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Dear Friends,

We read in *Retrospective and Vista*, written by Sr. Irmina Saelinger, O.S.B. on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the College: “The faculty was recruited, seven students were enrolled, and Villa Madonna College, on September 12, 1921, had its beginning.” Eighty-five years later Thomas More College will welcome over 1400 students for the 2006-2007 academic year. Numbers have grown, the name and location have changed, the curriculum offers increased academic and professional programs, but the commitment to quality Catholic higher education is as strong as it was in 1921.

This year we have as our over-arching goal to share with our community and the broader region the good news about Thomas More College. For 85 years we have educated women and men in the Catholic (and United States) traditions so that they may take leadership roles and have a positive influence in their families and communities. We ask the entire Thomas More community to join us in sharing our story. Let us proudly proclaim the rich history we possess!

Our mission statement reads in part: “Inspired by the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, and by our patron, Saint Thomas More, we challenge students to examine the ultimate meaning of life, their place in the world and their responsibility to others.” As you read through this issue of *Moreover*, you will become acquainted with alumni who have lived this mission in their daily life. They are representative of the thousands of women and men who are leaders in our communities, region and churches. VMC/TMC graduates are CEOs, CFOs, COOs, principals, teachers, scientists, politicians, doctors, nurses, healthcare administrators, priests, pastors, religious women, wives, husbands, mothers, grandfathers, lawyers, accountants, artists...they are the heartbeat of this Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky community, and their influence spreads throughout our country and world. We celebrate you, our alumni, and we thank God that we have been blessed with such a glorious heritage.

I hope you are able to join us as we celebrate this 85th anniversary year.

Sincerely,

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P.’68
Graduation 2006

On May 1, 2006, 306 Thomas More College graduates received their degrees before family and friends at the 78th commencement exercises.

Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner

During the Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner on October 19, Thomas More College will honor two leaders in the community who have made significant contributions to Catholic higher education, Dr. George A. Renaker and Mr. George J. Thelen.

The annual event was established in 1996, the 75th anniversary of Thomas More College, in honor of Bishop William A. Hughes, former Chancellor of the College, and retired Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, whose love for the College and Catholic higher education was evident at all times.

The dinner will take place at Summit Hills Country Club at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344.
Why just RUN when you can do MORE?

Join the cherubim, seraphim and other angels for a heavenly run benefiting a good cause. The Thomas More College third annual 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, October 28, with the race beginning at 9:00 a.m. The course starts and finishes at Thomas More College with the turn at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Pre-registration cost is $18, which includes registration and a t-shirt or $13 for registration only. Race day cost is $20 for registration and t-shirt or $15 for registration only. For your efforts, you'll get a chance to win pious prizes and goodies fit for a saint!

For more information call 859-344-3333. To register online, visit www.SPRunning.com or complete and return the registration form on the back cover.

Enrollment News

By Angela Griffin-Jones
Vice President for Enrollment

The Enrollment Department is excited to announce three new staff members who joined Thomas More in the spring and summer. Carl Goodmonson joined the Admissions Office as the Director of Admissions. Carl formerly worked at Kendall College in Illinois and most recently at Hobson’s in Cincinnati. His energy and enthusiasm have been a great addition to the staff and will serve us well as we move into another active recruiting season. Also joining the Admissions Office is Rebekah Unkefer who recently graduated from Muskingum College. While a student at Muskingum, she worked in the Admissions Office as an intern and tour guide. The Financial Aid Office welcomed Mary Givhan as the new Director of Financial Aid. Mary formerly worked for Mississippi College and has been very active in the Southern Association of Financial Aid Administrators. Her knowledge has been a tremendous asset to the department.

We invite alumni to assist us in the recruitment of new students. If you are an alumnus who lives in Ohio, Kentucky or Indiana, please contact Bill Sarge in the Admissions Office at 859-344-3332, to discuss how you can become an active participant in recruitment.

VMC/TMC Memory

I thank TMC for so many memories — from being voted captain of the football team to graduating with the rest of my classmates. Sorrowful memories of losing Mike Stofko and Carlton Carter. All the fun I had with my college sweetheart — Jenny Stenger — now my wife with 4 kids. Education and life long friends — what else could you ask for?

Chris Kent
Class of 1996

Thomas More Art Gallery

Fall Exhibits

September 15–October 13
‘Photo Italia’
Photographs of Italy by local photographer and musician Maurice Mattei.

October 20–November 12
High School Invitational
Juried High School Art Show from regional tri-state schools.

November 17–December 15
Senior Exhibition
Featuring paintings and photography by Taylor Stephenson and Kim Gerwe.

Art Gallery Hours
Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

Located on the main level of the Thomas More Library. For more information, call 859-344-3300.
Who’s New at TMC?

Eric Angel, Assistant Football Coach and Head Tennis Coach
Sharon Bischoff, Facilities Department
Hunter Bridwell, Computer Center
Stacey Calkins, Development Associate
Jordan Carter, Computer Center
Jeff Cummings, Head Soccer Coach
Sr. Mary Patricia Dorobek, Director of Campus Ministry
Florence Dwyer, Assistant Professor, Foreign Language Department
John Ellenwood, Men’s Basketball Coach
Monica Ginney, Director of Alumni Relations
Mary Givhan, Director of Financial Aid
Carl Goodmonson, Director of Admissions
Ebony Griggs-Griffen, Coordinator of Residence Life and Multicultural Affairs
Jeremy Kasper, Assistant Football Coach/Intramurals
Jack Reardon, Facilities Department
Brennan Stamper, Facilities Department
Beth Tedeschi, Office of the President
Rebekah Unkefer, Admissions Office
William C. Wetzel, Assistant Professor, Chemistry Department

Enjoy an Evening with the Stars

Did you know the surface temperature of the planet Venus is hot enough to melt lead? That one of the moons of Jupiter is larger than the planet Mercury? That an average star generates more energy in one SECOND than humans have used in our entire history?

The Physics Department at Thomas More College invites you to learn about your awesome universe and view the moon, planets and other celestial objects at Evenings of Observing at the Bank of Kentucky Observatory this fall.

The evening will begin with a 30-45 minute presentation in the Science Lecture Hall by Dr. Terry Flesch discussing interesting details, history, and other characteristics of the objects that will be viewed that evening. If the skies are clear, the Observatory will be open for viewing through the College’s four telescopes. If clouds prevent viewing, tours of the Observatory will be available. The programs will be held rain or shine, free of charge.

Fall Evenings of Observing
October 13 - 8:00 p.m.
November 10 - 7:30 p.m.
December 8 - 7:30 p.m.
For more information, please contact the College at 859-341-5800.

Hamlet Performance

The Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival will perform the Bard’s tragedy, *Hamlet*, on Wednesday, October 11 in Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center at 12:30 p.m. The production is free and open to alumni, family and friends of the College. For more information please call 859-344-3383.

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Field work as a way to enhance classroom learning is a tradition at Thomas More College. More recently the College has strongly recommended that service learning be a part of each major. So, is it field work or service learning that Education majors do?

The College catalogue describes service learning as hands-on activity relevant to course objectives, performed at a non-profit organization and accompanied by written reflection. According to this description, students of TMC’s oldest major have done service learning for decades, beginning long before the practice became popular.

In the current Education program, students’ time commitment and degree of involvement increases level by level. Sophomores participate in eight hours of teacher aide experience in local schools. Juniors have forty-five hours of clinical experience each semester. As clinicians they may lead opening exercises, escort a group, maintain attendance records, document student progress, create interactive bulletin boards and present lessons to the entire class. Students typically report that their time in the schools confirms their career choice.

The pinnacle of both students’ service and their learning occurs during the fifteen weeks of student teaching. For about half that time, student teachers are expected to carry the full responsibility of the classroom teacher. During this interval, cooperating teachers often thank their fledgling peers for giving them time to catch up or plan ahead.

By the completion of their programs, Education majors have fulfilled a minimum of 650 hours in field placements. Most or all of this time is in service to the teachers and students in local schools. Placements vary according to the program, needs and interests of the students and their home locations. Recent field placement sites include St. Anthony, St. Mary, St. Pius, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Prince of Peace, Lincoln, River Ridge and White’s Tower Elementary Schools; Summit View and Woodland Middle Schools; Newport Central Catholic, Notre Dame Academy, St. Henry District, Campbell County, Highlands, Lloyd and Simon Kenton High Schools. While placements tend to be close to TMC, some are as distant as Mason, Ohio or Sunman, Indiana.

In addition to the field work associated with the methods courses, Education majors fulfill a service requirement for the diversity course, Breaking Boundaries. Some complete a minimum of twenty hours tutoring and mentoring in local service agencies, such as Boys and Girls Clubs or similar after-school programs for urban youth. Others join the College service trips to Jamaica, Border Studies or Habitat for Humanity sites — like to hurricane-ravaged Louisiana in 2006.

Now to answer the question: Do Education majors do field work? Or service learning? The answer is a resounding “Yes!”
Moments in Time

From its beginnings as a college to train Catholic school teachers to today, 20 key moments helped shaped Thomas More College.
The Benedictine Sisters of Covington, Kentucky founded Villa Madonna College in 1921 to train Catholic school teachers and to provide a college education for young women. Villa Madonna was chartered by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a degree-granting institution in 1923. Villa Madonna graduated its first students in 1929 and officially became the Catholic College of the Diocese of Covington. In that same year, two religious orders joined the Benedictine Sisters to operate Villa Madonna: the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Congregation of Divine Providence.

Throughout the 1930’s and early 1940’s, the College grew slowly. In 1941, graduates from Covington Latin High School began to study at Villa Madonna, but in separate classes from the women.

The academic year 1945-46 marked the beginning of co-education at Villa Madonna College. Since 1941, men from St. Thomas More College had been admitted to certain courses at Villa Madonna. Under the direction of Bishop William T. Mulloy, St. Thomas More merged with Villa Madonna and became a co-educational diocesan college.

One of my favorite memories of Thomas More College was the many conversations about life that I had with Sister Mary Camilla Cahill. Outside of my father, Sister Camilla was the wisest person I have ever known. She always had time for her students and cared about their lives, not just their grades. I cherish the memories of my time at Thomas More and still miss those years.

Stephen Sandberg
Class of 1974
Cover Story

1951

Murphy Changes the Face of Thomas More College

- Monsignor John F. Murphy, who began his teaching career in 1948 as a theology professor at Villa Madonna College, was named the College's president in 1951. At 28 years old, he was one of the youngest college presidents in the nation. Monsignor Murphy was not only a leader in the Catholic community, but a champion for the advancement of the College. Murphy guided the transformation of Villa Madonna from humble classrooms in a handful of buildings in Covington to a vibrant campus community in Northern Kentucky. During his tenure, his ideas were considered cutting-edge — to offer continuing education, night and weekend degree programs and lifelong learning opportunities for adults. He believed the College needed to create a campus community with residence halls to attract students from beyond the region in order to compete with other first-rate institutions.

1959

College Receives Accreditation

- In 1959, Thomas More College was granted accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which continues to be the accrediting agency for the College.

1965

Tiny Chapel Gets New Home

- The Monte Casino Chapel achieved world-wide fame in 1922 when Robert Ripley of Ripley's Believe It or Not proclaimed it the “smallest Church in the world.” On April 7, 1965, the Monte Casino Chapel was loaded onto a flat bed truck and moved six miles along Dixie Highway to its new home in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. The trip took eight hours, due to the fact that the Chapel weighed over 50 tons and was so tall that someone needed to ride on the roof of the truck to manually lift the utility lines along the way for the Chapel to get through. The Chapel continues to be a landmark on campus.
As the College began to grow, facilities and classrooms in downtown Covington were stretched to the limit. Eventually, all available space was virtually exhausted and it was clear that a more spacious campus was needed. Faculty, alumni and friends of the College saw the dawn of a new era when Bishop Richard H. Ackerman announced a building program for Villa Madonna College in the fall of 1964. In January 1968, the College moved from its fragmented downtown Covington location to a 250-acre suburban campus in Crestview Hills. The complex was renamed Thomas More College at its dedication.

Second, a fervent commitment to education. Those have been American traits since our founding. Our Nation, no doubt, will see staggering changes in years to come. But wherever we go, we need to be guided by that faith and that commitment. In naming this College, you have chosen well. You have chosen to honor, and to emulate, a scholar, a saint, and a statesman — all in the person of one man.”
As Thomas More College grew in enrollment and academic programs, it also grew in athletic offerings. In response to this growth, the College dedicated the Connor Convocation Center on January 15, 1989. The 47,000-square foot facility features two weight rooms, an indoor running track, complete locker room facilities and two regulation-sized basketball courts. With a seating capacity of 1,200, the Connor Convocation Center was and still is the home of the volleyball team, as well as the men’s and women’s basketball teams.

VMC/TMC Memory

When I was a junior, a very interesting group of freshmen arrived on campus. Among them a young lady grad from Notre Dame Academy — one Loraine Rebkamp — better known to most as Tink. If I remember correctly, it started out with us walking home together across one of the bridges that spanned the railroad tracks just west of Madison Avenue. These walks extended into elongated strolls, to regular, then extensive dating, to courtship, to engagement and then to marriage in 1955!

Tom Dooley
Class of 1952

In 1971, Thomas More hosted its Golden Jubilee celebration. During the celebration, plans were unveiled for a new science building. Throughout the 1970’s, new programs in computer science and nursing were established. In addition, the Co-operative Education Program was founded to create a link between Thomas More and the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky business community. This program continues to flourish today.

On September 24, 1972, Bishop Richard H. Ackerman celebrated the dedication of the new Thomas More College Science Center. The 22,000 square feet Science Center houses classrooms, laboratories and a lecture hall. The science division of Thomas More continues to grow and has established a reputation of excellence among academic institutions nationally.

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In the fall of 1993, Thomas More College addressed the need for an accelerated degree completion program for working adult professionals, with the introduction of the Thomas More College Accelerated Program (TAP). The program began with the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Three years later, the Master of Business Administration program was established in the same accelerated format and became the first graduate degree offered by the College. The Associate in Elected Studies was added to the program in the fall of 2003.

The Center for Ohio River Research & Education (C.O.R.R.E.) was established in 1998 as a private, non-profit entity owned and operated by Thomas More College. It is part of the Thomas More College Biology Field Station, a one-of-a-kind center for applied biological research, located 20 minutes from the main Thomas More campus, on the shore of the Ohio River. Working closely with federal, state and local authorities to monitor and improve water quality in the Ohio River, the staff and students of the Field Station are dedicated to improving water conditions, as well as the education and preservation of the rich heritage this and other waterways have to offer.

On September 10, 1999, Thomas More College celebrated the opening of the Holbrook Student Center. Situated between the Administration Building and the residence halls, the 27,000 square foot facility houses the campus bookstore, game room, dance studio, food court, offices for student activities and a large conference and ballroom. The Student Center is the hub of student activity, including: recreational events, entertainment and educational programs, casual euchre or spades tournaments, lectures on student leadership, or just a respite for a campus commuter looking for a break.
2002
First National Champion

On May 17, 2002, Lynn Thompson became the first-ever National Champion, team or individual, in the history of Thomas More/Villa Madonna College. For the third time in four days, Thompson shot the lowest round of golf for the day in the final round with a five-over par 77.

2003
Residence Life Grows

On February 23, 2003, Thomas More College dedicated Murphy Hall, a suite-style residence hall named after former Thomas More College president (1951–1971) and visionary Monsignor John F. Murphy, for his tremendous impact on the growth of the College. Monsignor Murphy believed that by offering on-campus housing options, the College would attract students from across the country and around the world.

2003
Science Looks to the Sky

On June 5, 2003, Thomas More College dedicated the astronomical observatory, The Bank of Kentucky Observatory at Thomas More College. The building features a telescope room that opens to the stars by the means of a sliding roof and a temperature-controlled computer room. The addition of the on-campus observatory allows the College to expand its educational opportunities in astronomy and allows for research performed by the Department of Physics.

VMC/TMC
Memory

I have many fond memories of my college days. I met my husband Eduardo Rabel (class of 1970) the fall of 1965 at a scholarship picnic for Villa Madonna College held on the grounds where the new campus was built. We had many classes together during the next three years at the old campus—English Lit. at Columbus Hall, Chemistry at the fire house, Calculus at St. Walburg's convent and physics at Mother of God's school building.

My major was math/secondary education and I was in the work study program, working for the Math Department chairman, Sr. Rose (who was also one of my teachers). I still visit her when I come back to Kentucky to visit. I was active in Alpha Lamda Mu sorority, which was founded when my aunt attended the Villa years ago. During my junior year I was on Student Council and remember having to find bands for our dances in Columbus Hall.

My sister Mary Elizabeth Wenning Boehm and I were in the same grade and both attended Villa. My mother, Peggy Ryan Wenning and her sister Mary Elizabeth Ryan Pulsamp were also alumnae of Villa Madonna.

Sheila Wenning Rabel (Orlando, Florida)
Class of 1969
2005 PAC Conference

On April 6, 2005, Thomas More College officially became a member of the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC). The PAC was formed in 1955 and consists of five schools from Pennsylvania, one from West Virginia and one from Northern Kentucky. The Pennsylvania schools are Grove City, Thiel, Washington & Jefferson, Waynesburg and Westminster. The West Virginia school is Bethany and Thomas More represents Northern Kentucky. Since adding Thomas More to the conference, Geneva College and St. Vincent College, both located in Pennsylvania, have joined the PAC.

2005 Newly Renovated Library and Art Gallery

On October 28, 2005, Thomas More College unveiled its newly renovated library and newly constructed art gallery. The library renovation project, which began in March 2004, transformed 36,000 square feet of the existing library to better utilize the space and to modernize the facility. Renovations included a newly designed entrance and circulation desk, new furniture, four new classrooms, small group study rooms, an American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant elevator and restrooms, a teacher’s resource center and mobile shelving units to house periodicals and archives.

2006 Mascot — Tommy Mo

On February 8, 2006, Thomas More College unveiled the newest member on campus, mascot Tommy Mo, at the men’s and women’s basketball doubleheader against Waynesburg College. Tommy Mo is fashioned after the College’s patron, Saint Thomas More. On any given day at any event on campus you may find Tommy Mo.

Memory

I was a freshman in the fall of 1968 and I wanted to be active in college life. The new College campus was being dedicated by President Lyndon Johnson, so I volunteered to be on the dedication committee. On the day of the dedication, I was assigned the job of opening the door for all the ceremony attendees. As the parade of dignitaries was proceeding through the doors and onto Seiler Commons, everyone was shaking President Johnson’s hand. As he was going through my door, I reached out to shake his hand, holding the door with my foot. I lost control of the door and as I was shaking his hand the door hit him in the shoulder. I have seen the plaque on the wall at TMC recalling this dedication day. It was my birthday, September 28, 1968.

Kenneth A. Rosemeyer
Class of 1972
As an institution of higher education with a rich Catholic heritage, Villa Madonna College/Thomas More College has provided a liberal arts education of the highest quality. Over the last 85 years, the student body has grown both in number and diversity; faculty and staff have increased; academic programs expanded; and college services extended. In retrospect, the College has come a long way — academically, socially and physically. However, as history has shown, this institution of higher education must continue to grow to meet the needs of students and the community while maintaining the Catholic tradition upon which it was founded.
New Academic Programs This Fall

Environmental Science

Thomas More’s new Environmental Science Program is designed for those students who are considering a major in traditional sciences, such as Biology or Chemistry, but will also be geared towards those who are interested in a non-science field involving politics, cultural studies, economics, management, engineering and more.

Through this new major, students will explore how their studies in various disciplines intersect; how complex, real-world problems can be solved in a variety of ways and with different costs; and how to use their classroom, research and internship experiences to generate workable solutions to problems of community stakeholders. Students further benefit by the opportunity to connect traditional classroom learning with the experiential learning of participating in hands-on research. Aligned with the mission of Thomas More College, students are challenged to question their place in the world and their moral responsibilities to others, including the environment and its constituents. Students who will be majoring in Environmental Studies will be required to conduct a research project or internship with faculty members from the Center for Ohio River Research & Education and from other participating departments.

For more information on the Environmental Science Program, please call 859-344-3373.

Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Thomas More’s new Latin American & Caribbean Studies Program is designed to prepare students to understand the Spanish language, as well as the rich history and cultures of Mexico, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and other areas of Latin America. This new program addresses a growing demand for multi-cultural skills in the workforce.

Hispanics currently represent the largest minority population in the United States at 14%. This growing Latino market will continue to impact every aspect of the nation from education to commerce. Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Central American-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR) were passed, U.S. trade with Latin American countries has increased significantly, creating a demand for Latin American & Caribbean Studies majors.

For more information about the Latin American & Caribbean Studies Program, please call 859-344-3310.

Sports and Entertainment Marketing

Thomas More’s new Sports and Entertainment Marketing Program is a multidisciplinary study of business principles and processes applied to the sports and entertainment industries. This undergraduate major is supported by courses from the fields of communication, economics, accounting and business. This program is designed to prepare students for further graduate study or a variety of career and leadership opportunities in the sport and entertainment business, including: event management and marketing, sports media, sports law, management of entertainment facilities, and the management of teams, leagues and college athletics, to name a few.

For more information about the Sports and Entertainment Marketing Program, please call Dr. Robert Arnold at 859-344-3621 or by e-mail at robert.arnold@thomasmore.edu.

VMC/TMC Memory

The year was 1957. I was vice president of Sigma Alpha Lambda fraternity. We started to rent a “frat house” between 5th and 6th on Scott Street in Covington. Father Murphy called us to his office to explain that our house was in a bad neighborhood and we would have to close it down, which we did. But for goodness sakes, VMC was in a bad neighborhood. I started VMC in 1956, and in addition to being married, raising five boys and working, it took me a while to graduate!

Charles Reckley
Class of 1981
Professors to Teach Abroad

As part of the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA), several Thomas More professors will venture abroad this winter to teach courses in various countries. Dr. Christopher Lorentz, Associate Professor of Biology, will be teaching a course, The Natural History of Australia, in Sydney, Australia. Dr. Catherine Sherron, Associate Professor of Philosophy, will be teaching a course, Healthcare Elsewhere: Biomedical Ethics in a World-Class (room) Context, in London, England. Dr. James Schuttemeyer, Associate Professor of English, will be teaching a course, Classical Theatre of London and Dublin, in London, England and Dublin, Ireland.

These courses will be taking place between December 26, 2006 and January 9, 2007. For more information and cost, please call the CCSA 859-572-6512.

Gain a Certificate in Human Resources in One Weekend

Thomas More College began offering courses toward Certificate Programs this summer. The courses are designed by the American Management Association (AMA) to bring quality management education to community businesses.

Certificate courses consist of ten Continuing Education Units, which translates to approximately five courses. Students who successfully complete the required course work will receive a Certificate in the Management discipline specified.

Thomas More began offering the Certificate in Human Resources this summer and will expand to offer additional Certificate programs in the future depending on interest and enrollment numbers. The Certificate in Human Resources consists of two core courses and three elective courses. All five courses to complete the certificate are offered in one weekend (8 hours on Saturday and 7 hours on Sunday). Students completing all 5 courses in this discipline will receive a Certificate in Human Resources from Thomas More College in cooperation with the AMA.

For more information call 859-581-3400.

VMC/TMC Memory

One of the things I remember most is sharing classes with my younger brother, Tony. For cost reasons, we had to share a book in the Business Law class. Sitting next to each other, I would follow along with the Prof, but Tony tended to snooze a little (let’s face it — Business Law is very dry!). When the Prof would call on me for the answer to a question, I would do my best — sometimes not good enough — even though I was paying attention. When he called on Tony, though, I would poke him awake, point to the question and he knew the answer straight off, never missing a beat...it bothered me to no end, even today!

Constance (Muth) Walter
Class of 1980
The Center for Ohio River Research & Education at the Biology Field Station

By: Chris Lorentz, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Biology

The Center for Ohio River Research & Education (C.O.R.R.E.), established in 1998, is a private, non-profit entity owned and operated by Thomas More College and is a part of the Thomas More College Biology Field Station. The staff at the Center seeks to offer students, faculty and staff an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of the natural world through field courses, research projects and outreach programs that focus on the ecology of the Ohio River.

This past year has been another busy one for the faculty and students at the Biology Field Station. The following grants were received and projects conducted by the faculty and students at the C.O.R.R.E:

• The Cinergy Corporation awarded the Center $22,000 to continue its long-term monitoring efforts on the Ohio River. This study was completed in the summer of 2006. Thomas More students Emily Anneken, Emily Eismann, Jeff Goesseling, Olivia Lantry and Josh Vogel were selected as the Field Station research crew to conduct this study, along with several other projects.

• In May, the Center partnered with the Newport Aquarium and the National Submarine Science Discovery Center (NSSDC) to implement the NavOps Deep Submergence curriculum for fifth grade classes and hosted several grade school field trips at the Biology Field Station. Over 500 grade school students visited the Field Station this spring.

• From May 19 - 21, Dr. Lorentz and twelve students in the Aquatic Biology class traveled to Shawnee State Park for the first annual Shawnee Herpetological Conference and Field Trip. Highlights included collecting a spring salamander and spotting a timber rattlesnake. From June 2 - 4, this group attended the Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Conference at Stone Laboratory, Ohio State’s Field Station in Lake Erie and studied fish and other organisms from the Lake.

• The Hamilton County Park District contracted with the Center to conduct a summer lake survey of Lake Isabella in Loveland, Ohio.

• The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) renewed its internship program with the Center to employ TMC students to conduct research in the area of biosensor technology and the evaluation of aquatic biomonitor for source water protection. Thomas More students, Patrick Duffy and Brandon Reilman were selected as the 2006-2007 EPA interns.

• In July, the Center offered its second annual, Summer Science Institute, a week-long enrichment program for high school students from Kentucky and Ohio. The Institute included a challenging science curriculum and hands-on activities in aquatic biology, astronomy and physics at the Field Station and the Bank of Kentucky Observatory. Participants spent the week on campus in the Murphy residence hall, and studied throughout the area, including the Licking River, Ohio River and Newport Aquarium. For information on next year’s Summer Institute, contact Dr. Lorentz at chris.lorentz@thomasmore.edu or 859-344-3373.
How long have you worked at TMC?
A: This will be my 8th year at the College. I started working here in 1999 while completing my doctorate.

What are your hobbies?

What are you passionate about?
A: My most recent passion involves a project that I learned about during my last visit to Jordan over the summer. While shopping at a street market in Jabal Amman, I met a group of university students who represented the Arab Group for the Protection of Nature (APN). I joined them for coffee and learned about their most recent project — The “One Million Trees” Project in Palestine. The group’s objective is to plant one million olive, fruit and palm trees in various locations of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in order to replace those that have been uprooted by the occupation and by the construction of the Separation (Apartheid) Wall. It’s an effort that yokes a political cause with grassroots environmental protection and preservation. While it may be months before I return to Jordan to plant a tree with my own hands, I plan to use my energy to raise awareness and funding for the project.

What awards/honors have you received?
A: While finishing my dissertation, I received the Charles Phelps Taft Fellowship at UC; the award supported a year of research and scholarly writing. I am forever grateful for that fellowship.

Most recently, I was selected by the U.S. State Department to participate in a seminar titled “Teaching About Islam and Middle Eastern Culture.” The program, which included 12 liberal arts faculty from colleges across the USA, was a three-week program in Amman, Jordan. The grant provided an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Middle East at a time when knowledge and teaching about the region are more important than ever.

What motivates you as a faculty member?
A: What motivates me most — in terms of how and what I teach — is a commitment that I made years ago, while I was a student in college. It was then that I realized that I wanted a career that would allow me to devote myself to reading, reflecting on and writing about great writing. I knew then that I wanted to help to create a sanctuary of learning for college students in the same way that my professors had created a sanctuary of learning for me. Each day — in the classroom or even outside of the classroom — I am motivated by a desire to help create that experience for my students.

What is something about you that people would be surprised to know?
A: I think it might surprise some people to know that I once spent three weeks on the Pacific Ocean as part of an Outward Bound program in sailing. When I tell people about the program, they are always surprised that I wanted to vacation on a 30-foot whaler with 9 other adults. They are even more surprised to learn that it was three weeks without showers, telephones, computers or caffeine. The experience wasn’t quite like CBS’s “Survivor,” but I still feel like it was an important lesson in human survival.
TMC Partners with Sanitation District

Thomas More College and the Sanitation District have a long and successful history of developing programs to increase educational excellence and environmental awareness in Northern Kentucky. This fall, their partnership will continue with the birth of an Environmental Academy that will help start Thomas More College’s new Environmental Science Program and will assist the District in addressing community environmental needs.

“This partnership has a shared, vested interest in offering innovative approaches that effectively engage students and efficiently assists the District in protecting the environment and improving the quality of life in our community,” said Sanitation District General Manager, Jeff Eger.

The Environmental Academy will immerse students in laboratory and field environments that will enhance their acquisition of knowledge while addressing solutions to community environmental concerns. For instance, the Academy offers students opportunities for research projects that will enable them to create a healthy and diverse aquatic ecosystem at the District’s on-site retention basin, wetlands and elsewhere. In addition, students will assist the District in monitoring Best Management Practices (BMP) such as the vegetated roof and porous pavements located at the District’s headquarters.

“We have recently established a new major in Environmental Science. The Academy will offer our students real world, practical applications of their classroom experiences. We are excited about the new partnership between Thomas More and the Sanitation District. It is a win-win situation for all those involved: the students at Thomas More, the Sanitation District and the local community,” said Dr. Chris Lorentz, Director of the Center for Ohio River Research & Education at Thomas More College.

The Academy will officially begin in the fall of 2006.

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VMC/TMC Memory

It was the fall of 1998. I was about to start college at TMC to begin my journey of higher education. I was notified a few weeks prior to starting classes that Thomas More students were hosting an orientation event. My brother was on the “O-Team” so I thought that it would be a good way to meet new people and have fun before classes began. Man was I right! The Saturday night of the orientation included a dance with prizes. I won first place and, little did I know at the time, my best friend throughout my college years, Joe Qualls, won third place. We talked after the contest and formed a friendship that is still strong today. Joe was a member of my wedding party in 2004 and present at my son’s baptism.

TMC is a family, a community, a terrific setting to learn and prepare for a career. Without TMC my life, no doubt, would have been different. Did I mention that I met my wife, Monica (class of 2001), at TMC?

Brett Ruschman

Class of 2002

Saints Forever!
Faculty Notes

Dr. Bradley Bielski, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Elizabeth Penn, Professor and Chair of the Education Department and Dr. Manish Sharma, Assistant Professor, Education, were invited to attend the Kenton County Small Learning Community Workshop at Simon Kenton High School on June 5 and 6. Sessions focused on best practices in Small Learning Communities/Schools of Study and the role of administrators and teachers in maximizing the impact of this organizational structure in high schools.

Thomas More faculty members participated in sessions for postsecondary partners and acted as observers for the sessions. Keynote speakers included Dr. Richard Jones from the International Center for Leadership in Education, Roy Garcia and a team from the South Grand Prairie School District in Texas, and Dr. Gene Wilhoit, Commissioner of Education in Kentucky. TMC faculty will continue to participate in this effort to restructure high schools to provide “rigor, faculty will continue to participate in this effort to restructure high schools to provide “rigor, relevance and relationships” for all Kentucky students.

Dr. Julie Daoud, Associate Professor, English, delivered a paper titled “Centers or ‘Wonderlands’” at the Mid-Atlantic Writing Centers Association (MAWCA) 17th Annual Conference at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland in April.

Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt, III, Professor of History and Economics, presented a paper titled “Digging for Victory: Propaganda Films for the Agricultural Front during World War II Britain” at the Indiana Association of Historians Conference held at Hanover College in Indiana this past February.

In July, Dr. Erhardt attended the Screen Studies Conference held at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. There he presented a paper titled “Saving our Future: Setting Straight the Children of the City (1944) for a Better Post-War World.” While in Scotland, Dr. Erhardt also conducted further research on World War II documentary film propaganda at the Scottish Screen Archive in Glasgow, the Scottish National Archive and the Grierson Archive at the University of Sterling.

In September, Dr. Erhardt presented a paper at the Children in War International Conference held at The University of Reading, United Kingdom. There he presented a paper titled “Growing up in Wartime Britain: The Life and Experiences of Gordon O’Dell, 1939-1945.” The paper was based on an oral history project Dr. Erhardt undertook with Dr. O’Dell during the summer in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Dr. Erhardt also chaired a session titled “Psychological Aspects of European Evacuees.”

Dr. Erhardt was named the area chair for British Documentary Films for the bi-annual Film and History Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas in November 2006.

Dr. R. Steven Flynn, Professor and Chair of the Department of Accountancy, served on the task force of the 2006 Business and Accounting Summer Education (BASE) Camp sponsored by the Kentucky Society of CPAs, Junior Achievement, the University of Louisville, Bellarmine University and regional and multinational CPA firms. BASE Camp is an all expenses paid, weeklong summer educational program for high school juniors and seniors interested in accounting and business careers. This year’s event was held on the Bellarmine University campus in Louisville, Kentucky from June 4 through June 9. During the week, nearly 40 students from all parts of Kentucky attended lectures, toured CPA firms and major multinational companies, participated in roundtable discussions and made accounting case presentations. Dr. Flynn served as the principal author of the revised financial analysis case study used at this year’s camp and co-led the camp’s accounting case workshop session.

Dr. Flynn’s article titled “The Effect of Form 990’s Functional Expense Statement Design on Donors’ Perception of Indirect Cost Allocations” was published in the Research Journal of the Academy, Spring 2006, Volume 6, Number 1.

Dr. Maria C. Garriga, Associate Professor, Spanish, participated in the thirty-third annual meeting of the Kentucky Philological Association, which took place from March 3-4, 2006 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. She authored a paper titled “A Case Study in Pedagogical Translation as a Tool in the Development of Second Language Writers.” Dr. Garriga presented the paper with students Loren Droge and Lauren Halterman, who are pursuing their Associate of Arts degrees in Spanish at Thomas More College.

Dr. Andrey Glubokov, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, studied Non-Commutative Geometry at Vanderbilt University with Professor Alain Connes in May. Professor Connes is described as one of the greatest living mathematicians.

Father Ronald M. Ketteeler, S.T.L., Chair of the Theology Department, conducted a presentation and discussion on the right to health care at the “Wednesday for Justice” program in Frankfurt, Kentucky on February 8, 2006. The annual educational event is sponsored at the Capitol by the Kentucky Council of Churches.

In March, Father Ketteeler taught a community education course sponsored by the Department of Lifelong Learning. The series of lectures was titled “Creation and Evolution.” Dr. Chris Lorentz, Associate Professor, Biology, served as a resource and commentator for the course.

Dr. James McNutt, Associate Professor, History and International Studies, participated in a seminar with the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. in May. Scholars from across the nation gathered to discuss the relationship between the Christian churches and the Jewish community in post-World War II Germany. Dr. McNutt’s article “Vessels of Wrath, Prepared to Perish: Adolf Schlicter and the Spiritual Extermination of the Jews” appeared in the July 2006, issue of Theology Today.

Dr. Catherine Sherron, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy, along with Dr. Bradley Bielski, Vice President for Academic Affairs, appeared on “Education Issues” this past winter with Jon Draud discussing the College’s First-Year Seminar (FYS) Program.

In March, Dr. Sherron delivered a response to Dr. Karen Barsdley’s “On Seeing Unicorns: Perception and the Content of Fictional Representations” at the Pacific American Philosophical Association (APA) in Portland, Oregon. In addition, Dr. Sherron participated in a “Fair and Balanced Teaching” presentation as part of a panel discussion at Pacific APA, Portland, Oregon in March.

In April, Dr. Sherron presented a paper titled “ID, Science Education & Philosophy” at the Kentucky State University’s Science and Culture Conference.

In May, Dr. Sherron co-presented “Reclaiming Dying with Dignity” to the Kentucky Association of Hospice & Palliative Care, in Lexington, Kentucky, along with Hospice of the Bluegrass Chaplain, Bonnie Meyer, and medical director, Terry Gutseill. Dr. Sherron has served on the ethics committee for Hospice of the Bluegrass since May 2005.

Mr. James Schuttemeyer, Associate Professor, and Chair of the Department of English, received the faculty development award to help finance his attendance at the William Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference over the summer. The annual conference, titled “Global Faulkner,” brought in world class Faulkner scholars for lectures, tours of Faulkner country in Mississippi and other events. The conference, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, was held at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi, July 23 - 27.
Blazing the Trail: Honoring Thomas More College Baseball in the 1950’s

By: Patrick Eagan ’01

The Sports Section of a local northern Kentucky newspaper said it best in the spring of 1951 when it exclaimed, “The bat of Cubby Lyon spoke rather loudly when he banged a two-run homer...as the Villa Madonna Villans sent home the squad from Xavier (University) 8 to 5!” Indeed, the Villa Madonna College Villans are the far too often forgotten predecessors, the unheralded legacy of the present baseball program, known as the Thomas More College Saints. And it is they, the VMC/TMC hard-ballers of the 1950’s, who are being honored by the Thomas More College Baseball Alumni for essentially putting VMC/TMC baseball on the map and establishing a tradition of teamwork and excellence which has become their lasting contribution to the Thomas More Baseball Program.

Entirely too often the memory of the game of baseball in the 1950’s has been misconstrued by current generations of players and fans as being a completely different game. However, one conversation with former VMC players will enlighten you to the fact that it wasn’t a different game at all. Rather, it was simply the same game being played in a different era, with a different mentality in relation to college athletics. Villa Madonna College was a small school, with the student body being pooled mainly from the local neighborhoods of Northern Kentucky. In response, the scope of the athletic department reflected this home-grown, neighborhood feeling. Correspondingly, the VMC hard-ballers of the 1950’s respected and cherished the game of baseball, but were keenly aware of the laid-back nature of small college athletics in that era. For example, when former baseball standout and all-around athlete Larry Staverman ’58 was asked about the off-season workouts for VMC baseball, he spoke with a humorously wry smile and said, “Workouts? Basically we would just stand in front of a door and turn the knob back and forth a few times for forearm strength...that was pretty much all the workout we really needed...”

However, running parallel to this pure, fun enjoyment of simply playing the game, the VMC baseball teams of the 1950’s were setting the stage for future generations of players, establishing a legacy of team and community above individual accolades. You can truly get a sense for this team-first mentality when hearing Jim Weyer ’58 and Ralph Carr ’58 speak of the year the team met with Bellarmine College for the KIAC conference championship in Louisville. Unfortunately, a deluge of rain forced the visiting VMC squad to make a tough decision; choose between a halved championship with Bellarmine or a coin-flip to determine an outright champion. They chose the coin toss. Unfortunately, they lost on that day...but they did so as a TEAM, and they had set the example for future teams to follow.
Ellenwood New Men's Basketball Coach

Thomas More's new men's head basketball coach, John Ellenwood is looking forward to an exciting first season with the Saints. Ellenwood will be the seventh head coach in the 55-year history of the men's basketball program at Thomas More College. He has more than six years of experience as an assistant coach, including the last three years as an assistant basketball coach at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to this, he spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.

“I am very excited to be joining the Thomas More Athletic Department and the PAC (Presidents' Athletic Conference),” said Ellenwood. “I am looking forward to continuing the solid tradition of athletic and academic excellence at Thomas More.”

Ellenwood, 29, is a native of Sylvania, Ohio. He was an All-American and a three-time first team All-North Coast Athletic Conference at The College of Wooster in Ohio, where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. He received his master's degree in Education/Sports Management from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

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Class of 1956
As part of the 78th commencement ceremony on May 13, The Villa Madonna/Thomas More College class of 1956 was present in celebration of their 50-year anniversary as graduates. The day was filled with wonderful memories for the Class of ’56 and was an inspiration for the Class of ’06.


In Search of ...
We have lost touch with a number of VMC/TMC alumni. If you can assist us in locating any of the following individuals, please contact the Alumni Office at (859) 344-3346 or at alumni@thomasmore.edu.

Alumni can update their information online at www.thomasmore.edu/alumni.

A complete list of ‘lost alumni’ by class year is listed online at www.thomasmore.edu/alumni.

Eric Lawrence Andriot ’03
David W. Bowen ’69
Bruce Clark ’64
Kathleen M. Crall ’72
Barbara Deering ’90
Cynthia L. Grant ’80
Philip A. Hahn ’89
Jennifer Rene Klare ’04
Holly Ann Mitchell ’96
Jason R. Owens ’00
Terry W. Profitt ’83
Cynthia M. Robbins ’96
Mohsen Shokrani ’86
Mark Weber ’76
Kevin Weartz ’92
Without Reservations

His love of the American West was first established during his teen years when he worked summers on a dude ranch in Wyoming. Forty years later Jeff Halverson ’99 finds himself back in the West, not as a wrangler but as a fifth grade teacher and football coach on the Cheyenne Reservation in Montana.

Like many continuing education students, Jeff began college directly after high school but never saw past the first year in academics. Dropping out of college, he entered flight school to get a pilot’s license. He landed his first job with Midway Airlines, who had just bought out the assets of the ill-fated Eastern Airlines. When Midway Airlines went under he was midway through a flight to Florida. Answering an advertisement for a corporate pilot for Hillenbrand Industries in Indiana, he began flying clients and executives around the country. Even from 30,000 feet in the air, he was enchanted with the West and longed to return.

He became a self-taught expert in American military history, reading everything he could get his hands on and by 1995, when layoffs began, Jeff had decided it was time to return to college, finally knowing exactly where his interests were. Because Thomas More College considered credit for life experiences, he entered as a full time freshman in the fall of 1995. He found what he was looking for in the history and the art departments. While taking a course in American art for his core requirement, he found another interest and pursued the associate degree in art history along with his bachelor of arts in history.

After graduation, Jeff entered the school of education at the University of Cincinnati for certification to teach elementary school. After raising two daughters, he believed that the need was greater in the lower grades for a male teacher. Even before graduation, he headed out West, to finally make it his home. His first position was in a small school district in Montana that included a large Huddite population. That presented particular challenges for a new teacher, but his liberal arts education saw him through it. At the end of his first year of teaching, he found himself recruited to teach fifth grade to Native Americans at Lame Deer Elementary School.

Seeing the need for team building activities on the reservation, last fall Jeff resuscitated the dying football program at the reservation. With only high school experience and a lot of determination, Jeff managed in his first year, to form a team, play a full season of games and get the first student from the Cheyenne Reservation recruited to play college ball. His team has been adopted by the Pittsburgh Steelers who send equipment and uniforms to help support his efforts. And this spring, after noticing his associate degree on his résumé, Jeff was asked to use even more of his background to design and teach a class at the local community college on art and history in the American West.

Life has come full circle for Jeff. It was time to return to his beloved West, and now he has the means to give back to the land and its people in ways he could only imagine as a teen.
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Return to Campus for
Homecoming 2006
September 23

Mark your calendars to join your fellow alumni and friends at the 2006 Thomas More Homecoming celebration September 23. Return to campus, reminisce about your college days with your classmates and friends, and see what new things we’ve been doing.

Alumni Baseball Game
The TMC Baseball Alumni Council has organized a reunion game for TMC baseball alums scheduled just prior to the Homecoming Picnic and Football Game. The event will not only include the “big game”; it will literally be a “day to remember” as VMC baseball alumni from the 1940’s and 1950’s will reunite during the celebration.

Alumni Baseball Game begins at 10 a.m. at the TMC Baseball Field

Alumni Softball Game
The Thomas More College Softball Team will hold its annual Alumni Softball Game for softball alums just prior to the Homecoming Picnic and Football Game.

Alumni Softball Game at 10 a.m. at the TMC Softball Field

Homecoming Picnic and Football Game
Join the Thomas More College community for a pre-game picnic under the big top! Enjoy a buffet lunch featuring grilled chicken breasts, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings, along with your favorite tailgate beverages. Reminisce with classmates and professors and have a bite to eat before the game. Then, cheer on the home team in the annual homecoming football game against Thiel College.

Picnic is from Noon to 1:15 p.m.
Kick-off is at 1:30 p.m.

Post-Game Bash
Head back to the tent after the game for a good ‘ole college party. Three more hours of fun, live music and beverages with your fellow alumni!

Registration Info
Ways To Register:
• Online at www.thomasmore.edu/alumni
• Call 859-344-3346
Registration deadline is September 18
Carolyn (Stark) Hartwig ’58 will finally be selling her home in Colorado Springs & heading to Steamboat, Colorado this summer. Her first grandchild was born on her daughter’s (Lara) birthday in Las Vegas, Nevada. His name is Ian Reilly Thoman.

Jo Ann (Dooley) Madonna ’68 retired this spring from her position as Associate Vice Provost and Dean of Students at Arizona State University West campus. She and husband Matt Madonna ’70 are looking forward to the arrival of their 1st granddaughter.

Sister Marie Rose Messingschlager, C.D.P. ’68 has been ministering among the Native Americans since 1974 when she began her congregation’s presence among the Navajo Indians in the Southwest. Next she went to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to minister among the Lakota Sioux. Since 1993, she has been Director of Indian Ministry in the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, which has five reservations within the Diocese.

Dale Recinella ’74 spoke at a panel discussion in April on “Religions and the Culture of Life.” In his discussion, he explains spiritual reasons against the death penalty. For the last eight years, Dale has been working as a lay Catholic chaplain for prisoners on Florida’s death row and in long-term solitary confinement.

Alma Beck ’76 was ordained an Episcopal priest in 2000 and lives in Little Rock, Arkansas, with her partner, Eve Wiseman, where she serves at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church.

Rebecca Tacy ’85 started working in the Department of Nursing at TMC last fall. She thoroughly loves giving back to the students at TMC as the professors gave to her. She said, “I am so happy to be back home at TMC!”

Michael Hasl’86 spent 15 years as a Recreational Therapist for St. Joseph-Orphanage, Children’s Hospital and TriHealth; completed his master’s degree from Indiana University and finished three publications. Then, he changed career paths and has been in the pharmaceutical industry for the past 7 years (currently with NovoNordisk as a Senior Diabetes Care Specialist). He has been married to Karen Steffen Hasl (from Alexandria, Kentucky) for nearly 17 years and has two daughters, Meagan — 13 and Amanda — 11. They are parishioners at St. Joseph-Cold Spring.

Fr. Martin Burnham ’89 has been transferred to St. Margaret Parish in Bel Air, Maryland.

Stephen Heil ’91 was named Northern Kentucky University Outstanding Part-time Faculty Member.

Matthew B. Beamer ’93 has been appointed to the Union Township (Ohio) Board of Trustees.

David L. Meier II ’94 and ’98, recently retired his position as Head Baseball Coach at Villa Madonna Academy to spend more time with his wife (Jennifer ’94) and their three daughters. Meier coached Villa Madonna for the last 11 years and has been an adjunct professor in the Business Administration Department at Thomas More for the last 6 years. Meier works for TEMA Tax.

Dawn (Butsch) Bloomer ’95 has been married for almost six years and has two boys. One son is 3 years old and one son is 8 months old. She is an RN working at the Emergency Department at The Christ Hospital. She is pursuing a Masters of Public Health at Western Kentucky University and lives in Ft. Wright, Kentucky.

Jennifer (Muench) Heiert ’95 married Chris Heiert ’95 in 1996. They have 5 children. Jennifer works out of her house managing networks.

Theresa (Nemeth) Gossett ’96 was married in 2002 and has a wonderful little daughter, Elyse.

Amy (Hopper) Sullivan ’96 was married in April 2002. She has two children, Benjamin Hopper and Ashley Sullivan.

Kasey (Westerman) Gray ’97 and her husband, Micah, reside in Ft. Wright, Kentucky with their son Jaxon. Kasey works for Village Green Management Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tasha Feinauer-Haaser ’97 and Kevin Haaser ’99 were married in December 2004. Tasha completed her Masters in Education at Northern Kentucky University and is currently teaching at Turkeyfoot Middle School. Kevin is the owner of Servpro of West Cheviot and Cleves, a residential and commercial cleaning company.

Bob Russ ’97 recently opened his own business, Little Miami Signs, a full-service sign store located in the Eastgate area of Cincinnati. He provides a full range of services including consultation design and signs of all kinds.

Michelle (Peters) Cromer ’98 and her husband, Steve, had a baby girl, Courtney, on February 5, 2006. She joins her twin sisters Carly & Kaitlyn who are 2 1/2.

Sarah (Drew) Griffith ’00 and husband, Ryan, welcomed their second child, Seth Daniel, on August 19, 2005. The couple lives in Walton, Kentucky along with their older son, Samuel.

Thomas Knopp, D.O. ’00 is a Resident of Internal Medicine at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center. He is married to Susan (Case) Knopp ’00.

Amanda (Drew) Mattingly ’02 and husband, Jeremy Mattingly ’03, announce the birth of their first child, Alexander Michael, on April 3, 2006. They reside in Dry Ridge, Kentucky.

Megan Boimann ’04 completed a Master’s Degree in History from the University of Cincinnati in June 2006. The focus of the degree was Comparative Women’s History and Modern European History.

Paul Hardy ’04 is working in the International Marketing Department for ConAgra and has had the opportunity to travel to Japan four times this year in efforts to create the microwave popcorn market in Japan. He is a Project Manager in charge of Supply Chain. He is taking Chinese classes and hopes to be back in China within two years.

Bridget M. Ruschman ’04 recently purchased a house in Cold Spring, Kentucky.

Emily Fehrman ’05 is now attending the University of Dayton on a full Dayton Area Graduate Studies Institute (DAGSI) Fellowship. She is working towards a Ph.D. in Electro-Optics. Her research is in nano-fabrication processes.

Tom Blades ’06 has been appointed Operations Manager at ESCO Technologies, LLC in Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior, Tom was the owner of Sharp Communications.

What’s New With You?

Do you have news to share with TMC alumni and friends? Let us know so that we can share your news in the Class Notes section of the next edition of Moreover. E-mail your information to alumni@thomasmore.edu or mail to the following address.

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Why just RUN when you can do MORE?

October 28, 2006

Join the cherubim, seraphim and other angels for a heavenly run benefiting the Thomas More Service Learning Program. The Thomas More College RunMORE 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, October 28. More information can be found on page 3.

Register by filling out the form below:

Make check payable to:
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Crestview Hills, Kentucky 41017

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www.sprunning.com

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October 28, 2006

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Race Division:
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On consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby waive on behalf of my heirs, executors and assigns, all claims of any nature arising from my participation in the RunMORE 5K, and do hereby release the Edgewood and Crestview Hills Police Departments, Thomas More College, Steve Prescott, and all sponsors, workers, officials, and volunteers from any claim whatsoever arising from my participation in this event. I agree to abide by all rules for participation and acknowledge that the Race Committee may refuse or return my entry for any reason at its discretion. I understand the risks for such a run/walk and have trained adequately in preparation. I HAVE NOTED ANY MEDICAL CONDITION on the reverse side of this form. I permit the use of my name and picture participating in this event for publicity.

Signature ___________________________

Parent's Signature (if under 18)__________________