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ETHICAL LEADERS.



Dear Friends,

Spring is my favorite time of the year. While I am grateful that I live in a part of the country where we experience four seasons, each spring brings an experience of new life that I thoroughly enjoy. Buds swelling on the trees, the greening of the lawns and the blooms of the crocus all are nature's lesson on the cycle and rhythm of life. The liturgical seasons of the church are in harmony with the earth. The celebration of Christ's passion and death gives way to joyous alleluias as once again we rejoice in God's love and mercy. Truly spring is a special time of the year.

The Thomas More College campus exudes the energy and excitement of spring. Students and faculty returned from their break ready to bring the 2006-2007 academic year to completion. This has been a great year filled with numerous accomplishments. Our students are excelling both in and outside the classroom. They are engaged, committed and concerned young men and women who are becoming the future "disciplined thinkers and ethical leaders" for our community. Our faculty continues to be recognized as specialists in their respective fields. This is apparent in the numerous requests they receive to be presenters at professional conferences both in this country and internationally.

Commencement activities are scheduled for May 12. On that day we will present associate, bachelor and master degrees to over 300 men and women. These graduates have followed varied paths to arrive at this point in their lives. Yet, whether traditional or adult students, we are confident that as they leave the campus they will do so with superior knowledge, ethical concern and a sense of social responsibility. As our mission states they will be prepared to take "their place in the world."

Our good-byes and wishes for the future will still be echoing in the halls when we begin to finalize our plans to welcome the Class of 2011 in August. The seasons of this campus, like the seasons of the year, continue to infuse us with new life.

I wish each of you a life always challenged and blessed with "new seasons."

Sincerely,

*Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P.*

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# FOCAL Point

## Saints Win Presidents' Athletic Conference

On Saturday, February 24, the Thomas More women's basketball team won the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) championship, beating Westminster, 59-50, at the Connor Convocation Center. The win also set a new school record with 22 wins, earning them a spot in the NCAA Division III national tournament. The women's record-setting season came to an end on March 2, with a loss in the first round of the tournament to Calvin College.

### Thomas More Women's Basketball Team

#### Coaches:

Brian Neal, Head Coach  
Danielle Zimmerman, Assistant Coach  
Tim Shields, Assistant Coach  
Brittney Morris, Assistant Coach

#### Players:

Carrie Fay  
Alex Gee  
Megan Grizzell  
Kayla Haynes  
Erin Hudson  
Kristen Humphrey  
Gabby Johnson  
Molly Jendzio  
Jenna Kelsch  
Amanda Link  
Brandi Mahar  
Caitlyn Mauch  
Claire Noltemeyer  
Tangie Sellers  
Amber Sims  
Jennifer Teski  
Brooke Warner  
Alicia Williams  
Megan Wood  
Sarah Yeiser



Head Coach, Brian Neal cuts down the net.



Presidents' Athletic Conference winners pose with the trophy.



The team celebrates the win.





### Winter Wonderland

On December 5, 2006, Thomas More College hosted 200 children and 50 adults at the annual *Winter Wonderland* event held in the Holbrook Student Center. Participants made holiday crafts, played games, enjoyed story-telling, had a holiday dinner and spent time with Santa Claus. The *Winter Wonderland* event was designed to provide an enjoyable evening for children that might otherwise have a challenging holiday season. The event was sponsored by the Student Government Association with the help of the College's clubs, organizations and Student Life Office.



### Overnight Open House

On February 20-21, Thomas More hosted 27 accepted students who will be attending Thomas More College in the fall for an overnight orientation. The students were matched up with current Thomas More students. They attended a "Fat Tuesday Late Night Breakfast," a talent show, and had the chance to stay in the residence hall and experience life as a college student. The next day the students sat in on two classes of their choice, including Spanish, Chemistry, Biology and History.



### Ice Storm

While the February snow and ice storms in Greater Cincinnati wreaked havoc on the roads, it created a beautiful winter scene on campus.



### Ash Wednesday Mass

On February 21, Thomas More College students, faculty and staff celebrated the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Mass.



## Enrollment News

By: Angela Griffin-Jones  
Vice President for  
Enrollment Management

Spring has arrived in Northern Kentucky and the Enrollment and Financial Aid Offices are hard at work reviewing applications and awarding aid to new students. Our new initiative, the "Parochial Promise," which guarantees a minimum of \$10,000 institutional aid to parochial school graduates, has created quite a buzz in

the Greater Cincinnati area and beyond. Our enrollment applications have increased, as well as the number of students we have accepted, and the academic quality of those students applying to Thomas More continues to rise.

The spring semester brings a variety of on-campus programs to the Admissions Office for prospective and accepted

students. On Feb. 20-21 we hosted our annual Overnight Program for accepted students. On April 27th we will hold our Spring Fling Open House for high school juniors and seniors. If you are interested in getting involved with recruitment activities, please contact Billy Sarge '04 in the Enrollment Office at (859)344-3402 or email [billy.sarge@thomasmore.edu](mailto:billy.sarge@thomasmore.edu).

## Upcoming Registration Dates



The following are upcoming registration dates for freshmen beginning Thomas More in the Fall 2007.

Saturday, April 28 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 19 9:00 a.m.

Friday, June 22 9:00 a.m.

For more information on registration, contact the Office of Enrollment at 859-344-3332.

## Time Still Remains to Make a 2007 Charitable IRA Donation to Thomas More College

The Pension Protection Act (H.R.4), allows taxpayers over 70.5 years of age to donate money to charity directly from their IRA account. The best news is that a transfer of this type counts toward the required minimum distributions at age 70.5. A taxpayer is allowed to donate up to \$100,000 per year from an IRA. Since the distribution will not be included in taxable income, individuals will not be able to claim a tax deduction for the charitable contribution. This provision will be effective for the years 2006 and 2007 only. Please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344 for additional information.



## 2007 Hillenmeyer Lecture

On Wednesday, March 21, Thomas More College hosted the 2007 Hillenmeyer Lecture, featuring Reverend Raymond J. Webb, S.T.L., Ph.D., professor of Pastoral Life and Academic Dean of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. Father Webb spoke on "Catholic Identity: Theology, Practical Theology and the Catholic College."

The Monsignor H.F. Hillenmeyer Distinguished Lecture Series began in 1975 in honor of Monsignor Herbert F. Hillenmeyer. A native Kentuckian and priest for 72 years, Msgr. Hillenmeyer served as the pastor of St. Thomas Church, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky from 1925 until 1968. Msgr. Hillenmeyer's zeal as a priest was matched by a deep and probing concern for Catholic education. His interest and devotion to Thomas More College was evidenced by his encouragement and support throughout the years of his priesthood. The lecture is made possible by an endowment fund established by the Hillenmeyer family in 1972.

## In Memorium

The Thomas More College community mourns the loss of the following individuals who served as officers of the College.

**Mr. Clifford R. Borland, Sr.**

Board of Trustee, 1995-2004

**Dr. Robert J. Giroux**

President, 1978-1982

**Mr. Ralph V. Haile, Jr.**

Board of Trustee, 1992-1995

**Mr. Paul W. Hemmer, Sr.**

Board of Trustee, 1987-1991

## Thomas More Art Gallery *Upcoming Exhibits*



**April 20–May 4**

Juried Student Exhibition

*Juried art exhibition for Thomas More art 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.

*Located on the main level*

*of the Thomas More Library.*

*For more information, call 859-344-3300.*



## CALENDAR OF Events

### ■ April

19	Class of 1957 Dinner Reception	5:00 p.m.
20	Young Alumni Night, The Loft at Tickets	7:00 p.m.
27	Evening of Observing, Science Lecture Hall	8:00 p.m.
27	Admissions Open House, Holbrook Student Center	5:30 p.m.
28	Registration for Incoming Freshman, Seiler Commons	9:00 a.m.

### ■ May

10	Graduate Banquet, Seiler Commons	6:00 p.m.
12	Baccalaureate Mass, Cathedral Basilica	10:00 a.m.
12	Commencement Ceremony, Thomas More College	1:30 p.m.
19	Registration for Incoming Freshman, Seiler Commons	9:00 a.m.

### ■ June

8	TMC Alumni Night at Florence Freedom Champion Field, Florence	
	Alumni Cookout	6:00 p.m.
	Baseball Game	7:05 p.m.

### ■ September

10	Bensman Golf Classic, Summit Hills Country Club	12:30 p.m.
29-30	Homecoming Weekend: "When TMC Saints Go Marching In"	
29	Homecoming Lunch	11:00 a.m.
	Football Game	1:30 p.m.
	After-party featuring live band "Doghouse"	4:00 p.m.
30	Alumni Association Awards Mass, Thomas More Chapel	11:00 a.m.
	Brunch and Awards, Steigerwald Hall	12:00 p.m.

# Endowments Shape Thomas More College

When Villa Madonna College was established in the summer of 1921, the endowment was not much of a concern. As the College grew from a fragmented urban downtown Covington campus to a 100-acre suburban campus in Crestview Hills, the need for strategic planning for the future became increasingly evident.

From 1958 to 1967, enrollment increased dramatically to 1,838 students, the highest student enrollment in College history. The enrollment boom created the need for more programs, faculty and facilities. In the early 1970's, the administration, under president Dr. Richard DeGraff, determined that funding scholarships through endowments should be the College's highest funding priority.

On May 30, 1979, Thomas More received a \$1 million grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation in Louisville,

Kentucky for endowed scholarships. The College responded by successfully raising \$2 million to meet the Brown Foundation challenge. The money raised toward the challenge came from Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati individuals and major corporations. This marked the first endowed scholarship fund to be established at Thomas More College, and solidified the College's focus on strategic development planning which thrives today.

Gifts to the endowment have made it possible to plan for the future of Thomas More College and to provide further opportunities for our present and future generation of students. Currently, Thomas More has 80 individual endowments that total almost \$12 million, ranging from \$25,000 to \$1 million. By industry standards, the formula to determine a college's or university's minimum endowment is three times its operating

## Thomas More College

## Endowments

Alpha Delta Gamma Scholarship  
Amber Johnson Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Ann Taylor Endowment  
Arthur M. Bettmann Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Beimesch Observatory Endowment  
Benedictine Sisters Faculty Development Fund  
Bishop Richard H. Ackerman Scholarship  
Clifford R. Borland Family Fund  
Campbell Lodge Scholarship Fund  
Charles B. Baron Scholarship  
Charles B'Hymer Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Charles L. Wildman Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Charles L. Seligman Scholarship Fund  
Charles P. Moriarity Memorial Scholarship  
Clarence & Angela Rice Scholarship Fund  
Clemens B. & Cedora Deters Scholarship Fund  
Coach Jim Connor Grant  
Darrell Brothers Memorial Scholarship  
Dr. Charles J. Bensman Endowment Fund  
Drama Alumni Scholarship Fund  
Edward M. Wessendarp Scholarship Fund

Edwin B. Heile Family Trust  
Elmer & Blanche Pieper Scholarship  
Ernst & Young Scholarship  
Floraetta Morow Scholarship Fund  
Florence & Laura Wolfzorn Scholarship Fund  
Florence Fister Scholarship Fund  
George & Gertrude Scheper; Charles & Loretta Zimmer Scholarship Fund  
George A. Renaker (M.D.) Scholarship Fund  
Ambrose and Emma Germann Scholarship Fund  
Greg Cleves Memorial Scholarship  
Harold C. Borne Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Home City Ice Scholarship Endowment  
Isabel Zimmer Memorial Scholarship  
James D. Lyon Memorial Scholarship Fund  
John & Paulina Tschafen History Scholarship Fund  
Joseph & Kathryn Wolfzorn Scholarship Fund  
Juanita and Thomas Hanna Memorial Fund  
Karen Lueke-Horral Scholarship Fund  
K-Scholarship Fund  
Lena Seiler Scholarship Fund

Louis & Carol Ruthemeyer Scholarship  
Marcus W. Thomas Environmental Science Scholarship Fund  
Matth. & LaVerne Toeppen Scholarship Fund  
Michigan Fine Arts Grant  
Mitchell Family Pre-Law Scholarship  
Monsignor Alford Hanses Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Msgr. Hillenmeyer Award Fund-Ft. Thomas  
Msgr. Hillenmeyer Scholarship-Lexington  
Msgr. John F. Murphy Award  
Msgr. Schuler Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund  
Nancy Bruns Scholarship Fund  
New York Scholarship Fund  
Pat Gieske Nursing Scholarship Fund  
Pflum/Klausmeier/Gehrum Grant  
Providence Hospital Nursing Scholarship  
Ralph Mills Endowed Scholarship  
Ray & Marcella Holbrook Scholarship  
Raymond J. & Ruth Breiner Memorial Education Grant



budget. For Thomas More that would mean an endowment of \$75 million. Reaching this target endowment would protect and preserve the College's fiscal health for future generations of students, and would provide a permanent source of revenue for endowed scholarships.

An investment in Thomas More's endowment is a permanent investment in the future of the College, as well as the future of Catholic higher education. Endowed funds create a foundation for fiscal growth and stability, while generating a reliable portion of income for scholarships, professorships and programs.

In December 2006, Thomas More was awarded \$250,000 from the James Graham Brown Foundation to be added to the endowed James Graham Brown Scholarship Program. With this endowment gift came a challenge to the College to raise an

additional \$1 million, which the Brown Foundation agreed to match up to the amount of \$500,000. Monies collected from this 2/1 challenge will be placed in the College's general scholarship endowment. There is no better time than now to double the impact of an endowment gift to Thomas More College.

If you would like to contribute to one of our existing funds, or if you are interested in receiving more information on how to establish an endowment, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344 or e-mail [advancement@thomasmore.edu](mailto:advancement@thomasmore.edu).



**Thomas More announces a lead gift for this current endowment campaign. Mr. Matth. Toeppen has donated \$100,000 to the Matth. & LaVerne Toeppen Scholarship Fund.**

Remke Family Scholarship Fund  
Robert E. Smith Pre-Med Scholarship  
Ruth Wernersbach Schreve Memorial Education Award  
Dr. Sandra Cuni Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Schleper Scholarship Fund  
Sis VonLehman Scholarship Fund  
Sommerkamp Family Scholarship Fund  
Sr. Camilla Cahill Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Eleanor Fox Scholarship Fund  
Sr. Mary Julitta, S.N.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Sr. Mary Laurence Biology Field Station Endowment  
St. Anthony Scholarship-Saints Peter & Paul

St. Anthony Scholarship-Saint Paul  
Thomas More College Booster Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Thomas More College Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Utopia Scholarship Fund  
Wambaugh Family Scholarship Fund  
Wilbert & Anna Ziegler Scholarship Fund  
William H. & Marcella C. Saelinger Presidential Scholarship  
William V. Banks Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Women's Guild of Thomas More College Scholarship Fund

## WHY I GIVE TO TMC



"My gifts to Thomas More through the years have been a way of giving back to a place I hold near and dear. My four years at TMC were some of the greatest years of my life, and I can only hope that my gifts offer future student-athletes the same experience, or better."

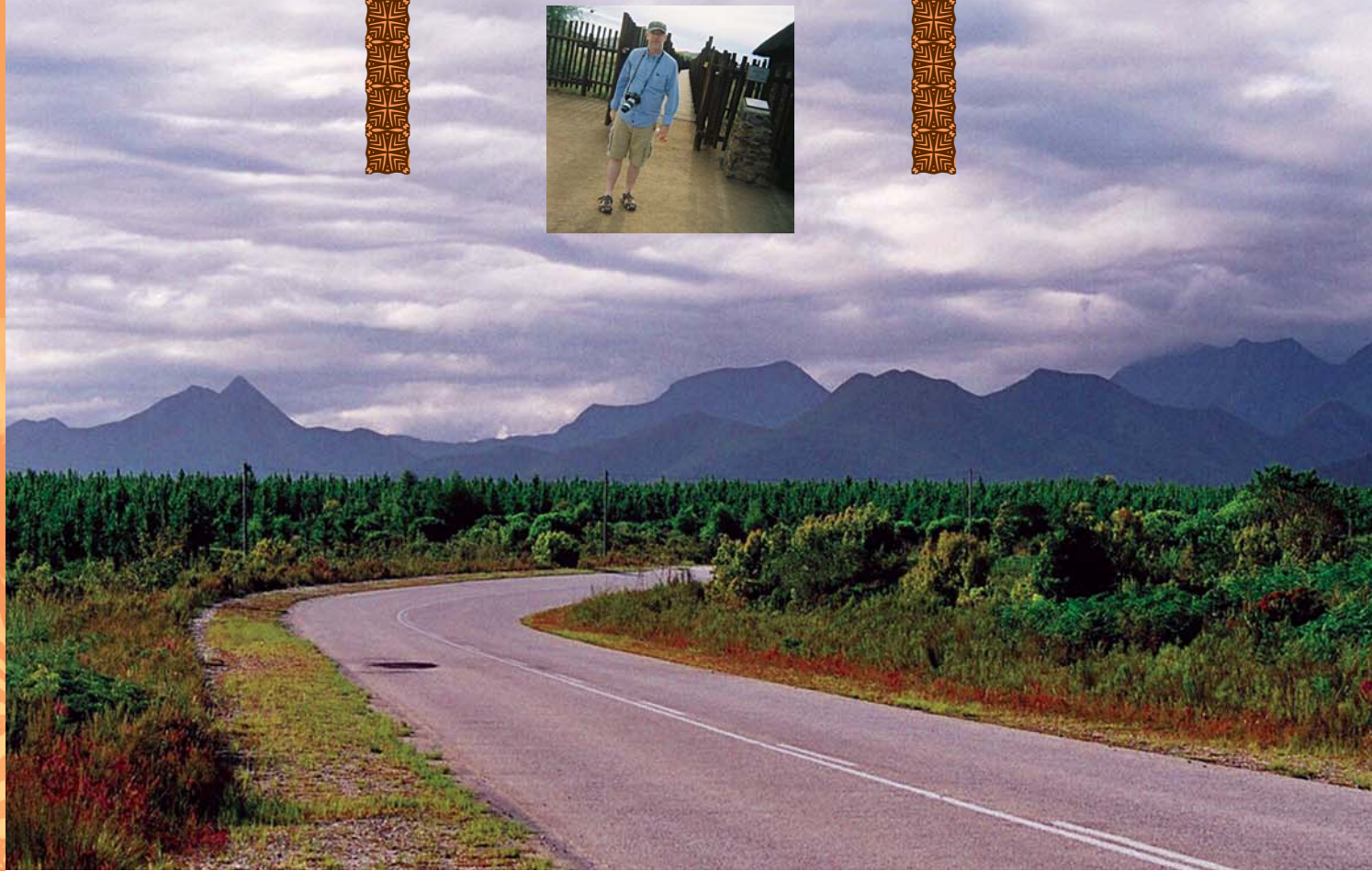
"Because I was a member of the football team, I feel a great amount of loyalty to the athletic department. Some of my best college memories were on the football field. I encourage all alumni to reflect on their experiences at Thomas More and make it a point to give back what you can. No gift is too small."

### **Greg Stofko '94**

Vice President of Sales  
Cypress Pharmaceutical, Inc.

# Living What You Believe

“Since 1998, Jim Sherwood has traveled all over the world. He has lived in Asia and Africa and worked in 22 countries but he has a special place in his heart for South Africa...”







*Reception and restaurant at hotel in Arba Minch, Ethiopia, near the Great Rift Valley. Sherwood conducted a research trial there and in Gondar in the arid north of Ethiopia.*



Since 1998, Jim Sherwood '81 has traveled all over the world. He has lived in Asia and Africa and worked in 22

countries throughout Europe, Africa and Asia. He is currently living and working in Johannesburg, South Africa as an independent clinical research consultant. His current client is Kendle International, a Cincinnati based company, for whom he is championing a program to develop new clinical research sites throughout southern Africa.

Jim's life hasn't always been so exotic. He grew up in the small town of Augusta, Kentucky in what could be described as "humble beginnings." Augusta is unusual for a small, rural town in that it has a large Catholic population.

"I took instruction from our parish priest, Father Lou Brinker, who is a big fan of Thomas More College. He was instrumental in influencing my decision to go to Thomas More and in introducing me to my mentor, Sister Mary Laurence. I had an interest in science from a very young age, particularly the biological sciences; however, my high school did not offer courses in biology. When I came to Thomas More it was only natural to pursue this field." A decision he has never regretted.

"All of my biology professors at Thomas More; Dr. Humphreys, Dr. Bill Bryant, Dr. John Ferner, Mr. Volker and Sister Mary Laurence, were instrumental in my professional development," said Jim. "Sister Mary Laurence, however, taught me (and is still teaching me) so much more than biology. I battled with the decision to apply to medical or

graduate school and she counseled me, telling me that I didn't necessarily need an M.D. or Ph.D. to contribute to society, do well and succeed. But more than that, she's been a model for living what you believe. She leads by example and has more compassion, tolerance, acceptance and understanding than anyone else I've ever met."

While at Thomas More, Jim worked as a respiratory therapist, first at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Covington and then at the Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati. After graduation, he moonlighted as a respiratory therapist for the James N. Gamble Institute of Medical Research, located at The Christ Hospital at the time, working on a clinical trial of an aerosolized drug for influenza. When the project was complete, Gamble offered him a job as a research assistant. He took the job and ended up working for Gamble (which later became The Gamble Program in Clinical Research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center) for 14 years in various capacities culminating with an appointment as assistant professor of pediatrics.

"My entire career has been in clinical trials, coordinating and conducting them when I was at Gamble, and later in monitoring and managing them. Clinical trials are heavily regulated (as they should be) and the framework for administering them is substantial. I've focused my work in the field of infectious diseases. I grew up when AIDS was emerging in the 1980's and it made a huge impact on my life. The Gamble Institute was, and still is, all about infectious diseases, which helped refine my interest."

In 1998, Jim left Gamble to accept a position as a senior clinical research associate with Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc. (PPD) in Wilmington, North Carolina. He packed up his house in Ludlow, Kentucky and moved to the coast. He had only been living there about three months when his boss at the time pulled him aside and said "Jim, I have a deal for you..." She asked him if he would like to go to Thailand for six months to monitor a trial they were conducting there for cryptococcal meningitis.

While in Thailand Jim helped set up a replication of a cholera study he had coordinated at Gamble, and one of the gastroenterology professors he worked with in Cincinnati, Ohio came over to assist him. "We were having dinner one evening and having the 'I can't believe I'm here' talk when I said to him 'My life/career is the result of serendipity; I seem to have a knack for being in the right place at the right time.'" His friend's response was, "Jim, don't sell yourself short, each time you knew you were in the right place at the right time and you took



*Waiting room for HIV Research Unit at Helen Joseph Hospital in Johannesburg.*



*Research Unit at Johannesburg General Hospital*

advantage of it.” Jim recently shared this story with Dr. Bill Bryant’s vertebrate biology class at Thomas More when he was home this past January, “I think it’s a message that can benefit many people.”

Six months in Thailand turned into nearly two years. At the end of the project the Thai office had moved to the province of PPD’s European operating arm. The vice president at the time (a microbiologist from Toledo, Ohio) was pleased with Jim’s work and asked him to go down to the South African office for a few weeks to sort out a study that wasn’t going well. That was nearly eight years ago.

Jim served as the project manager for PPD’s contract with the National Institute for Health’s (NIH) Division of AIDS, in charge of overseeing the monitoring of NIH/DAIDS sponsored clinical trials outside the Americas. While in this position, he became heavily involved with training. He traveled to clinical research sites in 11 countries in southern and central Africa alone, as well as throughout Europe and Asia. “Working heavily in the



*Jim Sherwood teaching a Good Clinical Practice course in Blantyre, Malawi.*

developing world has given me an appreciation and passion for the other (other than HIV) big ‘killers’ — malaria and tuberculosis.”

Jim worked for PPD for seven years in South Africa and beyond before he

decided it was time to do something different — hang out his own shingle and become an independent contractor. Kendle International was just opening an



*“I enjoyed living in Thailand and might have even entertained some thoughts of settling down there, but it was nothing compared to what I feel about South Africa.”*

office in Johannesburg at this time, and their new director was someone Jim had worked with at PPD. “She offered me a contract for 30 hours a week for two years and I jumped at the chance,” said Jim.

“I think my passion for training helped give rise to my current interest in site development. Drug and vaccine development proceeds in phases through human testing. The last phase before submission of a licensing application to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is phase III, and these trials involve (usually) thousands of subjects. There are quite a few exciting compounds/products that are approaching this stage of development in HIV, malaria and other diseases. The logical and ethical place to conduct these trials is in the developing world. At the moment, there just aren’t enough trained capable research sites to meet the expected demand. In helping to

establish and train new sites we can help empower people, both economically and socially, in some of the poorest countries in the world.”

Jim relishes all of his travels but feels most at home in South Africa. “I enjoyed living in Thailand and might have even entertained some thoughts of settling down there, but it was nothing compared to what I feel about South Africa. There are so many similarities between South Africa and the United States in terms of geography, culture and history. This truly is my home now.” The United States and South Africa allow an individual to hold dual citizenship. While Jim states he will always be an American, he hopes to become a bona fide South African citizen soon.

Most of Jim’s travels these days are within Africa. “I’m on my third set of extra pages in my passport, so you never know!” Next stop... “I would like to visit New Zealand and Australia to scuba dive the Great Barrier Reef.”



*Jim and his mother, Brenda, at Emmerantia Lake during her most recent visit to South Africa.*



# Partnership Pioneers

## New Winter Session

By: Nathan Hartman  
and Jack Rudnick, Jr.

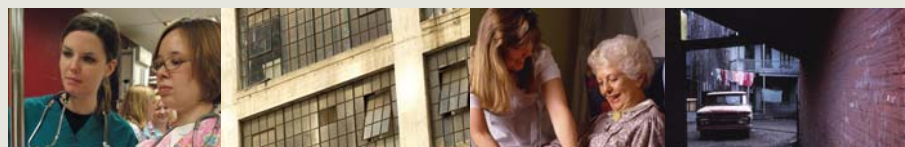
In response to the student community's request to continue the accelerated momentum of their academic pursuits, the Office of Lifelong Learning, in partnership with the Department of Business Administration, provided students with an opportunity to move more quickly toward earning their degree through a new winter course offering. The Department of Business Administration faculty member, Jack Rudnick, Jr. launched Thomas More College's first Winter Session — Principles of U.S. Healthcare Management. The course was held December 15 through January 15.

"Courses like these keep us competitive with other institutions through alternative course offerings. It also allows students the opportunity to fulfill hours in what has traditionally been thought of as a break for students," said Nathan Hartman, Director of Lifelong Learning.

The course is designed to cut across traditional educational silos (isolated discipline learning) and explore healthcare from several academic discipline perspectives. "While traditional healthcare management focuses exclusively on the business aspects of operating healthcare entities, this course considers factors such as the effects of a poor social support infrastructure and the negative consequences on healthcare status," said Rudnick. "Poor housing, education and lack of community involvement in the economic development of communities adversely affects a community's health. The cycle eventually leads to diminished individual health status and an increased cost to taxpayers." One student said about the course, "Not knowing anything about healthcare, this class made me want to volunteer."

The course centers on the infrastructure of healthcare in the United States. A unique feature of the program is a focus on corporate social responsibility, the definition of service learning, and the opportunity to learn more about these concepts and their application. The course includes a site visit to a healthcare entity. The 17 students in the course visited Holy Family Home in Melbourne, Kentucky, a unique self-funded long-term care healthcare center for healthy aging. Many students were interested in learning more about the healthcare service industry and its application to the businesses the students help manage. The application of healthcare services to their lives as personal citizens moved them to sacrifice the holidays for learning. "This class provided a realistic side of healthcare. It examined issues in healthcare that many people are not aware of," said another student of the course.

"Several courses in the Department of Business are supplemented with learning tools made possible with technology," said Dr. Larry Byerly, Chair of the Department of Business Administration. "Elective coursework has been added to the array of the Department of Business electives to include the expectations, considerations and requirements for leadership and management using virtual teams in a global environment."





### Education Students Promote Reading

On April 13, The Education Club and members of the education international honor society of Kappa Delta Pi, held an afternoon of reading as part of Reading is Fun. This year, in support of Catholic education, the Thomas More students visited St. Anthony's Elementary School in Covington, Kentucky. St. Anthony's principal, Mr. Michael Jacks, is a 1982

graduate of Thomas More College.

The Thomas More students planned an afternoon of lessons, which they taught to third through sixth graders, as a way of showing support for reading and continuing the Thomas More tradition of getting children actively involved in the reading process.

### The Center for Ohio River Research & Education at the Biology Field Station Update

The Center for Ohio River Research & Education, established in 1998, is a private, non-profit entity owned and operated by Thomas More College, and is a part of the Thomas More College Biology Field Station. The staff at the Center offer visitors an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of the natural world through field courses, research projects, and outreach programs which focus on the ecology of the Ohio River. If you or your group are interested in visiting the Field Station, contact Dr. Chris Lorentz, Associate Professor of Biology at 859-344-3373 or [chris.lorentz@thomasmore.edu](mailto:chris.lorentz@thomasmore.edu).

For the upcoming summer, the following projects are planned for faculty, students and visitors at the Center for Ohio River Research & Education:



- This spring, the Center will partner again with the Newport Aquarium to host grade school field trips at the Biology Field Station, which complement trips made to the

Aquarium. Over 500 grade school students are expected to visit the Field Station this spring for interactive, hands-on science lessons offered by education and biology students.

- Dr. Chris Lorentz, Thomas More College, and Dr. Yvonne Meichtry, Northern Kentucky University, are partnering to offer a graduate course in Aquatic Ecology for teachers. The course will be held at the Field Station and can be taken for graduate credit in Education or Biology.
- For the Duke Corporation, Thomas More students and Dr. Chris Lorentz plan to continue their long-term monitoring of the Ohio River around the Zimmer Power Plant. Studies will include water chemistry analyses and fish and mussel collections.
- The staff at the Center, along with the Hamilton County Park District, will conduct a summer electrofishing survey of four recently-acquired lakes at Campbell Lakes Preserve, near Harrison, Ohio.
- The Center's researchers will conduct a stream assessment of Simpson Creek in Deerfield Township, Ohio and partner with the Sanitation District to assess three streams in Campbell County. Primary activities will include fish and macroinvertebrate collections and water chemistry sampling.

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) renewed its internship program with the Center to employ Thomas More students to conduct research in the area of biosensor technology and the evaluation of aquatic biomonitors for source water protection.



- From July 15 through July 20, the Center will offer its third annual Summer Science Institute, a week-long enrichment program for high school students from Kentucky and Ohio. The Institute includes a challenging science curriculum and hands-on activities in aquatic biology, astronomy and physics at the Thomas More College Biology Field Station and Observatory. Participants will spend the week on campus in Murphy Hall and will study throughout the area, including the Licking River, Ohio River and Newport Aquarium.



## Outdoor Adventurers Club Attends Conference

On January 19 through 21, 2007, members of the Outdoor Adventurers Club (OAC) at Thomas More attended the Sierra Club's Activist Weekend conference at the Kentucky Leadership Center on Lake Cumberland. Attendees included Environmental Science major: Livvi Lantry, Biology majors: Emily Anneken, Jon Burns, Andrew Farwick and Brandon Kohrs, Psychology major: Emily Eisman, Nursing major: Kevin Keller and Exercise Science major: Henry Ehresman. The weekend was filled with lectures, panel speakers, a film festival and several outdoor events, including a caving trip partially organized by OAC member, Andrew Farwick. All students participated in a session on "Building Partnerships" with students in support of

environmental issues. The students from Thomas More interacted with other students from Centre College, Murray State, Northern Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky.

For information regarding the Outdoor Adventurers Club and its upcoming events including a ski trip, a cave trip, an Earth Day celebration and a rafting trip to the New River, contact club president Livvi Lantry ([oliva.lantry@thomasmore.edu](mailto:oliva.lantry@thomasmore.edu)) or Club Advisor, Dr. Chris Lorentz ([chris.lorentz@thomasmore.edu](mailto:chris.lorentz@thomasmore.edu)).

## Teacher Leadership Class 2007

Thomas More professors and alumni took part in the 2007 Teacher Leadership Northern Kentucky Class. Thomas More professors Dr. Raymond Hebert, professor of History, and Dr. Elizabeth Penn, professor of Education, as well as alumnus Mr. Brian Robinson '97, serve on the Steering Committee. Thomas More Professor of Biology, Dr. K. Siobhan Barone and alumnus Mr. Chuck Keller, '80 are graduates of the 2007 class.

Teacher Leadership Northern Kentucky (TLNK) is sponsored by the

Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. It is an opportunity for outstanding P-16 teachers to learn about a variety of issues in the region: economic development, health and human services, arts and culture, diversity, the justice system and the legislature. The goal of TLNK is to develop leadership skills in teachers, and to encourage them to use these skills for the betterment of the broader community.

Teachers are chosen by their superintendents to participate. During the course of the leadership class,

participants go to Camp Joy to sharpen their leadership skills and practice teamwork. They meet with Kentucky legislators on Government Day in Frankfort, Kentucky and dialogue with business leaders throughout the program. They are invited to "ride along" with a police officer to prepare for Justice Day, as well as shadow board members to learn leadership opportunities in the community. Serving lunch at the Parish Kitchen is a highlight of the class. The class of 2007 graduated on February 24th at Thomas More College.

## Thomas More Alumni Attend Education Conference in Brazil

Four alumnae of Thomas More College spent part of January at the Sisters of Notre Dame International Education Conference in Canoas, Brazil. They discussed how to apply Notre Dame educational principles to 21st century challenges.

The United States delegates included: Sr. M. Renee Nienaber '73, Director of Religious Education, St. Mary Parish; Sr. M. Evelyn Reinke '62, Associate Professor, Education, Thomas More College, and Sr. Elaine Marie Winter '73, Principal, Notre Dame Academy, from the Covington province. Representing the Sisters of Notre Dame (SND) mission in Buseesa, Uganda, East Africa was Sr. M. Rita Goeppinger '68, Principal, Notre Dame Academy Senior Secondary School, Busessa, Uganda. They met with SND educators from around the world, including members from Brazil, England, Germany, Italy, India, Indonesia, Korea, Mozambique and Tanzania/Kenya, as well as the general council from Rome.

After shared prayer, reports, and multi-lingual conversations, members left animated to carry out the conference theme: Go, wrap the world in hope. "It was thrilling to meet women from around the globe who valued so much of what I value," reflected Sr. M. Evelyn. "While the task before us is great, we were empowered by the realization that, working together, we can make a difference in the world."



*Srs. Elaine Marie Winter, M. Evelyn Reinke, M. Rita Goeppinger, and M. Renee Nienaber enjoy a break from the conference.*

# FACULTY Profile

## Ten Minutes with Alana Ghent

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

**A:** Since August, 1994.

**Q What are your hobbies?**

**A:** Yoga, pottery, gardening, reading and hiking.

**Q What are you passionate about?**

**A:** Learning about being human — what possibilities, responsibilities that offers us.

**Q What are your most recent accomplishments/appointments?**

**A:** I've recently been elected president of the Kentucky Theatre Association.

I'm also the Artistic Director for the Ovation Theatre Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

**A:** I love the moments when students take something from a theatre course or production and connect it with their larger world. I love that with their questions and fresh perspectives, my students force me to examine and re-examine my own thoughts and assumptions every day.

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

**A:** I think students today are exposed to so many different forms of media and technologies that they not only think differently from my generation, but their whole process of thinking is different. Staying current and finding ways to communicate and learn from each other is an ongoing challenge.

**Q What is your favorite book?**

**A:** Oooh, there are too many to just name one. Right now I'm reading *Rusholme Road* by Laurie Lanson. I just finished a memoir by Timothy Findlay,

one of my favorite novelists and playwrights.

**Q What music are you listening to right now?**

**A:** I'm listening to the music for a show I'm directing. I've also been spending a lot of time in the theatre painting and dressing the set for an upcoming show, which for me always involves sing-along classic rock.

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

**A:** I was born in London, Ontario. I was an avid storyteller and make-believer from very early on; I even directed plays at my childhood birthday parties. My mother blames herself for my love of theatre, because she took us to the Stratford and Shaw Theatre festivals every summer. I received my Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada and my Master's of Fine Arts in Directing at the University of Mississippi. I kicked around the United States and Canada a bit before taking a teaching post at Alice Lloyd College, a work study college in Eastern Kentucky. I lived in a little log cabin on a mountainside with a ferret and my cat for three years before coming to Thomas More. When I interviewed at Thomas More, I fell in love with the area and bought my first home before I even started work. I'm still working on my little fixer-upper. It turns out I'm not nearly as handy as I thought.

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

**A:** Direct a collaborative theatre project involving cultural exchange.



**Alana Ghent**

**Assistant Professor, Drama**

**Professional Associations:**

Southeastern Theatre Association

Kentucky Theatre Association

Society of American Fight Directors

American Yoga Alliance

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

**A:** Not sure I should share it with the world at large but the mother of a good friend of mine advised us when we were young: "Find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life". Some days still feel like a lot of work, but lots of fun, too. Another favorite: "Live in the world you want to create."



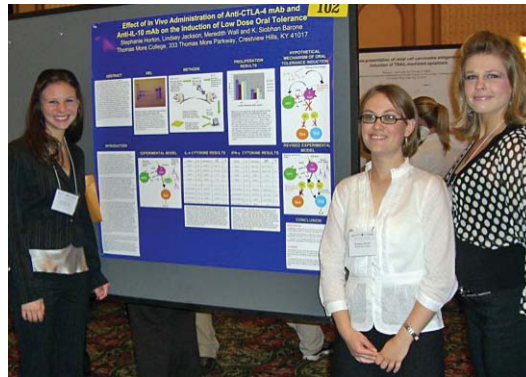
## Sigma Tau Delta Students Present Their Work

Six members of the Thomas More Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, The English Honorary Society, attended the Annual Sigma Tau Delta International Convention March 28 through April 1 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Four members of the Thomas More Chapter presented their work at the conference. Melinda Borchers and Elizabeth Brown presented in the fiction category, Henry Backer presented in the poetry category and Katie Trauth presented in the critical paper category. Professor Jim Schuttemeyer accompanied the students at the conference. Keynote speakers included poets, Sharon Olds and Jim Daniels, and essayist, David Rakoff.

## Students Attend Wildlife Meeting

Environmental Studies major, Jeff Thompson, along with Biology majors, Andrew Farwick and Jeff Goesseling, and Dr. Chris Lorentz, Associate Professor, Biology, attended the joint annual meeting of the Kentucky chapters of the American Fisheries Society and the Wildlife Society on February 22 and 23, 2007 at Rough River Lake State Resort Park. They participated in technical sessions on wildlife management and stream restoration projects. Jeff Thompson presented his research internship involving water quality monitoring of the Ohio River.

## Thomas More Biology Students Perform Standout Research



*Pictured from left to right: Meredith Wall, Stephanie Horton and Lindsey Jackson.*

Three Thomas More College biology students performed immunology research from the fall of 2005 through the fall of 2006 under the mentorship of Dr. K. Siobhan Barone, Professor of Biology. This research, performed by senior, Stephanie Horton, junior, Lindsey Jackson and junior, Meredith Wall, was supported by a National Institutes of Health grant awarded to Dr. Barone in 2004. The study investigated the mechanisms involved in oral tolerance, which is

defined as an unresponsiveness of the immune system to a foreign substance induced by prior ingestion of that substance. Elucidation of the mechanisms involved in the establishment of oral tolerance may eventually lead to better treatment for autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis and lupus. All three students presented their findings at local, state and national meetings.

Both Meredith Wall and Lindsey Jackson presented seminars on their research to the local community of Thomas More College in October of 2006. In addition, Lindsey Jackson presented the findings at the Kentucky Academy of Sciences (KAS) annual meeting in November of 2006. Her talk was titled "Effect of In Vivo Administration of Anti-CTLA-4 mAb and anti-IL-10 mAb on the Induction of Low Dose Oral Tolerance." On the national level, findings from this study were presented at the annual meeting at the Autumn Immunology Conference held in Chicago in November 2006. At this conference all three students had the opportunity to interact with immunologists of international acclaim. Future plans for Stephanie and Lindsey include attending medical school, while Meredith plans to perform scientific research.

## Celebration Launches Literary Magazine

On April 4, Thomas More College award-winning writers and artists gathered for a festive evening of literature, art and music at the annual Words Celebration, launching the this year's publication of *Words*, the College's student literary magazine. Thomas More authors, along with local writers, shared their creative pieces and Thomas More artists showcased their work. This year's featured artist was Kentucky's premier Affrilachian poet, Frank X Walker.

*Words* has been a Thomas More publication for decades, with a circulation of over 2,000. Both the *Words* Celebration and the publication it honors reflect the spirit of diverse people coming together to share and experience the power of creative expression. "The event is all about changing the notion that good writing is the intellectual property of English Departments," said Sherry Cook Stanforth, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English and coordinator for the celebration. "Creative use of language is a community resource—a gift for all of us to use, appreciate and explore."



**Dr. John Cimprich**, Professor, History, gave a presentation on "The Fort Pillow Massacre" to the Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable on January 18.

**Dr. Rex B. Easley**, Associate Professor, English, and students, Elizabeth Brown and Jenny Rife, served as judges for the creative writing entries in the Northern Kentucky region of the national Scholastic Writing Awards contest on Tuesday, January 16 at Beechwood High School (preliminary round) and at Northern Kentucky University on Saturday, January 20 (final round).

**Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt, III**, Professor of History and Economics, served as the post-discussion film leader for the Cincinnati World Cinema's screening of *Army of Shadows* at the Cincinnati Art Museum on January 31, 2007. This French film, originally made in 1969, dealt with the French Resistance in World War II and was suppressed shortly after its release there. *Army of Shadows* was recently restored and released in the United States for the first time in late 2006.

In February, Dr. Erhardt presented, as part of the Northern Kentucky University Military History Lecture Series, a paper titled "'Our Film': Inspiring World War II British Workers to Support the Soviet Union" at Thomas More College. The presentation marked the beginning of a collaborative effort between Northern Kentucky University and Thomas More College to co-host the long running Military History Lecture Series.

Dr. Erhardt attended the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association Joint Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There he chaired the panel *Film and History: The Cold War* and presented a paper titled "The Cold War and Science Fiction Television in 1960s America." The conference was held February 14 through 18.

In April, Dr. Erhardt traveled to Boston, Massachusetts where he attended the National Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association Joint Conference. At this conference, Professor Erhardt presented a paper titled "Onward Christian Soldiers': Images of Faith and Sacrifice in the World War II Television Series 'Combat!' (1962-1967)."

**Dr. R. Steven Flynn**, Professor and Chair, Department of Accountancy, had a paper entitled "CEO and CFO Financial Statement Certifications Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act: An Examination of Perceived Fraud Deterrence" published in *Review of Business Research*, Volume 6, Number 2, 2006. On October 16, 2006, Dr. Flynn presented the paper at the 2006 International Academy of Business and Economics annual conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. At the conference, Dr. Flynn chaired a concurrent session, which featured presentations of accounting research studies from the United States and Australia.

**Reverend Ronald M. Ketteler**, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Theology, served as a panel member in two workshops held at the 59th Annual Assembly of the Kentucky Council of Churches in Bardstown, Kentucky on October 19, 2006. The first panel, "Ecclesiastical Considerations and the Future Church" was a response to the keynote address delivered by Dr. Malcolm Warford. The second panel, "Does Doctrine Matter Anymore" was chaired by the Commission on Church Unity.

In November 2006, Reverend Ketteler conducted two educational programs on social justice and domestic policy issues titled "Social Security" and "The Right to Health Care." The programs were part of the Thomas More Furthermore Program, offering non-credit educational courses to the community.

On December 5, 2006, Reverend Ketteler served as the guest speaker on the issue of "The Right to Health Care" at the meeting of the Sierra Club of Northern Kentucky.

On January 2, 2007, Reverend Ketteler conducted a session on "A Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Decisions" at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Erlanger, Kentucky.

**Ms. Maria R. Mitchell**, Assistant Professor, Accountancy, revised the Test Bank and Achievement Tests to accompany VanDerbeck's 14th edition of *Principles of Cost Accounting* for Thomson South-Western.

**Dr. Jennifer L. Myka**, Associate Professor, Biology, will be working on a horse genome project in collaboration with the Broad Institute of Harvard/MIT and with the Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Myka will also be collaborating on comparative gene maps of the equids (relatives of the domestic horse) with faculty in the Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Kentucky, at the Conservation and Research for Endangered Species (CRES) in San Diego, and at the University of Pavia in Pavia, Italy.

**Dr. Manish Sharma**, Associate Professor, Education, traveled to India in preparation for a new CCSA course he plans to teach later in the year. The course is titled "The Confluence of Education, Culture, and Diversity in India" and will be offered in December 2007.

Dr. Sharma has been named membership director of the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators.

**Dr. Barbara Zahler**, Associate Professor, Education, has been appointed as the vice president of the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators for 2006-2007.



## TMC Football: Where “Old School” Becomes New Again



Jim Hilvert

By: Patrick M. Eagan ('01)  
Adjunct Professor of European  
and Medieval History

When asked what the word “tradition” meant to him,

Jim Hilvert, the newly appointed head coach of the Thomas More football program, simply grinned and said, “Two things...hard work and honoring your alumni.” Indeed, it is these traditional, “old school” principles that have become the focal point for Coach Hilvert and his new staff as they seek to return Saints football to the national stage. Chosen early in January for his first head-coaching job after seven impressive seasons as the defensive coordinator at rival Mount St. Joseph College, Coach Hilvert eagerly anticipates putting his own unique stamp on an impressively rich tradition of Thomas More College football. The program has compiled three undefeated regular seasons (1991, 1995, and 2001) and has become the second fastest Division III school to amass 100 wins.

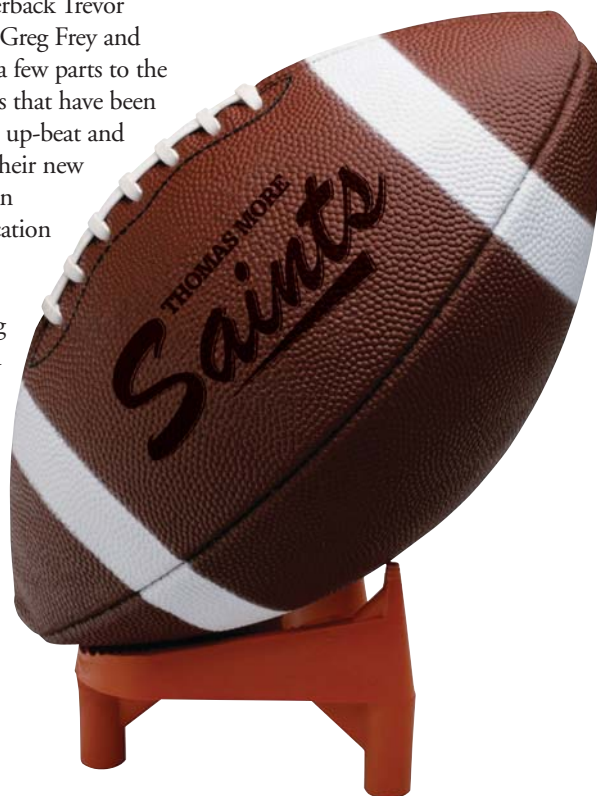
After becoming just the fourth head coach in the program’s history (founded in 1990), Hilvert (a 1989 graduate of Cincinnati’s Elder High School) is quickly adapting to his new settings. Seemingly at

ease behind his desk as game film rolls on the television, dry-erase boards cover the walls and expose the evidence of a tireless work ethic which Coach Hilvert is seeking to impart on his new squad. Names of former and current players, sought after recruits, and, of course, a few plays here and there quickly envelop you into the harried world of the head coach. What can be immediately recognized though are the signs of a plan; its purpose, to return the Saints football program to the national prominence enjoyed in the 1990’s. “We are all excited to start a new era of football here at Thomas More,” declares Athletic Director Terry Connor, “specifically because we feel that Coach Hilvert is the right person to continue building upon our successful tradition.”

In his first season, Coach Hilvert will seek a suitable blend of both old and new for his program. While relishing the “exciting challenge” of revamping the recruiting and strength programs, he is quick to point out that, “There is a core of good young players here that are ready for great things!” Returning all-conference selections such as quarterback Trevor Stellman and defenders Greg Frey and Brad Steinmetz are but a few parts to the nucleus of current Saints that have been clearly motivated by the up-beat and charismatic attitude of their new leader. Spirited off-season workouts and a re-dedication to achievement in the classroom are early indicators of a refreshing convergence of new and old-school ideas in Crestview Hills. Indeed, Thomas More College President Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P., expresses the

feelings of many who have recently gotten to know Coach Hilvert by saying, “He will be a great addition to the Thomas More College community!” And, when asked about the former Saints footballers, Coach Hilvert expressed his desire to make them much more involved in the program’s future with exciting events such as “alumni team days” and honorary alumni captains during home games this coming fall.

Rest assured, the tradition of Saints football excellence is in good hands with its new head coach. During his first few weeks at Thomas More, Coach Jim Hilvert has already made a difference by embracing the fundamental principles of the Thomas More College community, “Scholarship, Service and Integrity.” If the next few months are anywhere as successful, schools throughout the region will continue to tremble when the Saints come marching in!



## Student Athlete Stand Outs

### PAC Names Academic Honor Roll Honorees

Thomas More College and the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced the Academic Honor Roll recipients for the Fall 2006 semester. Thomas More had 18 student-athletes honored by the conference. The PAC Academic Honor Roll recognizes student-athletes on fall varsity sports teams 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 honored these student-athletes on January 27 in between the PAC doubleheader with Saint Vincent.

The following are the Thomas More student-athletes honored:

#### Football

Nick Hazlett  
Chase Weber  
Marcus Dixon  
Brandon Kohrs  
Steve Evans  
Andrew Damico  
Tyler Grant

#### Men's Soccer

John Wallace

#### Women's Soccer

Kandice Eckerlin  
Kirsten Leininger  
Emily Eismann  
Kelly Sebastian  
Kari Poling

#### Volleyball

Valeri Kuhn  
Leslie Hoelscher  
Melissa Boain

#### Women's Tennis

Katie Trauth

#### Cross Country

Josh Horn

2007 SPRING ATHLETIC

## Calendar Home Events



#### Wednesday, April 18

4 p.m. Baseball vs Wittenberg#

#### Saturday, April 21

11 a.m. Softball vs Grove City\*

#### Tuesday, April 24

4 p.m. Baseball vs Transylvania#

#### Friday, April 27

3 p.m. Baseball vs Waynesburg\*

#### Saturday April 28

12 noon Baseball vs Waynesburg\* (DH)

1 p.m. Softball vs Westminster\*

#### Sunday, April 29

1 p.m. Baseball vs Case Western Reserve

\*Presidents' Athletic Conference Game

#Champion Windows Field

## JOIN *the* Saints Sideliners

The Saints Sideliners is a group of supportive alumni, parents and fans of Thomas More College athletics. This group is designed to help maintain and improve Thomas More's tradition of excellence in athletics. Get involved and be a special part of Thomas More College athletics.

Please send the following:

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Crestview Hills, KY 41017

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E-mail the information to [terry.connor@thomasmore.edu](mailto:terry.connor@thomasmore.edu).





## Amity Yeager '01

**W**hile many college students struggle to declare a major, even switch majors a few times in the process, there are some students who feel destined for a career path. Amity Yeager fell into the latter. One of her first memories as a child was that she wanted to be a teacher when she grew up — just like her mom. While she has had many influential teachers along the way, her mom has always been her role model and inspiration.

Another influential teacher was Amity's high school mathematics teacher, Rosann Sharon. Ms. Sharon "did an amazing job of really connecting with and teaching her students, but it was her dedication and genuine concern for her students that set her apart. She always went above and beyond what was expected. She possessed a gift for teaching that comes from within and cannot be taught in any class," said Amity.

Ms. Yeager's teaching preparation began when she arrived at Thomas More College. The faculty in the Education Department made an immediate impact. "Small class size is the key to developing close, working relationships between faculty and students," states Amity. "One of the benefits of the education program at Thomas More is the opportunity to observe and work in a variety of classrooms from the very beginning of the program." Her advice to students is to "take full advantage and learn from those experiences. Be as active and enthusiastic as you can in those classrooms. You learn so many valuable strategies (what to do and sometimes what not to do) during those experiences."

After receiving her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Thomas More, Amity obtained her Master's of Education in Instructional Leadership from Northern Kentucky University (NKU), while teaching at Lincoln Elementary in Dayton, Kentucky. While in her first year at NKU, a professor

recognized her strong leadership skills and encouraged her to pursue the administrative side of teaching. She was hesitant at first because she had never aspired to be a principal; however, she did have a strong interest in the area of curriculum development. Amity followed the advice of her professor and is now the assistant principal of not one, but two elementary schools in Northern Kentucky.

"I love teaching and as a principal, I continue to teach every day by guiding and advising the teachers. I have also found that I enjoy the organizational role of administration, working closely with stakeholders in the school community," said Yeager.

Amity splits her week between Highland Heights Elementary and Grant's Lick Elementary. She says that the biggest challenge of managing two schools is learning and remembering the differences in procedure and routine at each, as well as attending each school's meetings and events. "Both schools are very different, with very different student populations," notes Amity. These differences are what propel her as she encounters a variety of teaching and leadership styles. "The greatest benefit has been forming a relationship with the amazing faculty members and students at both schools."

She believes that a school administrator must possess effective leadership skills that involve all stakeholders in the decision-making process in order to give them ownership. "It is imperative that school administrators see themselves as 'instructional leaders,' which requires them to be visible in the classroom and for them to remember what it was like to be in the teacher's role." The most important thing, and what lies at the heart of all decisions Amity faces every day, is that students are her top priority, for they are "the heart of education."

While Amity may have graduated from Thomas More, she continues to stay



Amity Yeager

**Assistant Principal  
Highland Heights Elementary &  
Grants Lick Elementary**

Bachelor's Degree,  
Elementary Education  
Thomas More College

Master's Degree,  
Education in Instructional Leadership  
Northern Kentucky University

involved with her alma mater. She is active in the Young Alumni Committee and is a member of the Thomas More Distinguished Alumnae League. She finds this involvement a unique way for her to "give back to Thomas More."

If there is one phrase that captures Amity Yeager's philosophy and attitude, it is this: "To teach a child's mind, a teacher must capture his heart. Only when a child feels right, can he think right."

— Haim G. Ginnot

## Distinguished Alumnae Panel

On February 21, WKRC Channel 12 co-anchor, John Lomax, moderated Thomas More College's first Distinguished Alumnae panel discussion titled "I want *your* job!" The discussion and Q&A session was geared specifically toward all current Thomas More students. The panel consisted of alumnae in varied professions who have achieved recognition in their career field and/or volunteer capacities within the community.

### Featured panelists:

Joy Amann '04	Chief Operating Officer, Huff Realty
Julie Roesel Belton '93	Vice President — Private Financial Group, Huntington Bank
Donna Bloemer '91	Attorney at Law, Donna M. Bloemer, Esq.
Charlotte Laird '94	Director of Human Resources, Thomas More College
Kristi Nader '02	Executive Director, Cathedral Foundation, Inc.
Jeanne-Marie Tapke '91	President, Tapke Solutions
Wonda Winkler '90	Associate Operating Officer, Brighton Center
Amity Yeager '01	Assistant Principal, Highland Heights Elementary & Grants Lick Elementary



*Pictured left to right: Amity Yeager, Charlotte Laird, Joy Amann, Julie Roesel Belton, John Lomax, Jeanne-Marie Tapke, Donna Bloemer, Kristi Nader and Wonda Winkler.*

## Boone County Alumni Gather



*Thomas More alumni from Boone County gathered on January 25 at the home of Kim and Sarah Patton. Kim Patton is a member of the Thomas More Corporate & Major Gifts Committees. Pictured from left to right: Jim Thelen '67, host, Kim Patton, Marita Thelen, Sharon Elliston '86, Pat Raverty '73, Dennis Helmer '73, Gayle Helmer '74, Andy Von Lehman '75, Marna Zalla, Dr. Jim Zalla '60, hostess, Sarah Patton, Gerry Dusing '71, Patty Raverty, and President, Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer '68.*



## Thomas More Memorabilia Committee

By: Donna Bloemer '91  
Chair, Memorabilia Committee

Thomas More is awash with history, and the new Memorabilia Committee is helping to bring that history on display. The committee hopes to unveil collected artifacts at Homecoming on September 29, 2007, then permanently display them in a location at Thomas More for all alumni to enjoy.

Committee members have already been delighted to find items ranging from a heavy brass sign reading "Villa Madonna College" that hung at the old campus to antique photographs to a rally flag from the opening of the Connor Convocation Center.

We are calling on all alumni to help increase the collection of memorabilia. We are particularly in need of items from the decades of the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's. One committee member has graciously donated her class ring, while another has given us a cheerleading sweater and megaphone from the 1950's era. We are hoping that alumni from other decades will follow suit.

We want to be sure that every decade of alumni is represented in the display and will follow up with a list of secured items in the next edition of *Moreover*. You may donate items permanently, for a certain length of time, or even bequest items to us upon your death.



**We are calling on all Alumni to help increase the collection of memorabilia.**

If you would like to make arrangements for us to pick up an item prior to September 1, 2007 in anticipation of Homecoming, please

contact Monica Ginney '93, Director of Alumni Relations, at (859) 344-3346 or [monica.ginney@thomasmore.edu](mailto:monica.ginney@thomasmore.edu).

## Alumni Athletic Reunion

More than 30 basketball alumni and their families gathered at the February 3rd TMC double-header basketball game against Westminster for a special reunion. They celebrated the Men's Basketball 25th anniversary of their 1981-82 championship and the Women's Basketball 10th and 5th anniversaries of championship victories in 1996-97 and 2001-02, respectively.



Featured alumni (left to right): Kurt Kuhl '95, Kurt Pohlgeers '82, Jeff Schneider '82, Ken Baumann '82, Dan Lenihan '85, and Brian O'Conner '81.



Featured alumni (left to right): Shannon Galbraith-Kent '98, Bridget New '02, Joanna Bess '04, Allison Byars '05 and Carrie Clift '05.

## THOMAS MORE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Awards Nomination Form

The TMC Alumni Association is requesting nominations for the 2007 Alumni Association Awards to be held during Homecoming weekend (September 29-30). The awards ceremony will be held Sunday, September 30 beginning with Mass at 11:00 a.m. in the TMC Chapel, followed by brunch and the awards ceremony in the Holbrook Student Center. These awards were established in order to honor outstanding alumni and community leaders whose talents and expertise have made a significant impact on Thomas More College and the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati community. The Selection Committee includes alumni, at least one past recipient, at least one faculty member and the Director of Alumni Relations.

**Check one box below to indicate which award category is appropriate. Please make additional copies of this form if you wish to submit more than one award nomination.**

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**The Professional Achievement Award** — Awarded to an alumni whose career has reached a level of excellence in his or her respective field of endeavor, and is recognized as such by peers and other knowledgeable contacts.

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**The Citizenship Award** — Awarded to an alumni who has made a significant impact on the welfare of his or her community through service and leadership. Nominees should exhibit a strong commitment to integrity, concern for justice, and service to others for which our spiritual patron and namesake, Saint Thomas More, is so justly renowned.

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**The Thomas More College Service Award** — Awarded to an alumni or friend of Thomas More College who has provided continued service to the College. This award recognizes extraordinary service in terms of time, energy and expertise rather than financial support.

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**The Lasting Influence Award** — Awarded to a faculty or staff member, past or present, who has provided a positive and lasting impact on the lives of students. Nominees should be noted as a role model for life in society, and have served as an influence in the career choice of the students they served.

To nominate someone for an award, please complete this form and return it to the address below. In addition to your nomination form, please include a description of the candidate's accomplishments along with various supporting materials such as newspaper clippings, articles, or other publications. For further information, please call (859) 344-3346.

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Crestview Hills, KY 41017

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**Friday, August 31, 2007**

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**Please provide a description of the candidate's accomplishments on a separate page. Include any newspaper clippings, articles, or other publications that may be useful to the selection committee.**



## 1940's

**Robert Vogelpohl '48** has retired after 50 years as a security bond specialist. He worked with small and large contractors all over the country, but mainly in the Upper Midwest and West Coast. He and his wife, Pat, have 5 children and 20 grandchildren.

## 1950's

**James Dahlenburg '50** is retired from Alvin Chemical, Inc. in Alvin, Texas. He spends his time traveling worldwide while being "composed, pleased, and listening to everyone's troubles."

**Mary Lou (Butts) Hoppe '51** retired from teaching in El Paso, Texas in May 2004. She taught for over 50 years in Kentucky, Ohio, Hawaii and Texas.

**Ron Bauerle '57** served as Chairman of the Biology Department at the University of Virginia from 1993-96, and most recently, was a Senior Fulbright Scholar during 2005 at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, Nepal.

## 1960's

**Joyce (Wittekind) Hamel Asfour '60** has enjoyed spending family time in Florida twice this year, visiting her eldest daughter.

**James A. Zalla, M.D. '60**, President of Dermatology Associates of Northern Kentucky, PSC, and his wife, Marna, have 16 grandchildren between their 5 sons. Jim has been the recipient of three presidential citations from the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). He is a candidate for president-elect for the AAD in 2008.

**Marilyn (Meyer) Richardson '61** is an adjunct professor of Forensic Science at Xavier University, where she has taught serology, DNA and Hair and Fiber classes for the last 12 years.

**John Niederegger '62** and his wife, Kay, have just moved into the Masonic Homes Retirement Community. All is well with the Niederegger family!

**Jerome Bahlmann '63** has joined the law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP. He will concentrate on the legal issues faced by technology and science-based industries, corporate governance issues and non-profit entities. He previously enjoyed a 30-year career with the renowned research organization, Battelle, as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

**Dr. John Greifenkamp '64**, Medical Director for Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at the Diagnostic Clinic of Longview, Texas, won a 2006 award for community service from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

**Laura Rolf '66** has been named Indiana Social Worker of the Year for 2006.

**Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III '67** was presented with the Northern Kentucky Bar Association's Distinguished Lawyer Award in December 2006. This award recognizes meritorious contributions to the enhancement of the legal community, as well as activity in community and civic organizations. Bill is very active in governmental affairs at the local, state and regional levels and currently serves as Treasurer of the American Bar Association. Bill is now a partner at Frost, Brown, Todd, LLC.

**Gil Hageman '68**, a professor at University of Cincinnati's Health Center, enjoys being a soccer referee for youth, high school and college leagues, while also spending family time with his wife, Eileen, their five children and eight grandchildren.

**Dr. Stephen Rettig '69** is in family practice in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Colleen, have three children: Adam (30), Greta (27) and Peter (13).

## 1970's

**Daniel Schadler '70**, is a Professor of Biology at Ogelthorpe University and active in the National Chrysanthemum Society where he serves as Associate Editor of their journal, *The Chrysanthemum*. He won the Best Judges Exhibit Trophy Award at the annual show of the North Carolina Chrysanthemum Society in October 2006.

**George Schewe '73** started an atmospheric/air pollution company in 2005 as part of a small Denver-based group. He owns Wind Dance Environmental and is Principal Meteorologist for Alpine Geophysics. He lives on a farm in Southeast Indiana with an organic herb garden and business.

**Charles Hardebeck '75** is Assistant Professor of Medicine at Ohio State University. He has four daughters; the eldest is a student at Thomas More.

**William C. Trigg, Ph.D. '76** became CEO of the Northeast New York Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation last year. This chapter serves 15 counties in upstate New York granting the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

**Judith Schuerman '77** has been married to Fred Turk for over 17 years. She spends her time volunteering with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. All three of her children are active in scouts, her eldest an Eagle Scout.

**Jerry Nymberg '78** and his wife, Jane, recently celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary. They are the proud parents of Elizabeth, 14 and Stephen, 10.

## 1980's

**James Schmidt '80**, has coached track and field for over 11 years, coached soccer and baseball for 8 years, and taught CCD classes for 5 years — all at St. Jude in Bridgetown, Ohio. Besides sports, he has been a Boy Scout leader for various troops, tutored students in math at Lincoln Heights Elementary, and taught adult students how to read in the Adult Literacy Program.

**Jeff Blau, M.D. '83** is a physician in family medicine and opened a new office location with Alliance Primary Care in Crescent Springs, Kentucky in March 2006.

**Dr. Ann Gunkel '84** and her husband, Chris, have been married for over 20 years. They have three children: Christopher, Joseph and Laura. She is the Program Chair for Environmental Engineering Tech at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

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**Mary (Simon) Orloff '84** and **Dan Orloff '84** celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary in November 2006. They have four boys ranging in age from 8 to 17. Mary has been with the College of Mount St. Joseph for two and a half years. Darren has been with Cincinnati Financial Corporation as a project analyst for one and a half years. They reside in Delhi Township.

**Sue Ellen Stuebing '84** has been named the new Director of Major and Planned Gifts for WCET, Greater Cincinnati's local PBS member station. She was previously with the American Cancer Society for 15 years, most recently as Kentucky's Vice President for the Mid-South division.

**Jennifer Cox '85** has joined Hixson, Inc., an architecture, engineering and interior design firm specializing in office environments, retail projects and industrial processing facilities, as Executive Assistant to the President.

**Albert Bosse '87** is now an Associate Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Cincinnati. Previously, he spent 13 years in the Spacecraft Engineering Department at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. He resides in Hebron, Kentucky with his wife, Shawn, and their four daughters.

## 1990's

**Chris Bryson '93, '00** has been helping to educate the "disciplined thinkers and ethical leaders" of Thomas More College as adjunct professor in the Business Administration Department. He also enjoys spending time with his nieces, Jade Lee (6) and Kyla Shea (2).

**Kevin Goetz '94** and his wife, Tricia, and children Jacob (8), Luke (5) and Gabrielle (10 months), moved back to Northern Kentucky after spending 10 years in Lexington and Louisville. Kevin is working as a hospitalist (physician who only cares for patients admitted to the hospital).

**Shannon Galbraith-Kent '98** married Dan Kent in 2004 and is a Ph.D. candidate in Plant Ecology at Rutgers University. She will finish her degree this year and hopes to gain a faculty position in the Greater Cincinnati area.

**Katie Meister '98** has been promoted to Staff Vice President of Product Development for

Wellpoint. During her undergraduate days at Thomas More, she studied abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland and graduated from the Walt Disney World College Program.

**Nathan Steuber '98**, and his wife, Erica, were blessed with the arrival of their twin daughters, Ava and Gabrielle, on April 5, 2006.

**Patrick Brown '99** and **Angie Schultz '99** have been married since 2002. They had their first child, Jacob Tyler, on Patrick's birthday in 2005. Patrick has been working at Great American Insurance in the Accounting Division for over 7 years. He also coaches baseball for Holy Cross High School. Angie has been with General Electric since her co-op days in 1998. She graduated from GE's Information Management Leadership Program, and her various related roles have taken her to places such as Singapore, Malaysia, India, Belgium and Germany.

## 2000's

**Matt Fritsch '03** and **Jodi (Schroeder) Fritsch '04, '06** were married on October 28, 2006. Matt is currently a practicing attorney at Fiehrer & Lane in Hamilton, Ohio. Jodi is the Director of Communications and Alumni Relations at McNicholas High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Angie (Chrisman) Heizer '01** and her husband, Russell, have a 2-year-old daughter, Quinn Isabelle, and are expecting their second child in April.

**Brett Ruschman '02**, and fellow alumna, **Monica Feinauer '01** were married in September 2004, and enjoyed the arrival of son, Ethan Donald, in June 2005. Brett is current Co-Chair of Bishop Brossart High School's Annual Appeal and a team member on annual Brossart Senior Retreats.

**John Pile '03** welcomed a new addition to his family, Joseph Luke, on September 21, 2006.

**Anne Marie Schmidt '03** is currently a full-time occupational therapist and involved with Catholic service work. She has participated in "Crusade for Life" in California and volunteered with the "Vote Yes for Life" campaign in South Dakota.

**Stephanie Vance '05** married Rockie L.A. Kendall on August 5, 2006. In December 2006, they relocated and purchased a home in Hebron, Kentucky.

**Melanie Kern '06** and her husband, Joe Curtin, welcomed their first child, daughter Marina Louise Curtin, on October 22, 2006.

**Donna Tepe\*** is the CEO of Baby/Easy Lingua, a foreign language school for children as young as 18 months.

\* = alumni year preferred unpublished

## 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 25 and return to the Alumni Relations office.

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## HOMECOMING WEEKEND

"When TMC Saints Go Marching In!"

# Save the Date

September 29 & 30, 2007



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