiles '00** married Daniel Hopp on August 21, 2004. Charlotte is a biologist and Daniel is an electrician. The couple resides in Downingtown, PA.

**Lisa Marie Ragland '01** married James Shanker Wiegel on October 3, 2004. Lisa has been a youth pastor in churches in Belgium and Los Angeles. The couple resides in Aurora, CO.

**Sarah Clayton '02** and Matthew Coackley were married on December 18, 2004. Sarah is a county planner for Spotsylvania County, VA where they reside.

**Jason Bickham '03** married **Anna Sarco '04** on August 7, 2004 in Charleston, SC. Jason and Anna are pursuing careers in graphic design and marketing, respectively.

**Kandace Kautz '03** married Nathanael DaCosta on May 1, 2004. She is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Homesale Services Group. The couple resides in Lancaster, PA.

**Sarah Ann Kelley '03** married Brian Thomas Leimone on July 10, 2004. Sarah is pursuing a graduate degree in physical therapy at Shenandoah University. The couple resides in Hagerstown, MD.

**Kinsey Wangaard '03** married Andrew Towle on August 13, 2004. She has taught children with cerebral palsy in Philadelphia, PA, and is continuing her education at Temple University.

**Jennifer (Pool) Gordon '04** was married on June 12, 2004. She is the administrative assistant, GEO Technology Associates, MD. She and her husband reside in Millersville, MD.

**Matt Whitt '04** and **Betsy Wright '04** will be married on June 4, 2005.

## UPDATES

## 1950's

## Class Representatives

'55 Joseph (Joe) Tatta  
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'56 James (Jim) Meek  
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**Joseph Tatta '55** was given the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association (PSCA) Honor Award at a banquet on February 5, 2005 for his dedication to the ideals of the PSCA in working to improve the sport and the quality of coaching. It is the highest level of recognition presented to an individual by the PSCA.

## 1960's

## Class Representatives

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'61 Samuel (Sam) W. Hill  
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'63 Margaret (Peggy)  
(Parker) Thomas  
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'64 Jacquelyn Hahn  
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'65 C. Thomas Bailey  
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'67 B. J. (Cheever) Dunbar  
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'69 Dr. Carolivia Herron  
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**Dr. John Hoyes '65** supervises student teachers for Muskingum College, OH using the Praxis model for evaluation. He supervised student teachers for the Zanesville, OH city schools prior to his retirement seven years ago. He continues to serve on the boards of a number of organizations related to education.

**George Allen '67** and his wife, **Carolyn (Heeren) '67**, recently became the first great grandparents of their class.

**Barbara (Forman) Bell '67** celebrated her 60th birthday with a trip to Florida. Her daughter, Caitlin, a student at WPI in Worcester, MA, spent a seven-week term in France.

**Rev. George Burn '68** has been the chaplain at Mount Nittany Medical Center, PA for 14 years. He and his wife, Paula, who is pastor of the United Church of Christ in Hublersburg, PA, have a blended family of six children.

## 1970's

## Class Representatives

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'77 John Lehoczyk, III  
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'78 Mary de Cottes-Cantelope  
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'79 Michael (Mike) Pahides  
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**Wayne Carl Draper '73** retired from BellSouth in 1995 as a staff manager. He is currently employed by Broward County Government as a librarian in the special collections section of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**Jim Wilkin '74** is the executive director of the Rittenhouse Square Fine Arts Association, Philadelphia, PA. Jim's wife, Diane, is an artist who is a regular exhibitor at the association's annual fair. Jim has held executive positions in both public and private child welfare agencies.

**Bruce Wilson '75**, founder and president of Wilson Technology, reports that his custom legal software company has been named by Deloitte & Touche to its annual "Fast 50" list of growing technology companies in Eastern Pennsylvania. This is the fifth time in the past six years that Wilson Technology has been recognized by Deloitte for its company growth. Wilson has also been nominated as one of the 500 fastest growing North American technology companies. In another competition, Wilson Technology was selected as one of three finalists for technology growth in the Enterprise Awards sponsored by the Eastern Technology Council and PricewaterhouseCoopers. Wilson has grown to become the largest custom legal software developer in the United States. Visit [www.wilsontechnology.com](http://www.wilsontechnology.com).

## 1980's

### Class Representatives

'80 Jane (Longhurst) MacNeill  
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'85 William (Bill) Toy  
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'87 Birger Undseth  
[bundseth@mindspring.com](mailto:bundseth@mindspring.com)

**Virginia (Funk) Politz '80** is co-owner of Bikesport in Trappe, PA.

**Mary Cipriani-Price '80** is a licensed marriage and family therapist with Reinicke Counseling Associates in San Diego, CA. She was recently appointed clinical director of Life Spring, a non-profit agency of Reinicke offering low-cost counseling to those unable to afford traditional counseling. She is also an associate professor in marriage and family therapy at Bethel University and Seminary, San Diego.

**Rev. John Cordes '81** is pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Mountville, PA. He was previously pastor of Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, PA for six years, and a nursing home administrator for 13 years.

**Mel Bwint '83** is the owner of Child and Family Focus Inc., Phoenixville, PA that was founded in 2001. Mel now has 21 full-time employees and offices in Phoenixville and Hatboro, PA. **Bryon Luke '91** is the director of the Hatboro office.

**Geoff Schmitt '83** works at Anixter Corporation, world distributor of wire/cable products, Cranbury, NJ. His wife, **Lisa, (Stauffer) '83**, works at Princeton Radiology Associates, Kendall Park, NJ. They have a daughter, Hannah Ruth, who is 9.

**Robert Thomas '86** is a physical therapist and the president of Infinity Rehab. He and his wife, Kristin, live in Portland OR with their adopted son, Nicholas.

**Peter Berol '87** has founded Red Stone Management Systems, Inc., a property management and consulting company. Red Stone works with colleges and universities to help start and develop summer conference programs. He also teaches at Eastern in the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

## 1990's

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**Michael Inman '90** is a major gifts officer in the institutional advancement office at Grove City College, PA. After graduation, Michael worked for seven years at Eastern in various capacities in admissions, conferences and athletics.

**Lisa (Holland) McMaster '90** is the assistant director of financial aid at Eastern University.

**David Gibson '91** teaches sociology at the University of Pennsylvania where he is currently on a tenure track.

**Kim (Nies) Brown '92**, an American Baptist missionary in Thailand, reports that all missionaries are accounted for and safe after the recent tsunami.

### EASTERN ALUM AIDS TSUNAMI VICTIMS

**Daniel Kortsch '98**, a 2nd-year resident at Chestnut Hill Hospital, was in Indonesian doing medical relief work in January with International Medical Corps. He writes, "Our team was a rapid response trauma unit, with our work centered in Banda Aceh, and on the southwestern coast. Banda Aceh was a city of about 150,000 people that was devastated by the tsunamis that flattened the majority of the city and killed countless thousands (somewhere between 90,000 and 200,000 people in the Aceh province). Even prior to the tsunami, the city infrastructure was minimal, but with the destruction of so much of the city, and the death of the majority of the population, all areas of society were devastated.

I worked both in mobile medical clinics and in the local emergency room. Although the hospital had been flooded with all types of debris and had been under many feet of mud, the ER was quickly cleaned out. I spent my last five days in the village of Calang, which was completely destroyed by the tsunami. I arrived there by military helicopter and it was amazing how complete the waves had been in their destruction. Only one house was left standing in a city of 7,000. Although almost no one had survived the tsunami, Calang quickly became home to approx. 4,000 refugees.

I was part of the first IMC team to work in Calang. My partner Frank (a nurse) and I quickly began to set up tents and within two days I was doing mobile medical clinics in some of the surrounding villages. I hope this gives you a little snapshot of some of what I was doing over there. Thank you for all your prayers and support."

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## ALUMNI continued

**Brian Durham '95** obtained a master's degree in business administration in December 2004 from Southeastern Missouri State University. He is vice president of operations at Grace Manufacturing, Plato, MO. His wife, **Jolene (Senter) '96**, is director of public relations/marketing and director of physician recruitment, Texas County Memorial Hospital, Houston, MO.

**Tami Hopple '96** is the general manager of the Fitness Joint, Oaks, PA.

**Rev. Alison Yuko Krieger '97** was ordained as a Zen Buddhist priest in 2003. She lives in the Great Vow Zen Monastery in Clatskanie, OR.

**Kristin M. Burgess '98** works at the June Shelton School, a private institution in Dallas, TX for students dealing with ADD/ADHD, dyslexia and other learning issues. She is also the upper school theatre technical director.

**Daniel Kortsch '98** who lives in Radnor, PA, is a second-year resident at Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia, PA. He recently completed medical relief work in Banda Aceh, Indonesia on temporary assignment with the International Medical Corps Field Hospital. (See related story on page 65.)

**Anne Beiler (Auntie Anne) '99** received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Eastern University in recognition of her entrepreneurial talents. In 1988, she founded Auntie Anne's Hand-Rolled Pretzels in Lancaster County, PA, and there are now more than 800 locations worldwide.

## 2000's

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**Captains Myron '00** and his wife, **Kimberly (Lohne) Smith '98**, are the new pastors at The Salvation Army of Kearny, NJ.

**Amanda Cleveland '01** is pursuing a master's degree in secondary educational counseling at West Chester University, PA. She will graduate in 2006.

**Pastor Jason Link '01** is the pastor of the Penningtonville Presbyterian Church in Atglen, PA. His wife is the former **Krista Hoffer '01**.

**Jake Miller '01**, an actor, director, and choreographer, teaches acting for children and teens as part of the HATCH Dance Theater's program in Chestnut Hill, PA. Jake works as an artist and teacher of dance throughout Philadelphia. He has worked with the theater center at Eastern University.

**Amy Shumoski '01** is the central services coordinator

at Eastern University. She previously worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

**Heidi K. Beers '02** and **Jeremy Gudgeon '03** have joined the executive board of the Alumni Council.

**Karie (Musselman) Fiorello '02** is employed by the United Methodist Church in Swarthmore, PA. Her husband, John, works at Church of the Brethren in Royersford, PA.

**Brian Hamson '03** and his wife Erin are on the property staff at Young Life's Lake Champion facility.

**Kandace (Kautz) DaCosta '03** is a licensed realtor with Coldwell Banker.

**Anthony Morgan '04** suffers from acute renal failure, and is a patient at Bryn Mawr Hospital, PA. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

**Scott Slawson '04** is director of youth ministries at Clinton Presbyterian Church, PA.

## School of Professional Studies

**Lori Devlin '95 (Group No. 65)** is Springfield Township Health Officer, Springfield, PA. Some of her responsibilities include food service sanitation inspections, and training and consultation for managers and personnel of food establishments to help prevent food-borne illnesses.

**Will Schirmer '95 (Group No. 70)** is the author of the book: *Reaching Beyond the Mennonite Comfort Zone* that explores the relationships of people inside and outside the church.

**Ross Mitchell '96 (Group No. 64)** is the first executive director of Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA. The cemetery was founded in 1836, and covers about 95 acres.

**Rosemary T. Slade-Lucerne '96 (Group No. 70)** is human assets and learning manager, AT&T Business Sales, Pottstown, PA. In 2004, she earned certification as a professional in human resources (PHR).

**Sheila Himes '98 (Group No. 140)** is the vice president of operations for the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and Capital Region Economic Development Corp.

**Michael Benson '00 (Group No. 186)** and **FMBA (Group No. 84)** retired from the U.S. Postal Service in May 2004, after 30 years of service. He had been manager of the Lancaster, PA district. He is now director of adult studies at Crossroads Christian College in Rochester, MN.

**Paul Freehart '03 (Cohort 276)** married Shannon Tate on July 10, 2004. Paul is employed by Wawa Corp. as a project manager.

## Graduate Programs

**Thomas F. Keenan '92 (MBA)** is vice president of Ambler Savings Bank, PA. Previously, he held a number of leadership positions with other banks.

**Dr. Emmanuel M. Ngui '95 (MBA) '91 (BS)** is the assistant professor of pediatrics, epidemiology and health policy at the department of pediatrics, Medical College of



Wisconsin. He and his wife, **Sherry Olson-Ngui '92**, have two sons.

**H. Paul Shackleton '96** and his wife, **Grace**, were graduates together in the first cohort of the Fast-Track MBA® program in August 1996. They celebrated the arrival of their 13th grandchild, Alice Elizabeth West, in September 2004.

**Manish Chanda '98 (MBA)** and his wife, Janice, had a baby girl, Alicia Chanda Kynjing, born March 4, 2005. Manish is a budget financial analyst at Eastern University.

**Tracy Wall '98 (MBA)** was named 2004 Teacher of the Year at Redding Middle School, Appoquinimink School District, Middletown, DE. She is an eighth grade language arts teacher. (See related story on page 5.)

**David Braksator '02 (MBA)** works for Armstrong World Industries Inc, St. Helens, OR. He married Tracy Johnson on July 2, 2004.

**Thomas Fox '02 (MA) '96 (BA)** married Michelle Rouse on September 4, 2004. Tom is a computer teacher at Kennett Middle School, Kennett Square, PA. His wife is a therapist. They reside in Coatesville, PA.

**Scott Ambrose Kelly '02 (MBA)** is a math teacher at Haverford Middle School, Havertown, PA. He previously taught at Monsignor Bonner High School and in the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District. He is also a CPA.

**Rajendra Pillai '98 (MBA)** has written a book, *Reaching the World in Our Own Backyard* published by WaterBrook Press.

The book won the 2003 Outreach Magazine of the Year Award. Among other items, the book gives specific and detailed tips for building relationships with natives of 52 countries. (See related quiz on page 68.)

**Ramona Patillo '04 (MBA)** was appointed school psychologist in the William Penn School District, Lansdowne, PA.

## In Memoriam

**Lydia (Crozer) Roeder '65** died June 19, 2004. Roeder had worked as a realtor with Century 21 where she was a leading agent for many years. She is survived by two daughters.

**Jonathan Orr '76** died on August 23, 2004. His father, Robert Orr, served as president of Friends of Eastern University Library for several years. Jonathan had one of the early successful kidney transplants donated by his father. He was the husband of Barbara and father of two sons, Martin and Duncan.

**Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson-Smith, II '90 (MBA)** died October 4, 2004. He had been pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Jenkintown, PA. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children.

**John David May '00** and his wife, **Katherine May (Cintron) '01** lost their son, William, on August 11, 2004, the day after he was born. He suffered from Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). Our prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

# ATHLETICS

The Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) is proud to announce that a record 493 student-athletes from its 12-member schools were named to the All-PAC Academic Team for the Fall 2004 semester. The team, consisting of student-athletes from the sports of men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, women's tennis and volleyball earned this honor by receiving a semester grade point average of 3.20 or higher.

Of the 493 student-athletes on this squad, 83 were also named on their respective sport's All-PAC team; five (5) were named their sport's Player of the Year (Becky Macchione of Alvernia and Danielle Prescott of Eastern - Field Hockey; Dana Landis of Gwynedd-Mercy - Women's Soccer; Jennifer Keller of Cabrini - Women's Tennis; Erin Meredith of Eastern - Volleyball); two (2) were named their sport's Rookie of the Year (Kyle Savidge of Wesley - Women's Soccer and Carolyn Wilson of Cabrini - Women's Tennis); a Cross Country All-American (Amy Bower of Misericordia) and six (6) members of the PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) (including Lisa Bitterlich of Eastern - President and Vanessa Moyano of Rosemont - Secretary).

## AMANDA MAGRI SCORES 1,000th POINT

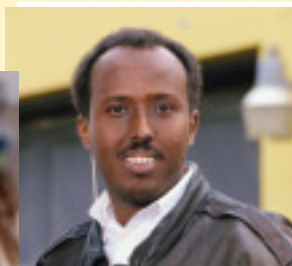


Patricia Larrimore, Amanda and Coach David Storm

Senior point guard Amanda Magri from Clayton, DE, scored her 1,000th collegiate career point January 19 in a basketball game Eastern won over Rosemont College. The memorable field goal was her 23rd point of the night. "I feel honored to do it," she said. "It wasn't just me. I had a great four years with great teammates. There was a lot of support behind the points."

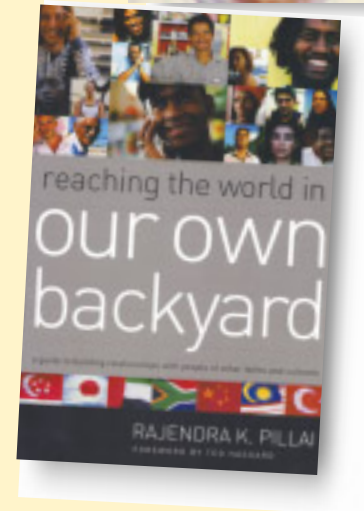
Scoring an average of 21.4 points per game this year, Amanda finished the Rosemont game with a team-high 33. She has been named the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Player of the Week twice.

**CORRECTION:** On the back page in the last issue of Spirit, the headline under Danielle Prescott's picture should say a Field Hockey record was set.



## Test Your Cultural Quotient Quiz

From the book "Reaching the World in Our Own Backyard"  
by Rajendra K. Pillai, Eastern University alum, MBA '98



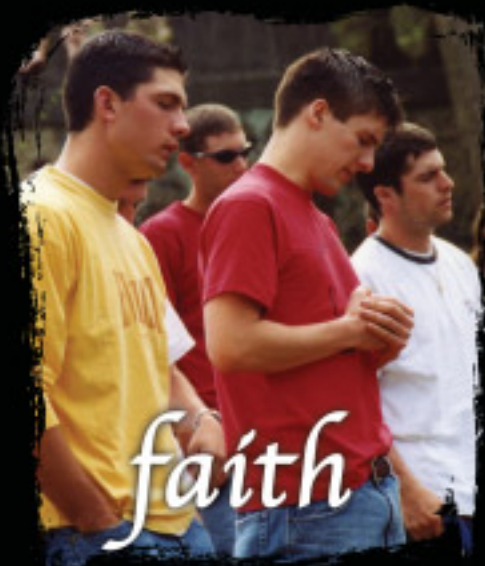
- The number of foreign-born residents in the United States has increased by what percentage between 1990 and 2000?
  - 10 %
  - 24 %
  - 32 %
  - 50 %
- According to a Council on American-Islamic Relations survey of mosques in the United States, what percentage of converts to Islam are white?
  - 4 %
  - 13 %
  - 18 %
  - 27 %
- In the United States, what is the average percentage of converts or brand-new Muslims in each mosque?
  - 5 %
  - 10 %
  - 15 %
  - 30 %
- What percentage of African American Muslims is connected to Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam?
  - less than 3%
  - 10 %
  - 25 %
  - more than 50%
- According to the 2000 U.S. Census, what ratio of Americans are Hispanic, Black, Asian, or of two or more races?
  - 1 in 4
  - 1 in 8
  - 1 in 10
  - 1 in 17
- In 1999 most immigrants to the United States came from Mexico. Which country ranked second?
  - China
  - Philippines
  - India
  - El Salvador
- Most Arab Americans are:
  - Muslims
  - Christians
  - Atheists
  - Members of orthodox religions
- The fastest growing religion in the United States is
  - Christianity
  - Hinduism
  - Buddhism
  - Islam
- The statement "Most Arab Americans were born in the United States" is:
  - True
  - False
- What is the average number of Muslims associated with a mosque in the United States?
  - less than 100
  - 600
  - 1,100
  - more than 1,600
- In 1999 how many international visitors (tourists, business people, etc.) visited the United States?
  - less than 10 million
  - 20 million
  - 30 million
  - nearly 50 million
- How much did these tourists spend, and how many American jobs were supported by their spending?
  - \$11 billion/210,000 jobs
  - \$27 billion/330,000 jobs
  - \$53 billion/560,000 jobs
  - \$75 billion/1.1 million jobs
- In 1999, 32.3 million people in the United States were classified as poor. Most of these people were:
  - Asians
  - Whites
  - Blacks
  - Hispanics
- What ratio of America's school-age children speak a language other than English at home?
  - 1 in 5
  - 1 in 10
  - 1 in 20
  - 1 in 50



15. The 2000 Census allowed respondents to select more than one race for the first time in U.S. history. How many people selected more than one race?
- 1.1 million
  - 2.3 million
  - 4.7 million
  - 6.8 million
16. Between 1990 and 2000, the number of Asian Indians (who are mostly Hindus) in the United States grew to a record 1.6 million. This reflects a growth of
- 25 %
  - 50 %
  - 75 %
  - 100 %
17. According to the 2000 Census, how many states now have a white minority?
- 0
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
18. More than one-half million foreign students are studying at U.S. colleges and universities. Which country sent the largest number of students in 2000?
- China
  - India
  - Brazil
  - Canada
19. What percentage of people currently entering the American workforce are women and minorities?
- 35%
  - 45%
  - 55 %
  - 85 %
20. What should you never give as a gift to a Hindu?
- a carving knife
  - a leather wallet
  - a folding umbrella
  - chocolate chip cookies
21. What should you avoid serving to a Buddhist who comes to your house for a meal?
- stir-fried carrots, broccoli, and water chestnuts
  - beef stroganoff
  - chicken casserole
  - egg-noodle soup
22. Between 1990 and 2000, the number of people who called themselves Christians in the United States
- remained the same at 91% of the total population
  - decreased 9% from 86% to 77% of the total population
  - increased 10% from 80% to 90% of the total population
  - increased 1% from 85% to 86% of the total population
23. Suppose your new neighbors are from China, and you want to build a relationship with them. You decide to take a meal and a gift to them-but what gift must you avoid giving?
- a fruit basket with apples, oranges, and bananas
  - a box of chocolates
  - a Mickey Mouse clock
  - a set of good quality pens
24. Brazilians don't like being called:
- Hispanics
  - Brazilians
  - South Americans
  - Americans
25. A gentleman from Egypt has just arrived in the United States. He steps into your church out of curiosity, so you introduce yourself and start talking to him. Suddenly, you notice he is standing very close to you and leans right over your shoulder as he talks to you. What should you do?
- Back off
  - Stay where you are
  - Tell him he is standing too close
  - Lean over his shoulder when talking to him
26. You meet an Indonesian family. They have a cute eight-year-old boy. What must you never do when greeting the child?
- Say hello in English
  - Shake hands with the child
  - Pat the child's head
  - Lightly touch the child's cheeks
27. Suppose a foreign student named Muhammad has just arrived in the United States from Saudi Arabia with his wife and three kids. You get to know them, and they invite you over to their house. Which of the actions below could greatly offend your new Saudi friends?
- offering to remove your shoes before you enter the house
  - talking about Saudi culture
  - showing a thumbs-up gesture when you agree with something
  - inviting them to your house for dinner
28. You are invited to the home of Chinese friends. You attempt to eat with chopsticks, which is greatly appreciated by your Chinese hosts. After the meal, what is the proper way to put the chopsticks away?
- Place them on the table
  - Place them parallel on top of the bowl
  - Cross them and place them on top of the bowl
  - Drop them to the floor
29. When eating with an Asian Indian, you should avoid
- talking
  - drinking water
  - using your left hand
  - using your fingers to place food in your mouth

Answers to Quiz  
1. d, 2. d, 3. d, 4. a, 5. a, 6. b, 7. b, 8. d, 9. a, 10. d, 11. d, 12. d, 13. b, 14. a, 15. d, 16. d, 17. d, 18. a, 19. d, 20. b, 21. b, 22. b, 23. c, 24. a, 25. b, 26. c, 27. c, 28. a, 29. c

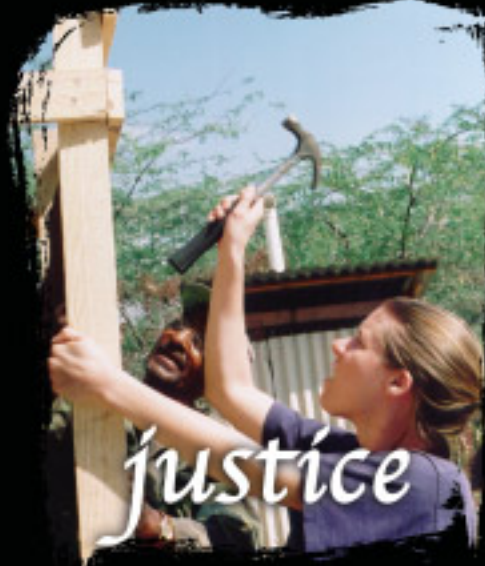
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