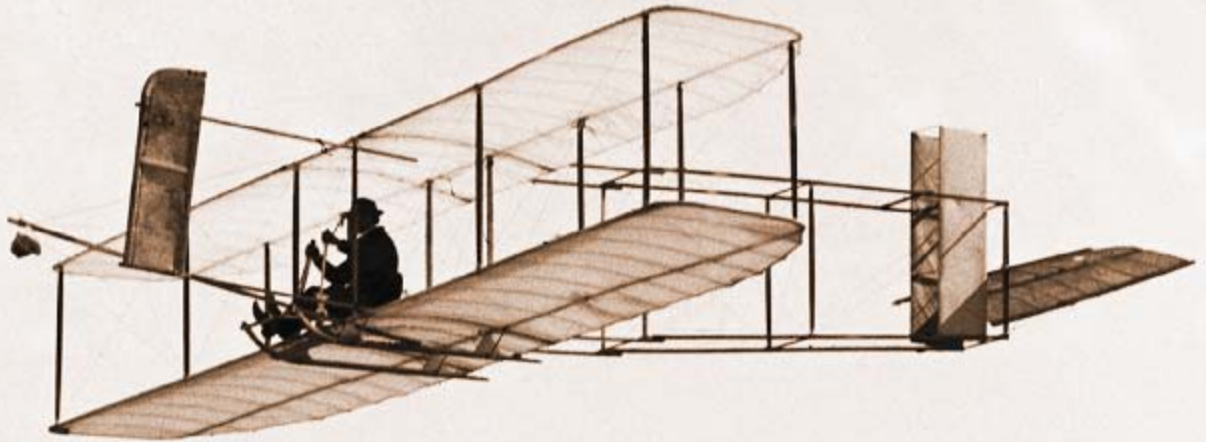


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Following the Wright footsteps

by John W. Paff, Editor

Wilbur Wright once said, “If I were giving a young man advice on how he might succeed in life, I would tell him, ‘Pick out a good mother and father, and begin life in Ohio.’”

Wilbur and Orville’s parents provided them an outstanding foundation for their later accomplishments. Milton Wright and Susan Koerner met in 1853 at Hartsville College, an early United Brethren school in Indiana. After an extended courtship, they formed a lifelong bond.

Susan was the daughter of a carriage and buggy maker. Growing up, she spent considerable time in the workshop with her father. She developed a knack for working with tools and solving mechanical problems—a talent she passed on to her boys.

Milton Wright, on the other hand, “was one of those men who had difficulty driving a nail straight,” says Wright biographer Tom Crouch. Nevertheless, the bishop had other means of inspiring and educating his children.

“Our first interest [in flight] began when we were children,” remembered Orville. “Father brought home to us a small toy actuated by a rubber spring which would lift itself into the air. We built a number of copies of this toy, which flew successfully. ... But when we undertook to build the toy on a much larger scale, it failed to work so well.” “We were lucky enough to grow up in an environment where there was always much encouragement to children to pursue intellectual interests; to investigate whatever aroused curiosity,” Orville said. “In a different kind of environment, our curiosity might have been nipped long before it could have borne fruit.”

In addition to formal schooling, all five Wright children were broadly educated at home. Bishop Wright amassed an extensive collection of books. Crouch records that the family library included two full encyclopedias, the histories of England and France, Gibbon’s *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Plutarch’s *Lives*, and Boswell’s *Life of Samuel Johnson*. There were also works by Charles Darwin and Sir Walter Scott.

According to Crouch, the collection included “popular science alongside theological works. Milton, never a man of narrow religious temperament, had even purchased the works of the ‘demon atheist,’ Robert Ingersoll.”

When personal injury and his mother’s poor health prevented Wilbur from attending Yale, he “used his spare time to read and study, and his knowledge of ancient and modern history, of current events and literature, of ethics and science was only limited by the capacity of his mind and his extraordinary memory,” said his father.

**When once you have
tasted flight, you will
forever walk the earth
with your eyes turned
skyward, for there you
have been, and there you
will always long to return.**

—Leonardo da Vinci

The elder Wrights’ approach to education—hands-on learning coupled with broad study of the liberal arts—continues today at Huntington College. Students receive rich and diverse education through the core curriculum, specialized knowledge in their major fields of study, and the real-life experience that comes through practicum placements and internships. All this is provided in an environment that carefully nurtures individual spiritual growth and biblical insight. HC graduates are skilled in their academic discipline, Christian in worldview, and ready for leadership.

If Milton Wright were to look back on the school he consecrated in 1897 “to the cause of Christian education,” he would be very pleased indeed. ■

An officer and an activist

Col. Perry M. Collins, one of the first of many distinguished graduates of HC's EXCEL program, will look for another *cause célèbre* when he retires in October.



As a young man, Perry Collins couldn't imagine anything more satisfying than to serve and protect along Indiana's highways. Almost 40 years later, Indiana Air National Guard Col. Perry M. Collins is winding up a career during which he served and protected an entire nation. And along the way, he led an effort to clean up a dangerous situation right in his own community.

A native of Marion, Indiana, Collins had just one goal when he enlisted in the Air National Guard at 19: attend the Air Force's police school and gain training that would help him become an Indiana state trooper. He received his police training, and his first assignment was as a gate guard at the Fort Wayne base. Life in the Guard suited him well, and he rose to the rank of master sergeant during a nine-year hitch.

Although he still had to "work for a living," Collins was called "sir" by his former enlisted comrades when he accepted a commission as a second lieutenant in 1973. As a lieutenant colonel in 1988, Collins was named support group commander for the Indiana Air National Guard's 122nd Fighter Wing. In 2000, he was named vice commander of the wing

and promoted to full colonel, overseeing more than 1,000 Guard members.

Collins has often traveled to Egypt and Turkey for training exercises and to negotiate logistics for the Guard with the governments of those two countries.

In the early '90s, Collins was contemplating retirement from the Guard. "I looked at the job market and realized it would be tough to get a job without a degree—I needed credentials," Collins says. "I was attracted to Huntington College because of its academic reputation. HC and EXCEL didn't let me down. We were challenged as much as we wanted to be challenged."

Collins was especially pleased when his writing talent was affirmed by the EXCEL faculty. "I'd always thought I had the ability to write, and it felt great when that was validated by doctoral-level academic professionals," he says. Most college theses are purely academic, but Collins' community-service research project for EXCEL resulted in real change. An abandoned plating operation and adjacent gas station presented an eyesore and posed a real environmental hazard in Roanoke, Indiana, Collins' adopted hometown.

"In my paper, I attempted to separate fact from rumor," Collins says. "I wanted to convince the community that we could do something about the situation."

Subsequently, the Roanoke Economic Development Organization (REDO) was formed. The site has since been cleaned up, the buildings torn down, and the underground tanks removed. REDO, which took over ownership of the site, recently sold it to a Roanoke business, and the proceeds have been set aside to benefit future economic growth in the community.

For his efforts, Collins was named Citizen of the Year by the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce in 1995.

Also in 1995, one month short of his 50th birthday, Collins earned a bachelor's degree in organizational management through EXCEL. "It would be tongue-in-cheek to say that a colonel isn't already confident, but earning a college degree actually did increase my self-confidence," Collins says. "It's dramatically improved my ability to listen, learn the facts, and make better decisions."

Collins has gone on to earn a master's degree in management from Indiana Wesleyan in 1998 and is now a member of the adjunct faculties at HC, Wesleyan, and Oakland City University. Last spring, he was the featured speaker during a meeting of the HC Foundation.

The colonel and Clare, his wife of 36 years, have two sons: Jim is a manager with Delta Airlines in Indy, while Matthew is (of all things) an Indiana state trooper. Clare and Perry are also very proud of their grandson, Jacob.

"I've had a charmed career," Collins says. "For nearly 40 years, my wife—you could say she had a military career as well—and I knew that any day the phone could ring and I'd have to go where the military needed me. We haven't had the heartache many others in the military have suffered, and we thank God for that."

Although he'll set aside his eagles this fall, the colonel doesn't plan to stand at ease. "I'll be looking for another avenue of service—perhaps something political," Collins says. "I know there's some cause that can put my experience and expertise to use. You don't do 39 years in the military and just quit. You've got to ease into retirement." ■

Graduate School offers Counseling Ministries degree

“Counseling is a vital part of the healing ministry of the Church,” states Dr. Ray A. Seilhamer, associate dean for graduate studies and director of the Pastoral Ministries Program at the Huntington College Graduate School of Christian Ministries. “Depression, anxiety, decision-making, sin and guilt, problems of anger management, resentment, self-understanding, identity issues, sexual issues, interpersonal skills, family abuse, addictions—all these are real issues in a real world.”

Seilhamer, a former pastor and bishop in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, understands the importance of counseling for those who minister in churches and parachurch organizations. When he served as president of the Evangelical School of Theology in Myerstown, Pennsylvania, Seilhamer chaired the Counseling Department for 11 years. He has received specialized training through Ann Arbor Hospital and Ypsilanti State Hospital in ministering to the physically and mentally ill.

Seilhamer has now been instrumental in the arrival of a new Counseling Ministries degree at Huntington College’s Graduate School of Christian Ministries. The new program will



Seilhamer

debut in September 2003. It is designed to help graduates bring healing and hope to hurting people. The program will prepare students for service in churches, hospital chaplaincy programs, crisis pregnancy centers, family case-management, and other counseling positions.

The new program at the Graduate School is not designed for immediate professional licensure. The student seeking certification will need to take a few more courses and fulfill state requirements in supervised counseling experience. This GSCM program instead will be focused on counseling within the context of ministry. It will have a strong appeal to pastors and lay leaders working in church or parachurch settings.

“One of the major issues facing the contemporary church is highly dysfunctional families,” says Seilhamer, who has been with the Graduate School since 2001. “Divorce and remarriage have added tremendously to the ‘caregiving load’ for the contemporary pastor and lay counselors. The spiritual, emotional,

and legal issues have compounded over the last two decades.”

The Graduate School predicts a strong interest in the Counseling Ministries program. Last year alone, over 50 prospective students indicated an interest in counseling.

The program is designed with working adults in mind. Courses are scheduled on a trimester basis, with intensive classes meeting on campus only two days each month. Most of the required coursework is completed away from campus.

“We have a ‘user-friendly’ curriculum which makes it possible for a student to drive 100 to 150 miles to take a course each semester,” says Seilhamer.

The Master of Arts program in Counseling Ministries is based upon a solid core-curriculum in biblical ministry plus 28 hours of study and practice in the area of counseling. A required practicum will place every student in a counseling setting to work under a counseling supervisor. The curriculum is carefully designed to help all students attain the understanding and skills necessary for effective leadership and biblical faithfulness in counseling ministry.

For more information about programs at the Huntington College Graduate School of Christian Ministries, visit the

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ART

Professor Rebecca Coffman was featured in the May 2003 issue of *Ceramics Monthly*. The major art magazine highlighted her “Spirited Vessels.” Also in May, Prof. Coffman led a study-tour of Spain. Students visited Madrid, Bilbao, Barcelona, and Toledo to gain understanding of Spain’s many contributions in art and architecture.

BIBLE AND RELIGION

Dr. Mark Fairchild, professor of Bible and Religion, was recently contacted by the U.S. Tennis Association office with news that he has been selected to officiate at the U.S. Open Tennis Championships from August 17 to September 2. “As you may know, the U.S. Open is one of the world’s four Grand Slam professional tournaments,” says Fairchild. “Many of the officials at the Grand Slam tournaments are the top officials in the world, and many of them do this as a full-time occupation. I’m surprised, flattered, and humbled.”

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Professor James O’Donnell, associate professor of business and executive-in-residence, has sold a book to Moody Publishing in Chicago, to be published next spring. *Letters to Lizzie* tells the story of his and his wife’s journey of faith and struggle with advanced illness. Prof. O’Donnell also published scholarly articles on financial bubbles, one in the *Oxford University Encyclopedia of Economic History* and another in the *Journal of the Economic and Business History Association*.

Dr. Ann McPherran, professor of business, led a spring semester Not-for-profit Management class that conducted an organizational assessment for the Huntington County United Way on behalf of the organization’s board of directors. The students surveyed United Way donors, volunteers, and community leaders, and analyzed United Way funding efforts and program initiatives with the goal of helping the United Way better serve the community. This project was the fifth consecutive semester-long research project done on behalf of a local business or not-for-profit. Dr. McPherran has also accepted an invitation to join the board of directors of Markle Bank.

CHEMISTRY

The Chemistry Department is now operating a 200-MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectrometer purchased from IPFW. The technique is somewhat analogous to the medical technique of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), except that samples are analyzed rather than people. The instrument gives detailed structural information for compounds.

Jordan Phillips, a 2003 HC chemistry graduate, has completed a collaborative research project with Dr. David Bell of the Indiana University School of Medicine, Fort Wayne, and **Dr. Ruth Nalliah** of Huntington College. Using instrumentation at HC, he is investigating the stability of compounds from berry extracts which are thought to have therapeutic cardiovascular effects. The title of

HC Web site at www.huntington.edu/gscm or call (888) 424-7231.

New program in Digital Film Studies

The Communication Department recently added a new concentration in digital film studies under the direction of Dr. Lance Clark.

“This is a very exciting direction for our department. Film is a dominant language in popular culture, a language that is shaping and forming our society,” says Clark. “Who better to be speaking this language than those young men and women who are trained with a clear Christian worldview?”

Students in the new program will explore movies and documentaries from both sides of the silver screen—by critiquing what others have produced, and by producing films that others will watch. “We will help students to think with a Christian perspective about this enormously popular and pervasive form of storytelling in our society,” says Clark.

Through classes, on-location shoots, and studio work, students will gain the insight and preparation needed for a career in digital media production.

Students in the program can gain invaluable experience through Brethren

Productions, the department’s in-house video production company. Widely varied clients hire Brethren Productions to shoot commercials, produce industrial videos, and create mission films. “We use cutting-edge software and hardware in editing and producing quality work for our clients,” notes Clark. “Students have traveled across the country and overseas on Brethren Productions shoots.”

The program is further enriched by the opportunity to spend a semester studying at the Los Angeles Film Studies Center. Sponsored by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, this unique off-campus program enables students to create short films and complete internships within the entertainment industry.

This past academic year, communication students produced two short faith-based films, *Hanna’s Cross* and *No Signal*. Both films can be purchased through the Communication Department by calling (260) 359-4281.

Friesen receives award

The Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) held its annual conference at Wheaton College June 2–5. Dr. Norris Friesen, former vice president for student development and current academic dean at Huntington



Friesen

College, was presented with the Don L. Boender Award. This award recognizes an ACSD member with 15 or more years of service in the field of student development. Friesen was very surprised—and very honored—by the award.

Also representing Huntington College at the ACSD conference this year were Jesse Brown, Dusty Abshire, Jenni Shaffer, Martha Smith, and Kate Magro. Martha Smith was co-leader of the New Professionals Retreat held prior to the conference.

EXCEL offers classes in Fort Wayne

Beginning in October, adults pursuing their college degree through Huntington College’s EXCEL Program can do so at Blackhawk Christian School on Fort Wayne’s northeast side.

The new site is the result of a partnership between Huntington College and Blackhawk Ministries. “This agreement has been two years in the making, so we’re thrilled to be able to announce it officially and let people know

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his project is “Investigation of the Stability of Anthocyanins in Tissue Cultures by NMR Spectroscopy.”

COMMUNICATION

Dr. Kevin Miller, assistant professor of communication, participated in seminars and lectures at the CCCU New Faculty Workshop June 10–13 in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Faculty from across the country focused on integrating faith on college campuses.

Dr. Mike Rowley, associate professor of communication, presented “Low-tech Strategies in Edutainment” for the faculty of Michiana College on July 25.

Dr. Lance Clark, assistant professor of communication, recently wrote an article entitled “Hand Me the Towel” for the NRB national magazine. The article, to be published in the October issue, focuses on the importance of the industry leaders’ support of college students who want to break into Christian media. Dr. Clark based his article on Christ’s act of washing the feet of Peter.

Several communication students arrived on campus a week early for a communication boot-camp. Student leaders in radio, television, and film all met to make plans for the coming academic year.

EDUCATION

The Omega Psi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at Huntington College was recently awarded the Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award. This award is the highest recognition the International Headquarters currently bestows upon the institutional chapters. The HC chapter has successfully met the criteria for excellence in programs, leadership, training, and service. Thirty-two ACE Awards will be presented at the international convocation in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 13.

Professor Susie Burson and **Professor Kathy Turner** attended the CCCU New Faculty Workshop in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, June 10–13. Faculty from across the country participated in seminars and lectures that focused on faith integration on college campuses.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Dr. Karen Jones, assistant professor of educational ministries, served as the project coordinator and worship speaker for a World Changers project in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The 285 participants replaced roofs and windows and installed siding on 21 homes for low-income families, people with disabilities, and senior citizens. She also completed a curriculum resource piece for the North American Mission Board on Leadership for Short-Term Mission Projects. In addition to the

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they have more educational options,” says EXCEL director Kathleen O’Donnell. “The joint venture will provide adults in Fort Wayne and the surrounding area with some unique learning opportunities.”

Blackhawk Ministries’ leadership is also excited about the opportunity to

expand educational offerings to its congregation and the Fort Wayne community. “Blackhawk Ministries exists to help seekers, both saved and searching, to find and follow Christ. In accordance with this mission, we are building a community-center culture on our campus, where participants from all walks of life can learn and grow,” explains Dr. Mitchell Kruse, teaching pastor.

“As a result, Blackhawk Ministries selected Huntington College as a partner to equip learners,” adds Kelly Byrd, senior pastor. “Other learning opportunities are in the planning stages at Blackhawk, but we wanted to begin with services for adults. We ultimately envision providing educational and recreational programs for elementary and secondary students, and for undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students.”



“Ultimate Math Experience” invites alums

Dr. Win Wetherbee will lead “The Ultimate English Mathematical Experience” in London, England, in May of 2004. The off-campus course will include 17 days of travel in England to explore historical sites important in the development of mathematics.

Alumni of the Mathematics Department and related disciplines are welcome to participate in the study tour along with HC undergrads.

EXCEL program coordinator Ronda Smelser meets with student Christopher Camp.

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manual, Dr. Jones wrote the teaching guide and constructed a PowerPoint® presentation to be used in training team leaders.

Dr. Dave Rahn was heavily involved in research, planning, and helping to lead Youth for Christ’s tri-annual superconferences. This summer’s series featured events in three cities (Cincinnati, Sacramento, and Washington, D.C.), where nearly 15,000 students were trained in how to share the Good News with their friends. Dr. Rahn presented 12 different seminars in the three cities, sharing the research findings published in his book, *Contagious Faith: Empowering student leadership in youth evangelism*.

ENGLISH

Dr. H. Jack Heller, assistant professor of English, attended the Shakespeare and Christianity Conference at Wheaton College and the CCCU New Faculty Seminar at Geneva College in June. Dr. Heller recently agreed to serve as a contributing editor for a new online quarterly, *The New Pantagruel*, whose first issue is scheduled for publication in January 2004.

Three English majors, in collaboration with assistant professor of English **Dr. Todd Martin**, organized a panel entitled “C.S. Lewis and the Moderns” that will be a part of the Mideast Conference on Christianity and Literature in October. **Carole Nickle** will present her paper, “The Mythopoeic Literature of C.S. Lewis: A Response to

the Demythologization of the Gospel Tradition”; **Claire Pontius** will present her paper, “A Quest for Meaning in Aesthetic Beauty: James Joyce and C.S. Lewis”; and **Jeff Scott** will present his paper, “Attempting to Fill the Role of the Divine: Mrs. Ramsay and C.S. Lewis’ ‘Gift Love.’” Dr. Martin will present his current research on Haitian-American author Edwidge Danticat at the Southwest Conference on Christianity and Literature in a paper entitled “Still-birther Savior: Seeking the Lost Soul of a People in Edwidge Danticat’s ‘Between the Pool and the Gardenias.’”

This summer, **Dr. Del Doughty**, associate professor of English, completed work on his second poetry collection, *Flow*. He has also written a review of N. Katherine Hayles’ *Writing Machines* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2002) for *Postmodern Culture*.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Dr. Ray Seilhamer, associate dean for graduate studies, taught the book of Ephesians at the Rosedale Camp in Reading, Pennsylvania, and preached 10 times in the evenings as he served as the spiritual speaker for the adult and youth camp. During the last week in July, he had a total of 17 speaking engagements.

HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Dwight D. Brautigam, professor of history, has published an article, “Prelates and Politics: Uses of ‘Puritan,’ 1625-1640,” which

Planned stops include Stonehenge, Greenwich, The British Library, the Science Museum, and the Tower of

London. For further information, call or e-mail Dr. Wetherbee at (260) 359-4206 or wwetherbee@huntington.edu.

Basketball camp scores big

Over 100 children between the ages of 5 and 14 filled the main gym of the Merillat Complex of Physical Education and Recreation at Huntington College from July 14 to 18. Forester basketball coach Steve Platt and his son, Ty, head coach at Norwell High School, hosted the first Forester Summer Basketball Camp with much success.

The co-ed day-camp sessions were divided into four age groups and lasted an hour and a half each day. Campers were given individual instruction by a top-notch staff of college players, including members of the Forester 2003 National Tournament Elite Eight team. Fundamentals were taught through player evaluation and daily games and contests, all within a Christian atmosphere. Each camper received a camp t-shirt and the opportunity to receive Huntington College basketball prizes.

“Our Forester basketball camp not only taught the fundamentals, but also stressed the importance of old-fashioned hard work while having a lot of fun in a Christ-centered environment,” says Steve Platt.

One of the highlights of the camp was the appearance of 1999 Huntington College graduate and stand-out basketball player Jeff Shepherd. Shepherd—a three-time All-American and record-holder of most three-point field goals made in a game, season, and career at Huntington College—spent time with the campers, talking about his basketball career and the importance of Christ in his life. He then worked individually with the campers on proper shooting techniques.

To view pictures and read news from the camp, visit the Huntington College men’s basketball Web site at www.huntington.edu/athletics/mbasketball/default.htm. ■

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appears in *Puritanism and Its Discontents*, edited by Laura Lunger Knoppers (University of Delaware Press, 2003). This article was based on research Dr. Brautigam began during a 1997 Summer Seminar on Christian scholarship held at Calvin College.

Dr. Jeffrey Webb, assistant professor of history, is currently writing a manuscript called *The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Christianity Today*, to be released in February 2004 as part of the Complete Idiot’s Guide series. He’s also set to give a public lecture in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, titled “Ambivalent Quakers and the Creation of Modern Global Capitalism,” and will also attend the New Wilmington Missionary Conference sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

At the 2003 HC Commencement, the Department of History presented the Ron Frank Memorial Award for Outstanding Scholarship in History to **Erinn Caley** and **Carrie Reese**. The Frank Award is given to graduating *summa cum laude* seniors with a major in history who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their undergraduate work and who show promise of exemplary contributions in their future careers. The Frank Fund was established in 1973 by family and friends in memory of Ron Frank, a Huntington College student who died suddenly during his senior year. Ms. Caley will be teaching in Japan next year, while Ms. Reese plans to teach on the high-school level.

In June, **Dr. Paul E. Michelson**, distinguished professor of history, gave two lectures, “Eastern Europe: The Familiar Unfamiliar” and “The Use and Abuse of History: Romanian Legacies,” at the Foreign Service Institute in Washington, D.C., to diplomats preparing to go to Romania and Moldova this fall. He also contributed a piece, “Some Contributions and Benefits of the Romanian Fulbright Program,” to *SA VEZI LUMEA CUM O VAD CELALTI*, published by the Romanian Fulbright Commission, and a review article on Moldova in *BALKANISTICA*, Vol. 16 (2003). Dr. Michelson and his wife, **Jean T. Michelson** (RichLyn Library), published their study of “Post-Communist Romania: A Dysfunctional Society in Transition” in a volume dealing with Romanian mentalities and institutions, published by the University of Bucuresti.

PHILOSOPHY

David Woodruff, professor of philosophy, is working on several writing projects, and he reviewed the book *Anonymous Skeptics: Swinburne, Hick & Alston* for *Religious Studies Review* this June.

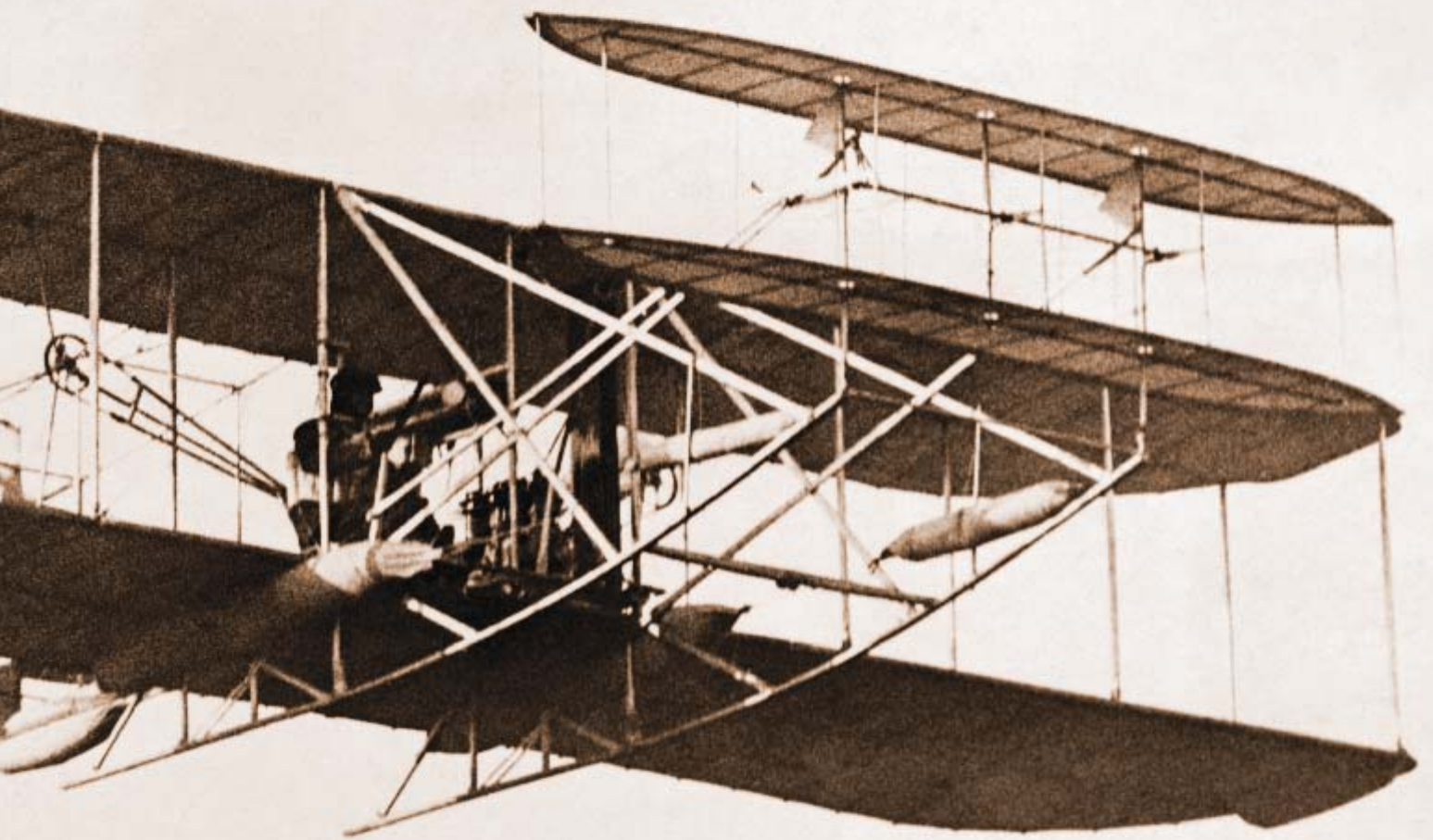
PHYSICS

Dr. Gerald D. Smith, professor of physics and chemistry, served on an NCA Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Review Council Reader’s Panel for an institutional accreditation review for a college in Michigan. He also attended the annual WebAssign conference at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina, which focused on developing online physics assignments. ■

The *Wright* connections



America is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of aviation, and special events are being held around the nation, especially in Dayton, Ohio, and at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. At Huntington College, however, homage to the Wright brothers won't be limited to their aerial accomplishments; it will extend to their father's contributions to the College and the United Brethren and to the support he and the Church received from his pioneering sons during tumultuous times.



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Just about everyone knows about Wilbur and Orville Wright's historic feat at Kitty Hawk on December 17, 1903. On that day, the Wright brothers—inventors, bicycle makers, and printers from Dayton, Ohio—made the world's first free, controlled, and sustained flights in a power-driven, heavier-than-air flying machine of their own design and manufacture.

Although the Wrights' first flight lasted just 12 seconds and traversed only 120 feet—about half the length of a modern-day Boeing 747—the brothers proved that man could fly, forever changing our way of life and our expectations. Today, we anticipate travel to our neighboring planets and beyond in much the same way the Wrights must have envisioned soaring a few feet above the sandy plains of Kitty Hawk.

And anyone familiar with Huntington College probably knows that Wilbur and Orville's father, United Brethren Bishop Milton Wright, was instrumental in the founding of the College. Milton Wright supported the decision to build a college in Huntington, and in 1896, laid the cornerstone for the school's first building. A year later, he offered the prayer of dedication when the College opened its doors. Bishop Wright is the eponym of Wright Hall, a student residence on the HC campus.

But what many people may not know is that controversy was Milton Wright's frequent companion. And throughout troubled times for their father and the Church, Wilbur and Orville were

ready with their support, even in the midst of work that would change the course of mankind.



Early in his career, Indiana native Milton Wright (1828–1917) was a United Brethren circuit preacher and teacher. In the late 1850s—when the West was still the wild, wild West—he served as a missionary in Oregon. He later served as the first theology professor at the United Brethren's Hartsville College in Indiana. (Hartsville College, precursor to Huntington College, was destroyed by fire in 1898.) Not long after becoming the editor of the denomination's official publication, *The Religious Telescope*, Milton Wright was elected bishop in 1877. He administered the United Brethren's Pacific District from 1885 to 1888.

Separate ways

Clouds of dissent gathered over York, Pennsylvania, for the United Brethren General Conference of 1889. Although there were several matters of contention, the paramount issue was membership in the secret societies—such as the Freemasons—that had grown in number and strength since the Civil War.

Conference delegates representing the majority (about 180,000 members) favored a change in church doctrine that would allow members to join secret societies. Bishop Wright led the minority (fewer than 20,000 members), which opposed the change.

“Milton Wright thought secret societies were a great evil, and he was willing to fight to the end against that change in church doctrine,” says Dr. Daryl Elliott,



HC trustee, senior pastor of the Fountain United Brethren Church in Keyser, West Virginia, and a leading authority on the life and times of Bishop Milton Wright.

Wright opposed the Masonic Lodge for a number of reasons. There were theological difficulties: Masons would not pray in the name of Jesus. There were also matters of principle at stake: lodge members were bound by secret oaths that took precedence over vows to family or church. Masons also favored one another in social and business relationships. Such elitism was anathema to Bishop Wright, who had promoted women's rights and the abolition of slavery.

Because Bishop Wright would brook no compromise on the issue, the two groups split. The schism divided the denomination into a liberal, or "New Constitution," majority that would later merge with the United Methodists, and a radical, or "Old Constitution," remnant headed by Wright—today's Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

"Bishop Wright continued on, reorganizing the minority as the legitimate United Brethren Church," Elliott says.

The split cost the United Brethren much more than members, however. By law, the majority retained ownership of most church buildings and the profitable publishing house, which also produced non-religious materials for outside clients.

But Bishop Wright didn't have to look far for help, says Randy Neuman, director of both the United Brethren Historical Center and the Huntington College Archives. Neuman has compiled a large online collection of Wright-related materials. "With their printing shop in Dayton, Wilbur and Orville Wright came to the aid of the denomination when it lost its other major sources of publishing," Neuman says. "They were there to support their father and the Church when it was absolutely essential."



Dr. Daryl Elliott (left) visits an archeological dig at Wright Bicycle Shop in Dayton.

Milton Wright spent a great portion of the 1890s engaged in court battles over church assets, but his greatest trial was still to come.

Unwavering support

In the 1890s, the United Brethren established a new publishing house in Huntington, and Milton Wright was a member of the publishing board. By the turn of the century, the bishop had discovered irregularities in the publishing-house books and accused Millard Keiter, the publishing-house agent, of embezzling funds.

"It became an all-consuming controversy toward the end of Milton Wright's career," Elliott says. "Keiter had friends on the publishing board who thought the matter should be swept under the rug, but the bishop was adamant that Keiter be charged."

Despite the importance of their work at the time—designing and building the world's first viable flying machine—Wilbur and Orville were equally adamant in support of their father during the protracted controversy. Wilbur was especially active, traveling to Huntington on several occasions to assist his father, writing pamphlets, and attending conferences.

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The Wright brothers' concern for their father during their time of great achievement is generally overlooked by historians. In the definitive collection of Wright brothers' papers, letters written to their father early in the century contain ellipses, indicating some material has been omitted. Elliott visited the Library of Congress to see for himself what was left out.

"In the published collection, the letters are mostly limited to aeronautical information, but in their entirety, the letters are quite different," Elliott says. "In most of the letters, the first several paragraphs are devoted to discussions and questions involving the ongoing controversy. It's obvious that Wilbur and Orville were highly concerned about what was going on with their father, despite the importance of their experiments."

Because of the controversy, Milton Wright's home conference, the White River Conference, voted to rescind his license as a minister. Without the license to minister, Wright could no longer be bishop. In 1905, the same year Milton Wright retired, the General Conference overruled the White River Conference and reinstated the bishop.

Keiter, the publishing-house agent, eventually moved to Kentucky, where he was later indicted for land fraud. "I think Milton Wright felt vindicated by Keiter's arrest in Kentucky," Elliott says. "Controversy followed Milton Wright throughout much of his career. He was a man of very high principles and didn't see compromise as a virtue. When he took a stand on an issue, he was prepared to fight to the bitter end."

A substantial inheritance

By all accounts, Milton Wright was both a loving father and a stern disciplinarian. A love of learning and a strong work ethic were traits he passed on to all his children.

"Milton Wright and his wife, Susan, always fostered a sense of intellectual curiosity in their children," Elliott says. "They were encouraged to read, to learn, to expand their knowledge of all things. Although Milton Wright certainly didn't agree with Charles Darwin's theories, he had a collection of Darwin's works in his library, and his children had access to that collection and many other important works. There's a popular story about Milton Wright telling his sons, 'If man were meant to fly, God would have given him wings,' but there is absolutely no evidence in the historical record that he ever said that. Milton Wright thought that science was very important and a useful way to promote Christ."

Wilbur and Orville's siblings—brothers Reuchlin and Lorin and sister Katherine—were very active within the denomination. But the difficulties and controversies that dogged their father's ministerial career had a profound impact on all the children.

HIGH FLIGHT

by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
 And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
 Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
 Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
 You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
 High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
 I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
 My eager craft through footless halls of air.
 Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
 I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
 Where never lark, or even eagle flew.
 And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
 The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
 Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

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"Wilbur and Orville were very devoted Christians, but not traditional churchgoing Christians," Elliott says. "I think that was because they were frustrated with the way their father had been treated and the battles he was forced to fight. Nonetheless, the brothers remained teetotalers and Sabbatharians. In fact, they refused to give demonstrations of their airplane on Sundays when they traveled around Europe between 1910 and 1912. Thanks to their father's influence and their own

sense of right and wrong, the Wright brothers always presented a model of Christian character to the world."

The fabric of history

In 1996, Bishop Wright was one of 100 people past and present to receive a Centennial Medallion from Huntington College. The medallion was accepted by Wilkinson "Wick" Wright, the great-grandson of Milton Wright and the grandnephew of the Wright brothers.

Wick Wright, now deceased, returned the honor when he presented the College with a swatch of cloth from the left wing of the Wright brothers' original aircraft. During the ceremony,

Wright said he was presenting the swatch to HC “as a reminder and a testimonial that Milton Wright’s concepts of a good education have proven to be remarkably sound over the years.” The swatch can be seen in the Wright Hall lobby. Additionally, the gavel used by Bishop Wright is part of the HC Archives. The swatch, gavel, and other historic artifacts will be on display during Homecoming 2003, scheduled for the first weekend in October. (See page 14 for details.)

An enduring spirit

The Wright stuff—faith in God, strength of conviction, and a never-ending quest for truth and knowledge—is alive and well today at HC and among the United Brethren.

“The Wright character is still prevalent in the Church and at Huntington College,” Neuman says. “It’s demonstrated in our faith in God, hard work, conservatism, and desire for knowledge.”

“A legacy embraced by Huntington College is the dogged determination of Milton Wright and his sons to stand for their beliefs,” Elliott adds. “Milton Wright always believed in a loyalty to the traditional orthodoxy of the Church, as has Huntington College in the years since.” ■

Forester series to soar

This fall’s Forester Lecture Series in the MCA auditorium will provide several edifying evenings devoted to the Wrights and the history and future of aviation.

Educational ministries professor Dr. Tom Bergler and history professor Dr. Jeffrey Webb have two lecture-series programs set and more in the works.

On Tuesday, September 16, Dr. Daryl Elliott will present “Milton Wright, the Wright Brothers, and the Religious Origins of American Aviation.”

On Monday, October 6, Dr. A.A. Harrison from the University of California, Davis, will present “The Right Stuff: From Kitty Hawk to Mars.”

Although not formalized at press time, one event will feature a presentation by a NASA engineer. Another evening will include discussions of space exploration and the possibility of other intelligent life in the universe from a Christian perspective. The evening will also include a screening of the film *Contact*.

For more information about the Forester Lecture Series, including its final 2003–04 schedule, please visit www.huntington.edu/fls.

A tour back in time

Randy Neuman, director of both the United Brethren Historical Center and the Huntington College Archives, led a group of nearly 50 enthusiastic history buffs on a three-day tour of Wright, United Brethren, and aviation sites in Dayton and Germantown, Ohio, in July.

The get-together also included the annual meeting of the United Brethren Historical Society and Dr. Daryl Elliott’s presentation, “Milton Wright, the Wright Brothers, and the Religious Origins of American Aviation.”

“We spent a lot of time looking at the early careers of the Wright brothers when they were making and selling bicycles and in the printing business,” Neuman says.

One highlight of the tour was a visit to Wright & Wright Printing, the newly restored site at the corner of Third and Williams streets in the Wrights’ old Dayton neighborhood. The exhibit includes the actual type and other press materials used by the Wrights, samples of their publications, and period appointments, right down to the paint and wallpaper of the time.

“The print shop was fascinating,” Neuman says. “It provides a look at a little-known part of the Wright brothers’ careers when they came to the aid of the denomination when it lost its publishing house.”

For more information on the ties that bind the Wrights, Huntington College, and the United Brethren, Neuman recommends James Tobin’s new book, *To Conquer the Air*, and Tom Crouch’s *The Bishop’s Boys*.



Fall sports preview

Men's Cross Country

Although he must replace three-time NAIA All-American John Ngure, Coach Tom King is very optimistic about the men's upcoming season. Seven letter-winners return from last season's squad, which finished third in the Mid-Central Conference (MCC). According to King, this core of harriers—led by seniors Rick Hammer and Chris Buehrer—possesses good work habits, which gives the team the potential to be one of the top two or three he has coached.

Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country team, also coached by Tom King, finished third in both the MCC and NAIA Region VIII meets last season and 23rd at the NAIA National Championship. This year's team also has the potential to be a fine team, but some question marks exist. With two of his top five having graduated in May, King is looking for a few runners to step up and fill the void. Look for seniors Jenny Grill, Nicole Jacob, and Brooke Welch to shoulder the load, with freshman Emily Sealscott vying for a spot in the top five.

Men's Soccer

With eight seniors returning for the 2003 campaign, Coach Steve DeCou can't help but be excited about the prospects for this year's squad. Add to the mix juniors Courtney Hamilton (an NAIA

Honorable Mention goalkeeper) and Luke Caldwell (an MCC All-Conference mid-fielder) and a recruiting class that includes a few impact players, and the reason for optimism is clear. With a lot of parity expected within the MCC, Coach DeCou is looking for a top-three finish.

Women's Soccer

MCC Coach of the Year Tom Datema led a young women's squad to a 9-9 record last season—the best in the program's six-year history—and a fourth-place finish in the MCC. If the team is to replicate that kind of success, it will have to battle a tougher schedule and find replacements to fill the positions vacated by graduates Erin Abbey and Liz Ballard. Coach Datema is looking to junior Kristyn Bollig and sophomores Kara Fultz and Christi Shook to move their games to the next level with the experience they gained last season.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team lost four of its top six players from last year's 12-5 squad, including Jacob Miles, who was arguably the best player in the area. With just two seniors and one sophomore returning, Coach Gary Turner will have to rely on depth rather than domination at the top. Seniors Brandon Ecker and Ben Eggleston must step up their games and provide leadership and consistency for the team.

Women's Tennis

Unlike the men, the women return a veteran team, with seniors securing the top four spots. Entering his third campaign as coach, Gary Turner hopes that the previous two seasons have laid the foundation for the squad to have its best year ever. Senior Becky Harness returns for her fourth consecutive year at #1 singles and is looking to make her final season her best.

Volleyball

The volleyball team will have a decidedly different look this fall, with only two players returning from last year. Senior Miranda Cook and junior



Senior Chris Buehrer will play a key leadership role for this year's high-potential cross country squad.

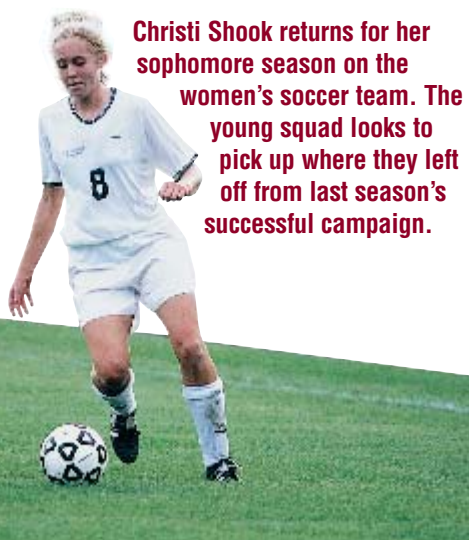
Jessica Kendall, both middle-hitters, will provide leadership for the young squad. Coach Dave Schroeder will look to several players from his recruiting class of seven freshmen and one junior to have immediate impact. Improvement on last season's eighth-place conference-finish heads the list of goals for the squad.

2002–03 Wrap-up

The HC men's tennis team achieved a team grade-point average (GPA) of 3.738 on a 4.0 scale to earn the 2002-03 Academic Excellence Award. The award is bestowed upon the HC athletic team that has amassed the highest team GPA during the previous school year. Of 14 intercollegiate sports at HC, 11 teams finished the year with GPAs over 3.0.

The 2002-03 HC basketball media guides received top-10 awards from the NAIA-SIDA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics-Sports Information Directors of America). The NAIA-SIDA voted the Forester men's guide fourth best in the country in the men's-basketball-brochure division, and the Forester women's guide eighth in the country in the women's category. The guides were produced by the HC Public Relations and Sports Information offices and printed by Modern Graphics in Peru, Indiana. Bethany Doyle, public relations coordinator at the College, created the design and content for the guides with assistance from Lori Culler, sports information director and head coach of women's basketball. Art student Amanda Hamblin designed the cover for the men's guide, while Josh Walker designed the cover for the women's. ■

Christi Shook returns for her sophomore season on the women's soccer team. The young squad looks to pick up where they left off from last season's successful campaign.



Online Alumni Community takes flight!

Huntington College launches new services to keep alumni connected to the College and to each other.

The Huntington College Alumni Association will launch a variety of new online services this fall, exclusively for the use of HC alumni. The centerpiece of the new Web site will be a searchable, comprehensive online directory. In addition, alumni will be able to register for events via the Internet, set up regional or class-year alumni chapters, and post updates to a much-improved ClassNotes Web site.

The new online directory will allow any alumnus/na to create a customized personal profile. Registered users will be able to verify and update address and other personal data, including information about employers and family members. The site will also allow users to share photos and create a list of "Personal Pals."

"The privacy of our alumni is very important to Huntington College," says Margaret Roush, director of Alumni Relations, "so the new Web directory will enable registered alums to decide just how much information they wish to reveal to fellow alumni. Throughout the directory, line-by-line, each alum can decide whether to show or hide information that appears in the personal profile."

Career enhancement features

The new Web site will also feature a Career Center to help match job-seekers with prospective employers. Business managers will be able to announce openings and post detailed job descriptions and requirements. Alumni will be able to search for employment opportunities by region or industry. They can also create an electronic

résumé using easy-to-use, step-by-step instructions.

A mentoring service will link experienced alumni with current HC students or recent graduates. Volunteer mentors will be able to offer career advice in the business category of their choice, or temporarily mark their profile "inactive" if they become overwhelmed with requests.

"The online Career Center and mentoring service have been developed by the Alumni Association in close cooperation with the Office of Career Development," says John Paff, HC webmaster and executive director of communication. "It has been exciting to see how many campus departments have come together to develop top-notch features for the new alumni Web site."

Convenient ways to stay in touch

The event registration module will give alumni the ability to register and pay for events, such as Homecoming or concerts, using a convenient online service. The Web site will also display a list of those who have already signed up to attend.

Groups of alumni can collaborate to create virtual alumni chapters in cyberspace. The alumni chapters may represent class years, geographic regions, or special interests. Chapter pages can display recent club events and news, photos and contact information.

News, surveys, and shopping

Online surveys and questionnaires will invite alumni to voice their opinions about important matters affecting the Alumni Association. Automatic alerts and reminders will draw attention to the various services of the new Web site. Alumni can even register for periodic news and updates from HC.

There will also be convenient links to other College services frequently used by alumni, including the online Huntington College Bookstore.

The new site will be piloted during Homecoming 2003. Volunteers and staff will be on hand in the Science Hall's computer lab to help first-time users register and begin to use the new online services.

Instructions for registering and using the site will be mailed to all alumni this fall. For further information—and a sneak preview of the new alumni Web services—visit www.huntington.edu/alumni. ■



The Wright place to be

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Margaret Roush, *Director of Alumni Relations*



Greetings, HC alumni and friends! Homecoming 2003 is just around the corner. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's festivities October 3–4. *The Sky's the Limit* for fun and fellowship.

So much to do, so little time! With

the president's ice cream social, a basketball scrimmage, the golf outing, baseball and softball games, the Parents' Association Breakfast, the Davis Hall Follies, and more, you're sure to find plenty of ways to make it a great weekend at HC.

In tribute to the Wright brothers and the 100th anniversary of their world-changing flights at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, many of this year's activities

will have an aeronautical flavor. Stop by the Richlyn Library Archives to view HC's fabric swatch from the original Wright Flyer, Bishop Wright's gavel, and other artifacts related to our school's history. Browse through a Merrillat Centre display of **aviation memorabilia** from the collection of the Greater Fort Wayne Aviation Museum. On a **passport tour of the campus**, visit various locations—directed by “air traffic controllers”—and accumulate passport stamps that will qualify you for a **grand-prize drawing** at the close of festivities.

Members of the Alumni Board and recreation majors will host games for HC alums of the future; these kids' activities will be held at the Merrillat Physical & Recreation Complex and will include a **wacky obstacle course** and a **make-your-own-airplane contest**.

For those in need of a bit of laughter therapy, we have the cure. In the tradition of *Whose Line is it Anyway?*,

HC Theatre will present its own version of the side-splitting **improvisation competition**, HC³: Huntington College Homecoming High-larious Comedy. HC³ will pit theatre alumni against current theatre students, and the audience will judge the participants' on-the-fly skills in this afternoon performance that will have everyone rolling in the aisles.

HC will also bring back a beloved tradition from the past with **tricycle races** during half-time at the men's soccer game. Try your skill on a kid-sized trike, or watch from the sidelines with your camera at the ready. Either way, be prepared for action and laughs!

Huntington College will also acknowledge several special people with **dedication ceremonies** throughout the course of Homecoming. The Merrillat Centre for the Arts (MCA) auditorium will be named in honor of Dr. Carl Zurcher, Class of 1948, for his decades of unflinching dedication to students and

Want all the details so you can plan your entire visit during Homecoming? See the table below or check your mailbox. Brochures describing all the events and times will be mailed soon!

Friday, October 3, 2003

9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Marjorie Cook Retrospective Art Exhibition, Robert E. Wilson Gallery, Merrillat Centre for the Arts
11 a.m.	Alpha Chi Induction, Merrillat Centre for the Arts Auditorium
Noon	Alpha Chi Luncheon, Habecker Dining Commons (R.S.V.P. only)
5 p.m.	Baseball Game, Forest Glen Park
5:15–6:45 p.m.	Dinner Through the Line, Habecker Dining Commons
6–7:15 p.m.	Registration, Habecker Dining Commons
6 p.m.	Coronation, Norm's Place—HUB
8 p.m.	Comedian Jeff Allen, Merrillat Centre for the Arts
9:45 p.m.	Ice Cream Social hosted by President and Mrs. Dowden, Habecker Dining Commons lower level
10:30 p.m.	Basketball Scrimmage—Alumni vs. Alumni followed by Men's Varsity scrimmage

Saturday, October 4, 2003

7:30 a.m.	Klopfenstein Classic Golf Outing, Norwood Golf Course (Contact Mike Frame at 260-359-4082) Proceeds go to the Forester Baseball Team
8 a.m.	5K Run/walk sponsored by Alpha Gamma Pi—PERC—Registration \$10, 7:30 a.m.
9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Marjorie Cook Retrospective Art Exhibition, Robert E. Wilson Gallery, Merrillat Centre for the Arts
9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Women's Softball—games approx. every 90 min.
9 a.m.–11 p.m.	Brunch Reception, Robert E. Wilson Gallery
9 a.m.	10 a.m. Gallery Talk, Robert E. Wilson Gallery
9 a.m.	Parents' Association Breakfast (R.S.V.P. only), Habecker Dining Commons
9:30 a.m.	Alumni Cross Country Run (Men's and Women's), course at corner of Gragg St. and Stultz Road Register by e-mail: iking@huntington.edu
10 a.m.–3 p.m.	Registration continues, Habecker Dining Commons

Huntington College. He has exemplified Huntington College's mission in educating men and women to impact the world for Christ. A formal ceremony will be held Saturday in the auditorium at 10:30 a.m.

An **art exhibit** honoring Marjorie Cook, Class of 1933, a longtime friend of the Huntington College community, will also be held at the MCA. Her daughter, Diana Smith, Class of 1968, will give a gallery talk at the dedication.

Two recent **class gifts** will be celebrated as well. A cross for the MCA auditorium, gift of the Class of 2001, will be dedicated on Saturday during the naming ceremony. The cross will be a visible symbol of the Christian presence on the Huntington College campus. A majestic street clock, courtesy of the Class of 2002, will be dedicated at 4:30 p.m. in front of the HUB.

There are all kinds of activities in the works, so no matter what your interests, Huntington College will be the **Wright Place**, Homecoming 2003 the **Wright Time**, and your HC friends the **Wright People** to be with on October 3 and 4. Please join us. We look forward to seeing you! ■

Catch comedian Jeff Allen

Looking to elevate your mood? Be uplifted? Comedian Jeff Allen will perform in the Merillat Centre for the Arts on Friday evening. A former "nut-job atheist" with a history of drug and alcohol abuse, Jeff found the peace of Christ while attending Alcoholics Anonymous and is now a featured performer at many of the country's premier Christian events. He's been doing comedy for 20 years, and his work has been seen on every cable comedy show in the U.S. He is currently in talks with Castle Rock Television to create a sitcom based on his popular, ultra-clean, family-friendly stand-up act, *Happy Wife, Happy Life*. Plan to relax with Jeff's special touch of family humor!



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| 10 a.m.–Noon | HC Bookstore will be open | 1:30–3 p.m. | Departmental Reunions: Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Science Hall third-floor atrium |
| 10 a.m. | Volleyball Alumni match, PERC | | English Department Reunion, third level of Loew–Brenn Center |
| 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | Children's Activities, PERC Fieldhouse | | EXCEL Reunion, Science Hall Room #150 |
| | Obstacle course, games, etc. (children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult) | | Recreation Management, PERC |
| 10:30 a.m. | Zurcher Auditorium Naming Celebration/Class of 2001 | | Men's Soccer, HC vs. Asbury College, |
| | Cross Dedication, Merillat Centre for the Arts | 2:30 p.m. | Tricycle Races during half-time |
| 10:30 a.m. | E. DeWitt Baker Invitational—Cross Country (Men's & Women's) | 2:30 p.m. | HC ³ Theatre Production, Studio Theatre |
| | | 4:30 p.m. | Class of 2002 Street Clock Dedication, in front of the HUB |
| 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | 5-Year Class Reunions, Habecker Dining Commons lower level | 5 p.m. | Alumni Family Dinner and awards presentations, Habecker Dining Commons (informal dress) |
| 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | All-School Lunch, Habecker Dining Commons lower level | 5 p.m. | Alumni Baseball Game, Forest Glen Park |
| Noon | Women's Soccer, HC vs. Davenport University | 7 p.m. | Davis Hall Follies, Merillat Centre for the Arts |
| 1 p.m. | Loew–Brenn/Student Venture Learning Center (formerly SVA) Dedication | 9:30 p.m. | Davis Hall Follies, Merillat Centre for the Arts |
| 1:30–3 p.m. | Passport Tour of Campus—Pick up passport for prizes at the Registration Desk | | |

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Arthur Freeman, who passed away November 24, 2002, following a short illness. Arthur's wife, **M. Louise (Bentzel)**, graduated from HC in 1954. The couple's children also attended HC—**Ron (1979)**, **Connie (Freeman, 1983) Boren**, and **Cindy (Freeman, 1992) Kelley**—as did their son-in-law, **Tim Boren (attended 1980-85)**.

Anna May (Corcoran, 1958) Smith retired from teaching in June 2000 after 41 years. While teaching, she continued her own education and received a master's in education at Ball State University in 1966 and a Gifted and Talented Endorsement from Purdue University in 1988. She's involved with the Huntington Retired Teachers Association and the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association. Anna and her husband, Francis, have four children and four grandchildren.

1970s

Charles Kendall (1971) is the head of technical and circulation services at the Alexandrian Public Library in Mount Vernon, Indiana. He and his wife, **Alice (Bienz, attended 1970-71)**, have a new address: 405 Lawrence Drive, Mount Vernon, Indiana 47620-1248. Phone: (812) 838-4992. E-mail: ckendall@mochamail.com

Willard J. Taylor, Jr. (1977) was awarded the Florida State Chess Organizers' Award. He is the professional chess coach of the Berkeley Prep National Champion Chess Team. His wife, **Pamela (Bowers, 1978)**, is an elementary school teacher at the Blue Ribbon School—Hunter's Green. The couple lives at 103 Druid Hills Road, Temple Terrace, Florida 33617. E-mail: bjtnujt@aol.com

Mark A. McDowell (attended 1978-80) and his wife, Joanne, live at 6722 Loretta Court, Avon, Indiana 46123-7894.

1980s

Brooks L. Fetters (1981) was named the 2002 Manager of the Year and also received a fifth consecutive achievement award for excellence in funeral service. He is the funeral director and general manager of Myers Funeral Homes of Huntington and Markle. A licensed funeral director since 1982, Fetters has been with Myers Funeral Homes since June 1998. He is married to **Barbara (Deemer, 1981) Fetters**, and they have three daughters. Fetters serves as chairman of the Administrative Council of the College Park United Brethren Church, and board member for the Huntington Rotary Club and United Way of Huntington County.

After nine years at Huntington College, **Kerry Arnold (1984)** has decided to give the Big 10 a try. He is the director of information technology for the School of Technology at Purdue University. Kerry, wife Lee Ann, and their son, Thad (1 1/2), have moved to 3026 Pheasant Run Drive, Apt. 1924, Lafayette, Indiana 47909. E-mail: kdarnold@tech.purdue.edu

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of **Tim Price (1984)**, who recently



passed away. During his years at HC, Tim was a starting center for the Foresters. He married **Anita Yoder (1983)** and they have a daughter, Nicole. Memorials/cards may be sent to a fund for Nicole at: Tim Price Memorial Fund, 11000 E. CR 170 S., Selma, Indiana 47383.

Bev (Wagner, 1985) Carpenter is a family-support specialist for Family Centered Services after years of being a stay-at-home mom for daughters Courtney (11) and Mikayla (8). Bev, husband Todd, and their daughters live at 1223 College Avenue, Huntington, Indiana 46750. Phone: (260) 358-0468. E-mail: tjbcarp@msn.com

Marg Woodason (A.S. 1987, B.S. 1990) works for a non-profit organization very closely affiliated with child and family services. She writes, "I work as office support for the residential programs that provide care for the kids who are wards of the state. I enjoy it but wish to work my way back into teaching again." Marg's address is 30 Canberra Road, Winnipeg, MB R2J 1W4 Canada. E-mail: margwood@shaw.ca

David Ross (1988) and his wife, **Amy (Melick, 1993)**, have a new son, Jared David, born June 11. He joins big sister Kayla (3). The family's address: 6108 Almond Bluff Pass, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804. Phone: (260) 436-6010.

1990s

Dana Emmitt (1990) married Chris Payton November 22, 2002, at Nappanee Missionary Church. She is working at Mercy Regional Health Center. The newlyweds live at 319 Clydesdale Circle, P.O. Box 477, Ogdan, Kansas 66517. E-mail: cpayton@ksu.edu

Jeremy Clark (attended 1991-94) and his wife, Andrea, have a new daughter, Berea Grace, born March 28. The family lives at 1007 Oak Street, Huntington, Indiana 46750. Phone: (260) 356-2346. E-mail: jaclark@fwi.com

John Dunlap (1991) and his wife, **Becky (Hinkle, attended 1997-98)**, live at 4188 Buesching Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815. Phone: (260) 492-2024.

Fred A. Johns II (1991) and his wife, Tonya, have a new daughter, Erika Marie, born July 14. She joins big sister Carrie Jade (2). The family's address: 5757 Walnut Grove Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35215. E-mail: fjohns@walstonwells.com

Chad Vannatta (attended 1991-93) and his wife, **Anita (Whybark, 1992)**, have a new son, Benjamin Thomas, born December 4, 2002. He

joins big sister Abby (2). Chad continues to work for Mpc in sales in Nampa, Idaho, while Anita has been promoted to unit leader in her own Creative Memories business. She is now in the top five percent of Creative Memories leaders and enjoys staying at home with her children while running her own business. Address: 2937 N. Boulder Creek Avenue, Meridian, Idaho 83642. E-mail: cmanita@cableone.net

Brad McDonald (attended 1988-91 and 1999-2000) is co-owner of Pipe Creek Transport and Pipe Creek Marketing in Warren, Indiana. His wife, **Lisa (Kline, 1992)**, is a school counselor at Crestview Middle School in Huntington. The couple has a daughter, Meg Elese (1). Address: 6371 West 445 North, Huntington, Indiana 46750. Phone: (260) 356-8027. E-mail: lmcdonal@hccsc.k12.in.us

Jonathan Evans (1993) and his wife, **Laura (Jones, 1995)**, have a new daughter, Kate Elise, born April 17. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. She joins big sister Emily (3). The family lives at 6129 D Tahoe Circle, Woodbury, Minnesota 55125. Phone: (651) 738-0217.

Matt Moore (1993) and his wife, Jamie, have a new son, Elijah Ryan, born July 1. He joins big brother Malakai Martin (16 months). The family's address: 5420 N. Park Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220. E-mail: pocojet@hotmail.com

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or go to www.huntington.edu/classnotes.

Fawn (Zimmerman, attended 1993-97) Jackson has returned to Huntington to finish her degree. She has two daughters, Kaitlyn (5) and Mackenzie (2). Address: 290 Hauenstein Road, Apt. 5, Huntington, Indiana 46750. E-mail: j_fawn@hotmail.com

Scott Gibson (1996) and his wife, **Kristi (Rupp, attended 1996-98)**, have a new son, Caleb Scott, born April 27. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. The family's address is 2179 Old Trail, Northwood, Ohio 43619. Phone: (419) 693-4946. E-mail: skgibson@soulwinner.org

Ryan Groves (1996) received his master's in counseling and human services from Indiana University, South Bend, in May. He continues to work for Stripco. Ryan's wife, **Sandra (Reed, 1996)**, is the volunteer ministry leader for Son City Kids, an urban outreach program through Granger Community Church. Ryan, Sandra, and their children, Delaney (3 1/2) and Evan (1 1/2), live at 11661 Round Oak Drive, Granger, Indiana 46530. E-mail: groves00@juno.com

Jeremy Kratz (1996) works for AIG Insurance in the small-business worker's compensation division. He is enjoying sunny Arizona. Address: 1201 E. Christy Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85020. E-mail: jeremy_kratz@hotmail.com

Ann M. (Schmidt, attended 1996-98) Kline is finishing her master's degree in agronomy from Purdue University. She works in field research with Pioneer Hi-bred International in Illinois. Ann's address: 6341 1100 E., Buda, Illinois 61314. E-mail: kline1@bitwiseways.com

Leslie (Schultz, 1996) Pushor is beginning her second year of school for respiratory therapy at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. She and her husband, Jim, have two children—Dylan (9) and Jacob (5). The family's address: 922 35 St. NW, Calgary, AB T2N 2Z7. E-mail: lesliepushor@hotmail.com

Geoff Horner (1997) and his wife, **Nilah (Wilson, 1997)**, have a new son, Eliseo Cruz, born December 21, 2002. Address: 993 Stonegate Road, Greenwood, Indiana 46142. E-mail: gnhorner621@yahoo.com

Shannon (Jarrard, 1997) Owens is a demonstrator for Stampin' UP! and continues to work on paintings and art shows. She and her husband, Jeremy, live at 8A Aspen House, Douglassville, Pennsylvania 19518. E-mail: owens1299@dejazzd.com

Andy Merrill (attended 1997-99) married **Nichole Caughell (1998)** on August 11, 2001. Andy is lead technical support engineer at CI, Inc., and Nichole teaches at New Venture Christian School. Address: 830 Brooktree Lane, Apt. 272, Vista, California 92081. Phone: (760) 598-2974. E-mail: andymerrill@mail.com

Dan Parks (1997) and his wife, **Kelly (Weaver, attended 1994-95)**, have two children: Noah (4) and Asa (6 months). Address: 918 E. Main Street, Albion, Indiana 46701. E-mail: dkparks@ligtel.com

Dan King (1998) earned his doctorate in chemistry, while his wife, **Carie (Pearson, attended 1994-98)**, completed a master's degree in English education—both at the University of Georgia. Dan is now a professor at Bethel College, and Carie is teaching at Lakeville High School. Address: 1610 Granada Avenue N., Apt. 208, Oakdale, Minnesota 55128. Phone: (651) 308-9750. E-mail: cakdak@attbi.com

Mark Richard (attended 1998-2002) married **Alicia Jester (2002)** on April 12. The newlyweds live at 621 Fox Hound Way, Apt. 2D, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804. E-mail: aliciajester@yahoo.com

Judy (Weinstein, 1998) Crawford is a stay-at-home mom to her two sons, Andrew (2 1/2) and Owen (11 months). She's recently started a photography business called Shutterbug Photography to give her "a couple nights out a week. I really enjoy it, and it is going very well." Judy and her husband, Aaron, and their sons live at 1349 Vinewood Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43229. E-mail: judyandaaron@yahoo.com

Jennie Boyer (1999) married Traever Wieland on July 12. Jennie continues with her junior-high ministry with Campus Life and teaches business part-time at Carroll High School. The newlyweds' address: 10217 Donald Avenue, Leo, Indiana 46765. E-mail: JenWieland@hotmail.com

Amy (Johnson, 1999) Skinner and her husband have a new daughter, Jalynn Grace, born May 31. She weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Address: 1378 E. 500 S.-57, Churubusco, Indiana 46723. E-mail: smile46723@yahoo.com

Asa James Swan (1999) finished his master's degree in history in December and has decided to go to medical school in 2004. He is currently taking science at Lindsey Wilson College in Kentucky and preparing for the MCAT. Address: 110 Woodbridge, Campbellsville, Kentucky, 42718. E-mail: asajames@hotmail.com

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Brett Bubalo (2000) works for a mail-order pharmacy. He and his wife, Lindsay, have an Italian Greyhound named Bailey, and they built a house last year. Their address: 5760 N. Stansbury Blvd., McCordsville, Indiana 46055. E-mail: brett.bubalo@homemed.com

Rachael K. Hinkle (2000) graduated with high distinction from Ohio Northern's Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University.

Heather H. Hirschy (2000) married Nathan Gonzales on May 25 on the front campus of Huntington College. The newlyweds live at 615 3rd Street NE, Apt. 7, Washington, D.C. 20002. E-mail: heatherhirschy@hotmail.com

Carrie Johnson (2000) is in customer service for U.S. Ink Jet, a supply company for large-scale ink-jet printers. She is also expecting a baby in October. Drop by her homepage at <http://www.geocities.com/noahmorgan03> or send her an e-mail at carrie@epiph.com. Address: 104 Berwick Road, South Berwick, Maine 03908.

Christina (Pitts, 2000) Fields is working in sales for the voluntary worksite department of Allstate Insurance. She and husband Marcus live at 202 East Squire Drive, No. 7, Rochester, New York 14623. Home: (585) 281-1494. Work: (585) 385-5480. E-mail: crfields@rochester.rr.com

John Smith (2000) and his wife, **Amy (Pasqual, 2000)**, bought a condo in December. Their new address is 1420 W. Erie #1R, Chicago, Illinois 60622. E-mail: jsmith@breakthroughministries.com

Andrew M. Bowen (2001) is the children-and-youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Kokomo. He and his wife, Jessica, are hoping to buy their first home soon. The couple's current address is 954 E. 450 N., Kokomo, Indiana 46901. E-mail: Andrew@fbckokomo.org

Elizabeth C. Michaelsen (2001) married Ryan Hicks on August 10, 2002, in St. Charles, Illinois. Elizabeth works at Wheaton College in marketing communications. The newlyweds' address: 1807 Short Avenue, Streamwood, Illinois 60107. E-mail: elizabeth.c.hicks@wheaton.edu

Rico Moreno (2001) and his wife, **Bethany (Bressi, 2001)**, have finished their first year teaching in Broward County, Florida. The couple has two dogs—KC May and Scooter

Doo—and lives just outside Fort Myers at 1010 Alvin Avenue, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971. E-mail: halfmexican@hotmail.com

Michael Yates (2001) married **April Owens (2003)** on June 7. The newlyweds live at 750 E. County Road 4005, North Vernon, Indiana 47265. E-mail: pearlaprl@hotmail.com

Kristen Freeman (2002), a reporter for *The Roanoke News*, was honored with an award for Limited Series Reporting as one of the Indiana recipients of the sixth annual Clarity in Reporting Awards, presented by the Indiana Section of the American Water Works Association. The award recognizes excellence in environmental reporting relating to news, events, and issues of water quality. E-mail: freeman2@concentric.net

Lori Ann Gossert (2002) has begun her M.A. in theology with a theology-and-arts format at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Address: 1308 N. Los Robles Avenue #6, Pasadena, California 91104. E-mail: mimegirl@fuller.edu

Jennifer Sherrard (2002) married Brad Weeks on June 14. She teaches kindergarten at St. Joseph Grade School in South Bend, and is also a cheerleading coach at Washington High School. Address: 2045 Hollywood Place, South Bend, Indiana 46616.

Joe Webb (2002) and his wife, **Kristi (Snowden, attended 1998-2001)**, have a new son, Jacob Gavin, born December 11, 2002. The family lives in Anderson, Indiana.

Greg Miller (2003) married **Jenny Bowman (2002)** on May 24 in Kokomo, Indiana. Jenny continues to attend medical school, while Greg is working. The newlyweds live at 2203-8 Abbey Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46835. Phone: (260) 485-1413. E-mail: jenx4@hotmail.com

Correction: **Linda Chapman's (attended 1966)** e-mail address is travlnteacher@yahoo.com, and **Amy Gantt's (2000)** e-mail address is fijiseventy7@hotmail.com. We apologize for the error. ■

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