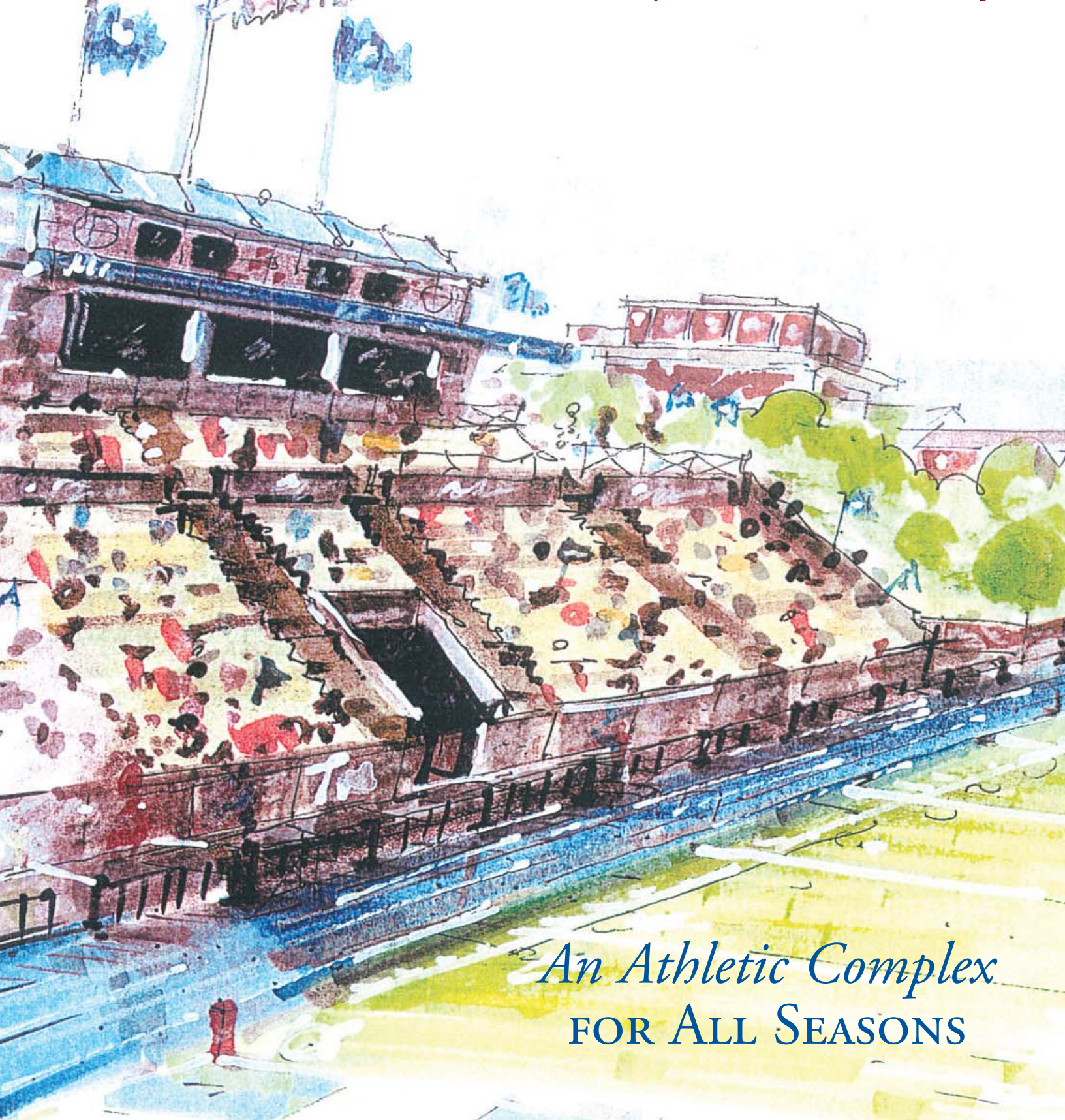


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DISCIPLINED THINKERS.  
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Dear Friends,

On Sunday, August 19, Thomas More College welcomed our new freshmen class, the class of 2011. After all my years in education, I still find this a most exciting time of the year! Certainly, this year was no exception. The energy of this new class is contagious. They are the largest class in several years and come to us with strong ACT and GPA scores, excellent athletic abilities, and a history of involvement in their faith communities as well as community outreach. We are delighted to be able to share these next four years with them!

They, along with their families, faculty, staff and student leaders opened this new academic year with Mass, a picnic and a formal convocation. Each component of the day spoke of the mission of the College. We are a community that prays together, enjoys and relaxes with one another and searches together for deeper knowledge and understanding.

The three summer months between graduation and the opening convocation provide a perfect opportunity for us to review the past year, reflect on regional and national survey data and then make decisions that will hopefully enhance the college experience for each student. All of this is studied in light of our history and our mission as a Diocesan Catholic College. As you read through this issue of *Moreover*, you will see that these young men and women arrived on campus at a very exciting time. New athletic complex, new academic programs, new faculty and staff, expanded student life and campus ministry programs greeted these freshmen as well as our returning students.

Thomas More College is alive and growing! We are most fortunate to have such a strong history with outstanding alumni who provide the foundation for this growth. As in past issues of this magazine, I am again in awe of those alumni who are profiled. Their on-going pursuit of learning, the development of their professional skills, and their commitment to make their communities and this world a better place for future generations is amazing. While more than 40 years separate the graduation years of these alums, their belief that every person can and should make a difference speaks so well of the mission of this College. And what is most wonderful is that the stories highlighted in this issue are repeated over and over again in the lives of our alumni.

Thanks to each of you for being a part of this community of Thomas More College!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P." The script is fluid and cursive.

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P. '68



# FOCAL Point

## *School Supplies Drive*

In the spring, the Thomas More College International Student Society (ISS) conducted a school supply drive in support of the Afghan School Project in Kabul, Afghanistan. Students collected 300 pounds of school supplies that were sent to students of Al Fatah School.



## *ADG Awards Scholarship*

On April 28, 2007, Alpha Delta Gamma (ADG) alumni awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Thomas More junior and ADG member, Kevin Minke. The presentation took place at the Universal ADG Night at Thomas More College. Funds for the scholarship are generated by donations from ADG alumni.



## *2007 Commencement*

On May 12, 2007, 303 Thomas More graduates received their degrees at the 79th commencement exercises held on the lawn outside of the Holbrook Student Center. Robert J. Kohlhepp, Vice Chairman at Cintas Corporation and a 1963 graduate of Thomas More College, delivered the commencement address.







### *Florence Freedom Alumni Event*

On June 8, 2007, 180 Thomas More/Villa Madonna alumni gathered for an evening of fun at the first "Alumni Night with Florence Freedom." Brett Criss '03 threw out the first pitch.



### *Education Reunion*

A champagne brunch opened the reunion of Education Department alumni on Sunday, June 3. Thirty-eight alumni attended the event, including graduates from 1948 to 2005. Highlighting the event was a visit to the newly completed Teacher Resource Center on the lower level of the Library. Alumni enjoyed chatting with faculty and friends and seeing the array of educational materials now available for students and local schools.



### *Freshmen Hit Campus*

On August 19, the incoming freshman class came to campus for orientation. 300 incoming students participated in the activities, including opening Mass with Bishop Roger Foy, the Chancellor of the College.



### *Summer Science Institute*

Current high school sophomores and juniors explored aquatic biology for five days and five nights, July 15-20, as part of the Thomas More College Summer Science Institute. Participants had the opportunity to do hands-on research at the Center for Ohio River Research and Education at the Thomas More College Biology Field Station.



## Eva G. Farris Art Gallery

## Upcoming Exhibits



### September 28–October 19

Figure Works by Kate Holterhoff

### October 26–November 16

Paintings by Craig Lloyd

### November 19–December 10

Regional High School Invitational

### January 11–February 1

Northern Kentucky Printmakers

### 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 859-341-5800.*

## Fall Enrollment News

By: Carl Goodmonson  
Director of Admissions

As a small private institution, enrollment growth is vital to the financial health of Thomas More College. It increases the robustness of the campus experience for all students inside and outside the classroom.

This year, enrollment has grown in a variety of notable ways:

- We have met our enrollment goal of 300 and welcomed one of the largest incoming classes since 1995. The academic profile of the class has strengthened as well: the median grade point average of our incoming students is 3.22 on a 4.00 scale.
- As 1 of less than 10 Diocesan Colleges in the country, the importance of our relationship with the Diocese cannot be overstated; in the realm of Admissions, enrollment from our nine Diocesan high schools is a reflection of that relationship. With this in mind, we formed a Parochial Guidance Counselor Advisory Board (which helped formulate some crucial recruitment strategies) and within one year, we have increased enrollment from the Diocese of Covington by over 200% and



significantly increased parochial enrollment outside the Diocese.

- The James Graham Brown Honors selection was unprecedented in its competitiveness: 15 applications were received for every available space.
- Incoming students living in the residence halls have increased by approximately 50 from last fall's residential population.

With a variety of new and exciting recruitment initiatives currently in place, and additional ones being developed for

the 2008-2009 class, we feel well-positioned for continued success. We plan to continue last year's record-setting attendance at campus events such as Open Houses and Registration Days.

Admissions will be working closely this year with the Student Recruitment Committee in an attempt to connect prospective students with alumni. If you are interested in participating, please contact Monica Ginney, Director of Alumni Relations, at [monica.ginney@thomasmore.edu](mailto:monica.ginney@thomasmore.edu) or 859-344-3346.

## Why just run when you can do MORE?

Join the cherubim, seraphim, and other angels for a heavenly run benefiting service learning. The Thomas More College fourth annual 5k run/walk will take place on Saturday, October 20 at 9:00 a.m. The course starts and finishes at Thomas More College with the turn at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Save by pre-registering online by October 10 at [www.SPRunning.com](http://www.SPRunning.com), or complete the form on the back cover. Pre-registration cost is \$20 with a t-shirt or \$12 with no t-shirt. Race day registration cost is \$25 with a t-shirt or \$15 with no t-shirt. For your efforts, you'll get a chance to win pious prizes and goodies fit for a saint!

To learn more about Thomas More service learning and past runMORE events, visit the Web site at [www.thomasmore.edu](http://www.thomasmore.edu) or call 859-341-5800.



## Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner

During the Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner on October 11, Thomas More College will honor two leaders in the community who have made significant contributions to Catholic higher education, Ms. Mary Theis Bunning and The Reverend Monsignor William F. Cleves.

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.



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.

## TMC Gets New License Plate Design

This fall, Thomas More College unveiled the newly designed license plate, featuring the Saints logo. The license plates will be produced in conjunction with the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities. Thomas More will receive \$10 from the sale of each license plate, which will benefit student scholarships. The new license plate will be available in Kentucky on January 2, 2008 through the Kentucky Department of Motor Vehicles.



## CALENDAR OF Events

### September

26	Endowment Luncheon, Steigerwald Hall	12:00-1:30 p.m.
27	Regional College Fair, Connor Convocation Center	6:00-8:00 p.m.
27	Lecture: "Lost in Translation? Bringing American Ideals to the Middle East" Science Lecture Hall	7:00 p.m.

### October

4	Young Alumni Night, Hofbrauhaus, Newport	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
6	Class of 1982 Nursing Reunion, Chancellors Room	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
9	Lecture: "Children of Abraham: Jews, Christians and Muslims" Science Lecture Hall	7:00 p.m.
11	Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner, Summit Hills Country Club	6:30 p.m.
16	TAP MBA Alumni Networking, Metropolitan Club	6:00-8:00 p.m.
20	runMORE (5K Run), Thomas More Parkway	9:00 a.m.
24-25	Regional Alumni Gatherings: Louisville & Lexington	

### November

3	Thomas More College Fall Open House, Holbrook Student Center	9:00 a.m.
18	Evening Under the Stars: Enrollment Event, Holbrook Student Center	5:00-8:00 p.m.

### December

7	"Universal ADG Night", Seiler Commons	8:00 -11:00 p.m.
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# Thomas More Names Art Gallery



On June 21, Thomas More College unveiled the naming of the new Art Gallery as the “Eva G. Farris Art Gallery.” Over 150 friends attended the celebration, which was a surprise to the honoree as part of the annual Thomas More College Foundation Event. After the unveiling, friends dined in the Thomas More Library and had an opportunity to tour the Gallery where a student exhibit was on display.

“For some individuals, giving of their time and resources comes naturally. Eva Farris is one of these special individuals,” said Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, President of Thomas More College. “She not only gives financial support to numerous organizations, but she serves as a committed and passionate volunteer throughout the community.”

A portrait of Eva Farris, painted by Thomas More graduate, Taylor Stephenson '07, hangs on the entry wall of the Gallery. Ms. Stephenson is one of two Thomas More art graduates whose work was selected in a national competition to be displayed at Manifest Gallery in Cincinnati.

The Eva G. Farris Art Gallery is located on the entrance level of the Thomas More Library. Gallery hours are 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. and Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 859-344-3300.

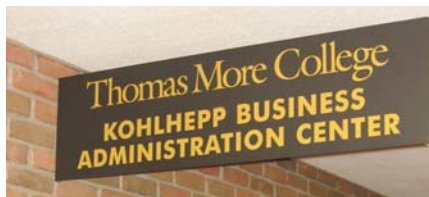




# Thomas More College

## Names Business Administration Center

Thomas More College recently named the business administration department "The Kohlhepp Business Administration Center." The business administration program is the largest academic program at Thomas More College.



"Thomas More College has a history of preparing students to be skilled, confident professionals through our Business Administration Program," said Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, President of Thomas More College. "The Kohlhepp Family's support of this program will ensure the growth and continued success of the program and our students."

"Our family chose to support Thomas More College in this way not only because of its excellent reputation, but also because of our family's connection to the College," said Mr.

William Kohlhepp. "The Thomas More Business Administration Program is very dear to our family because our father, Clifford E. Kohlhepp, was a Professor of Accountancy at the College for several years. In addition, many family members have graduated from the College, which was instrumental in our careers. Now it is time for us to give back to the College to support future business students and leaders."

Thomas More College prepares students to be successful professionals through the Business Administration Program. Various degree options are available, from an associate degree to a master's degree, including an accelerated degree program (TAP). TAP is designed specifically for working professionals who want to complete a business degree.

## WHY I GIVE TO TMC



"The liberal arts education I received at Villa Madonna College allowed me to have a wonderful life and career. I have been a secretary, a journalist and a teacher of English, French and Spanish for 24 years. As a teacher I have had so many opportunities to learn and grow throughout my lifetime. I give to my alma mater so that today's students can continue to receive the same type of wonderful education that I have had."

**Genevieve Ann Harris**

Class of 1945

### Who's New at TMC?

Charlene Barlow  
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James Barth  
Facilities Department

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Thomas More Library

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Dr. Joseph C. Christensen  
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Dr. Jim Ross  
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Shawn Shouse  
Facilities Department

Marsha Tillett  
Office of Financial Aid

Paul (PJ) Volker  
Athletic Department





# An Athletic Complex for All Seasons:

Thomas More Breaks Ground on State-of-the-Art Athletic Complex

By: Beth Maley, Director of Advancement Services







*View of the Plaza.*



Over the last five years, Thomas More College has seen a flurry of

construction all over campus: a 160 bed suite-style residence hall, renovation of the library including more classrooms, an ADA compliant elevator, new furnishings and an art gallery, renovation of the science laboratories and classrooms including the purchase of new equipment, as well as other improvements to offices and classroom areas.

Our newest campus addition is a state-of-the-art multi-sport athletic complex. The new complex will replace the current Thomas More Stadium, home to the Saints football team. The Bank of Kentucky has committed \$1 million to the project, naming the athletic field The Bank of Kentucky Field at Thomas More College.

"The Bank of Kentucky has been a community partner with Thomas More College for many years, supporting our vision for growth," said Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, President of Thomas More College. "We are extremely proud and honored to partner with an institution that shares the College's commitment to higher education and the Northern Kentucky community."

The project includes the installation of synthetic turf with a running track, as well as a new building complex featuring concessions, restroom facilities, grandstands, locker rooms and a weight room. The new field will serve as the home field for both the football and soccer teams. The current natural turf playing surface in the Thomas More

Stadium cannot withstand the volume of play, let alone use by other sports teams or activities. In addition, the current facility lacks proper utilities to provide for restrooms and concessions.

The men's and women's soccer teams have been playing home games off-site at a sports complex located approximately 10 minutes from campus in Wilder, Kentucky. With the new facilities, not only will Thomas More provide a modern home field for both sports, but potentially develop other sports such as lacrosse and track & field, giving current and potential students more athletic opportunities.

profile local events such as the Ohio-Kentucky High School All-Star Game. The addition of the new multi-sport complex will continue to broaden Thomas More's appeal to outside groups and the community at large.

The groundbreaking ceremony for The Bank of Kentucky Field at Thomas More College took place on June 28. The event included a blessing from The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, Bishop of Covington, and attendance by more than 250 individuals including current and past student-athletes, staff and faculty, administrators, board members,



*View of the grandstands.*

Other athletic facilities on campus include: Connor Convocation Center, home of the basketball and volleyball teams; Thomas More Field, home of the baseball team; and Thomas More Softball Field called "The Hill."

Many of the College's facilities are appealing to outside groups for graduation ceremonies, seasonal camps and high-

representatives from The Bank of Kentucky and members of the media.

The athletic complex will be completed in two phases, and the College is continuing to secure funding and additional naming opportunities for this project.



# New Academic Programs

## Master of Arts in Teaching

On July 19, the Education Department at Thomas More College launched the first cohort for the newly approved Master of Arts in Teaching Program. The cohort group, containing 21 individuals, represents Science, English, Social Studies, Math, Biology, Business and Marketing, Art and Theatre.

One of the candidates, Sarah Patton, a local attorney, commented about her choice to apply for the Master of Arts in Teaching Program: "I chose Thomas More College because of the school's reputation, my experience with people associated with the College, and the atmosphere of a small college. I am impressed with the dedication and attitude of those associated with the MAT Program and can't wait to start."

Candidates for the Master of Arts in Teaching Program must have a bachelor's degree in a certifiable major, have a GPA of at least 2.7, and pass the Praxis II content exam to be eligible for admission to the program. Additional requirements such as writing samples are also applicable to the admissions process.



*First cohort group for the newly approved Master of Arts in Teaching Program*

Upon completion of the 35 credit hour, two-year program, where classes are offered in the evenings, candidates will acquire their Master of Arts in Teaching Degree and be eligible for Kentucky teaching certification in their selected content area.

"This is truly a wonderful time for Thomas More College. It is fulfilling when the College can respond to a community need. In this case, it is to

offer another route to teacher certification while offering adults a chance to share their experience and expertise with students. I am elated to be a part of this endeavor," said Dr. Joyce Fortney Hamberg, Master of Arts in Teaching Coordinator/Assistant Professor.

The MAT Program is consistent with Thomas More College's mission and strategic plan to embrace and encourage

## Sculpture Project Kicks Off on Campus

By: Rebecca Bilbo  
Associate Professor of Art

The first installment of the Thomas More College campus sculptural project has now been installed under the walkway between the Administration and Library Buildings. *Kate's Pyramid* was commissioned by the family and friends of former Thomas More student, Kate Bilbo.

This glass and fabricated bronze relief was done by Czech sculptor, Petr Stanicky, who first came to campus as a visiting artist in March 2006. Stanicky was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in

2005 to study and work in New York, where in May 2007 he completed a Master's of Fine Arts (MFA) in sculpture from the New York Academy of Art. He also has an MFA in glass from the Prague Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design. His work can be found in several collections in the Czech Republic including the Museum of Fine Arts in Prague, and he was recently chosen for the International Sculpture Symposia in Japan. *Kate's Pyramid* is part of a larger exhibit of work by Stanicky which will be in The Eva G. Farris Art Gallery at Thomas More College in February.

A second sculpture project will be the focus of the art department for the 2007-08 school year. This work will be a collaborative effort by Thomas More art students and the welding students at J.D. Patton Vocational School, a technical program in the Kenton County School District. This work will be constructed from the model designed by Thomas More art major, Katie Baker, who began the work as a project for the 3-D Design Class under faculty member, Gil Stengel. Katie's model was shown in the 2007 Student Show exhibit. Welding students at J.D. Patton, under the direction of



opportunities for adult learning at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Graduates of the MAT are expected to be effective, proactive members of the teaching profession who practice lifelong learning, reflection, service to diverse constituencies, and who honor Christian values.

For information about this program, contact Joyce F. Hamberg at 859-344-3338 or [joyce.hamberg@thomasmore.edu](mailto:joyce.hamberg@thomasmore.edu). Interested persons can also access the Web site at [www.thomasmore.edu/mat](http://www.thomasmore.edu/mat).

### **Master of Business Administration for Healthcare Professionals**

The Thomas More College Accelerated Degree Program launched the first cohort group for the new Master of Business Administration for Healthcare Professionals on September 25.

The new program was created in response to an increased demand for healthcare professionals in the areas of administration and management. Thomas More has a long history of developing healthcare professionals and maintains strong relationships with industry leaders.

The MBA for Healthcare Professionals will teach business skills and management techniques that empower professionals to make effective business and leadership decisions both inside and outside the healthcare industry.

"We've designed the format to meet the needs of working adults," explained David MacMillan, Director of Enrollment for the Accelerated Programs. "Our goal is to make it more accommodating for students to earn an MBA degree and gain the advanced knowledge they need to take the next step in their careers."

Classes meet just one night a week with a project team commitment during the core sequence. The introductory 15 week business foundation course consists of a two night commitment.

Thomas More College alumni are eligible for a \$1000 scholarship for the MBA or MBA for Healthcare Professionals. Call the TAP office for details at 859-341-4554.

Now accepting applications! Visit us online at [www.thomasmore.edu/TAP/](http://www.thomasmore.edu/TAP/) or speak to an enrollment counselor at 859-341-4554.

### **Associate Degree in Music**

In April, the Academic Affairs Committee voted to reinstate the associate degree in music and revise the music curriculum at Thomas More College. Keisha Clark, Steve Goforth, Dr. John Hageman, Dr. Jay Langguth and Jan Qualls developed the revised program.

In addition to music appreciation courses covering topics in western music history, new courses have been added such as Music Theory I and II, Music In World Cultures, Conducting, Men's Vocal Ensemble and The History of Rock 'n' Roll.



Coy Hall, will do the actual construction of the large outdoor piece, after which, it will be installed on campus. Barb Rauf, long time faculty in the art department, came up with the collaborative idea a few years ago while talking with a friend from the vocational school.

Although her own work is primarily drawings and paintings, Barb is no stranger to welding and sculpture. During her sabbatical in spring 2002, Barb took welding classes and set up a welding studio in Adams County, Ohio. Currently, the College is working to establish a fund that will allow for a new outdoor work on campus every two years.





### Student Presents Poster

In May, graduating chemistry major, Andrea Young, presented a poster at the 2007 Central Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Covington, Kentucky. Her poster was titled "Detection and Quantitation of Tetrahydrocannabinol Using Gas Chromatography - Mass Spectrometry," which described the research she performed at Thomas More College during her senior year.



*Pictured from left to right: Dr. Tyler Green, Assistant Professor and Chair, Chemistry; Dr. William Wetzel, Assistant Professor, Chemistry, and Thomas More graduate, Andrea Young '07.*

### Students Present at Conference

Three senior history majors gave presentations at the Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society on March 24 at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Megan Kremer spoke on "The Founding of a City, the Legacy of a Man: General James Taylor's Impact on Northern Kentucky." Jake Martin covered "Middlesborough: A Dream in the Cumberlands." Laura Pratt examined "The Rise and Fall of John Griffin Carlisle."

### Founding Father Meets Student Legacies

Dr. Jack Keller, founder of the Thomas More Psychology Department, met current psychology majors as they worked on a Habitat for Humanity project in Fort Walton Beach, Florida during their 2007 spring break. Dr. Keller founded the Thomas More psychology department in 1961 and later moved to the University of Southern Florida. These students whom he met included: Brandy Lockard, Christine Egan, Laura Pedersen and Kristen Stoffer.

In all, twenty Thomas More students traveled to Fort Walton Beach and helped build two homes, one sponsored by a local Methodist church and one by Oprah Winfrey's Habitat Foundation. The students were responsible for all initial foundation and plumbing. The Habitat trips are an annual community service project sponsored by the Department of Business Administration and Mr. Rich Shuey, faculty advisor.

### Thomas More College Participated in Diocesan Conference

On May 29-31, Thomas More College representatives participated in "Stewards of God's Varied Grace: The Charism of the Diocesan College/University," a national gathering of Diocesan colleges and universities, which took place at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

The gathering provided an opportunity for members of diocesan colleges and universities to explore the meaning of diocesan identity and its lived reality. Participants examined campus culture and climate in the context of diocesan Catholic identity.



*Thomas More participants pictured left to right: Sister Patricia Dorobeck S.N.D., Director of Campus Ministry; students Bridget Kaiser and Jacob Rebbholz; Sister Rita Brink O.S.B., Board of Trustee and Diocesan Representative; Billy Sarge, Admissions Counselor, and Sister Margaret Stallmeyer C.D.P., President of Thomas More College.*



# Ten Minutes with Manish Sharma, Ed.D.

**Q How long have you worked for TMC?**

**A:** Since August 2000.

**Q What are your hobbies?**

**A:** Cooking a variety of vegetarian dishes, photography whenever I get a chance (now it is mostly our son's pictures), working on and learning more about computers and new technologies.

**Q What are you passionate about?**

**A:** I am passionate about life and family. I feel blessed to have a great family here and an extended one, which spans different parts of the world.

**Q What awards/honors have you received?**

**A:** Last year I created a resource repository Web site for educators in the region. It was chosen as one of the finalist projects in the region by the P-16 Council of Partners, highlighting the collaboration of different educational institutions in the region.

I was also chosen to teach a course this December in India through the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad. The course is titled "The Confluence of Education, Culture, and Diversity in India." It will take a hands-on look into people, their way of life and education in India.

**Q What motivates you as a faculty member?**

**A:** I am fascinated by the way technology is used in our daily lives and education of our youth. It is interesting how technology is transforming our society and the way we live. The pace of this change is tremendous and is exciting to watch. I am interested in finding ways to use technology effectively in my classrooms as well as in schools.

**Q What do you see as your biggest challenge as an educator?**

**A:** I think the answer to the previous question delves into this area. Besides

that, I think it is to find a balance between the application and theoretical knowledge that I should include in my classes.

In my early schooling, I was taught in a way where the knowledge of content was paramount. Now we focus on learning about the process of knowing and solving problems. We consider problem solving skills as the key ingredient for a successful career. I think that the future "knowledge based economy" for this country and the world will depend on the balance of knowing the content, as well as having the skills in order to share ideas effectively.

**Q What is your favorite book?**

**A:** No specific book comes to mind as such. Most of the books I read happen to be trade books. I also often find myself reading technology and photography how-to articles and educational research. I guess I am still waiting for the right book. I like quotes: "Ask not what your country can do for you..." "I have a dream..." "Live and let live", etc.

**Q What is in your CD player right now?**

**A:** Believe it or not, it is "Six Little Ducks" my son and I checked out from the library. Besides that, I have an ipod full of all kinds of music that I've collected over several years.

**Q If you had to put your story in just a few sentences, what would it be?**

**A:** Born and raised in a good family in India. We moved a lot as my father had a transferable position with the state government. My biggest move came when I came to the United States to study at the University of Cincinnati. Over the past several years, I have taught students at different grade levels, gotten married, and had a son. In the past seven years at Thomas More College, I have loved training students to use technology and be good teachers. I can safely say I am living the American dream.



**Manish Sharma, Ed.D.**

**Associate Professor, Education**

**Professional Associations:**

American Educational Research Association

International Society for Technology in Education

Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators

National Science Teachers Association

Phi Delta Kappa International

**Q What is something you've always wanted to do, but haven't had the chance to do yet?**

**A:** I want to travel around the world and learn about different cultures and people besides visiting tourist sites. During my travels I would like to meet people from all walks of life and learn about their customs and traditions. I will keep working to realize my dream.

**Q What is something about you that people would be surprised to know?**

**A:** Contrary to my serious nature, I think that people will be surprised to know that I love to watch animated cartoons. Lately, my son and I do that together whenever I find time.

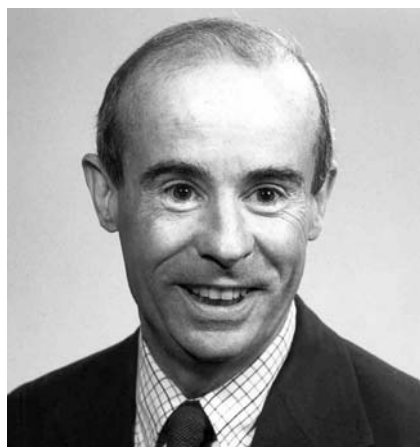
**Q What is your motto? Or words to live by?**

**A:** I have many: family, dream, honesty, integrity, work ethic, learning.



## Joseph Francis Connelly,

Professor Emeritus



By: Jim Schuttemeyer  
Associate Professor, English

The Thomas  
More College

community, and his larger community of friends and family, was saddened by the news of the death of Joseph Connelly, Professor Emeritus of the English Department, on Saturday, July 7, 2007, at the age of seventy-three.

Joe graduated from St. John's University in Jamaica, New York, in 1956 with a B.A. in Business Economics and Social Studies. He then served for two years as an army medic in Stuttgart, Germany. After the military, Joe returned to St. John's where he earned an M.A. in English in 1961, and then continued graduate studies at the University of Iowa. After teaching for four years at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, Joe was hired in the English Department at Villa Madonna College in 1966.

During his thirty-three year teaching career at Thomas More, Joe served as chair of the English Department and was president of the faculty senate when Lyndon B. Johnson attended the dedication of the Crestview Hills campus. Joe regularly presented papers at meetings of the

Kentucky Philological Association and other academic conferences, and published articles and reviews on a wide array of subjects. He was also a published poet. Following a six-month excursion to Ireland in 1974, Irish literature became his passionate obsession, and he earned a reputation as a scholar and critic in the field, including papers delivered at the American Conference of Irish Studies, and pieces published in *EIRE-IRELAND*. In 1983, Professor Connelly was honored as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Thomas More College. He retired from teaching in 1999.

On a personal note, Joe was my English professor, graduate school mentor (thank you, Joe, for those many long letters), and later my teaching colleague. Appropriately, some of my most enduring memories of Joe Connelly are from my undergraduate experience at Thomas More. As a fledgling Biology major in 1972, I recall overhearing a student discussing her spring schedule and excitedly announcing "I'm taking Connelly!" I needed to find out what that was all about. That spring, in a course entitled "Beyond Anger, British Writers of the Twentieth Century," Joe introduced me to the amazing art of James Joyce, Virginia Woolf, D.H. Lawrence, E. M. Forster, Iris Murdoch, and Joyce Cary, writers who dissected life's complexities with humor, empathy, and fantastic verbal dexterity. Dissecting fetal pigs could never again compete. My life ruined, I became an English major, thanks to Joe Connelly.

I would describe Joe, the teacher, as a feisty humanist — nothing human was alien to him. In class he was funny, sometimes bitingly ironic, demanding, and always probing literature for its

spiritual dimensions. Joe brought nationally known literary figures to Thomas More College, via National Endowment for the Humanities funding, and I still vividly recall watching the famous Beat poet, Alan Ginsberg, weep while performing "Kaddish" (a poem about the recent death of his mother), sharing his grief with a handful of English majors.

Joe expected a lot of his students, but could open doors of perception for those willing to explore. A typical "Connelly course" required a poetry anthology and seven or eight novel-length works. In "Search for God: Literary Expression and the Spirit," in addition to numerous poets, we studied Milton, Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, Dante's *Purgatorio*, Ignazio Silone's *Bread and Wine*, and Sam Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*. I don't know if we found God, but Joe made us experience literature's questing spirit. Joe also introduced me to my favorite novel, Joyce Cary's *The Horse's Mouth*, the story of a painter obsessed with his art and with talking to God ("the Old Horse"). The narrator, Gully Jimson, liked to quote the mad sanity of William Blake: "Little creature formed of joy and mirth...Go love without the help of anything on earth; and that's real horse meat." Mirth and love, art and God—the legacy Joe Connelly left us all.

## Elizabeth A. “Lisa” (Phillips) Taylor, Ph.D.



By: Dr. Christopher A. Moyer, Professor,  
Business Administration and  
Jack Rudnick, Jr., Adjunct Assistant Professor,  
Business Administration

There is an indisputable truth about our esteemed colleague, Lisa Taylor, as 17th century poet John Donne reflects in *No Man is an Island*—her death diminishes us. Lisa's enthusiasm and passion for teaching remain in spirit within the department through the books, syllabi, family mementos and favorite passages that adorn the office she filled with intelligence and poise. She had an authenticity about her that made one feel trust and at-ease in conversation with her. One could observe the high degree of respect she had for students, fellow faculty and college staff.

Lisa had a true love of teaching and it showed in everything she taught. She was a charismatic teacher whose stunning presence commanded the attention of all who were fortunate to be taught by her. Lisa lit up when she entered the classroom and students picked up on her passion for knowledge that she imparted.

Lisa tirelessly commuted to Thomas More from her childhood hometown of Kettering in suburban Dayton, Ohio at

all hours for faculty meetings and class time — from early morning and into the wee hours of the night. This was a conscious decision she made — to live in the community where she was raised and to be near her parents and siblings, yet, Lisa always made time to stop and talk with students who might have inquisitive follow-up questions from class or simply thoughts on an issue where Lisa had intuition or knowledge.

Lisa joined the Thomas More community in 1997. For years she displayed her intelligence and graciousness in every activity at the College, in the classroom, on committees, and at meetings. As she battled cancer, she displayed courage and strength that served as an inspiration to those who knew her. Her philosophy was that life is a celebration, that every moment should be cherished. This is how she lived her life to the very end. Even during her last weeks on earth she made herself available to friends who would call to wish her well. Callers would sneak in a question about her content areas of expertise. This would help fill the knowledge gaps for those who were left to teach behind this gifted legend in the Kohlhepp Business Administration Center at Thomas More College.

Lisa Taylor of Dayton, Ohio passed out of this world peacefully on June 20, 2007.

We are grateful to Lisa's two children, Elizabeth “Liz” (21) and Michael (16), for sharing their Mom with us.

*Lisa,... until we meet again, May God continue to hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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*“This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in Him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”*  
*(John 6:40)*

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**Dr. Bradley A. Bielski**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, was elected President of the Board for the Northern Kentucky Council of Partners.

**Anne Busse**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Business Administration, presented a paper at Argosy University's 5th Annual Business Conference, Global Challenges. The conference was on March 31, 2007 in Sarasota, Florida.

**Dr. James N. Camp**, Associate Professor, Sociology and Criminal Justice, is on sabbatical for the 2007-2008 academic year. During this sabbatical he will be doing service work with migrant populations in the Juarez, Chihuahua/El Paso, Texas region.

**Dr. John Cimprich**, Professor, History, gave the Winchester Lecture at Tennessee Tech University on April 19, 2007. His topic was "Defenders, Occupiers, and Raiders at Fort Pillow During the American Civil War."

**Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt, III**, Professor, History, represented Thomas More College and participated in the Praxis II Review Panel for Social Studies for the State Educators Professional Standards Board in Frankfort, Kentucky on June 11, 2007.

Dr. Erhardt served as a pre-reviewer for the forthcoming 8th Edition of McKay, Hill, Buckler, and Ebrey's *A History of World Societies* published by the Houghton Mifflin Company. He also reviewed Arthur O'Sullivan's *Urban Economics* in preparation for the publication of its 7th Edition by the McGraw-Hill Company.

In June, Dr. Erhardt traveled to the United Kingdom to present a paper titled "An Admission of Guilt and Neglect: the M.O.I. and the Aesthetics of Coal Miner Documentaries During the Second World War." The paper was presented at the Screen Aesthetics Conference held at the University of Wolverhampton, June 22 and 23.

Following two weeks of research at the British Library in London, Dr. Erhardt presented a paper at DeMonfort University in Leicester titled "*The Remains of the Day*: Continental Politics in British Life prior to World War II" at the Continental Connections Conference held July 10 and 11.

From July 18 thru 21, Dr. Erhardt attended the International Association of Media and Historians (IAMHIST) Conference held at Amsterdam University in the Netherlands. With the conference theme of Media and Empire, he presented a paper titled "The British Empire at War: Scenes and Images of the Colonial Contributions to the War Effort in the Imperial Newsreel War Pictorial News, 1941-1945."

In August, Dr. Erhardt travelled to Reykjavik, Iceland where he attended the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association International Conference. Here Dr. Erhardt presented a paper titled "Looking Backward: American Television Westerns of the 1960s and Their Characterization of 19th Century Irish Immigrants in the Post-Civil War Era."

Dr. Erhardt was also recently appointed to the Steering Committee for the Global Studies Conference held annually at the University of Nebraska—Omaha every October.

**Dr. Raymond G. Hebert**, Chairperson and Professor, History/International Studies and Director of the James Graham Brown Honors Program, directed a Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) trip to London and Dublin in December 2006. March 14-17, 2007, Dr. Hebert delivered a paper, "Rethinking the History Survey Courses," at the Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Meeting held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In March 2007, Dr. Hebert was a featured speaker at Gateway Community and Technical College as part of Women's History Month. His presentation was "Florence Nightingale: A Living Legend."

In June 2007, Dr. Hebert served as a Faculty Consultant/Table Leader for the Educational Testing Services (ETS) Advanced Placement grading process in European History for the 23rd year. This year's reading took place at the University of Colorado.

This October, Dr. Hebert will present a paper titled "Teaching World History Through Disasters" at the national meeting of the Community Colleges of the United States (CCHA National Conferences).

**Father Ronald Ketteler**, Chair of the Theology Department, conducted a spring 2007 *Furthermore* adult education course on February 21 and 28, 2007. The program, titled "Preparing for the End of Life: A Catholic Perspective on Death and Dying," treated two themes: "The Theology and Spirituality of Death and Dying" and "The Ethics of Medical Decisions at the End of Life."

As a member of the Ecumenical Committee of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, Father Ketteler wrote three articles on a Catholic perspective on evolution and the doctrine of creation for distribution in the Dioceses of Kentucky.

On June 5, 2007, Father Ketteler addressed the Sierra Club of Northern Kentucky on the topic, "The History of the Theology of Limbo."

**Dr. Steven H. Lameier**, Associate Professor, Mathematics, **Dr. Robert M. Riehemann**, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and **Mr. Kenneth A. Taylor**, Associate Professor, Computer Information Systems, went to Louisville, Kentucky in June to grade advanced placement calculus tests for the Educational Testing Service. They were joined by 810 high school and college math teachers from across the country and undertook the job of grading approximately 280,000 exams. This exam is taken by high school seniors and, if they pass the test, they receive college credit for calculus. The amount of credit is determined by individual colleges and universities.

**Dr. Patricia Lynch Knoll**, Professor, Communication, presented the paper "Catching onto Qualitative Research with "Songcatcher"" at the National Communication Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas on November 17, 2006.

On April 1, Dr. Knoll presented the paper "An Exploratory Study: Identifying Communication Practices of Hope" at the Southern State Communication Association Regional Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Patricia Raverty**, Associate Professor, Communication/Theatre, attended the National Communication Association Conference for Faculty Development at Randolph Macon College from July 23-27, 2007.

**Sr. M. Evelyn Reinke**, Sr. M. Evelyn Reinke, S.N.D., Associate Professor, Education, presented five training sessions through Northern Kentucky University for educators who will serve on intern support teams for the Kentucky Teacher Intern Program — Teacher Performance Assessment (KTIP-TPA)

**Dr. Beth A. Sanders**, Chairperson, Sociology and Criminal Justice Department, had a paper accepted for publication in the journal *Deviant Behavior*. Cochran, John K., Valentina, Aleksa and Sanders, Beth A. (2007) "Are Persons Low in Self-Control Rational and Deterrable?" *Deviant Behavior* (in submission).

**Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth**, Associate Professor, English, received a \$2,000 Philanthropy Grant for Appalachian Women Writers in the spring of 2007 through Xavier University. The work will support her poetry collection, tentatively titled *Drone Strings*. Work in this collection is inspired by her Appalachian music heritage, as well as her value for the natural world defining Appalachia.

## Champion for the Environment

### Dr. William Rauckhorst '62

**B**efore the terms “going green,” “global warming” and “carbon footprint” were front page news and dinner table talk, alumnus, Bill Rauckhorst was fascinated by environmental issues.

Bill has been writing, teaching, and studying energy for over 30 years. In an article published last fall in the Jesuit publication, *America*, he noted that energy is an ethical matter with both environmental and social justice considerations, and that “peak oil consumption and global warming have their basis in individual and societal energy behavior.” Global warming illustrates that our energy use affects the environment, and peak oil production in the future, notes Rauckhorst “will exacerbate the disparity between developed and underdeveloped countries, the wealthy and the poor. Those of us in the U.S. can save a lot of energy without drastically changing our lifestyles and the potential for conservation is enormous.”

Bill began teaching physics at Bellarmine University in Louisville. During that time, he began to look for ways to make physics become “relevant.” His biology colleagues were doing a good job of relating their field to the environment and, in turn, attracted students to biology through that avenue. During the Arab Oil Embargo in 1973, which sparked high gasoline prices and raised concerns about a possible “energy crisis,” Bill developed a course for non-science majors titled, “Energy Resources: The Options.” This course became very popular among students as it found its own relevancy. The subject of energy itself captivated Bill because of the importance to society. Energy has become the principal professional interest in his life.

His wife, Elaine (Kroger) Rauckhorst '63, tells friends that he is “obsessed with the energy issue” — he takes that as a compliment.

“One interesting opportunity,” says Rauckhorst, “is within our individual religious communities. Pope Benedict VI recently announced that the Vatican’s large Paul VI Centre (built in 1969) will be fitted with solar photovoltaic panels providing electricity needed to light, heat and cool the hall which seats more than 6,000 people. When the building is not in use, the electricity generated by the solar panels will be fed into the electrical grid. Earlier steps by the Vatican included upgrading the entire lighting system in St. Peter’s Basilica, which cut energy consumption by 40%.” Rauckhorst’s hope is that this leadership by the Vatican will motivate those of us within individual religious communities to also lessen our “carbon footprint,” a recommendation of recent regional meetings on global climate change convened by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

One piece of advice that Rauckhorst would give current Thomas More students on the subject of social justice and energy consumption relates to his favorite quote, the Oath to the Athenian City-State: “We will ever strive for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many...we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.” Bill encourages this vision of passing along a sustainable energy system to the next generation in our daily decisions.

Bill received the Thomas More College Alumni Association’s Professional Achievement Award in 2004. He still teaches on the subject of energy at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. When he



**Dr. William Rauckhorst**

**Professor of Physics**  
**Miami University**

Bachelor of Arts, Physics  
Thomas More College

Doctorate, Physics  
University of Cincinnati

received his award, he told the story of how Sr. Rita Marie Mueller, S.N.D. (formerly Sr. Casimira) wrote him a note on his final exam encouraging him. The note has stayed in his head all of these years and stated “Very good, Mr. Rauckhorst, as always. You’ll do well in physics, too. Keep striving for the highest things in life, always.”

Bill believes we “teach as we were taught.” Emulating Sr. Rita Marie and other excellent teachers he had at Villa Madonna/Thomas More College, he too, tries to get to know each and every one of his students in his classes at Miami University and lets them know he cares very deeply about their success in his class and in life.





## ALUMNI Profile

## Natalie Westkamp '05 and Tom Haggard '06: Providing Resources to Teachers and Students

No one understands the back to school excitement like Thomas More alumni, Natalie Westkamp '05 and Tom Haggard '06. As employees of Crayons to Computers, a free store for teachers of needy students in the Greater Cincinnati area, it's back to school nine months of the year.

It wasn't a stretch for these two alumni to be attracted to employment in the service industry. During their days at TMC, they learned about the responsibility to enrich our community and to take action if you want to create change. They became familiar with Crayons to Computers through the work study program while students at Thomas More.

Both see similarities between their current employer and their alma mater. "We have a strong commitment to ethics and accountability at Crayons to Computers, just as at Thomas More," said Natalie Westkamp. "Both institutions strive to enrich the community and value community service. The volunteers who come to us on a weekly basis are the backbone of this operation and we would not exist without them."

Both Tom and Natalie enjoy the various people they encounter, over 100 teachers and volunteers on a daily basis. Listening to their stories and gratitude reminds them daily that what they are doing is changing lives.

"I get to come to work everyday knowing that I am making a difference in the community," said Tom Haggard. "I know that if a child is not adequately equipped with the proper school supplies,

their education can suffer, and we are helping to solve that problem everyday."

During the 2005-2006 school year, teachers took an average of \$500 in school supplies back to their classrooms during each shopping trip at Crayons to Computers. Crayons to Computers limits some items to ensure there is fair distribution to all schools and their students. Funding is provided by individuals, corporations and foundations. They also take any donated items that can fit in the backseat of a teacher's car.

Studies indicate that the average teacher spends between \$500 and \$1000 of his or her own money to buy supplies for their students' needs each year. Crayons to Computers was established in 1996 with the mission of providing every child with the quantity and quality of supplies needed to succeed in school. "Our store is stocked daily with the basics such as glue, crayons and pencils, but there are also incentive items for students, as well as educational tools and games that can be used in the classroom," said Westkamp and Haggard. "We are a true retail store without a cash register."

The student experience that Westkamp and Haggard encountered at Thomas More still resonates with them. "There is no better way to enrich your community than working for a service-based or non-profit organization. It may not be as glamorous as some jobs, but the feeling you get by knowing you are truly helping to better your community is priceless."



### Natalie Westkamp

**Administrative Assistant  
Crayons to Computers**

Bachelor of Arts, Elected Studies  
Associate of Arts, Spanish  
Thomas More College

### Tom Haggard

**Operations Manager  
Crayons to Computers**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
Associate of Arts, History  
Thomas More College

## 1940's

**Sr. Samuel Azzolina O.S.B. '45**, enjoyed a retirement party on May 7, 2006 given by Holy Cross High School and many friends.

## 1950s

**Patricia (McGrath) Sumida '52**, is now doing some volunteer teaching in Beavercreek, Ohio Public Schools. She was a substitute teacher for 22 years in the Newport (KY) Public Schools while raising a family of six.

**Evelyn (Billman) Ludwig '59**, retired as a substitute teacher from Walnut Hills High School in 2005, but still works there occasionally.

## 1960s

**Ronald Ash '61**, recently retired as Professor Emeritus, Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, where he taught Microbiology for 30 years.

**John Hagan '67**, recently had an original poem, "Vanishing Country," selected for publication in the *Goose River Anthology 2007* released in bookstores last month.

**Wm. T. Robinson III '67**, a recent addition to the Frost Brown Todd law firm, has been re-elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tri-County Economic Development Corporation (Tri-ED) Board of Directors, a position he has held on the board since 1987. Governor Fletcher has also appointed him to serve a four-year term on the Board of the Kentucky Partnership for Economic Development. In addition, Robinson has also been unanimously elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Taft Museum of Art.

**Marylee (Reuter) McCourt '69**, is a grandmother to 3 year old Jacob, and 2 year old Ren. She is an ATR-BC licensed Social Worker and Certified Behavioral Therapist.

## 1970s

**David Hogan '73**, completed his MS in Management at Marymount University. He is currently working as a Logistics Manager with the USPS Engineering organization.

**Pat McGinnis '76**, moved to Syracuse, New York with her husband, Ray York, in 2005 to accept a position as Vice President of Syracuse Research Corporation. They enjoy central New York's beautiful lakes and wine country.

**Vikki Daulton '77**, retired from Boone County Schools and is looking forward to life on the beach in South Carolina.

**Jim Higgins '77**, was named "Volunteer of the Year" in February 2007 at the American Diabetes Association Gala, along with his friend, Tony Fink. Jim and Tony dedicated their work to Jim's brother, Kelly, who passed away in 2004.

## 1980s

The majority of the top administrators of the Kenton County Public Library are TMC alumni! They are: **Susan Banks '81**, Erlanger Branch Manager; **Julia Allegrini '82**, Covington Branch Manager; and **Dave Schroeder '90**, Director.

**Michael Keller '83**, married Diana Dobson in September 2006.

**Jana (Kunzelman) Hagedorn '85**, is proud to have her daughter, Heidi, in the James Graham Brown Honors Program at Thomas More.

**Jamie (Noll) Schroeder '87** and husband, **Steve Schroeder '91**, welcomed their fifth child, Henry John Paul, on September 25, 2006. The Schroeder's stay busy with the children's activities, from school and sports to crawling!

**Stephen Schott '88**, recently celebrated 10 years of self-employment as a Certified Public Accountant in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## 1990s

**Mike Neuhaus '93**, married Rhonda Adkins in December 2005. He is Assistant Principal at Boone County High School in Florence, Kentucky.

**Debbie (Bolte) Collins '94**, opened her own accounting practice in Northern Kentucky in November 2006.

**Kevin Goetz '94**, is back in the Northern Kentucky area after 10 years and currently working as a Physician-Hospitalist at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood.

**Brigid (Decker) Brenner '96**, and her husband, Sean, recently moved to a new home and are enjoying their sons, Sean and Alec, while active in parish life at Blessed Sacrament in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.

**Dawn Davidson '96**, was recently promoted to Research Site Director at Dual Diagnosis Management in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Andy Adams '99**, and his wife, Anna, welcomed their first child, Jack, on July 11, 2006. Andy recently left Lexmark International

(where he had been employed since graduation) to accept a new position at Hewlett-Packard in May 2007.

**Norma (Gerhardstein) Benter '99**, married David Benter on November 4, 2006 and lives in the Colerain Township area of Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Jason DiStasio '99**, was re-deployed to Iraq in early June 2007. Please keep all TMC alumni serving in the military in your prayers.

**Pete Orzali '99**, recently purchased his first home in Portland, Oregon.

**Malinda Pinkerton '99**, became engaged in May 2007.

## 2000s

**George Hurley '00**, and wife, Debbie, adopted two children, Skylar and Grayson, in September 2006, and welcomed their new baby, Jacelyn, in February 2006.

**Emilie (Miller) Camp '01**, was accepted to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico and began the Ph.D. program in Critical Pedagogy in August 2007.

**Chris Middendorf '01**, is in his third year of medical school at NOVA Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

**Bradley Gall '02**, was married on May 21, 2006.

**Patrick Hartman '02**, graduated from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in May 2005. After being admitted to the Kentucky Bar Association, he entered active duty with the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps in November 2005. He and Elizabeth Burwinkel, were married on December 30, 2005 and are currently stationed at Little Rock AFB in Arkansas.

**Suzanne (Kress) Kleier '02**, graduated from the University of Louisville's School of Medicine and started her residency in Family Medicine at St. Elizabeth Family Practice Center in July 2007. She and Andy Kleier were married this year.

**Paula Menetrey '02**, married in 2004 and gave birth to daughter, Isabelle, later that year.

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### Class of 1957 Celebrates 50 Years

The Class of 1957 celebrated their 50th anniversary at the 2007 Commencement on May 12. Eleven classmates gathered on the lawn on a sunny day to be recognized in front of 303 graduates as part of the outdoor Commencement ceremony. The 1957 classmates attended a dinner the previous month at the home of President Stallmeyer, which began their celebration.

Classmates in attendance: Sr. Esther O'Hara O.S.B., Sr. Francello Orth S.N.D., Lou Fritz, Mary Ellen (Heenan) Tompkins, Anne Brennan, Maureen (Dailey) Bessler, Anita (Derks) Schneider, Marilyn (Remke) Smain, Carolyn (Riesser) Rosing, Lou Simon, and Dr. Ron Mielech.

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**Joe Qualls '02**, completed his Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky's Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics in May 2007.

**Bethany Vice Bowling '02**, a current University of Cincinnati doctoral student, was named one of eight students nationally to receive the K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award from the Association of American Colleges and Universities. She was a graduate assistant in the UC Center for Enhancement of Teaching & Learning and has recently accepted a position at Northern Kentucky University.

**Sarah (Pompilio) Atkins '03**, received her MBA from Xavier University in 2005, and was recently promoted to Senior Human Resource

Generalist at IKON Office Solutions. Her husband, Matthew Atkins '05, is pursuing his Masters of Education at Xavier University and is in his third year of teaching at Newport Middle School.

**Louisa (Moss) Howard '05**, is employed as Senior Customer & Internet Service Specialist for Avon, Inc. and recently traveled to Mumbai, India to help train and mentor customer service agents. She is also expecting her first grandchild in December 2007.

**Brad Moore '04** and **Amanda Hoffman '04** are engaged and will be married on May 24, 2008.

**Emily (Linneman) Hinkle '06**, recently married Garrett Hinkle.

### 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*. Fill out the form on page 21 and return to the Office of Alumni Relations.

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# ALUMNI Update

## Update your records with the College!

If you have recent changes in the areas listed below, please take a moment and tell us. Please circle 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate whether you would like your e-mail address(es) on the Thomas More College Alumni Web site. Thank you for your time and assistance.

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## SAINTS Profile

## A 'believer among doubters,' Staverman a basketball pioneer

### No. Ky. native was Pacers' first coach, local college student



By: Jeremy Peter, The Cincinnati Enquirer [jpeter@enquirer.com](mailto:jpeter@enquirer.com)

**L**arry Staverman's love of and dedication to basketball led him to become a professional player and pioneer. He traveled around the country as both a player and coach, but his heart never strayed far from his Northern Kentucky home and alma mater.

Staverman, a standout for then-Villa Madonna College who later played professionally and became the first coach of the Indiana Pacers, died July 12 of a prolonged illness. He was 70.

Staverman graduated from Villa Madonna, now Thomas More College, in 1958 as the school's all-time leader in points (1,673) and rebounds (1,114). He is currently third all-time in scoring and second in rebounds and is one of only two players in school history with at least 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. He was inducted into the Thomas More Men's Basketball Hall of Fame in 1987.

"The Thomas More College community has suffered a great loss with the passing of Larry Staverman," said athletic director Terry Connor. "Mr. Staverman was always there if you needed him. He was a heck of a basketball player and a tremendous person."

Staverman, born in Newport in October 1936, was an emeritus trustee of TMC and served on the Foundation and Major Gifts Committee.

After graduating, Staverman was taken as the second pick in the ninth round of the 1958 NBA Draft by the Cincinnati Royals, for whom he played alongside Oscar Robertson and Jack Twyman.

He had a five-year playing career in the NBA with the Royals, Chicago Zephyrs/Baltimore Bullets and Detroit Pistons, averaging 4.7 points and 3.8 rebounds.

"All the players liked him," said Charley Wolf, who coached Staverman in college, as well as with the Royals in Detroit. "He was an exceptional player for me, a real hard worker and nice guy. I liked him as both a person and a player."

When his playing days were over, Staverman spent two seasons as an assistant coach under Johnny Dee at Notre Dame. In 1967, Staverman became the first coach of the Indiana Pacers of the American Basketball Association, compiling a two-year record of 40-47. He also coached with the New York Knicks in the 1977-78 season, posting an 18-27 record.

"We are sorry to hear about the passing of Larry Staverman," said Pacers president Donnie Walsh in a statement. "By being our first coach, he was a believer in the franchise at a time when there were many doubters. That is something we recognize and hope our fans recognize. Our condolences go to his family and friends."

After his retirement from basketball, Staverman was active in the NFL community behind the scenes.

He served as general manager for Cleveland Municipal Stadium until it was demolished in 1996, then took a position as a consultant with the Nashville-Davidson County Metro Government, where he helped oversee the construction of the Tennessee Titans' stadium that opened as Adelphia Coliseum in 1999.

Upon completion of the stadium, Staverman returned home to Northern Kentucky.

He was a graduate of Newport Catholic High School and lived in Independence, where he belonged to St. Cecilia Church.

"He was a good friend and a great athlete," said Jim Weyer, a former high school and college teammate. "We were really close — in each other's weddings and all that. He was a wonderful man."

Staverman is survived by his wife, Joyce; sons Mike Staverman of Cleveland and Rob Staverman of Chicago; daughters Sharon Bowen of Wilder, Kathy Krumpelman of Villa Hills, and Lisa Weber and Terri Lough, both of Ashburn Va.; and 13 grandchildren.

### Staverman's Career

#### College Statistics

- 1,673 points for Villa Madonna/Thomas More (third all time)
- 1,114 rebounds for Villa Madonna/Thomas More (second all time)
- One of only two players in school's history with 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds
- Inducted into the TMC Men's Basketball Hall of Fame in 1987
- Assistant coach to Johnny Dee at Notre Dame

#### Pro Statistics

- Second pick of the ninth round of the 1958 NBA Draft by Cincinnati Royals
- Played for Royals with Oscar Robertson and Jack Twyman
- First head coach of the Indiana Pacers

#### NFL

- General manager at Cleveland Municipal Stadium
- Worked as a consultant and oversaw the construction of the Tennessee Titans' stadium

## Call for Nominations for the 2008 Athletic Hall of Fame



Thomas More will once again honor the best and brightest athletes and individuals who have participated in or who have served as supporters of the intercollegiate athletics program at Villa Madonna/

Thomas More College with the 2008 Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's recipients will be recognized at a dinner to be held on February 23, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Each member of the Hall of Fame will be honored with a plaque to hang in the Hall of Fame Room located in the Connor Convocation Center.

As the Hall of Fame continues to grow, you can help us make this a noteworthy event by submitting your nomination of a deserving individual. We would also welcome your support through donations to further improve the Athletic Hall of Fame so that we can rightfully honor future inductees. Nominations for the Class of 2008 must be received by December 1, 2007.

Nomination form is on page 24.



## 2007 FALL ATHLETIC Calendar All Events

### Saturday, September 1

- 4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Union at Xavier University
- 6 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Asbury at Xavier University

### Friday, September 7

- 5 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Franklin at Xavier University
- 7 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Franklin at Xavier University

### Sunday, September 9

- 4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Mount St. Joseph at Xavier University

### Saturday, September 15

- 9 a.m. Women's Tennis vs Washington & Jefferson \*
- 10 a.m. Volleyball vs Washington & Jefferson \*
- 1 p.m. Women's Tennis vs Bethany \*
- 1:30 p.m. Football vs Grove City at Beechwood\*
- 2 p.m. Volleyball vs Geneva \*

### Sunday, September 16

- 11 a.m. Women's Tennis vs Chatham \*
- 12 p.m. Volleyball vs Chatham \*

### Wednesday, September 19

- 5 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Defiance at Town & Country
- 7 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Defiance at Town & Country

### Monday, September 24

- 5 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Anderson at Xavier University
- 7 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Anderson at Xavier University

### Tuesday, September 25

- 7 p.m. Volleyball vs Franklin

### Saturday, September 29

- 10 a.m. Women's Tennis vs Grove City
- 11 a.m. Volleyball vs Westminster \*
- 2 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Thiel at Xavier University\*
- 2:30 p.m. Football vs Waynesburg at Dixie Heights High School\*
- 3 p.m. Volleyball vs Waynesburg \*
- 4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Thiel at Xavier University\*

### Monday, October 1

- 4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Mount St. Joseph at Town & Country

### Wednesday, October 3

- 4 p.m. Women's Tennis vs Midway

### Saturday, October 6

- 2:30 p.m. Football vs Westminster at Dixie Heights \*

### Tuesday, October 9

- 4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Grove City at Town & Country\*
- 4 p.m. Women's Tennis vs Mount St. Joseph

### Wednesday, October 10

- 3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Grove City at Town & Country\*
- 7 p.m. Volleyball vs Mount St. Joseph

### Saturday, October 13

- 12 p.m. Volleyball vs Bluffton
- 6 p.m. Volleyball vs Mount Union

### Sunday, October 14

- 11 a.m. Volleyball vs Monmouth
- 3 p.m. Volleyball vs Hanover

### Wednesday, October 17

- 3 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Geneva at Town & Country \*
- p.m. Women's Soccer vs Geneva at Town & Country\*

### Saturday, October 20

- 1 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Waynesburg at Xavier University\*
- 2:30 p.m. Football vs Geneva at Dixie Heights High School\*
- 3 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Waynesburg at Xavier University\*

### Tuesday, October 23

- 6 p.m. Volleyball vs Grove City \*

### Thursday, October 25

- 6 p.m. Volleyball vs Bethany \*

### Saturday, November 3

- 1:30 p.m. Football vs Washington & Jefferson

\* Presidents' Athletic Conference Game



# 2008 Athletic Hall of Fame

To nominate someone for the Athletic Hall of Fame, please complete this form and return it to the address below. For further information, please call (859) 344-3309.

Thomas More College  
Athletic Department  
333 Thomas More Parkway  
Crestview Hills, KY 41017

**Submission Deadline:**  
**December 1, 2007**

**Each candidate must meet the following general requirements for eligibility.**

1. Must have been a former student-athlete in good-standing.
2. Must be a graduate of Villa Madonna/Thomas More College, or a non-graduate whose entrance into professional sports interfered with the completion of a college degree.
3. Must have had two years of varsity team participation.
4. Must have made a noteworthy contribution to the athletic program while participating as a student-athlete.
5. Must be at least five years removed from graduation or the anticipated year of graduation for non-graduating professional athletes.
6. Must have exemplified the character and integrity of a valued member of the Villa Madonna/Thomas More College community during their tenure at the College in a manner consistent with the teachings of the college's patrons, The Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Thomas More.
7. A special category for non-graduates, including but not limited to, coaches, athletic directors, trainers or others closely associated with the college's athletic programs for a period of five or more years are also eligible. Criteria for such candidates will be viewed on a case-by-case basis as deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee. Such criteria must be clearly articulated and be consistent with criteria #6 above.

**Name of nominee and class year, if appropriate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sports participated in at varsity level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Achievement and/or leadership in sports competition as evidenced by:**

- a) Post-season honors, such as All-American, All-Region, etc.; b) Holding position of team captain;  
c) Athletic performance, including statistics and records held.

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**2. Areas outside of sport in which individual had an impact on the College community as evidenced by:**

- a) Academic honors; b) Membership in clubs, etc.; c) Demonstrated leadership through offices/responsibilities held.

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**3. Post-graduate achievement in sports evidenced by:**

- a) Outstanding amateur/professional performance in a sport; b) Achievement in the coaching and/or training of athletes;  
c) Achievement in other sports-related areas, such as management, journalism, etc.

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**4. General contributions to society as evidenced by:**

- a) Leadership in community, professional and church affairs; b) Loyalty to Alma Mater.

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**Nominated By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Saints Earn PAC Academic Honors



The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) recognized twenty-one Thomas More student-athletes for academic achievement with their appointment to the Academic Honor Roll for the fall 2006 semester. The PAC Academic Honor Roll recognizes student-athletes on varsity sports team who have earned a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale during the semester of competition. The athletic department will honor their student-athletes on October 6 during the home football game at Dixie Heights against Westminster.

### First Team All-PAC

#### Men's Tennis

Michael Selm  
(Player of the Year)

#### Baseball

Dustin Brown  
Brad Ketterer

#### Softball

Sommer Case  
Jamie Wisenall  
Stacy Barry  
Kim Kreimer

#### Men's Golf

Tyler Heidel

### Second Team

#### Baseball

Dan Buchwald  
Marc Price  
Pat Berndsen  
Kyle Wewe  
Brett Walter  
Chris Fishburn

#### Men's Golf

Joe Ruzick  
Scott Weeks

### The following are the Thomas More student-athletes honored:

#### Tennis

Johnny Bergman

#### Baseball

Michael Browne  
Chris Fishburn  
Marty Kersting  
Nick Zeiser

#### Men's Basketball

Michael Selm

#### Women's Basketball

Alex Gee  
Megan Grizzell  
Jenna Kelsch  
Amanda Link  
Jennifer Teski  
Brooke Warner  
Megan Wood  
Sarah Yeiser

#### Women's Golf

Tyneesha Lamendola  
Teri Morris  
Katie Raverty

#### Softball

Sommer Case  
Jenna Kelsch  
Kim Kreimer  
Jennifer Lang  
Laura McDonald  
Lisa Wiesman

## Case Named All-Region

Thomas More senior softball first base player **Sommer Case** (Maysville, KY/Mason County) was named second team All-Central Region by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Case, who is a two-time first-team All-PAC selection, finished the season hitting .415 with 24 runs, nine doubles, one triple and 24 RBIs. She is also a three-time Thomas More defensive player of the year. The Saints finished the season with a school-record 29 wins, and Case was a vital member of the 2007 senior class that leaves Thomas More with the highest winning percentage of any class in program history.

## Ketterer, Walter Named All-Region

Junior designated hitter **Brad Ketterer** (Fairfield, OH/Stephen T. Badin) and senior pitcher **Brett Walter** (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle) were two of 50 players selected to the 2007 Division III Rawlings — American Baseball Coaches Association Mideast Region Team. Ketterer earned the first team nod and is eligible for All-America selection after finishing the season leading the Saints with a .429 batting average. He led the conference with eight homeruns, 87 total bases, 17 doubles and 50 runs batted in. Walter, a second team all-conference selection, earned third team laurels. He won his first six starts of the season before finishing the season at 6-2 with a 2.95 ERA.



Brian Alessandro

## Saints Name Alessandro Cross Country Coach

Thomas More athletic director, Terry Connor, has hired Brian Alessandro as the new head coach for the cross country program. Alessandro comes to Thomas More from Northern Kentucky University (NKU) where he was an assistant for the last two seasons. The Norse were national qualifiers in men's cross country in 2006. During his collegiate career at NKU, he set several indoor and outdoor track records. The experience of running with a fledgling program will bring additional experience to Thomas More's two-year program.

"We are thrilled to have Brian as part of our athletic department," said Connor. "He brings collegiate running and coaching experience, and his knowledge of the area will be invaluable in recruiting."

In addition to his position at NKU, Alessandro coached at Highlands High School for six seasons, three of which ended with team state championships. "I plan to build the Thomas More cross country team into a successful Presidents' Athletic Conference program," said Alessandro. "I am also anxious to build on the school's tradition of outstanding student-athletes." Alessandro finished seventh in the 2004 Flying Pig Marathon.



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