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DISCIPLINED THINKERS.
ETHICAL LEADERS.



Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! I hope you are enjoying a wonderful Christmas season surrounded by family and friends.

In my inaugural address this past April, I focused on three distinguished characteristics of the College that have been evident since its earliest days — adaptability, a liberal arts education and catholicity. The previous issue of *Moreover* focused on adaptability. This issue I would like to share my thoughts and words from my inaugural address focusing on the quality of a liberal arts education.

The earliest college catalog printed in the mid 1920s states in its purpose statement that Villa Madonna College would offer its students a traditional liberal arts program of study. For over eighty years now, all graduates of VMC/TMC have studied a core curriculum with an emphasis on writing, speech, analytical thought processes and a broad base world view. In a society where utility and pragmatism are the values that are often championed, a heritage such as this might be described as counter-cultural. Yet, we retain our emphasis on a liberal arts education not because of its usefulness or its practicality, but as an initiation to a meaningful and purposeful life.

A liberal arts education is one, according to Cardinal Newman, that offers an individual a wealth of resources. "The one who has learned to think and to reason and to compare and to discriminate and to analyze...will be placed in that state of intellect in which he can take up any of the sciences or callings for which he has a taste or special talent, with an ease, a grace, a versatility and a success to which another is a stranger."

These are Cardinal Newman's words written in 1852. Recently Ms. Indra Nooyi, President and CFO of PepsiCo, addressing a group of college students commented: "As I look at my successful colleagues at work, my more interesting and well-rounded friends and some of the more brilliant political leaders of the world, I realized quickly that all of them shared one thing in common — they were all schooled in the liberal arts. Liberal arts graduates are the risk takers, the most adventurous of people."

*This liberal arts education is our heritage and we must hold to this leader-oriented tradition just as all those who preceded us held to it amidst major changes. **Today**, we must be watchful to ensure that we continue to have in place the structures and the faculty necessary for our students to receive a truly liberal arts education. We need to be vigilant regarding our core curriculum, evaluate new programs of study carefully and search for opportunities that will engage our students in the great issues of the day and thus prepare them for an active role in society. We need to take time to reflect on our own experience and remind one another of the value of liberal arts to our society. Recalling the words of the leaders of the past as well as the present should assist us in our reflections.*

In this issue of *Moreover*, you will get a taste of the ways our liberal arts education is preparing our students to take their place in society. You will also see the impact this education has on the lives of our alumni and the value their lives add to our community, church and world.

I would like to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and may the peace of Christmas bless you throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P.

Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P. '68
President

FOCAL Point



The Thomas More College second annual runMORE 5K Run/Walk took place on Saturday, October 22. More than 160 participated in the event, including faculty, staff, students and individuals from the community. The event raised over \$1,500 for the Thomas More Service Learning Program.

Enrollment Update

The Enrollment Office of Thomas More has had a very active fall season. With three new Admission Counselors, and a new Associate Director of Admissions, "Recruit MORE", is our motto. We have expanded our recruitment area to include all of Ohio, all of Indiana, West Virginia and the Pittsburgh area, in addition to our home turf of Kentucky.

The staff has visited close to 300 high schools and attended over 90 college fairs as of November. Our new view book, financial aid and scholarship brochure, as well as the redesigned departmental

brochures, have been a great asset to the recruitment process. We have also recently become a member of the Cincinnati Magazine Brand Builder Program. Beginning in December, Thomas More will have a monthly half page advertisement in this prestigious magazine. If you are a subscriber, keep an eye out and give us your thoughts.

The Financial Aid Office has created a scholarship calculator on the website. It enables students to enter their test scores and grade point average to determine if they could qualify for scholarship assistance. In addition, many of our traditional

scholarships have been increased to be more competitive, as well as the addition of several new scholarships. To find out MORE about our new calculator and awards, visit the Thomas More website at www.thomasmore.edu.

Discussions are underway with TMC alumni to begin building an alumni recruitment program. If you are interested in assisting with our recruitment efforts, or if you just have some ideas you would like to share, please email: angela.jones@thomasmore.edu.

Community Leaders Honored

On October 20, 2005, Thomas More College honored Clifford R. Borland, Sr. and Paul W. Hemmer, Sr. for their commitment to Catholic education by awarding them with the Bishop William A. Hughes Award. It was the largest crowd in the events 10 year history.

The Bishop William A. Hughes Award was established in 1996, the diamond anniversary of Thomas More College, to honor those who have made

significant contributions to Catholic education. The award was named after the retired Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, Bishop William A. Hughes, for his support of Catholic higher education. Each year the College honors at least two individuals with this distinct award.

The event took place at Summit Hills Country Club, in Crestview Hills, Kentucky.



Pictured left to right: Clifford R. Borland, Sr., Bishop William A. Hughes, Paul W. Hemmer, Sr.

Library and Art Gallery Unveiled

On Friday, October 28, Thomas More College unveiled its newly renovated library and newly constructed art gallery to administrators, board of trustees, community leaders, and those generous individuals, corporations and foundations who helped fund the project. Guests were given tours of the renovated library, as well as the opportunity to see the inaugural exhibition in the art gallery, *Vine Street Pictures* by artist Michael Wilson.

In addition to special invited guests, individuals from the community attended the open house to get their first look at the renovations and new gallery, which also serves as a resource to the community.



The
Thomas More
Gallery

High School Art Exhibit
December 2 - 22, 2005

Featuring art from local high school students.

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.



Tapestry of Irish History and Culture

Thomas More College and the Fenians of Northern Kentucky present the ninth annual Irish Tapestry Series. All of the events take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall, which is located in the Administration Building.

- February 26, 2006 - "Push, Pull and Means"
- March 22, 2006 - "Bloody Sunday"
- April 19, 2006 - "History and Literature Come Together"

For more information contact the Department of Lifelong Learning at 859-344-3333.

CALENDAR OF Events

February

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| 5 | The 25th Annual Thomas More College Lawyers' Brunch
Liturgy — Thomas More Chapel | 11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. |
| 8 | The Second Annual Dr. Henry Winkler Academic Lecture,
Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center | 7:00 p.m. |
| 10 | The Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers and The Thomas More
College Chorus, Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center | 12:30 p.m. |
| 12 | The Caden Blincoe Memorial Outloud Festival, Science Lecture Hall,
Administration Building | 2:00 p.m. |
| 17-19,
24-26 | Spring Villa Players Theatre Production — Show TBA,
Thomas More Theatre | 8:00 p.m. |
| 26 | Irish Tapestry Series: "Push, Pull and Means", Science Lecture Hall,
Administration Building | 7:00 p.m. |

March

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| 2 | Nursing Grads Day, Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center | 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| 22 | Irish Tapestry Series: "Bloody Sunday", Science Lecture Hall,
Administration Building | 7:00 p.m. |

Who's New at TMC?

Justin Berrier, Counselor, Enrollment Office

Brett Crowley, Associate Enrollment Director, Enrollment Office

Fr. Phillip De Vous, Director of Campus Ministry, Student Life Office

Erica Holloman, Director of Student Life, Student Life Office

Sean Kapsal, Director of Project Management, Computer Center

Pamela Koncius, Counselor, Enrollment Office

Garry Rickels, Facilities Department

Leah Runion, Assistant Registrar, Registrar's Office

Billy Sarge, Counselor, Enrollment Office

Anthony Schumacher, Coordinator of Adult Advising, TAP Office



**Meet Fr. Phillip De Vous
Thomas More's Campus
Minister and Chaplain**



Father Phillip De Vous was born and raised in the Southeastern Illinois town of Ridgway. Ridgway was a close Catholic community of about 1,000

people. He attended St. Joseph Grade School in Ridgway and went to Gallatin County (IL) High School, graduating in 1994. Fresh out of high school, Father De Vous went to college seminary at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, taking his B.A. in Philosophy from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

After graduating from college in 1998, he furthered his theological studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. After three years of study at the Josephinum, Fr. De Vous took a leave from the seminary, beginning his work at the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"I'd been in the seminary for seven years at that point and just wasn't sure about proceeding to ordination," said Fr. De Vous. "The opportunity at Acton came up and I just discerned that it was the right thing to do at the time. Many of the skills and opportunities I learned and had during my time at Acton have been immensely helpful in my priestly ministry."

De Vous worked as Acton's Public Policy Manager and de facto Director of Government Affairs. In this capacity, he managed the Institute's intellectual outreach to lawmakers and policymakers on both sides of the political aisle. Working closely with a number of lawmakers and policymakers, De Vous was able to make the Acton Institute's ideas influential in numerous pieces of legislation, including the faith-based initiatives legislation, welfare reform reauthorization and some significant work in the area of free-market environmental policy. Though he left the Acton Institute in 2003 to pursue his studies for the priesthood, he remains an active adjunct scholar in public policy for the Institute.

In 2003 Fr. De Vous returned to the Pontifical College Josephinum to complete his studies for ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained a transitional deacon in December 2003 and priest in May 2004 by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Roger J. Foy, D.D. Following his ordination he was assigned as parochial vicar to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. One year later, he was reassigned to Thomas More College as the campus minister and chaplain.

"Being a college chaplain is very different from being in the parish," said Fr. De Vous. "In the parish you get immediate feedback and have an automatic audience for what you do. This isn't the case in a college environment, where "success" in matters of priestly ministry is measured in inches, not miles."

Athletic Hall of Fame

Since 1921, Villa Madonna/Thomas More College has maintained a rich tradition of academic and athletic excellence. In 1987, Thomas More College and its athletic department took a historic step by announcing the inception of an Athletic Hall of Fame. This spring, the College will induct its seventh class.

The Athletic Hall of Fame was established to pay tribute, give deserved recognition, and enhance school tradition by honoring former athletic award winners, coaches and others who have shown distinctive, unique or exceptional athletic ability, or who have made positive

contributions to the athletic programs of the College. It is the hope that this type of recognition will be a constant reminder to the students and the community of the athletic and civic accomplishments of the individuals honored. A total of 36 former student-athletes, coaches and boosters have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Receiving the College's highest athletic honor is something our alumni and friends will remember forever. There are many other deserving people who should be honored by induction into the Hall. Nominations are always being sought for future induction ceremonies and may come from any source. All nominees must

have graduated or left the College for a reason not detrimental to TMC. Student-athletes become eligible after 5 years.

Anyone interested in nominating an individual for the Thomas More College Athletic Hall of Fame, can obtain a nomination form from the Alumni Office by calling (859) 344-3346 or on-line at www.thomasmore.edu. Deadline for submission for the Class of 2006 is January 20, 2006.

Fr. De Vous devotes a great deal of his time thinking about how to bring people to the fullness of the Catholic faith; whereas in the parish, he spent more of his time thinking about how to build up and confirm the faith of the parishioners. While both tasks are present in his position as chaplain at Thomas More, it's more a question of emphasis and priority.

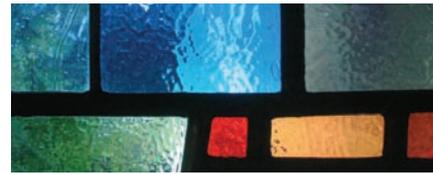


During his short time at Thomas More College, Fr. De Vous has made a huge impact on the liturgical offering on campus. The College now offers two Masses everyday throughout the week and on Wednesday three Masses. "I am most proud of our extensive sacramental schedule. The Eucharist is the very heart of our faith, as such, the very heart of any college calling itself Catholic."

Fr. De Vous is especially pleased at the flourishing of our period of Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays, as well as the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) liberally available on campus. "I believe very strongly in the power of the Sacrament of Penance, so I'm happy to offer confessions everyday of the week here on campus. This sacrament is essential to our growth in the life of grace and our conversion from sin into the very life of God. I pray more of our Thomas More family will come to know God's mercy and healing in their lives."

In addition to his primary duties at the College, Fr. De Vous serves as a staff member of the Cephas Institute, a "think tank" dedicated to promoting and explaining the Church's magisterial teaching on the dignity of human life, human sexuality, marriage and family life.

He is also a board member and spiritual advisor of Sacred Heart Radio (740 AM) where he regularly hosts "Living Our Catholic Faith" and is a frequent preacher on the station's "The Gospel Today." Unfortunately, both shows run as special features, whose times and dates are announced on air, so you'll just have to start listening to 740 AM, Sacred Heart Radio, to find out!



Thomas More Liturgical Schedule

Monday

Mass: 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Confessions: 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 9:00-10:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Rosary: 10:00 p.m. in front of the Villa Madonna Shrine

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass: 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Confessions: 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 9:00-10:00 p.m.
Rosary: 10:00 p.m., Villa Madonna Shrine

Wednesday

Mass: 8:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration: 1:00-4:30 p.m. Closing with Evening Prayer and Benediction.
Confessions: 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 9:00-9:30 p.m.
Faith Formation: 8:00-9:00 p.m.
Rosary: 10:00 p.m., Villa Madonna Shrine

Saturday

Mass: 10:00 a.m.
Confessions: 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Sunday

Mass: 8:00 p.m.
Confessions: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Thomas More College

Athletic Hall of Fame

Mark your calendars for the 2006 Thomas More College Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on April 22, 2006.

J. Todd Bender '78
Maureen Grosser Carper '76
Jenny Boerger Case '94
Jim Connor '50
Joe Detzel '63
Frank Emmerich '64
Dave Faust '81
Tom & Millie Faust
Mike Flesch '94
Kim Flynn Freppon '86
Jane Scheper Grosser '85
Rick Hughes '96

David Justice
Susan Lalley Mairose '85
Mark McAndrew '90
Nancy Connor Meyer '85
Rosemary Scheper Mullen '80
Brenda Simon-Niehaus '87
Brian O'Connor '81
Dave Otte '74
Ryan Reynolds '94
Craig Rhodis '94
James Roebker '83
Roy and Pat Romes

Everett Roper '95
Robert Schultz '56
Kristi Flynn Snyder '86
Larry Staverman '58
Dan Tieman '62
Bob Velton '59
John Wenderfer '71
Jim Weyer '58
Charley Wolf
Mike Woolf '95

▶ WHAT EXACTLY IS
alumni relations?

Giving Within...

Thomas More College is proud to report that the Employee Scholarship Campaign closed on October 31st, with the largest participation percentage and amount in Thomas More history!

A total of 85% of College employees made a gift to the Scholarship Campaign raising a total of \$27,424. The total of \$27,424 surpasses the 04-05 total of \$9,820 and the 03-04 total of \$5,226.

The funds raised in the Employee Scholarship Campaign are used to assist deserving students with scholarships, who would otherwise be unable to attend Thomas More College.

Alumni (noun, plural), **alumnus** (noun), **Alumna** (fem.) **Alumnae** (pl. fem.) *Former pupils or students, from alere, Latin, to nourish.* According to Webster's Dictionary, the definition is: "one who has attended or has graduated from a particular school, college or university."

So what does this mean? We sat down with Steve Ranieri, Director of Alumni Relations at Thomas More College to find out.

"Alumni is more than just a definition — it's not only a part of your history, but also of who you are today. For Thomas More your relationship with us didn't end with your graduation; indeed, this milestone event is simply a transition in a lifetime relationship with the College," said Ranieri.

The primary charge of the Alumni Relations Office is to develop and strengthen alumni affinity by building a mutually beneficial relationship between the College and its graduates. Simply stated, Alumni Relations is responsible for creating an atmosphere conducive to giving among the alumni population. Keep in mind the term "giving" stretches far beyond its' monetary meaning. It means an exchange between two parties — giving of your time, resources, experiences, and, sometimes money.

Now that we cleared that up, what does Thomas More's Alumni Relations Office do to keep alumni connected, to create an environment for giving?

"The strategies and approaches used to engage alumni have changed as we enter the 2005-06 year. The past approach has been to provide opportunities in a broad stroke, attempting to appeal to the entire alumni population. As we evaluated our efforts over the years, we determined that this was perhaps not the most effective approach, so we have created a plan based on a much narrower focus. Populations will be segmented by academic, extracurricular, and class inter-



Steve Ranieri, Director of Alumni Relations, Thomas More College

ests. Targeting smaller populations where the alumni have shared interests and experiences is intended to increase participation in events and thus affinity for the College.

Once the targeted population develops and strengthens its affinity, it will be much easier and effective to appeal to the alumni population as a whole. "

The Alumni Office uses various vehicles to connect with alumni and keep them involved in the future of the College. Each event, activity or program ties back to at least one, if not several of the following objectives:

- Facilitate communication among and between Thomas More and its graduates and friends,
- Enhance the national and international reputation of the College,



- Support the development of the College, and
- Provide for wealth generation through the cultivation and development of philanthropic revenue streams.

What was once considered the office that planned reunions, has taken on a new purpose — to provide alumni with the opportunity to give back to their alma mater in a meaningful and significant way.

“Society is continually changing. What was important to one generation may not be as important to another. Our alumni move through life-stages and their time is in constant flux. When invited to become involved with their alma mater, I think it is fair for alumni to

ask ‘what’s in it for me’. We must be able to provide the answer. We can do so by providing opportunities that offer a return on their investment, either financial or emotional. Our existing and planned benefits and services do just that.”

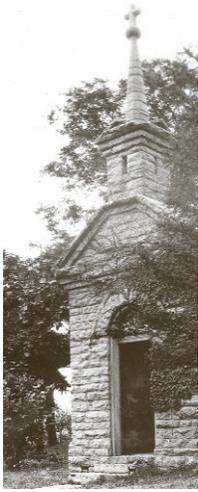
Examples of some of the benefits and services offered through the Alumni Office at Thomas More include a discount automobile and homeowners insurance program, personalized affinity e-mail address, free use of the Connor Convocation Center workout facilities, and access to the College library.

Top 10 Ways to Love Thomas More

- 1 Speak proudly about Thomas More to your family, friends and neighbors.
- 2 Make a monetary contribution.
- 3 Mentor a student.
- 4 Be a representative for your class.
- 5 Volunteer for an Alumni Association committee.
- 6 Recruit potential students.
- 7 Attend College functions.
- 8 Keep the College updated with your contact information.
- 9 Provide stories for *Moreover*.
- 10 Participate in one or all of the alumni affinity programs.



Small Chapel Boasts BIG PAST



If you drive down Turkeyfoot Road in Crestview Hills, Kentucky you may notice two things. One, the construction of the expansive

Towne Centre, and two a tiny Chapel near a pond on the campus of Thomas More College.

While the 127 year old Monte Casino Chapel may be small in stature, the interior walls measuring only 8 feet high, it more than makes up for its size in history. The 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."

It was built in 1878 by Benedictine Father Otto Kopf and Brother Albert Soltis, a German-born mason, for the Monte Casino Monastery in the hills of South Covington. The self-sustaining 78-acre Monastery, named after its sister monastery in Italy, was started in 1877 by the Benedictine Brothers of Latrobe, Pennsylvania. To support themselves, the

monks operated vineyards for sacramental and commercial wine production. The Chapel was built as a quiet place to retreat from the labors of the day; to reflect and pray.

When prohibition was established in 1920, it banned the distribution of



wine to other states, leaving the monks with no means to support themselves, so they returned to Pennsylvania. For the next 45 years, the Chapel remained abandoned on the hillside in Covington until local historian, Chester F. Geaslen, began writing articles in the newspaper seeking its rightful owner. Over the years, the abandoned Chapel was stripped of its stained glass windows, door and even the steeple. Geaslen believed something had to be done to save the historical structure and return it to its proper state. In one of his newspaper articles Geaslen described the condition of the abandoned Chapel.

"Pillaged of all that could be carried away, even the little stone steeple with its hand chiseled cross. Blackened, is its stone arched interior from smoke and ash, as fires have

been kindled on the stone floor where the little altar once stood."

In 1964, the owner of the property was finally discovered through the city's tax records. It turns out that a local plumber, Fred Riedinger, had purchased the land and Chapel in 1957 from St. Vincent Abbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, but later sold the land to a subdivision contractor. New streets and subdivisions replaced what once housed fields of grapes. In the center of all this new residential development stood a medieval stone Chapel, which looked quite out of place.

The Chapel, however, was still owned by Riedinger, who decided to preserve it in memory of his mother, Alma Riedinger. Immediately, Riedinger was inundated with requests from organizations who wanted to give the Chapel a home. Villa Madonna College, now Thomas More College, was chosen as the home for the Chapel. The next steps were to figure out how to move the Chapel, as well as how to pay for the move and its restoration. The Bishop





of the Diocese of Covington and the Knights of Columbus agreed to underwrite the move and preservation, while local builder Matt Toeppen, donated his services to move the historic Chapel. As word of the Chapel circulated throughout the community, the items once removed from the building, such as the steeple and crucifix, were returned. Things were falling into place better than expected.

On April 7, 1965, the tiny 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.

Once secure in its new home on the campus of Villa Madonna/Thomas More College, the Chapel underwent a restoration to preserve it as close to its original form as possible. The stolen items that surfaced were returned to the tiny Chapel, as well as interior restorations.

On September 12, 1971, the Chapel at Thomas More College was dedicated, giving it official recognition by the Catholic Church. Thanks to community support and several individuals who championed its cause, a historical treasure was resurrected, restored and prominently placed for future generations.



Building Bridges in Jamaica



By Dr. Peg Owens
Associate Professor of Nursing

In May of 2005, a group of 27 students, graduates, faculty and other adults spent two weeks of service in northwestern Jamaica. This year's trip was the third one for members of the Thomas More community.

Organized and run by Professor Tom Gilday, the trip offers students an opportunity to experience first hand how people of this developing country live. The program originated at Seton High School when Professor Gilday's daughter, Erin, was a student there. When Erin moved on to college, so did the trip. It became the Thomas More College Jamaica Service Learning Project.

Over the last three years, the project has incorporated a consistent range of experiences. Students have the opportunity to teach and assist at two different schools located in rural parts of the island. Work is done at a facility for infants and children who have been removed from their homes for various reasons. Similar volunteer work is done at an orphanage for profoundly handicapped children in the Jamaican interior. In addition, the program usually includes a one or two day building project: replacing a dilapidated roof, painting a building, or removing rocks to provide a play area. None of the projects are too extensive, but they are tangible.

This year, however, the building component of the trip was not possible due to various factors, one being that the supplies did not arrive in time. This is not an uncommon problem due to the vagrancies of life in Jamaica. If supplies don't come this month, they will come next month. They will "soon come." The other components of the trip went on as planned,

however, and the impact was as strong as ever. Students continued to learn and to be affected by the people and places they visited. Lives were changed: some of them Jamaican, some of them American.

How could this happen if we had not sweated our way through a building project? Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the real purpose of the trip is not to build buildings for people, but rather to build bridges between people. Many of the people we encounter in Jamaica remain consistent over the years.

Although the number continues to increase, there are central figures with whom we interact every year. Pastor Jones operates one of the schools where we work; his church was rebuilt after a hurricane with funds raised through Thomas More. Althea Kay runs the other small school at which we volunteer; funds were raised to help her pursue necessary teaching certifications and to begin a small youth club/craft school to give kids something to do other than roam the streets of Jamaica. Mr. West developed the orphanage, Westhaven, to provide a home for handicapped children who would have no other recourse on an island of limited resources. Mr. West also began a soccer team, the Reggae Lions, for the young men of the area around the orphanage. The Reggae Lions graciously agree to play our students in a game every year and not to defeat us too mercilessly. When they play games in their soccer league, they proudly show up wearing uniforms donated from among discarded ones from Thomas More's athletic department. Arthur Steele, or "Steele," as he is affectionately known by the group, travels with us every year to share his knowledge of his homeland and to provide a certain amount of security for us as outsiders.

Steele has become a trusted friend.

Strong and lasting relationships have been forged with all of these people, to their benefit and ours. Overall, the Thomas More group left behind over \$10,000 in medical, school and building supplies, all of which had been collected by participants prior to the trip. Although not in the form of a building, these donations were concrete evidence of the generosity of the people of the tri-state area and the commitment of the Thomas More community.

And what about the children we work with at the orphanage? Have their lives been changed by our repeated visits there? I have asked myself that question on every trip and truthfully I did not know the answer for sure until this year. My certainty came through the following brief but eye-opening experience.

Can You Change a Life in Two Short Weeks?

Westhaven Children's Home is located in a rural and fairly isolated part of the island. Our group stays at a site approximately two and a half to three miles from the orphanage and our habit has become to walk the rural dusty roads in order to meet people and see how they live. The walk is a strenuous one because the temperature is always hot, the sun is intense, and the hills are rocky and steep. The college aged participants face the hike as a challenge; those of us who are older sometimes perceive it to be an almost impossible task. But each time all of us make it.

This year, we had been to Westhaven on Monday. We held children, played with them, talked to them, showered them with affection — nothing more but nothing less. We went to a different agency on Tuesday and were scheduled to



return to Westhaven on Wednesday around 1:00 p.m. We made the hike in the noonday heat. I don't know about the others in our group, but questions of why I was doing this to myself crossed my mind more than once. The heat, the thirst, the dust, the strain—was it worth doing? Did it mean anything to the kids to have us there? As we neared the orphanage we passed through a small section of little houses and shack-like stores. We turned a final corner to approach the orphanage, and the answer greeted me with a clarity that took my breath away.

What we saw in the orphanage yard, approximately a quarter of a mile ahead, was all of the children gathered in the corner closest to the way we would come. Getting to that particular place was no easy feat for them because the yard slopes down and is strewn with rocks and tall grass. The children all have very significant handicaps. Some are wheelchair bound in chairs they cannot push by themselves. Some need to be carried

because they are small; some need to be carried even though they are not so small. Many are lost in their own private realities. They help each other though, especially when they have a common goal. And there they were, probably thirty or forty of them; everyone who could find a way to get to that little patch of ground to stand in the blistering sun to wait for us to turn that corner. When we did, a great cheer came from them to celebrate our arrival. We were all shocked into an almost stunned silence, for the power of their joy was palpable across the dry, rocky terrain. It was a humbling experience.

Now I no longer ask myself if the children's lives are richer because of our presence. If joy is a good thing, then their lives are richer. I also am confident that the life of each member in our group was impacted by the sight of those kids waiting for us. A connection had been created and it was real; it was concrete. I now know what to answer when people ask what we built in Jamaica. I answer with confidence that we built bridges.



CELEBRATE **Thomas More Week**
February 3 – 12, 2006
Sunday, February 5

The 25th Annual Thomas More College Lawyers' Brunch
11:00 a.m. Liturgy — Thomas More Chapel Celebrant: The Very Reverend Gerald E. Twaddell

12:00 p.m. Brunch — Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center

1:00 p.m. Panel Discussion

A panel of attorneys and a judge will comment on how Saint Thomas More's life and actions are still meaningful as lessons for the 21st century practitioners.

Panel includes:

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P., President, Thomas More College

Mr. David Schneider, Esq.

Ms. Katie Stein, Esq.

The Honorable Fred V. Stine, Campbell County Circuit Court

For more information or to register, please call the Academic Dean's Office at 859-344-3375.

Tuesday, February 7

Annual Student Talent Show

9:30 p.m. — Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center

Wednesday, February 8

Dr. Manish Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, will give a Power-Point presentation on the 2005 World Affairs Council of Greater Cincinnati's Summer CCIE Faculty Development Trip to India
12:30 p.m. — Science Lecture Hall

PAC Conference Basketball:

Thomas More Women vs Waynesburg — 5:30 p.m.

Thomas More Men vs Waynesburg — 7:30 p.m.

The Second Annual Dr. Henry Winkler Academic Lecture
Dr. Alan Winkler, Distinguished Professor of History at Miami University and son of Dr. Henry Winkler, will be our guest speaker.
7:00 p.m. — Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center

Thursday, February 9

Meet the Dean Ice Cream Social

12:30 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. — Seiler Commons, Administration Building

Friday, February 10

The Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers and The Thomas More College Chorus

12:30 p.m. — Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center

Saturday, February 11

PAC Conference Basketball:

Thomas More Women vs Westminster — 1:00 p.m.

Thomas More Men vs Westminster — 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 12

The Caden Blincoe Memorial Outloud Festival

Featuring: Sunset Dawn Musical Group with lead singer Sherry Stanforth, Associate Professor, Department of English

Tri-State Authors:

David and Lalli Dick

Ronald Ellis

2:00 p.m. — Science Lecture Hall, Administration Building

Thomas More and Gateway Partner to Improve Students Opportunities to Succeed

Thomas More College and Gateway Community and Technical College have signed an agreement that ensures students who begin college at Gateway will be able to transfer to Thomas More to complete a four-year business degree.

Under the agreement, students can complete 54 hours of college credit in general education courses at Gateway and receive full credit for those hours upon transferring to the business program at Thomas More College. The agreement becomes effective in the spring semester beginning in January 2006.

"The goal of both Thomas More and Gateway is to make access and success in

higher education a reality for more individuals in our area," said Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, president of Thomas More College. "This collaboration is just one of the many ways we hope to work together to provide students with the necessary tools and opportunities to succeed."

The agreement guarantees a Gateway student's acceptance into Thomas More's business program with junior standing once established requirements are met.

"This is good news for students who may need or want to begin their college careers by completing an associate degree and who want the option of completing a four-year degree in business," said Gateway President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. G. Edward Hughes.



Sister Margaret Stallmeyer and Dr. Edward Hughes signing the articulation agreement.

Class Acts

Best Chapter Awards

The Lambda Sigma Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society at Thomas More won a "Best Chapter Award" (small colleges division) in the national organization's Chapter-of-the-Year Contest for its 2004-05 activities under President and 2005 graduate Kirsten Schockey. The club took field trips to the Ancient City of Petra Exhibit at the Cincinnati Art Museum and the Czar

Nicholas and Czarina Alexandra Exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center. They participated in community service activities, including the College's Halloween party for children and bingo at the College.

Student Receives Turfway Scholarship

Thomas More student, Jennifer Hott, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Turfway Park and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association. The scholarship was part of Turfway's College

Scholarship Day on Saturday, September 17, which coincided with its most important day of fall racing, the Kentucky Cup Day of Champions. The scholarships, which were awarded after races 1 through 9, were available to any student who is not or whose parents are not involved in the thoroughbred industry. Including Turfway's inaugural event this year, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and participating Kentucky tracks have given away \$170,000 in scholarships since the program began in 2000.

Faculty Notes

Dr. James Camp, Associate Professor, Sociology and Criminal Justice, will be attending a seminar titled "Mexicanidad: 20th Century Mexican Identity, Culture, and History" in Guanajuato, Mexico January 1-10, 2006 through the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). This focused seminar will be used to enhance instructional delivery in the following courses: Mexican-U.S. Border Studies, Mexican Cultural Studies and Sociology of Mexico, as well as other curricular offerings in the College's new Latin American Studies Major. Dr. Camp has been taking students to the border region of El Paso-Juarez since 2000 and into the interior of Mexico since 2001. In May/June of 2007 he will submit a proposal to begin a month-long field study in Oaxaca, Mexico for Thomas More students.

Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt, III, Professor of History and Economics and Pre-Law Advisor, presented a paper titled "Protecting the Lives of Our Future: The Ministry of Information's Poster Campaign for the Evacuation of Children during World War II Britain" at the European Studies Conference which was held October 6 - 8 at the University of Nebraska - Omaha. There he also chaired two panels, "Europe During World War I and After" and "Critical Examinations of Film."

In November, Dr. Erhardt traveled to Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he attended *The Legacy of World War II: A Sixty Year Perspective* conference. At this conference, he presented a paper titled "The Child Evacuees of World War II Britain: Their Lives and Experiences during and since the Campaign 'to Save Britain's Future'." Dr. Erhardt also chaired a session entitled, "Perspectives on Leaders and Followers."

Dr. R. Steven Flynn, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Accountancy, published an article titled "Trust and the Non-

Professional Investor: Appraising the Effect of Management's Internal Control Assessment" in the *International Journal of Effective Management* (Volume 2, Number 1, June 2005).

Dr. Joyce Hamberg, Assistant Professor, Education, and Coordinator of the Master of Arts in Teaching Program, represented the Education Department at the Council of Partners Education Week, November 14-18, 2005.

In October 2005, Dr. Hamberg was re-appointed to a three-year term on Kentucky's committee for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, for Elementary and Secondary Education. This association, SACS/CASI (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Council on Accreditation and School Improvement), serves as an accrediting agency for elementary and secondary schools in eleven Southern states.

The Reverend Ronald M. Ketteler, Associate Professor and Chair of the Theology Department, addressed the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Louisville on September 17, 2005. The theme focused on "The Need for Reconciled Church."

On October 25, Father Ketteler presented a keynote introduction to the Catholic Health Care Summit convened by the Catholic Conference of Kentucky. The talk was titled "The Moral Imperative for Health Care."

On October 27, Father Ketteler, conducted a workshop on the issue of "Faith and Civility" at the 58th Annual Assembly of the Kentucky Council of Churches. Thomas More College hosted the two-day assembly. Father Ketteler serves as the first Vice-President of the Kentucky Council of Churches.

Dr. Peg Owens, Associate Professor, Nursing, attended the eleventh annual Qualitative Health Research Conference at Utrecht University, the Netherlands, in May of 2005. Dr. Owens

presented the findings of her research study, "The Lived Experience of Daughters Who Care for Frail, Elderly Parents in the Parents' Home."

Dr. Elizabeth Penn, Professor and Chair of the Education Department, is serving on the Vision 2015 Educational Excellence Action Team, the Covington Partners in Prevention Board and the Steering Committee for Teacher Leadership Northern Kentucky. Dr. Penn is also the chairperson of the nominating committee for the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators.

Dr. Robert Riehemann, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, attended the Wabash Analysis Seminar at Indianapolis (IUPUI) in September. Discussions were on current research in functional analysis and included speakers from nation-wide and participants from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Riehemann represented Thomas More at the Kentucky Early Mathematics Testing Program (KEMTP) at Northern Kentucky University. This group has input to, and affected several items on, the American Diploma Project for high schools. The new Kentucky standards for the CATS test were reviewed and comments collected for review by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Dr. Manish Sharma, Assistant Professor, Education, represents the College at the Northern Kentucky Association of School Superintendents' monthly meetings. Dr. Sharma is also serving on the Northern Kentucky American Diploma Project Committee and the Council of Partners Assessment and Accountability Committee.

Dr. Barbara Zahler, Associate Professor, Education, serves as the membership chairperson for the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators.

FACULTY Profile

Chris Lorentz—*Metamorphosis on the Ohio River*

“The river is the center of the land, the place where the waters, and much more, come together. Here is the home of the wildlife, the route of the explorers, and recreation paradise...Only fragments of our inheritance remain unexploited, but these streams are more valuable than ever.”

Tim Palmer, 1986

The Ohio River has certainly played a major role in the development of our area. Dr. Chris Lorentz, Associate Professor of Biology and Director of the Center for Ohio River Research & Education (C.O.R.R.E.), has also been influenced by this majestic river. Arriving at Thomas More in 1994, Dr. Lorentz spent his first eight years as a professor living at the College’s Biology Field Station located on the banks of the Ohio in California, Kentucky. During this time, he initially served as the Station’s caretaker, and ultimately became director of the facility which helped develop his intellectual curiosities and emotional connections to the River.

Anyone who knows Dr. Lorentz, knows his passion for his students, his passion for the Ohio River and his passion for Thomas More College. Dr. Lorentz was recognized among the community’s next generation of leaders and innovators in September when he was honored at the Ninth Annual *Cincinnati Business Courier’s* Forty Under 40 awards banquet. His many accomplishments and involvements are merely highlights of his successful career as an educator. Dedicating much of his time to the study of the Ohio River, Dr. Lorentz continues to encourage the broader community to become more knowledgeable about the waterway.

“Actually, when I first started at Thomas More, I had little knowledge of and experience with the Ohio River. Except for some childhood memories of passing over it on the way to Florida for our annual family vacations, I can’t say that I thought about it in any significant

way” he said. “And like so many others, including those native to this area, I initially viewed the River as a muddy, perhaps polluted, industrial artery.” Since then, he has realized, through his work and the work of others, just how short-sighted and inaccurate were his original perceptions.

Though non-point source pollution from urban runoff and agricultural activities are indeed major causes of water pollution in the Ohio River, overall improvements in the water quality of the river over the past 40 years have provided a cleaner river for aquatic life. The river also supports a wide variety of natural resources, habitats and recreational activities. “The Ohio River is not typically known for its diverse natural history, but contains a rich abundant community of organisms, including over 130 fish species and many threatened and endangered mussel species found nowhere else in the world.” Dr. Lorentz and his students work to enhance the image of the Ohio River and increase the knowledge about its ecology through field courses, research projects and outreach programs.

Senior Environmental Studies major, Livvi Lantry commented, “Even though I’ve lived in this area all of my life, it’s only recently, through working with Dr. Lorentz and at the Field Station that I’ve come to realize how biologically unique the Ohio River is.” Within the broader community, Dr. Lorentz finds additional outlets to enhance, enjoy, and experience the Ohio River through serving on the Executive Board of the Ohio River Way, the Water Sentinels of the Sierra Club, and the Wave Foundation of the Newport Aquarium, all of which work to promote the river as our region’s most important natural resource.



The Ohio River Way sponsors the annual Paddlefest event where last year over 1200 canoers and kayakers from more than 10 states paddled the Ohio while admiring the scenery and taking advantage of the *Riverbank Educational Stops*, organized by Dr. Lorentz and his students. In addition, the Ohio River Way is working to create a 150-mile bike and hike trail that will braid together the arts, commerce, ecology, heritage and recreation assets of the river corridor. In the Greater Cincinnati area, the River is experiencing a revival, a renaissance of sorts, really. New restaurants, and shops are appearing along the shoreline, and the new pedestrian bridge in Newport allows residents to reconnect to the river and the regions along both sides of its banks.

“It’s gratifying to see how much interest and attention has grown in the River in just the past 10 years,” said Dr. Lorentz. Groups like the Ohio River Foundation, the Ohio River Way, and ORSANCO are collaborating with Dr. Lorentz and our Center of Ohio River Research and Education to recognize and restore the River’s ecological health. “Just as I have come to realize and appreciate what a wonderful, diverse river we have, others have and are continuing to recognize its beauty and value to our region. It’s been particularly enjoyable working with school children. Their knowledge and interest level about the Ohio River and the environment in general are both refreshing and reassuring.”

Changing Minds. Opening Hearts.

In the fall 2005 semester, the Thomas More College James Graham Brown Honors Program established a partnership with Sixth District School in the Covington Independent School District.

Four days a week, students in the Thomas More James Graham Brown Honors Program, tutor and mentor the students at the Sixth District School, which consists of grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Each student at Sixth District is matched with a single mentor, providing consistency needed to form a meaningful bond. Both schools see it as a win-win for all involved. It provides Thomas More Honors students with the necessary service work to fulfill their honors scholarship requirements, and elementary students receive the assistance with homework, as well as the life guidance that they may need.

It sounds simple; however, this win-win partnership has proved to be much more special.

Looking at the World through Fourth Grade Eyes

By: Peter O'Shea '06
History/Political Science The concept of college students tutoring and mentoring is not especially original — similar programs take place across the country — but for those of us involved, the experience is uniquely challenging and rewarding.

As someone without any teaching experience, I was a bit apprehensive about the proposal. Yet in the past few weeks, I've come to know a wonderful group of fourth graders: Rickee, Harlee, and Ryan. We've read "The Magic Raincoat," played hangman, and had spelling competitions (first place prize was a Thomas More pen, received with great fanfare). I soon found that there was no reason to be nervous. Where I expected students ready to leave school after a long day, I found three children eager to begin the next book or a round of hangman. As long as I provide structure, the students bring seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm.

As students and citizens, we often hear about "giving back" to our community. Though I can't articulate the value of contributing to society any more effectively than those who have preceded me, I can add my voice to the chorus. I hope you'll look past the cliché, when I say that although my experience has only just begun, I have gained more from my time at Sixth District than the students have learned from me. Indeed, though all three have already exhibited tremendous

progress (due, primarily, to the work of their dedicated teachers), I've been reminded how the world looked in fourth grade — how daunting middle school appeared and how distant college seemed.

More importantly than the immediate benefits, are the lasting relationships and lessons. This program contributes to our liberal arts education and strengthens our commitment to service. As Thomas More College continues to train "disciplined thinkers," we should emphasize, just as strongly, "ethical leaders." My time at Sixth District has confirmed what I knew in theory, but had not realized in experience: Community activism and volunteerism should not only be college "opportunities" and "experiences," but should remain integral to life after Thomas More College.



Students at Sixth District Elementary

Kids Say the Darndest Things!

By: Caitie Tieman '06
English: Creative Writing/History "Kids say the darndest things!"

This is a lesson Bill Cosby and my four nieces and nephews have been teaching me for years. There's something so honest and straightforward about the way children talk, it is hard not to be amused, and challenged, by them.

For a little over a month now, I've been spending my Tuesday afternoons with a small group of fourth graders from Covington's Sixth District Elementary School. My official role is tutor; I assist their young, imaginative minds as best I can in reading, writing, and math. Whether we are reading a story out loud together, or writing about our favorite Halloween experiences, I am surprised each week at how much they make me laugh, and just how aware they are. As for my end, there's no tougher crowd than 9 year olds.

After an hour of reviewing the parts of speech and division, I get to step away from tutor-duty, and take on something far more challenging, and consequently far more rewarding...mentoring. I spend my last half-hour at Sixth District working one-on-one with a bubbly, precocious, often-hyper little girl. With big brown eyes and a tendency to erupt into fits of giggles for no apparent reason, she brings out the little girl in me who often gets stifled in the hectic environment of higher education. We play silly games on the computer, or with the classroom toys, laughing most of the time. I know I'm doing this as a "service to my community," but honestly, the break from my own little bubble for a few hours every week is a great service to me. It's amazing how much the world has changed since I was nine, and how much it hasn't. My mentee loves the color pink and to draw, as did I. She has a noticeable competitive streak and she starts to talk head-spinning fast when she's excited.

It's a wonderful thing to get to concentrate on someone else for a while. And as a person who has always said her goal is to go to bed every night a better person than she started that morning, maybe I can credit my fourth graders for sleeping a little easier on Tuesday nights.

Winter Sports Preview

Men's Basketball Preview

With the addition of 12 freshmen, the men's basketball team's offense this year appears to be deeper and more lethal. A deeper team, which is coming off a season in which they averaged almost 77 points per game, could make Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) action livelier. However, Thomas More realizes that they need to improve their defense to make a difference. Last year's team allowed 87.1 points per games.

Not only are the newcomers going to bring an added dimension to the Thomas



More offense, they will also bring a renewed sense of effort on the other end of the court. Look for two seniors, guard Andrae Woodard and center R.K. Thurman to provide the Saints with much needed toughness. Ed Thornton and Garry Horton return to the Saints lineup after starting in portions of 25 games last year. Junior E.J. Haynes enters his third collegiate campaign ranked third all-time on the school's shot blocking list. Several freshmen will be looked upon to add long range shooting to the TMC offense.

Women's Basketball Preview

Coming off a 16-win season littered with numerous injuries and a new coach, the Thomas More Saints women's basketball team has matured and appears to be on the cusp of something special. A duo of juniors, Brooke Warner and Megan Wood, who played key roles in Thomas More's run to the Sweet 16 two years ago



are ready to lead the Saints. Other returning players for the Saints include juniors Christian Stefanopoulos, Erin Hubbard and Amber Sims, sophomores Jenna Kelsch, Amanda Link, Kristen Humphrey and Jennifer Teski, as well as transfer Alex Gee, who has

been compared to departed senior Allison Byars for her ability to shoot the ball.

Spring Sports Preview

Softball

Coming off their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, the Thomas More softball team lost just two starters from 2005 and expect to pick up right where they left off. The Saints return five players that hit over .300 last year, including Association of Division III



Independent first team, senior Stephanie Frondorf, juniors Stacy Barry, Beth Fields, Kim Kreimer, and Sommer Case. In the circle, the Saints appear to have more depth as freshman Jennifer Lang joins the team, along with three holdovers in senior Betsy Schroth, junior Danielle Baer and sophomore Jamie Wisenall.

Entering the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has not and will not change the way the Saints attack their

schedule. Thomas More will have the opportunity to set the tone early in conference play as they face 2005 PAC postseason tournament champion Westminster on March 31.

Baseball

With five inexperienced team members now playing extensive innings for the 2006 Saints baseball team, Coach Jeff Hetzer is looking toward mid-March before he will be able to determine the capabilities of his team.

The Saints will have to replace its entire outfield and both corner infield positions due to either graduation or injury. The leading candidates to fill the outfield are juniors Matt Nuxhall and Dustin Brown, along with sophomore Marc Price and freshman



Adam Helsley. Freshman Jake Brown appears to have the upper hand on the third base position, while sophomore Pat Berndsen will be at the other corner position.

In addition to the losses in the field, the Saints need to replace 33 percent of their innings pitched. The backend of the bullpen continues to be well-armed as closer Frank Engoglia (six saves) returns for his junior season. Senior Brad Thoma will have to provide leadership in the lineup and on the field, and as shortstop last season he proved that he is more than capable of doing so.



Lady Saints Win Championship



In their inaugural season in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), the Thomas More women's soccer team walked away with the PAC tournament championship. The tournament's third-seed, the Saints defeated fourth seed Grove City, 2-0, in the championship game at Gettler Stadium on the campus of the University of Cincinnati. On the season, the team broke two school records — most shutouts in a season (14) and most consecutive shutouts (5). In addition, sophomore goalkeeper Carlin Scrudato broke the school record for most shutouts with nine.



Front row: Emily Kellner, Becky Rutherford, Becky Horn, Livvi Lantry. Middle row: Kandice Eckerlin, Kari Poling, Sarah Goessling, Carlin Scrudato, Emily Hagedorn, Cathy Santillo, Kelly Sebastian, Lindsay Dickman, Nicole Rapier, Kristina Behne. Back row: Assistant coach Tommy Walthall, Mindy Cooper, Katie Hughes, Rachel Datillo, Emily Eismann, Samantha Smith, Lisa Stricker, Stephanie Brown, Julianne Brown, Theresa Heberling, Kirsten Leininger, Head Coach Jason Burr.

2005 WINTER/SPRING ATHLETIC Calendar

Home Events

Saturday, December 17

3 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Mt. Saint Joseph

Tuesday, December 20

7 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Transylvania

Wednesday, December 21

5 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Bluffton

Friday, December 30

5 p.m. Women's Basketball vs UW-Platteville

Saturday, January 7

1 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Bethany
3 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Bethany

Wednesday, January 11

5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Washington & Jefferson
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Washington & Jefferson

Monday, January 16

5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Grove City
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Grove City

Saturday, January 28

1 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Thiel
3 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Thiel

Wednesday, February 8

5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Waynesburg
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Waynesburg

Saturday, February 11

1 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Westminster

3 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Westminster

Saturday, February 25

Noon Baseball vs LaRoche (DH)

Sunday, February 26

Noon Baseball vs Lake Erie (DH)

Tuesday, March 14

3 p.m. Baseball vs Hanover

Saturday, March 18

1 p.m. Baseball vs Bluffton (DH)

Sunday, March 19

Noon Softball vs Maryville (DH)

Wednesday, March 22

3 p.m. Baseball vs Muskingum

Saturday, March 25

1 p.m. Baseball vs Thiel* (DH)
1 p.m. Softball vs Wilmington (DH)

Sunday, March 26

1 p.m. Baseball vs Thiel*

Wednesday, March 29

3 p.m. Baseball vs Capital
3 p.m. Softball vs Capital (DH)

Tuesday, April 4

2 p.m. Baseball vs Anderson

Wednesday, April 5

1 p.m. Baseball vs Centre (DH)

Friday, April 7

3 p.m. Baseball vs Grove City*
1 p.m. Softball vs Thiel* (DH)

Saturday, April 8

1 p.m. Baseball vs Grove City* (DH)

Sunday, April 9

1 p.m. Softball vs Washington & Jefferson* (DH)

Tuesday, April 11

4 p.m. Baseball vs Transylvania

Saturday, April 15

11 a.m. Softball vs Centre (DH)

Tuesday, April 18

4 p.m. Baseball vs Wittenberg

Friday, April 21

3:30 p.m. Softball vs Georgetown (DH)

Saturday, April 22

1 p.m. Softball vs Bethany* (DH)

Wednesday, April 26

4 p.m. Baseball vs Ohio Wesleyan

Saturday, April 29

1 p.m. Baseball vs Washington & Jefferson* (DH)

Sunday, April 30

1 p.m. Baseball vs Washington & Jefferson*

*Presidents' Athletic Conference Game

ALUMNI Profile

Molly Walter—*Family Ties*

Molly Walter '91 decided to attend Thomas More College because she was awarded a full, four-year academic scholarship. She was also a tennis player and played for Thomas More during her college years. Being a 1967 Villa Madonna alum himself, Molly's dad, Jeff Walter may have had a bit of influence in her decision to become a Rebel. If two VMC/TMC alums in one household was not enough,



Molly Walter and her father, Jeff Walter, on the far right at Sixth District Elementary School.

Molly's sister, Jennifer Walter Meier '94 also attended TMC on a full scholarship. She was accepted into the James Graham Brown Honors Program. As the ties to TMC continue, Jennifer married David L. Meier II, who graduated from Thomas More in 1994 and currently teaches at the college as a part-time instructor in the TAP program.

Much about the college has changed since Jeff Walter, his daughters and son-in-law attended TMC — Villa Madonna became Thomas More, Rebels became Saints, but much has remained the same. Molly enjoyed the small classroom size and the ability to get to know the instructors and professors on a professional level as well as a personal level. Thomas More prides itself in creating an atmosphere of learning through personal contact with professors. As a student-athlete, Molly experienced college life by living on campus. She received a double major in English and Elementary Education and is now a fourth grade teacher at Sixth District Elementary in Covington — home of the Dolphins.

As a graduate of Thomas More College, Molly was excited about the opportunity to work with Dr. Raymond Hebert, Director of the James Graham Brown Honors Program, in developing

the tutoring and mentoring program at Sixth District. This program partners the Thomas More James Graham Brown honor students and education majors with Sixth District students, grades 2-5, on a weekly basis throughout the school year.

Thomas More students and the elementary students participate in extracurricular activities in addition to school work. At the beginning of the school year Dr. Hebert invited 25 of the students to a Florence Freedom baseball game. Each child received a bag of "goodies" and was provided with dinner and dessert. The students are looking forward to participating in other events with the TMC tutors and mentors like a TMC basketball game, a visit to the college campus and other planned activities.

So far, it has been a big success for everyone involved. "Our elementary students are provided much-needed academic assistance and have been given the opportunity to meet Thomas More College students who are from different states and different countries. It has allowed them to see the opportunities that lie ahead for them, including attending college. The TMC students have been wonderful about discussing their majors with them and getting them interested and excited about various fields of study," said Molly. "I believe that the college students look forward to the weekly tutoring sessions. I think they can sense how much they are valued and appreciated for their service. It will make a difference in these children's lives."

Molly's hope for the future is simple. "I hope and expect to see some of these elementary students on Thomas More's campus in several years as college students achieving their goals. I am determined to help our students get accepted in the Honors Program and have the opportunity to give back to their community as part of a service learning class. They may even earn degrees in English and/or elementary education which will make their fourth grade teacher-ME-very proud!"

ALUMNI Update

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Alums Return to Campus for

Homecoming 2005

October 1, 2005 marked the Thomas More Homecoming celebration boasting the largest attendance ever! Classmates and professors gathered for a pre-game picnic and the opportunity to catch-up with old friends. Alums cheered on the home team in the annual Homecoming football game against Waynesburg College. After the game, alums enjoyed post-game fun with more food and live music.



Class Notes

Jean Davis '64 has moved to the Charlotte, North Carolina area after residing for 36 years in Columbus, Ohio.

Greg Kosse '66 and his wife **Leah (Colvin) '67** recently retired. Greg worked for Cincinnati Public Schools and Leah was with Health Alliance.

Peggy (Rolfson) Lepley '74 has been a faculty member in the Biology Department at Cincinnati State for the past 12 years, and has also taught at U.C. Raymond Walters College and at Thomas More. This past May, she was the recipient of the 2005 House Bruckmann Faculty Excellence Award at Cincinnati State. She is also the co-director of the Cincinnati Regional Science Olympiad competition, held annually in March at Cincinnati State, and is always looking for scientifically-minded professionals to serve as volunteers.

Stan Grainger '79 recently accepted a position with the Graham Packaging Company as Plant Manager.

Colette Oliver '79 was married in Maui in 2004 and moved to Juneau, Alaska in October 2005.

Michele (Blair) Hays '91 was elected to the Ridgeville Park District Board of Commissioners in Evanston, Illinois.

Gary Holland '93 married **Heidi Presnell '94**. They have 3 children (Drew-8, Mitch-5 and Katie-3), live in Union, Kentucky and belong to St. Paul Church. Gary practices business law and

estate planning out of his own office in Florence, Kentucky. Heidi and Gary own Skyline Chili franchises in Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati.

William Hancock '94 entered St. Mary's of the West Seminary as a candidate for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Bobby Shewmaker '95 and **Emily (Kleier) Shewmaker '95** welcomed their first child, Brooke Marie, on June 28, 2005.

Wayne Gibson '96 and **Cassi (Predmore) Gibson '97** announce the birth of their second child, Hunter Nathanielle.

Rob Langenderfer '96 is currently working on a Masters of Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky.

Diana (Brock) Bley '98 is expecting her first child in December.

Shanna (Ziegler) Rauen '99 and her husband Michael announce the birth of their first child, Logan Michael, born on July 26.

Diane (Curry) Stockton '99 was married in February to Wm. Raymond Stockton.

James English '00 was married in May 2002 to Lisa. They have two wonderful boys, Cullen and Reece.

Terry Farro '00 and **Mary (Schatzma) Farro '00** announce the birth of their first child, a girl, on November 9.

Emily (Blomer) Yordy '00 and **Nicholas Yordy '01** are expecting a child, December 2005.

Thomas Drinan '01 graduated from US Law School in May of 2005. He was married to Kelly Fields in September.

Kristen (Fitzpatrick) Clifton '04 was married in September to Adam Clifton.

Joseph McClure '05 is getting married in July, 2006.

Noah Welte '05 will attend law school in the fall of 2006.

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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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 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 on the web page.

Jo Ann Ballinger '53

Karen Kelley Bell '86

Sylvia Brackney '70

Kevin P. Cahill '86

Maureen Carper '76

Burthal T. Corbin '92

Lucille Dehlinger '51

Darlene Otting Eichmann '81

Raymond N. Enzweiler '83

Richard L. Erb, Jr. '71

Elizabeth Everett '92

Joan Marie Farrow '92

Carolyn M. Gastright '68

J. Charles Gausepohl '63

Jennifer L. Hackett '92

Joan Hegge '61

Donna K. House '91

Ralph Kempheus '65

Robert F. Naegele '62

Karen M. Packard '85

Kevin Von Luehrte '82



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Gabakkuk 3:3

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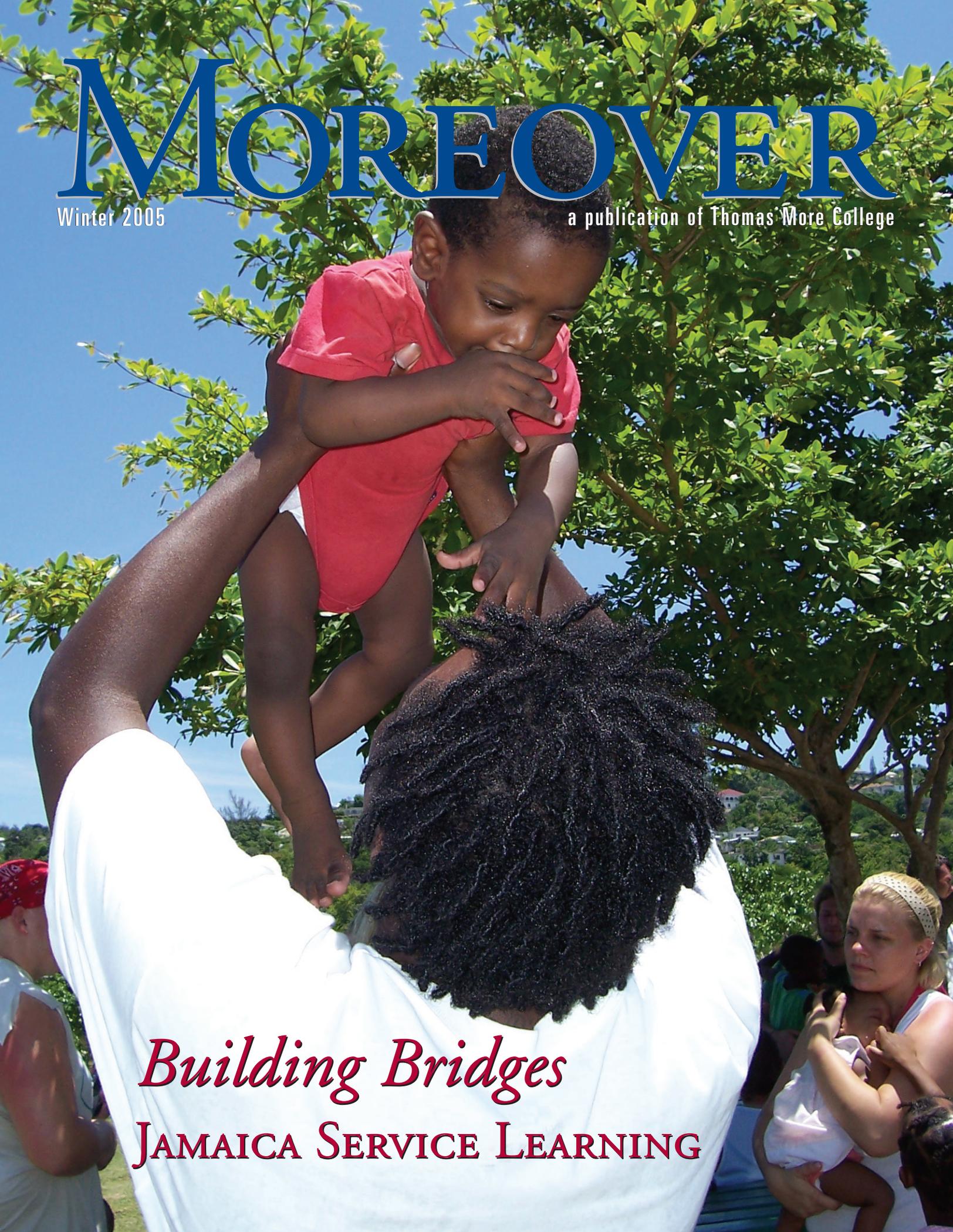
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