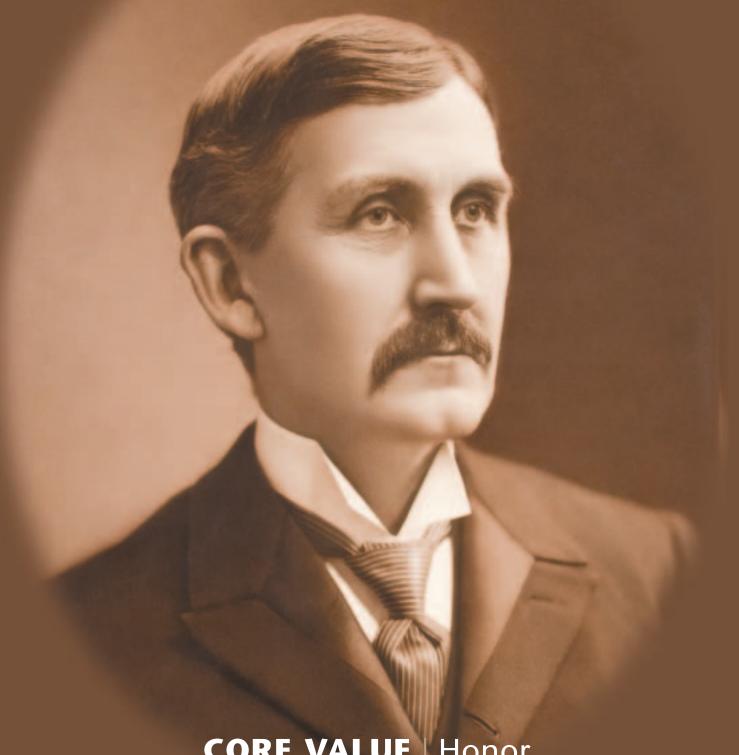
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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Eureka College's 153rd year will be memorable because of record enrollment, the number of campus improvements including the new Bonati Fitness Center and Rigazio Lobby at the Reagan Physical Education Center, the arrival of eight new faculty members, and new academic programs like Special Education.

Honor is the theme of this issue of *Eureka College Magazine*, and while it is a word with a multitude of meanings, it is a term that almost always involves actions based on deeply held principles or a public recognition of excellence. This issue deals with both aspects of honor.

In EC's Statement of Core Values, honor is defined as: "All members of the college community will act in an honest, candid, and selfless fashion when dealing with issues concerning the College." In fact, if you look up "honor" in a dictionary, you will find personal integrity, strong moral character, and adherence to ethical principles among the first definitions listed.

The cover story recognizes the heritage of our abolitionist founders and honors the devotion to duty of the members of Company G during the Civil War. The interview with Irmgard

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Rosenzweig illustrates the honor of the entire Eureka community in hosting her family after they immigrated to the United States to escape the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust.

Honoring excellence in teaching and the College's Charter commitment to provide "non-sectarian liberal arts education" is the topic of Professor Scott Hemmenway's article on "What is a liberal arts education?"

As a mark of distinction, honor in the form of national recognition of the College's mission of "excellence in learning, service, and leadership" is evidenced in the articles that discuss Meghan Lazier's Fulbright award and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Reagan Leadership Program.

As alumni and friends, thank you one and all for your personal time, talent, and donations that **honor** the caring learning community that is Eureka College!

Yours 'neath the Elms,'

Dr. J. David Arnold President

## A LIVING LEGACY: EUREKA'S RE

ew know more about Ronald Reagan's legacy at Eureka and the leadership program that bears his name than Dr. Brian Sajko, Director of the Ronald Reagan Leadership Program and Sandifer Mentorship Program, Curator of the Reagan Museum, and Senior U.S. Fulbright Scholar. Sajko recently assumed the directorship of these programs and has gone to work to see them flourish.

He explained, "The original goal of the program is summed up in the program's motto: 'Ductus et Ministrare,' meaning 'Lead and Minister.' For the current Fellows, I

define 'minister' as 'selfless service.' The students in the program have become the living legacy of Ronald Reagan, and this puts us in a very special

Sajko said the program is partially funded by endowment but also by operational funds. "This will change and, indeed, should change with the assistance of dedicated alumni and friends of the College and friends of President Reagan and his legacy. Imagine the possibilities and the even more incredible opportunities we'll be able to offer students. I believe President Reagan would be so proud."

These ideas of more possibilities keep Sajko determined to improve how the Reagan Program serves students and how students can serve the world. "Short term, the

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place. President Reagan was a great example of the 'perfect' alum—one who was a leader and selfless in his giving and service to his alma mater and the world."

Each year, The Reagan Leadership Program selects five incoming freshmen as Reagan Fellows. Besides receiving full tuition over four years, Reagan Fellows participate in workshops and retreats throughout the school year. During summers, Reagan Fellows have mentorships with leaders in their field within the United States and abroad. The program pays for travel and living expenses for the mentorships.

program needs to become more fully integrated into the life and strategic vision of the College as a whole. This will happen as we create leadership centers and formalize leadership training at EC through initiatives currently being developed. The Reagan Program will then be the marquee leadership element among other programs furthering leadership within the College. We are also establishing a better database for mentorships and, with the help of Reagan Fellow alumni, will be able to better serve all involved. Long range, it would be great to expand the program to more





## AGAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

individuals and expand and promote President Reagan's living legacy throughout the world."

He concluded, "Every day and with each Reagan Fellow, our goal is that we will create leaders who are intent on being selfless servers and will set out to change the world."

others, and proven academic achievement. With the caliber of students accepted into the Reagan Program, it is no wonder there have been so many impressive "firsts." Reagan Fellows are selected in an annual competition Several are highlighted on the following page.

## RISING TO THE TOP

Jay Hein has ascended to a role that would have made Ronald Reagan proud: deputy assistant to President George W. Bush. Hein, who received a bachelor's degree in social science and business from Eureka College in 1987, was among the first graduating class of fellows selected for the Ronald Reagan Leadership Program.

Following graduation, Hein made his mark as president of the Sagamore Institute for Policy Research, an Indianapolis-based think tank that specializes in community-based reforms. He also was a welfare reform policy assistant to Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson.

Hein was appointed by President Bush in 2006 as director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. The office is charged with strengthening and expanding the role of faith-based and community organizations in providing social services.

Returning to his roots, Hein delivered the commencement address at the College's graduation exercises earlier this year. He spoke about "Building Legacies," reflecting on the 75th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's graduation from the College, and the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's speech at the College. Hein's own legacy proves that when you start at Eureka, anything is possible.



held on campus in February, and selection is based on

potential for effective leadership, commitment to serving







## REAGAN CELEBRATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA —



The table at the Reagan Ranch (now at the Reagan Presidential Library) where President Reagan signed the historic 1981 tax bill and recorded his Saturday radio broadcasts.



Eureka alums, trustees, friends, faculty, and staff at the Reagan Ranch Center in Santa Barbara.



President Arnold speaks to radio talk show host Michael Reagan, a studio audience, and an estimated 5 million listeners nationwide about Eureka College's commitment to excellence in learning, service, and leadership.

## **REAGAN FELLOW FIRSTS:**

**Summer 1981** Eureka College President Daniel Gilbert visits President Ronald Reagan at the White House to propose establishing a "significant leadership scholars program" at Eureka College in Reagan's honor. The program, which was initiated by friends of Reagan, would "provide leadership scholarships to outstanding young leaders . . . who attend Eureka College."

**Spring 1982** Eureka College announces the establishment of the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarships.

**Fall 1983** The first class of Reagan Scholars enters Eureka College.

**Spring 1986** Kenneth Barnes of Williamsville is the first Reagan Scholar to graduate from Eureka College.

**Spring 1987** The first class of Reagan Scholars graduates from Eureka College.

**Fall 1990** Leaderfest '90, the first of day-long seminars for high school students focusing on the development of leadership skills, is hosted and led by the Reagan Scholars themselves on November 17. Additional Leaderfest seminars took place in 1991 and 1992.

**Spring 1991** Junior Reagan Fellow George Leal of Texas becomes the first EC student to be awarded a Truman Fellowship.

**Spring 1998** Two Reagan Fellows, Evan Coates of LeRoy, Illinois, and Brad Sutton of Iowa, found the International Health Care Development Program (IHCDP.) The first group of students spends six weeks in Jamkhed, India. The program, an entirely student-led service organization with the motto of "Learning Together to Serve a Lifetime," continues to this day.

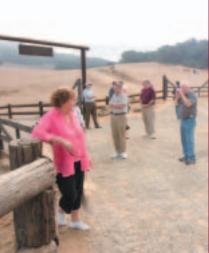
**Spring 1998** Junior Evan Coates, biology/chemistry major, is the first EC student to be awarded a Goldwater Fellowship. Travis Wilcoxen of Lewistown, Illinois, the second Reagan Fellow to be awarded a Goldwater Fellowship, receives the honor in 2004.

**Winter 1999** Senior Reagan Fellow Evan Coates becomes the first EC student to be chosen as one of only 20 students on *USA TODAY's* ALL-USA College Academic First Team.

**Summer 2005** Carrie Thompson Wolf '94 is appointed Assistant Parliamentarian for the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Spring 2007** Senior Reagan Fellow Meghan Lazier of Downers Grove becomes the first EC student to be awarded a Fulbright Scholarship.

## SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 7, 2007



The "Eureka" group on a private tour of the Reagan Ranch.



Michael Reagan addresses dinner guests on the veranda of the Reagan Ranch Center.



The wide open spaces of Rancho Del Cielo.

## EUREKA MARKS ANNIVERSARY WITH COAST-TO-COAST EVENTS

In conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the founding of its Ronald W. Reagan Leadership Program, Eureka College is celebrating with three exciting events.

A September 5-7 "Reagan Celebration" included tours of the Reagan Ranch in Santa Barbara, the USS Ronald Reagan in San Diego, and the Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley. Ronald Reagan's eldest son, Michael Reagan, broadcast his syndicated talk radio show live from the Reagan Ranch Center on September 6, interviewing Eureka College officials and alumni of the Reagan Leadership Program.

The second event will be the inaugural "Reagan Day" on February 25, which will be held on the Eureka College campus and hosted by the Ronald Reagan Museum at Eureka College. Douglas Brinkley, editor of *The Reagan Diaries*, will speak at the event, said Brian Sajko, Reagan Program Director. The event also will observe the 97th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth, which is February 6.

The final event, which is slated for March 2008, will be a 3-day celebration culminating in a reception at the White House hosted by Jay Hein, Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and a Eureka College alumnus. Hein delivered the keynote address at the college's commencement in May.



Faculty Emeriti Drs. William and Edwina Doran with Jay Hein '87 at the Reagan Ranch Center.

# Civil War Story Bøgins at Eurø

hat does a war fought 150 years ago have to do with modern-day Eureka College? Plenty. One of the regiments—Company G of the Illinois 17th Illinois Volunteer Infantry—built its foundation 'neath the elms, and now the College is in possession of a cache of artifacts associated with the regiment. "Shortly after the Civil War began in April 1861, a spontaneous gathering of Eureka College students and faculty occurred beneath the ancient elm tree that came to be called the 'Recruiting Elm,'" explained Dr. Junius Rodriguez, Associate Professor of History at Eureka. "Someone climbed the elm tree and hung an American flag from its branches. Others delivered impromptu speeches about service and honor. Patriotic songs were sung by those who gathered amid tears and uncertainty just as the first buds of spring were beginning to appear. Twenty-one young men from Eureka College eventually joined Company G that formed in Peoria, Illinois." Two of the names associated with Company G are Otis Burgess and Jonathan Harvey Rowell. "Before the Civil War began, Otis Captain Jonathan Asa Burgess was a professor at Eureka College," he Harvey Rowell,

continued. "Once the war began, his students

former EC student

and Civil War veteran.



convinced him to become Captain Burgess and lead them off to war. Burgess remained with Company G until shortly after the Battle of Shiloh. This Tennessee battle, fought on April 6 and 7, 1862, was the fiercest fighting that had taken place in the war up to that point. Two of the young men from Eureka College were killed at Shiloh and others were wounded. We have copies of letters that he wrote to the parents of young men—his former students—who were killed in action. Emotionally wrecked by his experiences at Shiloh, Captain Burgess resigned his commission within a month after the battle and returned to Illinois."

Following Burgess' departure, former Eureka College student Jonathan Harvey Rowell was elected their new captain. While Rowell may not be as familiar a name in Eureka as

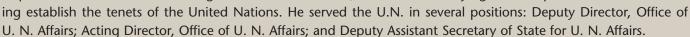
Burgess, he was critically important to Company G. "While it is true that Captain Burgess took the young men off to war in an act of tremendous heroism, it was Captain Rowell who remained with the company throughout most of the war, and it was Rowell who brought his men back home when the war concluded," said Rodriguez. "Rowell eventually became a lawyer in Bloomington. He also was elected to serve in the U.S. Congress."

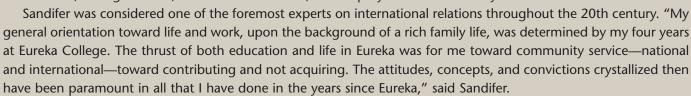
Eureka College came into possession of the Civil War papers of Captain Rowell through a descendant who had inherited them, Rodriguez said. "The papers include the 'daily reports' of Company G through 1864, the diary that was kept by Captain Rowell during the war, and transcriptions of several speeches that he made as a member of Congress."

## Durward Sandifer (1901-1981)

It's not unusual to hear that a Eureka College graduate has impacted his or her community, but Durward Sandifer's work was—and still is—felt around the world. Sandifer, class of 1924, was also an instructor at Eureka before moving on to Columbia University, where he earned masters, doctorate, and law degrees.

Throughout his life and career, Sandifer was committed to the ideals of global understanding and international relations. He was an international lawyer, with a long career in the U.S. Department of State and the Foreign Service. In the 1940s, Sandifer was a key figure in help-





In honor of his contributions both at Eureka College and around the world, EC offers the Sandifer Mentorship, which is a mentorship anywhere in the world, paid for by the College.



The Company G artifacts are being cared for by Anthony Glass, Director of Melick Library and College Archivist. "The fact that anyone thought to preserve military supply manifests and company rolls as part of a private collection is quite remarkable."

Glass explained the materials won't be made available as circulating materials, the way a library circulates books. "The reason is that documents like this are irreplaceable. Most library books and periodicals exist in thousands of identical copies and can usually be replaced. But Rowell's 1863 field diary, for example, exists only in that one copy, and once it's gone, it's gone. To allow such a thing to leave the room is unthinkable."

However, the public may be able to view the historic documents if they are put on display. And with the digital age, Glass said it is likely most of the materials will be easily accessible one day. "One of the benefits of our membership with the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries of Illinois is a digital management program called CONTENTdm. Currently we are finalizing our first digital collection of WWII letters, and this winter a student intern will begin the first digital extract from the Rowell papers—

his 1863 field diary. Eventually the public will be able to see what the originals look like without having to handle them."

These papers are more than just a historical curiosity for Eureka College, however. "Next to the story of the College's founding, the events associated with the 'Recruiting Elm' and the actions that transpired there and in subsequent years are central to the history and identity of Eureka College," Rodriguez said. "Elements of leadership, service, and experiential learning are all present in the deeds of our young heroes who responded to a calling with nobility and resolve at a time when their nation needed them. Their story exudes honor and challenges us all to emulate the dedication and courage of those who marched to war in the springtime of their lives."

Rodriguez believes there are lessons to be learned about life and death in the actions of these young men. "We often obsess over the question of whether one may have died in vain, but we seldom ask if any among us have ever lived in vain. The members of Company G recognized that they were living in a time fraught with extraordinary difficulty, and they believed that they could serve the cause of right-eousness because they understood it to be their calling."

## Clvira "Clla" Scass Stewart (1871 - 1945)

Eureka College alumnus Elvira "Ella" Seass Stewart, class of 1890, made history as a national suffragette leader. Married to fellow alum Oliver Wayne Stewart soon after graduation, they quickly became involved in reform movements at the state and national levels. Seass Stewart eventually served several terms as a national officer in the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) and as the national president of the Equal Suffrage Association. She was instrumental in Illinois adopting women's suffrage legislation before it became national policy.

In 1912, Seass Stewart became the first woman to present a Founder's Day address at Eureka College. In that address, she spoke of her great-grandfather—the Rev. Bushrod



Henry, one of the founders of the school—and the other founders with these words: "They provided liberty for every soul to follow the gleam, and be true to himself. They realized that the only value in education is to change and modify, never to solidify." She closed her address with a Puritan quote that she believed was fitting to her own Eureka College experience: "I was a radical in my day, be thou the same in thine."

Motivated by these words, it is not surprising that the Eureka Equal Suffrage Federation (EESF) formed in 1912 as a group of women and men from the College and the Eureka community joined together to support passage of the suffrage issue in Illinois. Seass Stewart spearheaded this movement while serving as a national officer in NAWSA.

In 1913, Illinois became the first state east of the Mississippi River to grant women the right to vote. Certainly the work of the EESF that was built upon the efforts of those who came before had an effect upon this important reform.

Later in her life, Ella Stewart reflected upon her experiences at Eureka College and wrote: "No spot is so dear to me as Eureka. My happiest associations cluster about it. For the sake of our precious Alma Mater may all good purposes and high endeavors of her children come to bountiful fruition, and in adaptation of Rip Van Winkle's ever-ready toast, 'May she live long and prosper.'"

## Eureka College Now Offering Degree Completion Opportunities in Organizational Leadership

A bachelor's degree is a must-have in today's business environment, but many adults simply can't devote themselves to classes every day. That's where Eureka College's Organizational Leadership Program comes in.

This innovative program, which takes place every other weekend, prepares students to assume management-focused leadership positions at organizations in both the public and private sectors. Through a dynamic curriculum that links theory with best practices, students are trained in the principles and skills of transformational leadership.

Individuals with an associate's degree—or those who have at least 51 hours of transfer eligible credit—can qualify for the program. It is designed to allow students to complete their bachelor's degree without infringing upon work and family obligations. The opportunity to attend classes on Friday nights and all day on Saturday provides a perfect way to complete a bachelor's degree.

Applications are being accepted for the January 2008 cohort. For more information, contact us at orglead@eureka.edu or 309-467-6421 or visit us at www.eureka.edu.





# A Journey

## A Jewish Girl and Her Family Find a Sape Haven in Eureka



West Branch, Iowa

New York City

Irmgard Rosenzweig '47

Eureka, Illinois

On April 21, Eureka College Associate Professor of History Junius Rodriguez interviewed a very special Eureka alumna: Irmgard Rosenzweig Wessel. A Jewish survivor of Nazicontrolled Germany, she and her family fled their home and eventually ended up in Eureka. Wessel graduated from Eureka College in 1947 and has maintained a very special connection with the College since. She has provided a tremendous array of books to EC's Melick Library to establish a special collection of Holocaust studies. It represents just one way that she has given back to the people who made a difference in her life.

The following are excerpts from the Wessel-Rodriguez conversation.

## Rodriguez: What are your recollections of your childhood before the Nazis came?

Wessel: I was born in 1925 and came from a well-established Jewish family in Kassel. My father was in a management capacity in a factory, and mother was at home. We were a comfortable family with friends and family nearby. All of that changed for many reasons. My father never thought Hitler

would get into power and do what he did because my father was a soldier in World War I, and he assumed that he would be a German first and a Jew second, and of course all of that changed. He lost his job, and I couldn't go to (public) school in 1938. And then something interesting happened; Kassel was the town chosen to practice what *Krystalknacht* might be like.

Editor's Note: "Krystalnacht," a Nazi riot that took place on the pretext of revenge for the assassination of a minor German foreign minister, took place November 9, 1938. During "The Night of Broken Glass," Nazi SA troops attacked Jewish shops, synagogues, and institutions. In all, 200 synagogues were burned, homes were destroyed with axes and sledgehammers, and hundreds of people were tortured and killed.

So when I go back to November 7, 1938, for me it meant that my parents woke me up and asked me to take care of my grandmother, who was living with us, and they left. My father wore his hat and suit (in the middle of the night) and returned. Nothing was said. Up to this point I had a very protected childhood, and I wasn't really conscious of what

# London, England Kassel, Germany was going on. Then two nights later our apartment was attacked by the Nazis. They broke down the doors and

was going on. Then two nights later our apartment was attacked by the Nazis. They broke down the doors and ordered us out, and that was November 9. For me that was a traumatic time because I was about to have my 13th birthday, and I was promised a bicycle. Obviously I didn't get a bike for my birthday, so that was my first realization that this was going to affect me. As you know, 13-year-old kids don't often think about life around them as much as they think about their own life.

## Rodriguez: Your father at first didn't think that Hitler could come to power?

Wessel: A lot of people did believe it, and they made plans to go to Israel, but not my father. And my parents also didn't take out the proper papers to come to the U.S. They didn't have a sponsor, so they were really left high and dry. In the meantime, my father was fired from his job for being a Jew, and he set up a consulting firm. He was designated by the Nazis to be the intermediary between the Jews who were leaving and the Nazis, so he was able to help people leave the country, never thinking that he might have to leave. He was in a state of denial.

Rodriguez: When your father came to understand the complete picture, how did your parents explain to you what was happening?

Pictured (l. to r.): Annette Dyar Sherman, Morris Wessel, Irmgard Rosenzweig Wessel, Paul Wessel, Pat Pearson Streid, David Wessel. Annette and Pat were high school friends of Irmgard. Photo: Steve Colburn

**Wessel:** First of all, we had a notice on the door that we had to move out. I had a little bird in a cage, and the bird had flown away. And this hit me: "Oh my God, this is for real." My parents became realistic and wanted me and my brother to get out. They made arrangements for me on the *kinder-transport* to go to England.

Editor's Note: Kindertransport was a desperate measure by Jewish parents to get their children out of the growing Nazi territory. In the final nine months before World War II, nearly 10,000 unaccompanied Jewish children escaped from Germany on trains headed for Britain. Though they hoped it would be a brief separation, most would never see their families again.

My mother, who was a jeweler by profession, got some clothes together for me and got me ready to take the trip. All I could take was a knapsack and a suitcase. They put me on the train in March of '39. My father cried that day, and I had never seen him do that before. When we got to England, we stood on the gangplank and some wonderful British ladies

## "I would like the world to know there are small

with long fingernails gave us some tea and dry biscuits. At that point I thought there must be another way for them to meet the needs of children who had just lost their family, and I think that was the moment that inspired me to go into social work. In London, a family met me and put me on the train to my foster family. I remember standing still and waiting for the family (Mrs. Brown, a widow with a 13-year-old daughter). We took a bus to the house where I lived for the next 15 months. The bus driver spoke to me in German. My only word of English was "lavatory."

## Rodriguez: Do you recall approximately how many kids traveled with you?

Wessel: There were about 180 in the *kindertransport*. And I have since met people who were on other *kindertransports*. I knew where I was going. Many of the kids never ended up in homes. They were in hostels and with families where they weren't welcome. They were emotionally abused. I went to the same private school in England as my foster sister. I think most of my English was learned by going to the movies. Nobody knew what to do with me, so I ended up going to the movies a lot. So I stayed there and corresponded with my folks through the Red Cross. Then the correspondence stopped, and the bombing started, and life in England changed considerably.

## Rodriguez: Was there a period of time when you were out of contact with your parents?

**Wessel:** Yes, definitely. It was a miracle that they were able to leave at all, and I think it was because of my father's good

relationship with the Nazis. He had worked with them professionally, so when they realized what was happening, they literally pushed my parents to leave Kassel. They were on the last boat from Italy to get to America. When they arrived here, they contacted the house in London and made arrangements for me to meet them in New York in August 1940.

## Rodriguez: At that point were the Quakers involved in the process of getting you to the U.S.? What other agencies were involved in helping you?

Wessel: My father made the rounds of the employment agencies and the Jewish agencies, and they suggested that there was no need for any more Jewish refugees in New York and sent my parents down the hall to the American Friends Service Committee (the Quakers). They talked with my parents about the possibility of going to Scattergood, and we all decided that it was best for us to leave New York. Scattergood (in West Branch, Iowa) had been a boarding school that closed in the war, and there were some young Americans (Quaker, Mennonite, Bretheren) who decided to make it a hostel, so this is how we ended up there. At any one time, there were about 18 of us staying there and a wonderful staff of young, dedicated Americans making us feel at home.

## Rodriguez: Did you find that it was easier for you to acclimate than for your parents?

**Wessel:** The staff (at Scattergood) took a lot of that burden off of my hands. I would periodically, when my father needed help with English. The staff also found employment for the refugee families. This is where Eureka comes in. I think one of

## Emik Avakian, Class of 1948

Much like Irmgard, Emik Avakian, class of 1948, is a role model for endurance. Born with cerebral palsy, Avakian graduated Magna Cum Laude with degrees in Physics and Mathematics. He subsequently earned advanced degrees in the same subjects from Columbia University in New York City and went on to patent many inventions that help disabled persons be more self-sufficient. Among those inventions is a breath-operated computer, a counterweighted system that makes it easier to put wheelchairs in cars, and a self-propelled robotic wheel for converting manual wheelchairs to automatic.



His contributions were so extraordinary that Avakian was honored by President Kennedy in 1961 for the "Most Outstanding Contribution to Employment of the Handicapped." Other honors include Tau Beta Pi's "Eminent Engineer Award" (1979), the Armenian Bicentennial Committee's "Excellence in the Field of Science Award" (1976), and the Shah of Iran Crown Medal (1963). In 1996, Eureka College also presented him with the Honorary Doctorate Award for his personification of the ideals valued by the College.

He and his wife, Anne, reside in Massachusetts.

## pockets of people who can make a difference."

-Irmgard Rosenzweig Wessel

the things that I respected about the Quakers was there was never any question about our being Jewish. When the Jewish holiday came in the fall, we were sent to a Jewish family in Cedar Rapids, where we went to synagogue.

This becomes important when it came to finding a place for my parents to go—which turned out to be Eureka. Rev. Salmon (the minister at Eureka Christian Church) and an entourage from Eureka came to Scattergood. There was a meeting with my parents, and then I was called in. My parents really had nothing to lose by coming to Eureka, but Eureka took a chance on taking *us* in. My father and my mother were very adamant that we would not convert to Christianity—that we would remain Jews. Which we have.

Rev. Salmon then had to report back to Eureka about meeting us, what the response was, what their responsibilities were. And one of the responsibilities was finding a job for my father and my mother. So my father found a job in Peoria with an accounting firm, and my mother found a job in Lida's Wood in the kitchen, and I went to high school here. We arrived on February 15, 1941, and we were placed at 201 College Street, which I'm sorry to say no longer exists. We had the front apartment with a living room, dining room, and kitchen downstairs, and two bedrooms and a bath upstairs. We had a home to go to and food in the refrigerator. There was a reaching out to us by Eureka at Scattergood—a welcoming to the community before we ever even got here. So even though we were strangers, we were treated like family from the beginning. That made coming here very easy.

Rodriguez: When you look at what you've accomplished in your life and you look at your time in Eureka, in particular, what important qualities do you think you were able to pick up during your time here that have been the most important, the most profound, in terms of your future work?

Wessel: Well, the first one would be being accepted for who I was. In high school, I wore hand-me-down clothes from somebody in New York. My classmates thought I was okay, but they didn't like the clothes I wore. But there was acceptance of somebody who was different. They had not been to Europe, they had not been to New York, they had not been through my experiences.

I think the second thing was community—learning that there can be community that is there for one. The Eureka Christian Church and the College, too—I went to EC without paying tuition—there's a community out there that helps people. I think that was the second most important thing I learned here.

And I think thirdly is to realize how people can be very different and yet get along without finding fault with one

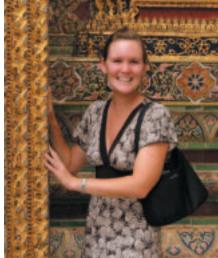
another, learn to live with one another, learn from other people's differences rather than from our likenesses. We went to services last night, and the rabbi talked about how we have to learn to walk in other people's shoes. At Eureka I learned how to walk in other people's shoes, and I think that walking in other people's shoes is what I did as a social worker. I tried to put myself in the shoes of other people—they could be African-Americans, they could be rich, they could be professors, they could be poor people on welfare, they could be people who had lost somebody to homicide—and I would meet those families, and I thought they had their own Holocaust. I worked with people on probation who had killed somebody, people who had robbed banks, been on drugs, and I could identify with those people enough to help them get their own life together. So I think some of that I learned at Eureka—not only to live in my own shoes but to walk in other people's shoes.

Rodriguez: We study history so we hopefully don't repeat the mistakes of the past. It doesn't always work that way. And so many people who were survivors of the Holocaust basically came away from the experience saying that we can never forget—that we must always be on guard. To what extent have your experiences influenced you as a parent in terms of passing on information about your own life and experience to your children and your grand-children?

Wessel: I think that's a very good question. There are repeated Holocausts. And I think it's made us conscious of what the Holocausts can be like in the present. Our son in California is married to a woman whose mother actually spent time in a concentration camp, so that family is very well indoctrinated into what went on, and obviously it's been part of my life, too. When I listen to people who lost somebody due to homicide in New Haven (where we live), I see that they have a Holocaust, so there's an historical, there's a national, and there's a personal Holocaust. I think we have to help each other. As a matter of fact, last Friday night I talked to a foreign Jewish group in New Haven who wanted to know about the impact of Eureka and the Quakers, and I shared with them how one needs to travel—not only in one's world but also in the world of other people in order to make the world a better place to live.

"I would like the world to know there are small pockets of people who can make a difference." With these words, Irmgard Rosenzweig Wessel expressed thanks to those who protected her, nurtured her, and permitted her to realize her potential and achieve her dreams.

# Orient



Meghan Lazier touring the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand.

Photos by Meghan Lazier '07

New graduate flourishes as Fulbright Scholar

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ecent college graduates often find themselves in an unfamiliar world: new bills, a new job, a new apartment. But few find themselves in a new country—especially one that's halfway around the world. Meghan Lazier graduated from Eureka last May, and the Reagan Scholar alumna is currently in Hong Kong as the first Eureka College student to become a Fulbright Scholar.

It may seem like a big step for a 22-year-old, but Lazier is already a world traveler—thanks to Eureka. "My experiences as a Reagan Scholar have taken me around the world. My first international travel outside North America was to Greece during spring break of my freshman year. I had always wanted to see the world, and that trip helped me develop confidence that I could travel independently.

"That summer, I received a scholarship from Eureka to study at Sophia University in Japan. The spring semester of my sophomore year, I studied abroad with a program that traveled to three different regions of the world (America, Japan, and Europe), exploring a new city and living with a new host family every week.

The nine-story pagoda at the Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery in Sha Tin, Hong Kong.



Portland, Maine, to the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies to study photography. I worked with a fellow student writer and produced two photo-journalism projects about social problems in Maine. This experience really helped merge my two interests, media and social justice, and allowed me to take enough courses to create a minor in photography," she said. "The benefits of attending Eureka College as a Reagan Scholar are never ending. Each experience has built upon the previous experiences and has helped me get where I am today."

And where she is today, courtesy of the Fulbright Program, is a world away from her suburban Chicago home. "As senior year approached, I knew that I wanted to take some time to explore other interests before pursuing graduate school," she explained. "I've always wanted to live abroad and learn another language, and I wanted to do more career exploration, so I searched for fellowships or volunteer opportunities that would fit

my goals. Dr. Joe Henry is the campus Fulbright advisor, and he helped proofread and ultimately helped get my application endorsed by the college. Dr. Brian Sajko is also a former Fulbright and was a great resource."

The Fulbright Program is run by the U.S. State Department and is the largest U.S. international exchange program for students, scholars, and professionals. Its goal is to provide opportunities for international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide.

Lazier originally applied to a program in Korea, which would give her some experience as an educator. "I got a call in March from the Fulbright office saying that there would be a brand new program in Hong Kong. They asked if I would be willing to go to Hong Kong, and of course I said yes!"

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## **HONOR** ALUMNI

She began her 11-month Fulbright adventure in August with 16 other American students. "We had three weeks of orientation where we took classes in teaching English as a second language and survival Cantonese. We have started a semester-length course in Hong Kong History and Culture with undergraduate foreign exchange students," she said.

Her time in Hong Kong will be spent working on multiple projects, including team teaching English at a government-funded teacher's training college, leading a multiple intelligences program that encourages learning through many different ways, organizing speaking and writing activities at the school's language center, and working as a teaching assistant in visual arts and early childhood ESL classes.

Like other Fulbright Scholars, Lazier will live in a residence hall on campus, where she'll organize monthly social/cultural activities and work as a tutor. "The school is hoping to start new extracurricular activities, and I'll be involved in creating a student newspaper and radio station and organizing intramurals. The goal is to start these programs, and eventually the students will be able to bring these extracurricular activities to their own schools and classrooms."

Though this seems like a thoroughly exhausting schedule, Lazier will only work 20 hours per week. "One of the many advantages of the Fulbright is that it encourages

individual study and exploration. Outside
of the Fulbright program, I'll also
be working at *Time* magazine as a
photo editing intern."

After her tenure as a
Fulbright Scholar, she intends
to enroll in a graduate
journalism program.
"Ultimately, I plan on
pursuing a career in

Life-size Buddha statue
at the top of the Ten
Thousand Buddhas
Monastery in Sha Tin,
Hong Kong.



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journalism, with my dream job as a foreign correspondent. But until then, I may plan a few more adventures abroad before I settle back in the U.S."

She credits her decision to attend Eureka College with helping her dream life take shape. "When I arrived on campus as a freshman, I realized that many of the extracurricular activities that I had participated in during high school weren't available at Eureka. I knew that I had to either start up something or try new things to get involved. I had always liked writing but had never written for a newspaper, so I figured I would get involved in the *Pegasus*. The first time I saw my name in print, I felt a big rush! I couldn't believe that people would want to read about my experiences and my opinions. From there, I decided that I wanted to learn more about mass media. My mentorship experiences also helped me put my career ideas into practice."

For students who wish to follow in Lazier's already successful footsteps, she advised a combination of patience and perseverance. "Landing my first internship was extremely frustrating and time consuming. I sent out 20 to 30 applications that got a rejection or no response at all, but I kept plugging away trying to make connections. Eventually I landed my first internship at National Geographic. No matter what you want to pursue, you may hear a lot of no's, but you cannot take it personally. I still get rejected all the time, but I keep knocking on more doors and sending out more e-mails until I get a yes. Don't stop until you get a yes."

**Editor's Note:** Every year during opening convocation, the current Helen Cleaver Teaching Award winner addresses students, faculty, and staff. The following was taken from Dr. Scott R. Hemmenway's convocation address, presented August 21.

You've heard the phrase "liberal arts education" so often already that it seems obvious that people around here know what they are talking about. However, I suspect that none of us knows what a liberal arts education is as well as we know a lot of other things—like the disciplines we profess as professors. Does this mean that we're cheating you?

I don't think so. I believe that it is a sign of academic health and integrity that this question is continuously raised and responsibly debated, and *not* answered definitively once and for all, as much as it would be comforting to have THE answer. It is one of those questions

that doesn't and can't have an easy answer, in my opinion. I liken it to questions of the order of "What is justice?" or "What is beauty?" These are the kinds of questions that need to be asked continually in spite of the fact that there is no obvious or definitive answer to them.

I think this kind of exploration can happen better in a small academic community, such as Eureka. There are two main reasons for this. First, the faculty is encouraged to interact with faculty from other disciplines much "A liberal arts education ... should shape who you are as a person."

- Dr. Scott R. Hemmenway



more than they would if they were in large, relatively isolated, departments at larger institutions. For example, I was part of a team that put together our required Western Civilization course a few years back, and this involved us making decisions that represented what was "important" to know or study about Western Civilization and Culture. And I, as a philosopher, spent a year working with colleagues who were specialists in Mathematics, History, French, and Biology. Second, we have more direct contact with students than do faculty at larger institutions. Yes, that makes it more friendly and personable here, but more importantly it encourages us as educators to observe the effect of education on the whole person. A liberal arts education, if I may venture one of my own opinions, should shape who you are as a person.

I would like to invite you to participate in the conversation over "whatever is a liberal arts education?" Ask questions like the following: Why is it important for me to know something about this particular subject? How might this piece of knowledge change me? How does this way of thinking or seeing illuminate some aspect of the world? What does it mean that I have discovered something beautiful that others also find profoundly moving?

In conclusion, I'd like to encourage each of you to join in the conversation. I promise not to be too annoyed if one of you should say something like the following: "Dr. Hemmenway, if you think I should read this book, shouldn't you also know why it is important to my education? Say, just what is a liberal arts education, anyway?" And don't be satisfied if I answer with some ironic quip, like Louis Armstrong's answer to the question, "What is jazz?"—"If you have to ask, you'll never know." But press me until I exclaim in exasperation and wonder, "Come to think of it, I don't know exactly. Let's see if we can figure it out together."



A newsletter for the Alumni & Friends of Eureka College

## Strike Up the Red Devil Band!

If you plan to attend a Red Devil basketball or football game this season, you'll notice something new: a band. Christopher Render, Associate Director of Instrumental Music at Metamora Township High School, is the new Director of the Eureka College Red Devil Band. It's a position with which he's familiar; he's also in his fifth year at Metamora Township High School, where his duties include Director of Athletic Bands, Jazz Ensemble, Madrigal Brass, and Symphonic Band, as well as instructor of piano and acoustic quitar classes.

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Red Devil Band Director Christopher Render conducts a rehearsal in the Chapel.

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## **CALENDAR**

**Sept. 21-Oct. 30** Exhibit of original wildlife art by Aaron Yount of Towanda. Burgess Hall Art Gallery, Eureka College. Free. Artist's reception 3-7 p.m. Sept. 21. Call (309) 467-6866.

**Oct. 30-Nov. 4** Theater production *R.U.R.* by Karel Capek. 7:30 p.m., 2 p.m. Nov. 4. Pritchard Theatre, Eureka College. \$7, \$3 area college students. Call (309) 467-6363.

**Nov. 9-Jan. 25** Art exhibit by Robert Lee Mejer and Jason Mejer, both of Quincy. Burgess Hall Art Gallery, Eureka College. Free. Artists' reception 3-7 p.m. Nov. 9. Call (309) 467-6866.

**Nov. 11** Eureka College Chorale and Eureka College Community Chorale performance of Faure's *Requiem in D minor, Op. 48.* Eureka Christian Church, 302 S. Main St. 4 p.m. Free. Call (309) 467-6397.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 Eureka College Chamber Singers' Renaissance Christmas Dinner. Cerf College Center. 6:30 p.m. \$24 adults/ \$13 children 12 and under. Call (309) 467-6407.

## **Events TBA:**

A night at the Chicago Art Institute Museum followed by dinner.

"Christmas at the Creek" in South Barrington, Ill., at Willowcreek Community Church in December.

Events subject to change without notice. Specific information will be sent to you as it becomes available. For more information, please contact the Alumni Office at 877.892.7823.

## Editor's Note:

As you can see from the pages of Eureka College Magazine and Maroon & Gold, your fellow Eureka College alumni are a pretty incredible group. But we know that there are as many inspiring stories as there are Eureka alums—and we want to know yours! Have you accomplished amazing things? Are you doing something unique in your profession? Does your life make others say "wow"? We'd love to hear about it and learn how your experiences at Eureka College have played a part in your "wow" life. If you'd like to share with us, please send a brief e-mail to alumni@eureka.edu with your contact information included. You may see your story in an upcoming issue!

— Tori Phelps Gum '98

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## **Doing Small Well**

Lureka is a small school that knows how to do small well. How does a school do small well? Here are a few ways. In my four years at EC, I never felt unwelcome in any of my professors' offices. If I had a question or problem or if I just wanted to talk about class—or anything else—I didn't hesitate to stop by. Not only are students not weeded out at Eureka, they are actively supported by the faculty. I felt like my professors were invested in my success.

There are no strangers at Eureka. As I walked from class to class or to eat at the Commons, I always said "hi" to everyone I met. I may not have known them all, but I knew that I should or would soon. When I attended sporting events, I knew the players. When I was in performances, those same players were there encouraging me.

Eureka still gives students time to choose. I wasn't ready at age 18 to decide what my career would be. At EC I didn't have to. I was able to be a double major, perform recitals, sing with the chorus, act in a musical, and even play inter-collegiate tennis. I studied math, music, science, economics, accounting, and much more. When I graduated, I was accepted into graduate schools in math and music—and studied them both. I can't imagine being able to do all of those things at a large school.

Eureka gave me a foundation. When I graduated from Eureka, I was equipped to continue my education. In graduate school, my colleagues had more credit hours in our area of study but were no better prepared. I had excellent foundations in math and music.

When I left Eureka, I still didn't have to choose. I still sing in Broadway and nightclub-type shows, church choir, and with a Barber Shop Harmony Society Quartet. I use math in my work every day as an actuary. Eureka helped equip me to choose—or not to choose. That is doing small well.



Steven Caress

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Sincerely,

Steven Caress '83

Steven Caress and his family live in Carmel, Ind. Among his awards: senior math award, Eureka College; second place senior men's division National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS); and first place Graduate Men's Division NATS. Caress is also a frequent tenor soloist in Handle's "Messiah," and his quartet, Quick Draw, will be featured soon in a Steak-n-Shake commercial.





In addition to his work in Metamora, Render brings a diverse musical background to his new "gig" at Eureka. Raised in Houston, he has performed with or instructed bands at Illinois State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Eisenhower High School in Houston, the Sound Wave Percussion Theatre, the Houston Symphonic Band, Orchestra of the Pines, and the Scott Joplin Chamber Orchestra.

The Red Devil Band, which currently boasts 24 members, plans to cheer on the college at all football games and basketball double headers, Render said. Fans will even hear an EC fight song. "It's the same fight song as Notre Dame; it was my musical nod to Ronald Reagan," he explained. "Plus, I heard through the grapevine that the coach of the football team was leaning toward that in an effort to fill the void of musical school pride when we celebrate scoring at games. It's my understanding that Coach Sullivan's wife has even composed lyrics

for Eureka College. I haven't seen them yet, but I did get a chance to hear it when the EC football team sang it before school began. It was great."

Render is hoping that EC alums and local community members will join the band and said the weekly rehearsals (4:15 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, in the Chapel) are open. For more information, e-mail Render at crender@eureka.edu. Go Red Devils!

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## Roper-Fowlkes Makes Eureka a Family Affair

She's the second Fowlkes to join the Eureka family in as many years, but while her husband, the Rev. Bruce Fowlkes, tends to the EC campus, the Rev. Carolyn Roper-Fowlkes has joined Eureka Christian Church as its new associate minister.

Roper-Fowlkes moved with the couple's two children—Robbie, 5, and John, 2—from Indianapolis several months ago to assume her new role. "Most of my responsibilities have to do with the educational ministries of the church, but I am also heavily involved in worship," she said. "I'm already working with our education committee to start a workshop rotation model Sunday School program for our kids, and we're planning new opportunities for adults and teens."

Roper-Fowlkes, who has been in ministry for 15 years, said she and her husband hope to more closely integrate the college and church. "Bruce is working on adoptive church families for the students. I'm looking for opportunities for the students to worship and be involved in the church, as well as for me to be involved on campus."

She said the best thing about her new job is that she and her husband have found ministries in the same town and are able to attend the same church. "As a clergy couple, that is really hard to do! The bonus is that Bruce is doing what he is most passionate about, and we have opportunities to do ministry together. Coming to Eureka is something we've looked for for a long time—literally years. We have great hopes for this new chapter in our lives and for our children."



Carolyn Roper-Fowlkes stands in the sanctuary of Eureka Christian Church, where she recently became associate minister.

Robbie, John, and Bruce Fowlkes

## Enrollment at EC Soars

The beginning of a new school year is always a time for celebration at Eureka College, but this year is even more exciting. EC welcomed 680 students during the first week of school, soaring beyond last year's impressive 575 students. "As the College grows in quality and family members, I often think how proud all alumni must be of the success we are having," said Dr. Brian Sajko, Vice President for Admissions, Communications, and Integrated Marketing. "So many individuals gave their entire careers to this great College—indeed, they are Eureka College—and all this real success is for them and because of them. They should know we think of them every day and are honored to make them proud!"

## Halliday Gift in Memory of Cleeland

Though not a Eureka College alumna, Ebby Halliday Acers knew exactly how to honor the memory of her dear friend, Inez Cleeland. Halliday Acers made a donation of \$50,000 to Eureka in May 2006. The generous gift came just months after Cleeland died. Cleeland was the mother of former EC Chief Development Officer Bob Cleeland.

Halliday founded Ebby Halliday Realtors in Dallas, Texas, the most successful realty company in Texas and one of the top realty companies in the United States.

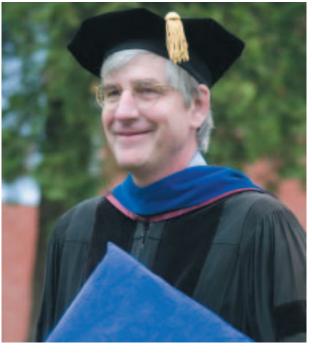
## Scott Hemmenway Receives Teaching Award

Dr. Scott Hemmenway, a Eureka College professor of philosophy since 1989, was named the 2007 recipient of the Helen Cleaver Distinguished Teaching Award at the College's May 5th graduation.

"Scott Hemmenway provides clear, comprehensive, interesting, and rigorous instruction in the context of caring, compassionate, and meaningful mentorship," said Provost and Dean of the College Irene Burgess, who presented the award. "By allowing students freedom of thought, they are given the chance to not only learn, but also to find their own voices and a stronger desire to learn," Burgess added.

The Cleaver Award, named for a 1928 Eureka College alumna who had a long and successful teaching career, recognizes excellence, creativity, and innovation in teaching. The award includes a \$1,500 financial stipend, and the award winner is the speaker at the College's fall opening convocation. Nominations are made by faculty, staff, and students, and the winner is chosen by a selection committee.

Hemmenway teaches courses in philosophy and ancient Greek, directs the College's Honors Program, and chairs the Humanities Department. He has written numerous articles and conference papers on



Plato's philosophy, and he received two summer research grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He currently is completing a monograph about the myth of Atlantis as it appears in Plato's writings.

## Reagan Ranch Raffle Winner Announced



Dawn Maloney

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's graduation from Eureka, the Alumni Office held a raffle with a grand prize of \$500 and a private tour of the Reagan Ranch in Santa Barbara, Calif.

The raffle, which sold 91 tickets, raised a total of \$4,550. Eureka businesswoman Dawn Maloney won the grand prize and, along with her husband, Randy, shared the July trip with Eureka College Bookstore Manager Sally Onnen and her husband, Steve.

Though their 12-day trip offered plenty to do, Maloney said the Reagan Ranch was definitely the highlight of the exclusive adventure. "Being in a place where presidents and so many important heads of state—and even the Queen—have been was just amazing. The fact that the house is small—not a mansion—that he used a shower head that was the Liberty Bell, and that the floor was linoleum that Ronald Reagan laid himself made them seem like regular folks. We took the White House tour years ago, but this 'home' is a much more personal place."

The Eureka group's home base for the trip was a small town outside of Santa Barbara, giving them a prime location from which to explore the sights. In addition to the Reagan Ranch, other stops included the Reagan Museum and Library, the Hearst Mansion, the 17-mile Pebble Beach Drive, and an excursion into Hollywood. "I just want to thank the College again for the opportunity to go to the Reagan Ranch," Maloney said.

## **ALUMNI NOTES**

## 50's

Paul Johnson '50 has completed 60 years in ministry for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He serves as a regional elder for the Christian Church in Ohio. Paul and his wife, Charlotte, will celebrate 57 years of marriage in Dec.

## 60's

Don Schaefer '66 has been elected to the executive board of Young Parkinsons of Indiana. YPI is a not-for-profit organization created to reach out to young people with Parkinson's disease and address issues posed by the disease. Don has also been appointed to the board of directors of Rock Steady Boxing Foundation, a not-for-profit non-contact boxer's training program for people with Parkinson's, designed to increase their strength and mobility while lessening their symptoms through a cost-free, regular, and organized program of rigorous exercise supervised by professional trainers. Don was diagnosed with Parkinson's in Mar. 2006. He lives in Noblesville, Ind., with his wife, Helen.

## 70's

Mary Gladis Chupak '74 graduated with a master of arts in business communication degree in June 2007. She is a financial aid specialist at Edison College. She lives in Fort Myers, Fla.

**Deirdre James Richie** '75 is teaching in a primary special education classroom at Bryant Elementary School in Harvey, Ill. She is working on a master's degree in multicategorical special education. She resides in Park Forest, Ill., with her husband, Kevin, and children, Gennifer and George.

Norman Edwards '79 is an account executive at IKON Office Solutions, Inc. and serves the community as Community Relations Commission Director and President of Men United To Save Our Youth Organization for the Village of Calumet Park. He is a board member for Diversity, Inc., for Fair Housing in Southland Communities in the Chicago area. He resides in Calumet Park., Ill.

## 80's

Georgette "Gigi" Bachman Eschbach '80 graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS in architecture in 1982. In 1992, she and her husband, Mark, started a design/build company, MGE Construction,

which continues today. She home schools her four children. She has been active in various capacities at the Meadowbrook Community Church in Champaign, Ill. Gigi has organized and conducted grade school and high school handbell choirs where she says she obtained her love for handbells while being in the handbell choir at EC. They reside in Seymour, Ill.

**Daniel Barth '82** graduated from Claremont Graduate University on May 12, 2007, earning a doctorate of philosophy in educational studies. Dr. Barth's thesis was on "Teaching Science Through Literature." His science course, based upon his book, *Maurice On The Moon*, has been adopted as a science text for 5th-8th grade by schools in California, New York, Illinois, and several other states. Dr. Barth currently teaches physics and astronomy n Hemet, Calif. He resides in Menifee, Calif.

Catherine Kouns Born '83 joined the management consulting firm of Clemans-Nelson & Associates as a senior consultant. She recently graduated at the top of her class with a MBA from Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio. She resides in Lima.

**Scott Thompson '83** was elected mayor of Rushville in Apr. 2007. He is a general manager for Schwan's Home Service.

**John Ryan** '85 was elected to the Community Unit School District 300 Board of Education. He lives in Algonquin, III.

Arlene Franks '86 is manager of the Christian Church Conference Center in Bethany Beach, Del. The center is part of the Christian Church Capital Area Region's outdoor ministries program. She also had two articles published in *Disciples World Magazine* (July/August issue). She resides in Bethany Beach, Del.



▲ Krista Brockman '87 and Steve Price were married on May 19, 2007, in Charleston, Ill., by the Rev. Paul Walles, former pastor at Eureka UMC. She is a minister at Otterbein United Methodist Church. They reside in Charleston, Ill.

John Gregan '87 is a science writer/ editor at Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute. He resides in North Little Rock, Ark.

Linnea Diller Campbell '88, a member of the Princeton Jaycees since 1989, is the first Princeton member since 1992 to be awarded the distinction of Jaycee Senator. This award from the Junior Chamber International organization is the highest honor a local Jaycee member can receive and recognizes the role Campbell has played in leading the local chapter and serving the community for many years. She received her award on Sept. 8, 2006, during the Homestead Festival in Princeton, Ill. She lives in Princeton, Ill., with her husband, Gary, and sons, Mitchell and Peter.



Douglas Wadley '88 was appointed to the Regional Education Corps of the Education Division of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Mar. 2007. He will be responsible for the planning and implementation of off-site museum programming as part of the Museum's Second Decade Initiative. He will also carry out special projects in the area of education and curriculum development for use in secondary education classrooms. He lives in Bourbonnais, Ill.

**Gracia Purcell Carsello '89** is an executive assistant for Devon Hill BMW in Broomall, Penn. She and her husband, Louis, reside in Broomall, Penn.

## 90's

Tracy Ahrens '92 received a first place and third place for feature writing, non-daily newspapers, in the 2007 Illinois Woman's Press Association Mate E. Palmer Communications contest.

## **ALUMNI NOTES**

Patricia "Tish" Pickett Goff '92 and her husband, Scott, announce the adoption of their son, Matthew Foster Pao, from Taiwan. Matthew was born on Jan. 24, 2007. Their website is www.youbelong.net/goff. They live in Bernaillo, N.M.

Robert Poole '92, a unit coordinator at Onarga Academy, co-authored a chapter titled "A Super Milieu: Using Superheroes in the Residential Treatment of Adolescents with Sexual Behavioral Problems" in the book, Using Superheroes in Counseling and Play Therapy, edited by Lawrence Rubin. In Mar. 2007, he copresented a seminar at the National Adolescent Perpetration Network Conference in Albuquerque, N.M., on the topic of Sandtray Therapy with Adolescents who Sexually Abuse. In Apr. 2007, he co-presented two seminars at the Minnesota chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, which included "Using Expressive Arts in the Treatment of Adolescent Sexual Abusers" and "Teaching Group and Individual Counseling Skills to New Staff." Robert, his wife, Kristin Ikins '93, and son, Caleb, reside in Onarga, III.

Shonassie Schmitz '92 graduated from Warren National University with a doctor of philosophy in business administration on Apr. 6, 2007. She is a convention sales manager for the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. She resides in Peoria, Ill.

Carla Miller Cornell '93 and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of their son, Ezra Abel, born on May 31, 2007. He was welcomed home by big brother Elijah. They live in Gridley, III.

Michael Hughes '93 and his wife, Krissy, announce the birth of their first child, Colvin Michael, born on Apr. 14, 2007. Michael graduated from the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College in 2006. They reside in Bemidji, Minn.

Kendra Patterson '95 is a center manager for FedEx Kinko's. She lives in Centerville, Ohio.

**Brian Francis** '96 is a treasury analyst for Littelfuse. He resides in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Michelle Groeper '96 became the cat director at Anderson Animal Shelter in the fall of 2006. Anderson serves as a premier private facility dedicated to the humane treatment of homeless animals through direct care, education, and

community outreach programs. Michelle lives in South Elgin, Ill., with her husband, Phil Hong.

Joe Pritchett '96 is an account executive/editor for South County Publications. He lives in Edwardsville, Ill.

**Tina Sharp '96** is a surgical control desk operator at Eisenhower Medical Center. She lives in Palm Springs, Calif.

Shannon Orr Wettstein '96 and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Elliot John, born on Mar. 9, 2007. He was welcomed home by big sister Annalies. They reside in Washington, Ill.

**Geoffrey Bork** '97 married Kim Gentry on July 7, 2007. He is a project manager for Essex Computers. They live in Sterling, III.

Amy Brown '97 and Jim Rennie were married on Apr. 7, 2006. They are parents of Brian William (b/d July 11, 2006) and Sawyer James (b. Mar. 31, 2007 and d. Apr. 11, 2007). They reside in Tremont,

Amy Galetti Bosi '98 and her husband, Steven, announce the birth of their second son, Ryan Patrick, born on May 27, 2007. He was welcomed home by big brother Zachary. They live in Ladd, III.

Andrea Thomas Davis '98 and her husband, John, announce the birth of their first child, Logan Edward, born on June 4, 2007. Andrea is an occupational therapist for OSF Home Care. They live in East Peoria, III.

Kimberly Johnson '98 married Tom Zohfeld on a private beach in Hawaii in Dec. 2004. They have two children, Payton Riley, born on Sept. 7, 2005, and Jacob Thomas, born on Nov. 19, 2006. She is a science teacher in Chicago. They live in Monee, Ill.

**Amber Carroll Welch '98** is a commercial loan processor for State Farm Bank. She lives in Normal, III.

**Evan Coates '99** is a physician at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Wash.

John DeCicco '99 and his wife, Fabiana, announce the birth of their son, Liam Jordan, born on Feb. 9, 2007. He was welcomed home by big sister Katarina. John is the team mascot for the Florida Marlins L.P. They live in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Jane Groeper '99 accepted a position as office administrator at the Peoria law firm of David & Campbell, L.L.C. in May 2007. She received her master's in English from Illinois State University in Dec. 2006, and continues as special assistant for Eureka Studies in Teaching Short Fiction

**Amber Slater Harmon '99** is the director for RSVP. She lives in Mackinaw, Ill., with her husband, Charlie, and sons Joseph and Jack.

Antoine LeFlore '99 graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield on May 19, 2007. He began his residency in emergency medicine at Indiana State University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind., in July. Dr. LeFlore coauthored an article published in the Mar. 2007 issue of the *Journal of Endourology*.

Kristi Hasty Mills '99 is an administrative assistant for Brownson, Rehmus & Foxworth, Inc. She lives in Chicago, Ill., with her husband, Todd.

Rachel Suttle Nelson '99 was named Teacher of the Year representative for Morehead Middle School for the 2007-2008 school year and also qualified to go on the regional interview. She also was awarded the Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She lives in Havelock, N.C., with her husband, Jason, and son Trey.

Jason Vicich '99 completed the work necessary to earn a general administrative certificate for public schools in the State of Illinois. He is currently in the Educational Specialist program at Eastern Illinois University. He teaches math and science in the Deland-Weldon school district and coaches track and girls' basketball. He lives in Decatur, Ill., with his wife, Jamie Bowen Vicich '02.

## 00's

**Nikole Johnsen '00** is a social studies teacher for Harlem School District. She lives in Edgerton, Wis.

Justin '00 and Erin Boyle '00 Kean announce the birth of their third son, Cohen, born on Jan. 7, 2007. He was welcomed home by big brothers Payton and Braylen. Justin is a teacher at Paxton-Buckley-Loda H.S. Erin is a sr. finance assistant for State Farm Insurance Company. They reside in Gibson City, III.

Celeste Whitmar Kudrys '00 and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Beth, born on Mar. 19, 2007. She was welcomed home by big brother Kyle. They live in Bloomington, III.

**Cheryl Tevis '00** is an executive assistant for Wescon Controls (Shanghai) Inc.

**Eric Bunting '01** graduated from the Army's Interservice Physician Assistant Program, earning a master's of science in physician assistant studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He is a captain/physician assistant in the U.S. Army. He lives in Junction City, Kan.

Amy Coulter '01 and Curtis Wesner were married on Oct. 7, 2006, in Morton, Ill. They reside in East Peoria, Ill.

Janell Myszkowski Stephens '01 is an occupational therapist for OSF St. Francis Home Care. She lives in Peoria, Ill., with her husband, Neal Stephens '01.

**Sarah Rose '01** and Eric Markey were married on Nov. 18, 2006. Sarah is an account supervisor for Fleishman-Hillard. They live in Chicago, III.

Geoffrey Turner '01 received a lung transplant at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., a year ago and is doing great. He is currently studying to be a civil engineer at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He lives in St. Louis.

**Kimberly Bjerke '02** is a fourth grade teacher at J.M. Ullom Elementary School in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Angela Solomon '02** is a business systems analyst for Northwestern University. She lives in Gurnee, III.

**Jennifer Koval Wellenreiter '02** is a senior customer quality specialist for Apria Healthcare. She lives in Magnolia, III.

Jessica Gibbs '03 married Clinton Reneau on Feb. 25, 2007, at the Valley of Fire State Park in Nevada. Jeremiah Gibbs '05 officiated the ceremony. Jessica is a foster care caseworker for Catholic Charities. They live in East Peoria, III.

**Joshua Kissinger '03** is a catastrophe claim adjuster for State Farm. He lives in Normal, III.

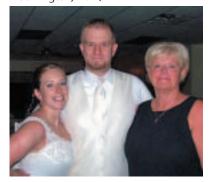
**Sarah Melton '03** is attending Illinois State University working toward a master's

degree in college student personnel administration. She lives in Normal, Ill.

Kenton Powell '03, pictured with Minta Way Colburn '67, graduated with honors from Dartmouth Medical School with a doctorate of medicine degree in June 2007. He is a resident physician for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He lives in Lebanon, N.H., with his wife, Connie, and children Destiny and Faith. ▼



Suzanne Rigsby '03 married Joseph Adams on Sept. 1, 2007, at the El Paso Baptist Church. EC alumni in the wedding party were Shawn Rigsby '94, Stephen Rigsby '98, and Sara Rigsby Van Scyoc '99. Suzanne is a teacher at Normal Community West. They live in Bloomington, Ill.



**Teresa Farmer Stegall '03** is an accountant at Moody Bible Institute. She lives in Chicago, Ill., with her husband, Thomas.

Josh Champion '04 is assistant football coach at Olympia High School in Stanford, Ill., and attends Heartland Community College. After four years in the Army in Ft. Drum, N.Y., and two deployments, one in Afghanistan and one in Iraq, he is living in Bloomington, Ill.

**Cori Curley '04** married Daniel Borror on May 12, 2007, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. On June 29, 2007, they welcomed their first child, Bailee. They live in Gillespie, Ill.

**Theresa King '04** married Tim Beckett in July 2006. They live in Urbana, III.

Jennifer Long '04 graduated with a master of arts degree in clinical psychology from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill., in May 2007. She is a therapist for Counseling Associates, Inc., in Keokuk, Iowa.

Jason Redmon '04 received a master of arts degree in English literature/writing from Northern Michigan University on May 5, 2007. He lives in Brandenburg, Ky.

**Cheryl Russell '05** is teaching 7th grade social studies at Port Allen Middle School. She lives in Baton Rouge, La.

Jeffrey Fauser '06 and Danielle Marcum '06 were married on July 28, 2007. EC alumni in the wedding were Jeremy Fauser '08, Justin Douglas '08, Dwayne Siggers '05, Keith Brown '05, Ashleigh Stoecker Brown '06, Kristin Kean '05, Sara Hayden '05, Jenni Struck '05, Ryan Hamlin '03, and Andy Stoltz '07. Jeff is a biology teacher at Manual High School. Danielle is an English teacher at Farmington High School. They live in Peoria, Ill.

Matthew Stoltz '07 is a lost reporting representative for Country Insurance and Financial Services. He lives in Bloomington, III.

## Deceased

Howard Short '29 Lola Lampe Muller '32 Marjorie Alcorn Shobe '32 Oscar Buchmueller '35 Don Blankinship '37 Howard Parish '38 Myrtle Irene Brown '39 Doris Wachter Israel '41 Kathleen Davidson Kenagy '41 Joyce Tallyn Hagan '46 Roy Jakle '48 Robert Smith '48 Sam Donatucci '52 Ellwood Poling '52 Robert Doty '54 Sam Van Hook '54 Wesley Patterson '58 Robert Stubblefield '59 Margaret Scheid Garrett '62 Raymond Page '68 Barbara Unsicker Wiegand '89

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## Bonati Fitness Center/Rigazio Lobby: Honoring Alums, Serving Community

By Brian Sullivan, Sports Information Director

Reagan Center has had quite a transformation in recent months. Thanks to the generosity of two donors, the center's front entrance includes a state-of-the-art lobby & fitness center. The approximately 1,600-square-foot addition to the front of Reagan Physical Education Center has been filled with 30 pieces of equipment worth roughly \$81,000. Aerobic-style machines make up half of the equipment, while the other 15 are self-contained strength training machines. Included among them are six Scifit products that contain a computer program enabling users to create a personal training routine. The center will allow Eureka's physical education students, and especially fitness leadership majors, expanded opportunities for hands-on learning.

The project was made possible through a \$1 million donation from Christine Bonati Bollwinkle in memory of her husband, Ronald P. Bonati, and



friend Mary Jo Finch, both Eureka College alumni. The fitness center also features three 32-inch LCD televisions, carpet, and its own heating and cooling units. Instruction and orientation will be provided by fitness leadership students. A formal dedication of the facility took place on October 4th.

All Eureka College students, faculty, and staff are able to use the center free of charge. Details for public use are still under consideration. The current weight room in Reagan, which contains mostly free weights, remains open for all students, faculty, and staff.

The new Center also includes the Rigazio Lobby. Named in honor of Steve Rigazio '76 through the generosity of his parents, Gretchen & Tony Rigazio, the redesigned lobby gives the building a more modern and aesthetically pleasing feel. Complete with terrazzo ceramic flooring, the Rigazio Lobby will house the EC Athletic Hall of Fame photos displayed on a screen and trophy cases that will revolve seasonally.



## Two Alumni Awarded for Excellence

Two Eureka College alums received the Alumni Award of Merit during Alumni Weekend festivities in June: Julie Heitzman Marlin '67 and Linda Putback-Bean '72. The Alumni Award of Merit recognizes lifetime excellence in one's profession or service to his or her community.

While at EC, Julie Heitzman Marlin was a Humanities Divisional major. Following graduation, she earned a master of arts degree with emphasis in church drama from Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio.

Heitzman Marlin has been a prolific writer, especially drama for use in churches. Her experience with cancer led her to write 2000's Living Room: A Visitor's Guide to Hell and Heaven, a courageous statement of faith in the face of adversity. The book also chronicles the loss of both parents in a single-car accident. Investigating the unusual accident, she and her brother, Jack, began to suspect the accident had occurred because of premature airbag deployment. Due to their research, changes were made in the way airbags are installed and in the warnings about their use—making us all safer today.

Heitzman Marlin is married to the Rev. Dr. Thomas Marlin and has one daughter, Mariah.



Julie Heitzman Marlin (left) and Linda Putback-Bean (below) received Alumni Awards of Merit.

Linda Putback-Bean majored in physical education at EC and garnered experience in the Occupational Therapy department at OSF Saint Francis (then-St. Francis Hospital).

While working in Houston, she was offered a job at a prosthetics company and soon made history. She successfully fit a myoelectric hand on an infant, countering the prevailing belief that children couldn't learn to use this type of prosthetic device until they were about 10 years old. This meant hundreds of young that children could now be fitted with life-like prostheses instead of hooks.

As a result of this innovation, Putback-Bean was featured in *Life Magazine* and on many television programs. During her career, she has worked with organizations to help provide prosthetics for children whose families could not afford them, often doing so pro bono.

She is married to Ken Bean, has one daughter, Kelcey, and two grandchildren.

## Friends of EC Receive Honorary Award

Two friends of Eureka College recently received Honorary Alumni Awards: Glenn Riddell and Lana Cheney Hasenyager. This award recognizes a non-student who has provided great effort in the advancement of Eureka College, its students, and/or mission.

Glenn Riddell graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., and then earned a spot at Yale Divinity School. Following ordination, Riddell served several churches in the west before coming to Eureka in 1966 as minister of the Eureka Christian Church. Three years later, he came to Eureka College as Director of Religious and Cultural Affairs, serving upwards of 20 years in jobs including chaplain, teacher, alumni director, director of residential life, and even women's tennis coach. After leaving Eureka, he continued to serve in ministry.

Riddell and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of five children—two of whom are Eureka graduates—and five grandchildren.

Lana Cheney Hasenyager graduated from Drake University as an elementary teacher. She and her late husband, the Rev.



Glenn Riddell (left) and Lana Cheney Hasenyager (below) received Honorary Alumni Awards.

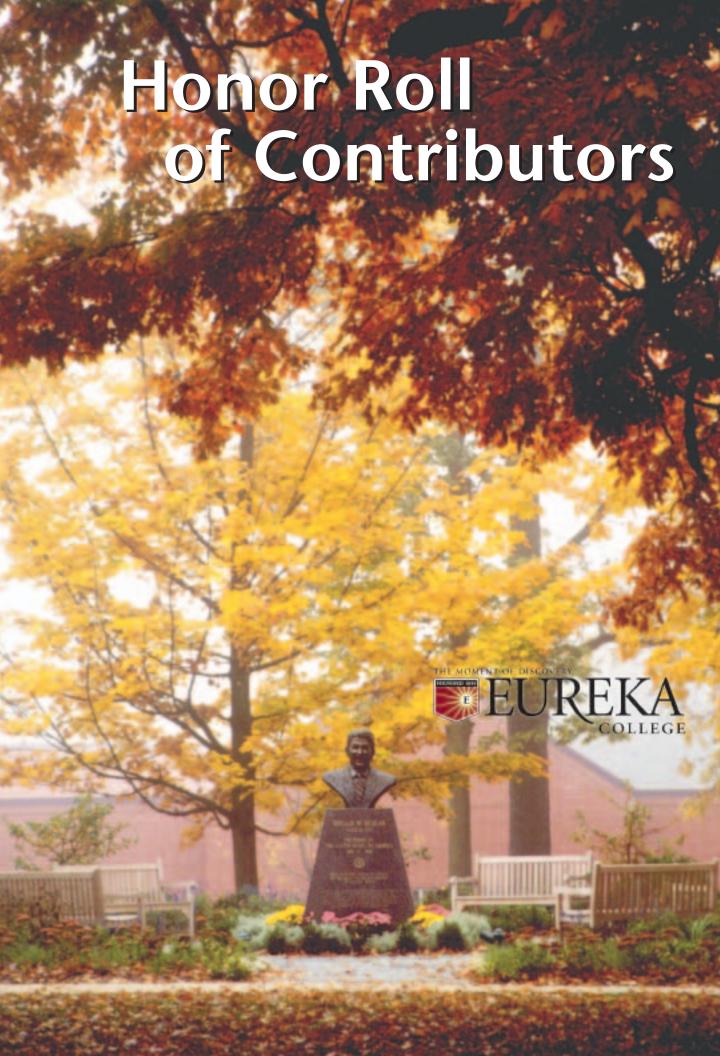
Marvin Cheney, came to Eureka in 1970 when Marvin became pastor of the Christian Church. Cheney Hasenyager taught at Davenport Elementary School in Eureka for 25 years, supervising many student teachers from EC's education program.

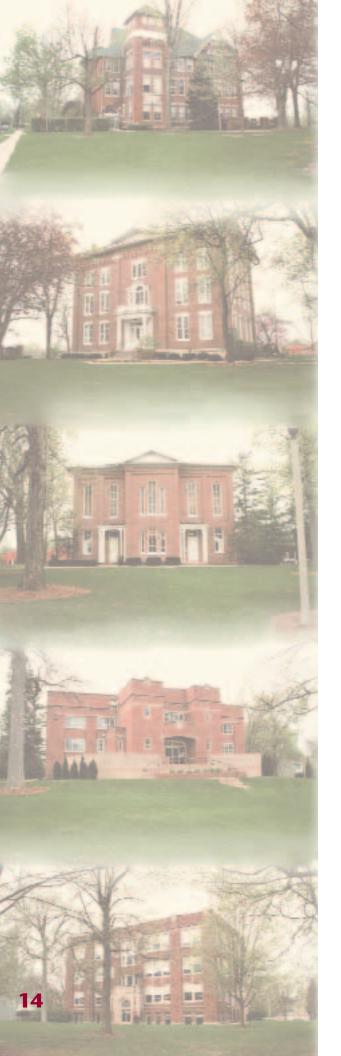
Cheney Hasenyager became a member of the Eureka College Women's Board early in its history and has served in every office in that organization. Following her husband's death in 1996, Cheney Hasenyager remained in Eureka and continued her service to church, college, and community.

Cheney Hasenyager has

Cheney Hasenyager has two daughters—one of whom graduated from Eureka College—and is married to Gilbert Hasenyager '56. They have seven grandchildren.

**The Women's Board of Eureka College** would like to encourage those who are interested to become active members of the organization. The primary purpose of the board is to promote good will for Eureka College and to enrich and enhance the life of the College by providing supplemental funds. Eureka College Women's Board is a working board which meets three times a year. The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2008, in the Gammon Room at Eureka College's Melick Library at 9:30 a.m. Annual dues are \$15. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Martha Lister, vice president, at (309) 467-6022 or by e-mailing paul.r.lister@gmail.com.





Eureka College wishes to thank the many alumni, friends, churches, and businesses who have graciously given their time, prayers, and financial support during the July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 fiscal year.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this report. If we have inadvertently omitted or misstated your name or giving level, please accept our apologies and contact us with the correct information at 877-892-7823, or alumni@eureka.edu, or you may send your corrections to:

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A "Direct Recommendation" is a person-to-person, face-to-face contact recommending that the student visit the EC campus to check out our excellent programs.

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Please take a moment to share your Eureka College experience with a worthy high school student you know. Complete the questionnaire on the back and return it to Admissions so we may contact the prospective student and arrange a campus visit.



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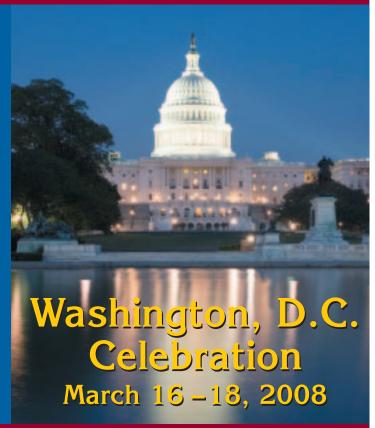
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