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Dear Friends,

The energy and excitement you see on the front cover of this issue of *Moreover* is reflective of the beginning of this new academic year. Record enrollment, a new logo and tagline, the creation of a strategic plan to carry us to 2013, as well as the athletic complex were all reasons for us to celebrate. Let me just share a bit about the first three.

We welcomed the largest freshman class in over 20 years, and enrollment is the highest it has been in decades at 1,894 students. This is a growth of over 400 students since 2004 in traditional undergraduate, non-traditional undergraduate, and graduate programs. Thomas More College welcomed these men and women with open arms, and we are now very busy with challenging academics and stimulating activities. As you can imagine, the campus is very much alive!

We also have a new logo and tagline for the College which we feel encapsulates our Catholic heritage, educational mission and unique attributes. As we unveiled this new logo, we did so with a firm foundation of over 85 years of a Catholic, liberal arts education. The mission is the same. It is the message or the articulation of the message that has changed. We are not changing who we are or what we do. We are just clarifying how we tell our story.

The Board of Trustees of the College approved the Strategic Plan 2008-2013 in early June. It sets a clear direction that is both realistic and challenging while building on our Catholic identity and strong academic tradition. Quoting from the introduction to the plan; "As we deliberated, certain themes consistently emerged: a desire to renew and strengthen our commitment to liberal arts education rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition; a desire to emphasize our Catholic identity by better serving the educational needs of students from the Diocese of Covington; a desire to better engage the larger local community; and a desire to provide the facilities and technological resources necessary to enable Thomas More to thrive in the twenty-first century."

These themes translated into six specific goals and several strategies for each goal. Annually, the College administration will present a "report card" to the Board of Trustees indicating our progress in meeting the goals. This plan has energized the College community and set us on a clear path building on our strengths and capitalizing on the opportunities present to us today. You can find the complete plan on the College's Web site.

I am confident you will enjoy this issue of *Moreover* with its balanced emphasis on current students and faculty and the achievements of our alumni.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P."

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

FOCAL Point

Florence Freedom Alumni Event

On June 5, 2008, a crowd of 375 alumni gathered for an evening of fun at the 2nd Annual Thomas More Alumni Night with the Florence Freedom at Champion Window Field. Ron Ryan '97, one of our 2008 Athletic Hall of Fame recipients, threw out the first pitch.



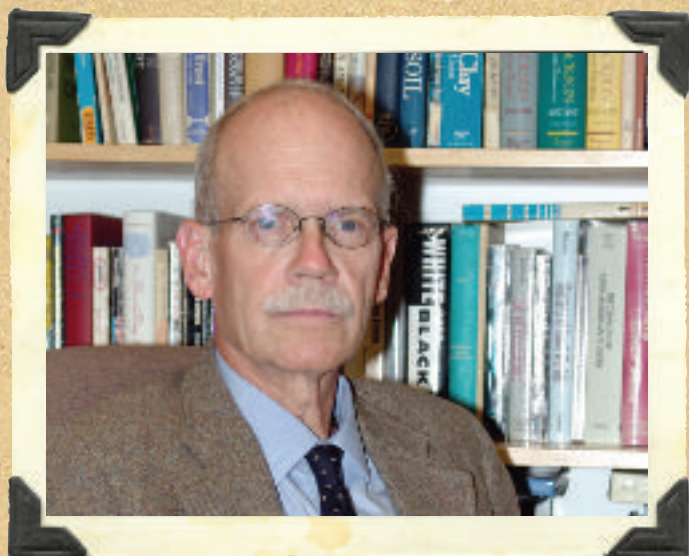
Freshmen Hit Campus

On August 15, the Thomas More community welcomed the incoming freshmen to campus. Over 282 freshmen participated in the activities offered during orientation including: an opening Mass, opening convocation, orientation sessions, campus tours, receptions, socials, casino night and much more.



Lincoln Bicentennial Speaker

On August 22, Dr. Mark Neely, professor of history at Pennsylvania State University and a leading Lincoln specialist, gave a free public presentation on "Lincoln and the Political Problem of Faction" as part of Thomas More's celebration of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Thomas More received a grant from the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Kentucky Historical Society to help fund the speaker.



Endowment Luncheon

On September 17, 2008, Thomas More College hosted an endowment luncheon to connect students who receive endowed scholarship assistance with their benefactors. The luncheon provided an opportunity for the students to get to know their benefactors, as well as thank them for their support.



Guest Speaker on Human Trafficking

On September 16, Thomas More welcomed guest speaker, Theresa Flores, author of *The Sacred Bath*. Theresa Flores shared her own story of being enslaved while living in an upper-middle class suburb of Detroit, Michigan. She now works to educate others about human trafficking and for the abolition of slavery today. This was the first in a series of presentations that will focus on Catholic Social Teaching. This presentation was sponsored by the Department of Campus Ministry.



Reds Game

On Friday, September 19, Thomas More College Student Life Office hosted a *Reds Night Out*. Over 50 students enjoyed a night at the ballpark to watch the Reds beat the Brewers.



COLLECTOR'S Corner

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Jack Wells, professor in the Physics Department, met his wife, Louise, in 1980 while she was teaching in Thomas More's Nursing Department. They both shared a passion for nature and gardening and have been growing their garden together ever since.

Their garden includes roses, ferns, daffodils and daylilies, but their passion is hostas. They started their hosta garden in 1990. Over the years they have collected over 280 different varieties of hostas including: June Hostas, Made You Look Hostas and Stitch in Time Hostas, just to name a few. "We

like hostas because of the shade garden type, variety of choice, and the variation in the foliage," said Jack. Louise does most of the planting while Jack does the heavy lifting: soil, rocks and boulders. Jack also put in a 15 foot stream that flows into the swimming pool.

Jack and Louise get many of their hostas by mail order from places such as Naylor Creek in Washington State and Wade-Gatton in Bellville, Ohio.



However, the most interesting place they get their hostas is while traveling. "Many times Louise will bring hostas back from our travels and add them to the collection," said Jack.

The trickiest part of their garden and hosta collection was when they moved three years ago. They only moved a total of two city blocks, but transferred over 400 plants in total. It took them more than six weeks to transplant the garden.

Their garden also houses a collection of nine chimney pipes, various rocks and boulders collected from their travels to places like Michigan, Arizona and Maine, plus seven bird feeders.

In addition to their passion for gardening, they also collect dachshunds through a wiener dog rescue. They currently have five dachshunds. Louise also collects miniature figurines including more than 100 dachshunds and figurines called 'Wee Forest Folk'.



Art Season Opens with Faculty Show

Art Department faculty members, Gil Stengel and Yuki Muroe, opened their ceramic sculpture show 'Farm Livin'' on September 4 in the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery. This is the first show this husband-wife team has had together in more than ten years. The show ran through September 27.

Exhibition Schedule 2008-2009

November 6 – November 29
Photography Show by Francis Michaels

December 5 – January 11
High School Invitational Exhibition

January 16 – February 7
Paintings - Realistic Still-Life Scenes by Tom Post

February 13 – March 7
TMC Art Alumni Show

March 13 – April 5
Senior Thesis Exhibition

April 10 – May 22
Student Exhibition



Evenings of Observing at The Bank of Kentucky Observatory at Thomas More College

Are you interested in astronomy? If so, mark your calendar for one of the Evenings of Observing at The Bank of Kentucky Observatory at Thomas More College. Each evening will include a brief talk in the Science Lecture Hall about what you will see in the skies that evening, followed by an opportunity to view it at the Observatory. Thomas More faculty and students will assist visitors in using the telescopes.

Thomas More Evenings of Observing
Saturday, November 8 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 6 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 31 - 6:00 p.m.



These events are free and open to the public. For more information call 859-344-3367.



Thomas More Villa Players Celebrate 50th Season

2008-09 THEATRE SEASON

50th
Season

Tickets on Sale Now

For reservations or more information, please call (859) 341-5800.

Ned Durango Comes To Big Oak

by Norm Foster

November 14 and 15 at 8:00 p.m.
November 16 – Sunday Matinee at 2:00 p.m.
November 21 and 22 at 8:00 p.m.
November 23 – Sunday Matinee at 2:00 p.m.

\$15.00 General Admission
\$10.00 TMC Faculty/Staff/
Senior Citizen Admission
\$8.00 TMC Student

The town of Big Oak is in trouble, they need some big guns to put them on the tourist map. Enter cowboy Ned Durango, the biggest star in television a generation ago. Now he's come to rescue Big Oak by starring in the Tomato Festival Parade. The result is a funny, poignant and refreshing comedy about heroes and the people who love them.

Waiting for the Parade

by John Murrell

February 20 and 21 at 8:00 p.m.
February 22 – Sunday Matinee at 2:00 p.m.
February 27 and 28 at 8:00 p.m.
March 1 – Sunday Matinee at 2:00 p.m.

\$10.00 General Admission
\$8.00 TMC Faculty/Staff/
Senior Citizen Admission
\$7.00 TMC Student

A Nostalgic World War II drama, *Waiting for the Parade* reminds us that the wounded are not always at the front lines. Five women gather to work for the war effort, and to support each other while the men they love are in peril on the front lines. *Waiting for the Parade* is a celebration of the vibrant music, dancing and spirit of our greatest generation.



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Head Volleyball Coach

Ed Thornton '07
Admissions Counselor



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TMC Unveils New Identity

Thomas More College recently unveiled a new visual identity which reflects the Catholic heritage, education mission and the many other facets that make Thomas More unique.

The logo design features a stylized shield with a cross as the focal point and the initials "T" and "M" outlined by the positioning of the logo's elements. The shield, portrayed in the new logo mark, powerfully communicates the centrality of Thomas More's Catholic heritage, which informs its commitment to academic excellence and community service.

The tagline, "Together in Pursuit of Truth", accurately represents some of Thomas More College's most valued characteristics, including community, leadership, integrity, ethics and intellectual curiosity.

"This captures what we heard so strongly from all constituents that the College has a rigorous academic program in the Catholic intellectual tradition where faith and reason in concert lead to truth," stated President Stallmeyer. "We look forward to the next generation of learners who will continue to engage with faculty and staff in search of truth."

CALENDAR OF Events

■ November 2008

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| 8 | Evenings of Observing, Science Lecture Hall and The Bank of Kentucky Observatory | 6:00 p.m. |
| 15 | Thomas More College Fall Open House, Holbrook Student Center | 9:00 a.m. |
| 16 | Villa Players Alumni Western BBQ, Holbrook Student Center | 4:00 p.m. |

■ December 2008

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| 5 | Universal ADG Night, Holbrook Student Center | 8:00 p.m. |
| 6 | Evenings of Observing, Science Lecture Hall and The Bank of Kentucky Observatory | 6:30 p.m. |

■ January 2009

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| 31 | Evenings of Observing, Science Lecture Hall and The Bank of Kentucky Observatory | 6:00 p.m. |
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The Anne Marie Mielech Memorial Scholarship *for Creative Writing*

By: Ron Mielech '57
Father

Anne Marie Mielech graduated from her beloved Thomas More College in 1987. Her love for the College; however, was not immediate. Many of her high school friends were going away to school, but Anne Marie was compelled to go to Thomas More. I told her that she could go to any school of her choosing, provided she received a four-year, full-tuition scholarship. Because I was a professor of drama at Thomas More she would receive a tuition free education at the College. She was trapped! However, within a month of starting, she made new friends and discovered old ones and a deep affection for Thomas More College.

She graduated with a degree in English-secondary education. Because she graduated in December, no teaching positions were available. She took a position at Southwestern Publishing, noted for their publication of law books. It didn't take long for Anne Marie to consider law school. She applied to Chase Law School and received a full-tuition scholarship, which she loved to point out to me whenever possible.

Upon graduation from Chase, Anne Marie began a legal career at O'Hara, Ruberg and Taylor Law Firm and went on to begin her own legal practice. She soon met the love of her life, Honorable Douglas Grothaus, and began a teaching career at Holy Cross High School. Another love affair was born at Holy

Cross. Anne Marie loved her students and the feeling was reciprocal. She was noted as an exceptional teacher of writing, as she herself was an exceptional writer.

It was only fitting to honor her life with the establishment of the Anne Marie Mielech Scholarship for Creative Writing at Thomas More, where she will continue to inspire and develop talented young writers.

WHY I GIVE TO TMC

"As a Thomas More College graduate and a member of the Young Alumni Committee, I feel it is incredibly important to give back to TMC. Thomas More College has meant a great deal to me both personally and professionally. I met many of my closest friends, including my husband, at Thomas More. My degree from this well respected, liberal arts institution has enabled me to establish a fantastic career at Procter & Gamble in the Multicultural Marketing Organization. I encourage all alumni to support our alma mater to ensure the future success of the college and our community."

—Megan Burns Criss





Bishop William A. Hughes Awards Presentation



Left to right: Award Recipients Charles R. Scheper and William G. Kohlhepp, along with Bishop William A. Hughes.

During the Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner on October 9, Thomas More College honored two leaders in the community who have made significant contributions to Catholic higher education, Mr. William G. Kohlhepp '65 and Mr. Charles R. Scheper '74.

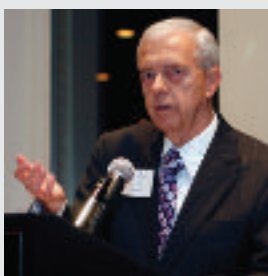
The annual event was established in 1996, the 75th anniversary of Thomas More College, in honor of Bishop William A. Hughes, former Chancellor of the College, and retired Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, whose love for the College and Catholic higher education was evident at all times.



Past and present Bishop Hughes Awards recipients with the awards namesake, Bishop William A. Hughes.

First Row, left to right: George H. Scheper, Bishop William A. Hughes, Patricia J. Sommerkamp.

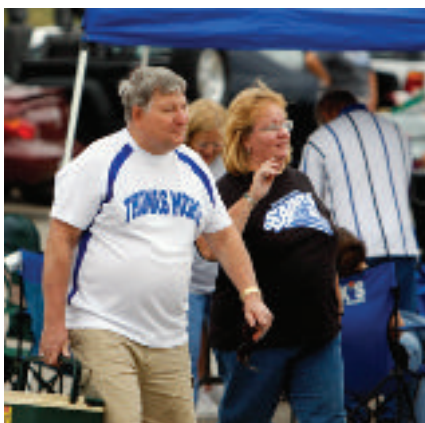
Back row, left to right: William G. Kohlhepp, Robert E. Ruberg, Charles R. Scheper, Mary H. Brown, Robert B. Sathe, Robert J. Kohlhepp and Frank B. Sommerkamp.





HOMECOMING

A Celebration of Old and New



2008

The Griffin Family.

On September 26-27, students, faculty, alumni and friends were on campus for Homecoming 2008 festivities. This year marks Thomas More's 40th year on this campus and was met with the largest freshman class in 20 years and the highest enrollment in decades with 1,897 students.

Homecoming kicked off on Friday with a pep rally for students, followed by a celebration of the soon to be constructed, Griffin Plaza. The celebration recognized the Griffin Family for their generosity and commitment to the two phase Thomas More College athletic complex. Phase one is near completion and will include Griffin Plaza, housing restrooms, concessions and locker rooms. Griffin Industries gave one of the largest single gifts the College has ever received and has allowed the addition of facilities necessary to enhance the new The Bank of Kentucky Field.



Saturday, September 27, began with an Alumni Baseball Game and was followed by an alumni picnic. Alumni and friends mixed and mingled reminiscing about their college days, while their children participated in a variety of activities.

After the picnic, everyone headed to The Bank of Kentucky Field to watch the Saints take on rival, Westminster College, for the very first football game on the new synthetic field. The Saints triumphed with a 31-10 victory over Westminster.

The old and the new came together as the Alumni Association unveiled the newly completed Heritage Display at Homecoming. The display is located in the Thomas More Library, behind the reference desk. The Memorabilia Committee spent a few years coordinating the project, while gathering various artifacts and photos from alumni representatives of each decade since the 1940's.





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BEST Program Partnership



By Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg,
MAT Coordinator

During spring and summer of 2008,

representatives from various academic and administrative departments at Thomas More were involved in several initiatives with our BEST Partnership schools. The Business Education Success Teams (BEST) Program is an initiative of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and its intent is to partner schools and businesses for meaningful experiences.

Thomas More College is making a positive impact in the work we are doing with our BEST Partners: Holy Trinity Elementary School, Latonia Elementary School, and RC Hinsdale Elementary School. Here are just a few examples of the initiatives taking place within these schools as part of Thomas More's BEST Partnership.



Holy Trinity Elementary School

In the spring of 2008, 45 students in the 4th and 5th grade choir performed for Thomas More students, staff, and faculty



during the lunch hour then enjoyed lunch with the students in the cafeteria. After lunch, guides from the Admissions Office took

the students on a tour of the campus, then for a real look at Chemistry with Dr. Tyler Green, Chairman of the Chemistry Department. Dr. Green involved the students in some creative, action-oriented chemistry experiments. Dr. Brad Bielski, Academic Dean, closed the visit with a discussion of the benefits of a college education.



Latonia Elementary art exhibit at Thomas More College.



Latonia Elementary School

Students and faculty from the Education Department, in cooperation with the Athletic Director, Student Services Director, and the Dean's Office, were busy with many initiatives. One of the many initiatives was a mural



at Latonia Elementary School. Master of Art in Teaching candidate, Sheri Mann, and elementary education major, Kristen Schnell, spent numerous hours working with Latonia Elementary administrative staff, and 4th and 5th graders to create a mural on a vacant wall. The mural highlights the partnership with the school and Thomas More College and features the school mascot, a cardinal.



R.C. Hinsdale Elementary School

In the spring of 2008, four undergraduate education students, Kaycee Bischoff, Jenna Kelsch, Jordon Logan, and Dawna Neil, as well as three faculty members; Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg, Dr. Raymond Hebert and Dr. Barbara Zahler,



attended a six-hour training session to be eligible to serve as a tutor for the 1:1 Reading Program, a literacy initiative in Northern Kentucky.

Each person was matched with a third grade student at R.C. Hinsdale and they committed to a weekly 30-minute tutoring session at the school.

Plans are currently underway to continue all of the partnerships for the 2008-09 academic year. The Education Department invites assistance from any faculty, staff, student, and alumni who want to make a difference. For information, contact Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg at 859.344.3338, or Dr. Elizabeth Penn at 859.344.3357.

Personal Reflection:

Finding Christ in Service to His Chosen People

By: James Camp, Ph.D.
Associate Professor,
Sociology

There is seemingly no clearer message in the Gospel of Christ than His association with the poor and His call for all Christians to associate and serve the poor. During 2004 and 2005, culminating with entry into the Church on March 26, 2005, my exploration of Christ's place in my life became more focused as I participated in the RCIA program at Saint Mary's Parish in Alexandria, Kentucky. During this process, I developed a profound appreciation for Christ's love for the world and the call for the preferential option for the poor: Christ is teacher, Christ is healer, and Christ is servant.

After almost two years of reflecting on the meaning of my RCIA experience, on a day in late February 2007, I decided to follow Christ's call to serve the poor. I chose to use my sabbatical from Thomas More College to live with and serve

physical dangers of migration and border crossing, or simply world experiences that called into question God's existence. Yet, nowhere have I experienced God's strength and love for his people more than in the faces of the guests of Annunciation House; Christ in the here and now. The house was a constant

expression of the omnipresence of God's love through

the laughter of practical jokes, the daily giving of thanks for life itself, the fortitude of faith to face adversity, dancing, singing and the smiles and hugs of children. I found God most especially in the action of saying to those whom society deems as "worthless" that, you too, are a Child of God and, because we are all Children of the same God, I love you as my brother or sister.

The value of this experience, as I feel it has brought me closer to God, is clearly beyond words. My primary goal of this Sabbatical was to be able to return to the classroom and speak with authority inspired by the Holy Spirit about the value of service and its value to the Christian and collegiate experience. Now, after leaving my community in El Paso, I return to the classroom with this experience and authority.

Annunciation House is a non-profit all volunteer organization that has been serving people in migration since February 1978. In its thirty year history, Annunciation House has provided hospitality to more than one-hundred thousand people. Guests in the house from United States, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, Cuba, Nicaragua, Columbia, Peru, Bolivia, Romania, Nigeria, and China were served during Dr. Camp's year at the house.

Dr. Camp has taken over one-hundred students to the El Paso, Texas/Juarez, Chihuahua border region and over thirty students and alumni into the interior of Mexico since 2000. Through real life, "in-your-face" experience of "otherness," the purpose of these immersion programs is to foster reflection on the ultimate meaning of life, one's place in the world and social responsibility; reflections outlined in the College's mission.



Dr. James Camp center.

homeless, undocumented migrants at Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas. In July 2007, I left behind my home, my work community, my family, my wife and my life to begin an incredible journey.

My twelve months at Annunciation House were the most challenging months of my life, physically, but more so emotionally. Bearing the burden of the suffering of those served was often difficult; the hardships of economic and social displacement, separated families,



Dr. Bill Bryant Retires after 37 Years



■ Dr. Bill Bryant, biology faculty member at Thomas More College since 1971, retired this past spring after 37 years of service to our academic community. During his tenure at Thomas More College, Dr. Bryant served as Chair of the Biology Department for three terms, was Chair of the Pre-Medical Committee for eight years, and taught 14 different courses for Biology majors, as well as seven different courses for non-majors.

“Bill was one of those truly great professors that will be missed by both faculty members and students alike.”

Dr. Bryant was an excellent instructor and mentor, as evidenced by his receiving the TMC Outstanding Full-Time Teaching Award in 1995. Dr. Bryant had the broadest academic background of any Biology faculty to date, including an undergraduate degree in Wildlife Management with a minor in Physical Science, a Master's Degree in Zoology, and a Doctorate degree in Plant Ecology. His dedication to his students, colleagues, staff, and other faculty at Thomas More was also proven by the numerous college and community-based committees and boards on which he served.

As a member of the Thomas More College community, Dr. Bryant maintained one of the most focused, productive and consistent research programs. His dedication to this research resulted in the publication of 25 scientific, peer-reviewed articles in seven journals.



In addition, Dr. Bryant contributed at least five chapters in different professional books. Dr. Bryant's willingness to enthusiastically involve students and alumni in his various research projects not only enhanced their learning experience but also contributed to their professional development and helped guide them through the often difficult process of choosing a career path. Despite his retirement, Dr. Bryant continues to be productive in his study of forest community ecology in Kentucky and the surrounding region.

Dr. Bill Bryant was honored at an open house and farewell reception at Thomas More College on April 23, 2008.

A strong testament of Dr. Bryant's positive impact on students and his prolific career as a scientist was shown through an overwhelming number of financial donations from generous alumni and other friends. To recognize and honor Bill's commitment to the conservation and

preservation of native vegetation throughout Kentucky, these funds are being used to create an arboretum on campus — a cultivation of trees and other plants used for scientific, educational and

ornamental purposes. A bronze plaque, naming and describing the “William S. Bryant Arboretum,” will mark the start of the arboretum, and a variety of native trees and shrubs will be planted throughout the campus beginning this fall.

“That he has maintained strong connections with so many of his former students, even decades after they have graduated, is a testament to his effectiveness as a successful mentor.”



Journal Publishes Student Research

An article coauthored by Dr. K. Siobhan Barone, and several former Thomas More College students was recently published in the *Journal of the Kentucky Academy of Science* 69(1):11-18. The research published involved studies that examined the immunological processes involved in a response known as oral tolerance and was supported by an Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) from the National Institute of Health (NIH). Under the supervision of Dr. Barone, Tiffany Nolan '04, Rachael Burns '05, Armando Retana '06, Stephanie Horton '07, Lindsey Jackson '08 and Meredith Wall '08 contributed to the scientific findings that culminated in the publication of the scientific paper "Role of CTLA-4, IL-18 and IL-10 on the induction of low dose oral tolerance."

Biology Students Participate in Research in Colorado

Biology majors Jeff Goessling, Kimberly Hamann and Josh Horn, joined Dr. John Ferner, professor in the Biology Department, and his wife, Jodi (former director of Continuing Education at Thomas More College), on an eleven-day research trip to the Gore Pass area of Grand County Colorado. The purpose of the project was to determine the impact of a recent outbreak of the native mountain pine beetle on study sites. Professor Ferner has visited with students since 1980. Up to half of the lodgepole pine in this region of Colorado have been killed by these beetles over the past three years. The students will present the results of the project at the Annual Argonne National Laboratory Symposium in Science in November. Warmer winter temperatures as the result of climate change have been hypothesized as the cause of this extensive beetle infestation.



Left to right: John Ferner, Kim Hamann, Josh Horn and Jeff Goessling

Chemistry Student Presents Research



Chemistry student, Erica Goetz '08, presented a poster at the 2008 Central Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Columbus, Ohio (June 10-14, 2008). Erica's poster featured research that she performed in the Chemistry Department at Thomas More during her junior and senior years with Dr. William Wetzel, assistant professor in the Chemistry Department. Her research was entitled "The Determination of Selenium in Broccoli using ICP-AES."



Student Serves as Dispatcher

Junior criminal justice major, Kristin Dorgan, is a dispatcher with the Erlanger Police Department. Kristin recently graduated near the top of her class at this summer's Telecommunications Academy at the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond, Kentucky. The training academy included both lectures and practical training exercises.

Master of Arts in Teaching Program Update

When classes began in the fall of 2008, nineteen of the twenty-one Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) candidates who began in the fall of 2007, continued the second year of the program. Of the nineteen who are continuing, fourteen are teaching fulltime in area schools — 4 are in Catholic schools and 10 are in public schools.

All of the candidates have passed their content area Praxis II exam, a test designed by Educational Testing Service (ETS) of New Jersey, to measure the content knowledge of teachers prior to their entering the teaching profession. Most of the students have also passed their Principles of Learning and Teaching Exam, an exam designed by ETS to measure a candidate's knowledge of educational pedagogy. Candidates must pass the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam prior to participating in the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP), a year-long internship typically administered during the first year of teaching for undergraduates who have acquired their initial teaching certification. Six of the returning nineteen candidates are participating in the internship during the 2008-09 school year.

"The Master of Arts in Teaching Program at Thomas More College has



changed my life," said Jay Minser, MAT Candidate and 8th grade math teacher at Dayton Jr. High School in Kentucky. "When I look at where I was a year ago and my level of understanding for teaching, it is hard to fathom how much I have learned in one year."

To be a part of this exciting opportunity to acquire a Master's Degree and an initial teaching certificate for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, please contact the MAT Office at 859.344.3404, or visit our website at www.thomasmore.edu/mat. Applications are currently being accepted for the fall of 2009.



***Where the River Bends* Receives Emmy**

Kentucky Educational Television's (KET) production of *Where the River Bends* recently won two Regional Emmy Awards in the categories of Historical Documentary and Photography. Dr. Paul Tenkotte, Chair of History, International Studies, and Political Science at Thomas More College, served as a major consultant and interviewee for the three-

hour series. In addition, the documentary received an overwhelming statewide response during KET's 2007 Telefund. Viewers made it the most successful Telefund premiere of a local history documentary in KET's nearly 40-year history.

Thomas More Hosted the 13th Annual Ohio Kentucky Indiana Children's Literature Conference

"Tots, Teens & In BeTweens: Booked for Life," the thirteenth annual Ohio Kentucky Indiana Children's Literature Conference, was held Saturday, November 1, 2008 at Thomas More College. Keynote speakers included Sharon M. Draper, *New York Times* bestselling author, teacher, and five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award, and Jim Gill, award-winning songwriter, author and musician.

The full-day conference included a wide variety of workshops useful to teachers, writers, librarians, illustrators and parents. Experts from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and The Blue Marble Children's Bookstore did presentations on the latest in picture books and young adult literature, and local children's book authors discussed writing and publishing. In addition, the conference offered a manuscript critique option and writers' workshop conducted by Cincinnati author and former Institute of Children's Literature instructor, Linda Leopold Strauss.

The 2008 conference was sponsored by the Dearborn Highlands Arts Council in cooperation with the Blue Marble Book Store, Boone County Public Library, Clermont County Public Library, Kenton County Public Library, Lawrenceburg Public Library District, Northern Kentucky University, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Sodexo, Inc., Thomas More College and Xavier University.

Accountancy Advisory Board Established

A new Advisory Board to the Department of Accountancy has been established to assist the department in maintaining an accountancy curriculum responsive to the needs of the accountancy profession, business, industry, and the government. Board members are Thomas More alumni who work in the accountancy field. Board members include: Stephanie Huhn '02, Bramel and Ackley PSC, Sarah Schrand '05 PricewaterhouseCoopers, Casey Flick '02, VonLehman & Company and Kim (Simon) Rollins '02, United States Playing Card Company. "Although we feel that

our current program meets the needs of stakeholders, we wanted to ensure that it continues to do so in the future," said Dr. R. Steven Flynn, Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Accountancy. "This is especially important given the rapid changes occurring in the accounting field." The department will meet periodically with the board to discuss developments in the accountancy profession and how it might best prepare students to confront these challenges.



Fall Field Station Report

Ohio River Monitoring

For over 35 years, researchers at the Field Station have conducted a long-term ecological monitoring program on the water quality, habitat and fish populations around two coal-burning power plants currently operated by DUKE Energy. This past summer, biology and environmental science students, Jacob Botkins, Kathy Diersen, Dan France, Ashley Hardebeck, Josh Horn, Kimi Scheper, Michael Supe and Josh Vogel, assessed the health of the Ohio River by examining the fish community, the spatial variation between the fish upstream and downstream of the plant, and the chemical characteristics of the river. Josh Vogel will present these findings at the Argonne National Symposium in Chicago, Illinois.

Just what are those Purple things hanging in the trees?

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an exotic beetle native to Asia. However, in the summer of 2002, it was discovered near Detroit, Michigan and has been spreading south ever since. The insect larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupt their transport of water, and eventually kill the trees. This past summer, a group of faculty, staff, and students, led by Tim Carbol, the Field Station caretaker, assisted the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Kentucky in placing EAB traps throughout Northern Kentucky. Specifically, the group placed nearly 200 traps throughout 92 zones in Kenton County. The traps will be analyzed this fall. The goal of the trapping is to determine the current distribution of beetles.



Climate Change Research: Controls on Nitrous Oxide Emissions from the Ohio River

The use of nitrogen fertilizers can leach off of soils and into rivers where bacteria may convert the nitrogen to nitrous oxide, a potent greenhouse gas. Dr. Jake Beaulieu, an environmental scientist from the USEPA, working with Jacob Rebholz, a junior environmental science major and chemistry minor, this summer measured nitrous oxide emissions from the Ohio River; an ideal study site for this project because nitrogen concentrations are high, due largely to agricultural activity in the region. Their preliminary data have shown that the entire Markland Pool of the Ohio River is a source of nitrous oxide to the atmosphere. Over the next year, Dr. Beaulieu will be monitoring N₂O emissions from the River and will be conducting experiments to determine what factors control nitrous oxide production rates in the River sediments.

Stormwater and Wastewater Management

The Station has partnered with the Sanitation District to create research and co-op opportunities for students to assist SD1 biologists with their Watershed Management Program and Environmental Education activities. This summer, Thomas More students, Josh Horn, Kimi Scheper and Michael Supe, worked alongside SD1 staff in the field to inventory streams, assess habitats, and conduct water quality assessments; while Ashley Hardebeck assisted in the development of a rain garden program to address the critical issue of stormwater management. Kimi Scheper will present the summer fieldwork findings at the Argonne National Symposium in Chicago, Illinois.



Olivia Lantry



The Field Station hires an Outreach Coordinator

The Station welcomes Olivia Lantry as its new outreach coordinator. Beginning this fall, Olivia will oversee all of the current outreach programs, including the grade-school field trips and summer science camps for high school students. Olivia attended Thomas More, majoring in Environmental Studies and also earning an Associate's Degree in Art. While a student, she was a resident of the Station and active researcher, working on several projects, namely heading the DUKE Energy study. For further information on our outreach programs, contact Olivia at olivia.lantry@thomasmore.edu or 859-635-6941.

Protecting our Drinking Water

For the past five years, the Field Station has collaborated with Dr. Allen of the USEPA on the deployment of a Water Quality Monitoring Station (WQMS) incorporating technologies with data telemetry, data analysis, and water sampling capabilities on the River. The very first pilot system is located at the Station. This system provides information for the development of early warning system (EWS) network, strategically placed throughout the watershed for the protection of source drinking water resources.

Freshwater Mussel Conservation

The Station has recently partnered with the Ohio State Freshwater Mussel and Conservation Research Center and the Newport Aquarium to understand the basic biology of imperiled mussels and assist in the recovery efforts of threatened/endangered mussel species. Specifically, the Aquarium staff has built a new 720-gallon tank at the Station that will serve as a holding facility of various fish species that are hosts to the life cycle of these mussels. Thomas More students, including Kimi Scheper, will collect the fish, maintain them and conduct the mussel research.

New Aquaculture Facility

Thomas More and the USEPA are establishing a new aquatic culture and testing facility at the Ohio River Biology Field Station. The facility will include designing and installing a system to treat and deliver the well water to the various culture tanks. Environmental Science major, Jacob Botkins will assist in the development of the facility.

FACULTY Profile

Ten Minutes
with Tom Gilday**How long have you worked at TMC?**

A: Full time since August, 1980, Part time 1979.

What are your hobbies?

A: Cycling, jogging, thoroughbred horse racing (as a spectator) and fishing.

What are you passionate about?

A: Experiential Learning. I have been involved in experiential learning for over 25 years. My first involvement with experiential learning was being named faculty moderator of Co-op for Accountancy majors, a position I have held for 27 years. Our students have learned so much over the years from their experiences working with some of the best companies in the world, from small CPA firms to some of the largest companies in the world.

When several students and I initiated the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) over 25 years ago, it was a community service opportunity that has evolved into a service learning program today. It became apparent that students (and faculty) learned so much more about federal income taxes and life sitting across the table from a single parent rather than sitting in a classroom.

In 2001, service learning gave a real boost to my passion for education when my daughter, Erin, and I were able to initiate the Jamaica Service Learning Program at TMC. Because of TMC's commitment to service, and with a lot of help from faculty in the Philosophy, Nursing and Education departments, we were able to transform a high school mission trip into an international service learning opportunity for our students.

What awards/honors have you received?

A: Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, 1996-1997; Alpha Delta Gamma National Fraternity Outstanding Chapter Moderator of the Year Award, 2007; Alpha Delta Gamma Rho Chapter 2007 Outstanding Faculty/Staff of the Year Award; TMC Club Advisor of the Year Award, 2005; Delta Epsilon Sigma Community Service Award, 2004.

What motivates you as a faculty member?

A: The most fulfilling part of being a teacher is the opportunity it provides for engagement with students. I think it is a wonderful gift from God that, after 28 years of teaching, I can't wait to get to "work" (most days).

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

A: The biggest challenge for me is to stay current in topics that I teach, with many of them changing on a daily basis. Fortunately, advances in technology have made this task much easier.

Where is the last place you traveled and why?

A: My last international travel destination was Jamaica, with 24 students, for our service learning project in May, 2008.

What is your favorite book?

A: Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt.

What is in your CD/MP3 player right now?

A: True Love, an album by Toots & the Maytals.



Tom Gilday

Associate Professor, Accountancy

Professional Associations:

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants

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

A: I am just a simple guy from the west side of Cincinnati that has received so many gifts from God, including a fantastic family, wonderful friends and a great career.

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

A: I have not yet traveled to Haiti, but it is high on my list to establish working relationships with service partners in that country in the next few years.

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

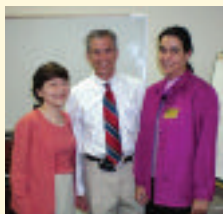
A: Most people would be surprised to know that I bicycle from Cincinnati to Thomas More College whenever I can.

What is your motto? Or words to live by?

A: "Respect."

Rebecca Wright Bilbo, Associate Professor, Art History, was invited to serve on a panel with the Robert Frost Foundation at the Fourth Annual New England Poetry Conference in February 2008. The panel topic was "Lasting Legacies: The William Wolcott Collection and Robert Frost." Her paper will appear in a publication of the Robert Frost Foundation to be published in October 2008.

Anne Busse and **Jack Rudnick, Jr.**, Assistant Professors, Department of Business Administration, presented papers at the 6th Annual Business Conference on Global



Left to right: Anne Busse, Jack Rudnick and Gordana Pekovic.

Sustainable Development at Argosy University (University of Sarasota), Sarasota Florida on April 5, 2008. Ms. Busse's paper was "Societal Marketing Programs: CSR as a Marketing Tool." Mr.

Rudnick presented "Moral Cosmopolitanism: Development of Standards for the International Adoption of Children and Infants." Both are in the process of completing doctoral degrees from Argosy University.

Dr. Rex B. Easley, Associate Professor, English, had a short story entitled "Crossing Indiana in Darkness" published in the Spring 2008 issue of *INSCAPE*, a literary magazine out of Morehead, Kentucky.

Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt III, Professor, History and Economics, attended the European Studies Conference held at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, October 2-4, 2008. At this conference, Professor Erhardt presented a paper "The Balkanization of Serbia? Kosovo's Declaration of Independence and Its Implication for Serbia's Future." Erhardt also chaired the panel "Perspectives on Russian Literature."

Dr. Erhardt attended the Global Studies Conference, held concurrently at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. At this conference, he presented the paper "India 2008: Political and Economic Turbulence on the Road to Modernization." He also chaired the panel "Topics on Central Asia." For the second year, Professor Erhardt served as a member of the Conference Steering Committee.

Over the summer and fall, Dr. Erhardt served as a reviewer for the forthcoming edition of Robert

Reich and Andrea Tyson's text *Principles of Economics* (John Wiley & Sons), and for Gerard Roland's *Economic Development* (Addison-Wesley Publishing).

Dr. R. Steven Flynn, Professor and Chairperson, Accountancy, published a paper "Exploring Supplemental Performance Disclosures in Charities' Direct Mail Solicitations" in the *International Journal of Effective Management*, Vol. 4, No. 1, December 2007. Dr. Flynn also serves as a reviewer for this journal.

On June 4, 2008, Dr. Flynn traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, where he taught two sessions of the mini-course "Savings and Investments: Your Money at Work" at this year's BASE Camp, a summer educational camp for high school students interested in accounting careers sponsored by the Kentucky Society of CPA's. Dr. Flynn also served on the BASE Camp Task Force during the 2007 - 2008 academic year. For the second consecutive year, Danielle Baer (TMC Accountancy Alumna '08) served as a chaperone at the camp.



Dr. Raymond G. Hebert, Professor of History and Director of the James Graham Brown Honors Program, was presented with the Honorary Alumnus Award by the Covington Latin School for his

twenty three years of service on their Board of Directors.

Father Ronald M. Ketteler, Associate Professor and Chair, Theology, presented a lecture in a continuing education program entitled "Ethical and Spiritual Issues in Health Care" at the St. Luke Hospital on April 30, 2008. His presentation explored the topic, "Spirituality, Advance Directives and Medical Decision-Making in a Hi-Tech Medical Culture."

Along with several ecumenical leaders, Father Ketteler participated in a panel discussion session at the 2008 National Conference of the American Association of Interchurch Families on June 28. The Conference was held at Laws Lodge at the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Ellie Megerle, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Criminal Justice, participated in Thomas More's Jamaica Service Learning Project organized by Professor Tom Gilday. Thomas More faculty and students spent their time in Montego Bay at Westhaven, a school for

physically and mentally challenged children, and at the Ambassadors for Christ school, where they taught classes and built a play area for the children.

Dr. Elizabeth Penn, Professor, Education, and **Mary Jo Nead**, Assistant Professor, Communications, visited Washington D.C. and the office of Congressman Geoff Davis



Left to right: Mary Jo Nead, Dr. Paul Wirtz, president-elect, KACT, and Dr. Elizabeth Penn.

as part of a lobbying effort to gain support for issues affecting education.

Sr. Mary Evelyn Reinke, Associate Professor, English and **Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg**, Coordinator, MAT, conducted 2-hour sessions on August 31, September 3 and September 5, to assist undergraduate education majors who are preparing to take their Praxis II Content and Principles of Learning and Teaching Exams in the fall and spring.

Dr. Robert M. Riehemann, Associate Professor and Chair, Mathematics and Physics, co-authored a paper, "Prepare to Believe: Evangelicalism and the Museum." The paper



Dr. Robert Riehemann.

was presented in June 2008 at the International Conference on the Inclusive Museum in Leiden in the Netherlands. They examined the philosophical foundations for the idea of the inclusive museum and presented

an argument that this foundation needs to be re-examined in order to avoid conflicts between the idea of a science museum and that of an inclusive museum.

Dr. Beth Sanders, Department Chair of Sociology and Criminal Justice, served as a Promotion Assessor for the Kentucky State Police this past June. Professor Sanders served on the promotion board which scores prospective lieutenant candidates. This is Dr. Sanders second year as an assessor.

ALUMNI Gatherings



Chicago Regional Gathering

Several VMC and TMC alumni gathered at 100 South Chop House in Elmhurst, IL for our Chicago Area Alumni Gathering in May 2008.



College Correspondence Committee

The College Correspondence Committee (CCC) enjoyed helping with the mailing of the "Young Alumni Day at Keeneland" invitations. Pictured left to right: Carol Jansen '51, Jan Mentrup '54, Marg Middendorf '52, Paul Middendorf '50, Tom Ginney '52, Jeanne Jacobs '51, Joyce Ginney '54, and Tom Mentrup.



Bensman Golf Classic

The 14th annual Bensman Golf Classic was held at Summit Hills Country Club on Monday, September 8, 2008. It was a sell-out crowd with 30 foursomes. The golfers enjoyed ending the day with a cocktail reception and dinner. The program was emceed by Kathrine Nero, co-anchor of "Good Morning Tri-State" on WCPO-TV Channel 9.



Riverboat Cruise

Over 175 alumni were on board the *River Queen* for our 2nd Annual TMC Alumni Riverboat Cruise held on August 23, 2008.



Alumni Athletic Trainers Reunion

Alumni Athletic Trainers gathered this summer. Pictured left to right: Bill Arney '97, Becky (Lortz) Quigley '95, Molly (Woods) Hutson '96, Tracy (Piner) Coffman '97, Theresa Behan, Dawna (Morris) Panko '96, Jennifer (Brown) Greis '97, and Serita (Lawson) Ward '95.

Villa Madonna College/Thomas More College Showcases its History

Thomas More College Alumni Association is proud to announce the unveiling of its "Heritage Display," available for viewing in the Thomas More Library just behind the check-out desk. The Memorabilia Committee spent a few years coordinating the project, while gathering various artifacts and photos from alumni representatives of each decade since the 1940's.

Over one dozen alumni donors contributed to this project. We are still accepting items for this display. The items in the display will rotate every so often to keep the display fresh, and give students and alumni a chance to view everything we have to showcase our history. Please contact Monica Ginney, Director of Alumni Relations, at 859.344.3346 or at monica.ginney@thomasmore.edu, if you have memorabilia you wish to donate for the Heritage Display. Please indicate if you wish items to be returned to you after a certain length of time.



ALUMNI Profile

What's in a Name?

The Dr. Winn Murnin Elementary School in San Antonio, Texas was recently named after one of our alumni, Dr. Winnifred (Gerhardstein) Murnin, who graduated from Villa Madonna College in 1952 with a degree in mathematics. The new elementary school is located in the Northside Independent School District and was built to accommodate 800 students. Dr. Murnin was one of the district's first female middle school principals and the first female assistant superintendent at Northside. Having a school named after this longtime educator was both an incredible honor and a humbling experience for Dr. Murnin.

Recently, Dr. Murnin told us how this auspicious occasion occurred. She was a rather young graduate, just 18 years old, when she obtained her Bachelor's degree from Villa Madonna College in 1952. She was a second grade teacher when she married soon after and moved to Dayton, Ohio where her husband began his Air Force career. They enjoyed many travels as an Air Force family, and Dr. Murnin obtained further educational degrees along the way. After moving first to San Antonio, Texas then to Bremerhaven, Germany, to Maryland where she taught high school mathematics, and finally to Champaign, Illinois where she earned her master's degree in educational counseling at the University of Illinois in 1964.

In 1965, upon yet another move, she and her family were, at last, able to lay down some roots in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Murnin began as a middle school math teacher in the San Antonio School District, then as a high school math teacher in the Northside District when that opportunity arose in 1975. "The career path through Northside offered me the opportunity to become a counselor, high school assistant principal, then principal of an elementary school

and a middle school. While obtaining my Ed.D. at Texas A&M University in 1989, I moved to the district's central office as director of secondary education," recalls Dr. Murnin. She was then promoted to assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in 1990. Her retirement in 1994 gave her the opportunity to become director of student teaching at the University of Texas, San Antonio, where she had also been teaching.

Dr. Murnin states that throughout her teaching career the difficult students motivated her the most, "I always enjoyed them! Seeing their eyes light up and a smile come across their face when they had mastered something that they felt was beyond them gave us both a boost." When asked about the challenges and rewards of her teaching career, she adds, "One of the most challenging things at Northside was dealing with the vast differences in the makeup of the district. There is a great disparity in the district, some areas have high levels of poverty while others are wealthy. I believe all children deserve the same opportunities and that is difficult to accomplish." Her rewards come from seeing the students learn, grow, and achieve. "I celebrate their accomplishments whether it is in higher education or in finding their life's work. When I visit Dr. Winn Murnin Elementary, I receive lots of hugs and feel that this school is a strong, happy learning environment — what a reward!" beams Dr. Murnin.

The naming of the Dr. Winn Murnin Elementary School in the Northside District was a community effort. "Northside chooses to honor San Antonians who have made significant contributions to education in the district," notes Dr. Murnin. A group of people with whom she had worked over the years nominated her. Several nominations were received and the school board selected her. Dr. Murnin remembers, "I was thunderstruck when the school board decided to name the school after me. It ratifies the great attachment that I had for



Dr. Winn Murnin '52

Elementary Teaching Certification, St. Louis University

Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Thomas More College

Masters in Counseling & Guidance, University of Illinois

Doctorate in Education, Texas A&M University

the Northside School District and tells the community that the district values the contributions of people who have given so much to the children of the district."

Dr. Murnin has dedicated her life to helping others. A lifelong desire to run her own business and a need for comprehensive service to assist senior citizens with life's transitions led to Dr. Murnin's formation of Winn Estate Services in 1995. Her company assists people transitioning from their home to an assisted living facility, nursing home or a relative's home. "I also help survivors deal with all tasks associated with closing their loved one's home. It has turned into a family business as my oldest daughter, Wendy, is the estate sale manager and my other children and even the grandchildren help out as needed," says Dr. Murnin. She utilizes many of her experiences from education, administration, organization, counseling, research and public relations in her business today. It seems she has yet to really retire, as she has found new people to help.

1960s

Sr. Mary Carol Hellmann '63 was appointed the archivist for Villa Madonna Academy in June 2006.

Wm. T. Robinson III, '67 has been elected to serve a 3-year term for two committees of the American Bar Association (ABA): ABA Retirement Funds and the American Bar Foundation. He was also appointed to Chair the ABA Standing Committee on Government Affairs for the upcoming year.

1970s

Ed Kuhlman '70 and his daughter, **Julie (Kuhlman) Wainscott '99**, have moved their family jewelry business to the Fourth & Walnut Centre's main lobby in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio.



Ronald J. Durant '77 started his own business IBH Research, LLC after 30 years in Corporate America.

1980s

Nelson B. Fox '81 is enjoying retirement and his 11 grandchildren.

Jeffrey Clark '87 joined the Board of Directors for the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators last fall. He was recently named Ohio Assistant Principal of the Year for 2008 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He was recently named the Principal at Lakewood Junior High in Pickerington Local School District in Pickerington, Ohio.

1990s

Kymerly (Byron) Custenborder '92 was recently hired as the Development/Public Relations Director for Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley, Ohio. She is also an assistant basketball coach for the area's high school. One of her former players is currently attending Thomas More College.

Monica (Hoefker) Glockner '95 married Michael Glockner in June 2008. Their family now includes Monica's daughters, Emma (10) and Julia (9), and Michael's children, Nathan (17) and Nicole (20). The Glockners live in Fort Wright, Kentucky.



Rebecca (Lortz) Quigley '95 recently married T.J. Quigley on June 8, 2008. They reside in Florence, Kentucky and have 4 beautiful children.

Leigh Ann (McKinney) Pansch '97 celebrated the birth of her third daughter, Laurel Elizabeth, on February 21, 2008.

2000s

Chris Dougherty '00 married Jodi Smyth in September 2008. Jodi is an accountant recruiter for Ernst & Young. Chris is working as a Certified Nurse Practitioner for the Urology Group in Montgomery, Ohio where he started in July 2007.

Benjamin Herms '01 graduated with an M.D. from the University of Louisville in 2005. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine in June 2008 at the University of Louisville and started the Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio in July 2008. He and his wife, Katie, have been married for 5 years.

Cathy (Eckerle) Stamm '01 and her husband, Bill, welcomed a daughter, Ellie, last October. Ellie's big brother, Will, is ecstatic to have a new baby sister. Bill continues his love of teaching biology at Newport Central Catholic. Cathy has changed her career path towards Information Technology as the Database Administrator for Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Cathy will also serve as Stage Manager for this season's Villa Players production of "Ned Durango Comes to Big Oak."

Tracy (Hurley) Deaton '02 married Warren Deaton in June 2007. They had their first child, Warren George Deaton, in May 2008. She also earned her Master's in School Counseling in May 2008.

Katie (Hellman) Eckell '02 married Mark Eckell in June 2008.

Jessica Nitschke '02 received her Master's of Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky in May 2008. She is the Library Media Specialist at Beechgrove Elementary in Independence, Kentucky.

Marla Bickel '03 was elected to the office of Vice President, Operations for Blood-Horse Publications by the company's Board of Trustees. She joined Blood-Horse Publications in May 2006 as Director of Circulation.

Megan Burns Criss '03 and **Brett Criss '03** announce the birth of their first child, Brady Jonathan, born August 20, 2008.



Anne Marie Schmidt '03 entered the Sisters of Life in New York on September 8, 2008. In June, she will take her final vows to officially become Sr. Anne Marie.

Evan McDermott '04 recently enrolled at the University of Kentucky in the Library Science Graduate Program.

Stephanie (Vance) Kendall '05 celebrated the arrival of her daughter, Addison, on July 28, 2008.

Jackie (Hagan) Wilson '06 and **Matt Wilson '06** were married on August 8, 2008.

Christine (Egan) Backus '07 married Matthew Backus in Montego Bay, Jamaica on August 8, 2008. She received her Master's Degree in General Psychology from Eastern Kentucky University in July 2008. She is continuing her pursuit of a Specialist degree in School Psychology.



Deborah (Henry) Ruth '07 is teaching classes at Beckfield College.

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ALUMNI Profile

Searching for a Cure

Andrew Hebbeler was not your typical child who became interested in science at an early age. Instead, he wanted to become Indiana Jones and hunt the mummies and dinosaurs that fascinated him. In fact, during career days in elementary school while other children dressed up as nurses, doctors and firefighters, Dr. Hebbeler “dressed up in a white lab coat holding the skull of whatever animal I had found on my latest dinosaur hunting expedition.”

It was not until college that he realized his interest in the biological sciences, and particularly, immunology. “Everything finally clicked for me at Thomas More and it was there that I realized how interested I was in the complex molecular processes that protect us from disease,” said Hebbeler. Biological Literature (BioLit) quickly became his favorite course at TMC, where the students take on a semester-long writing project to explore any biological topic that interests them. He read an article published in *New York Times* magazine by Andrew Sullivan entitled, “When Plagues End” which opened his eyes “to the power of science to solve real problems and positively impact people’s lives.” This article led to his topic for the BioLit course in understanding how protease inhibitors interfered with HIV replication. Andrew wondered about “the extent to which these therapies were able to restore immune function and how we could use some of the same principles to develop new ways to stop HIV.”

Just before graduating from Thomas More in 1999, Andrew applied and was accepted to the doctoral program in the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB). A new Institute of Human Virology, led by Dr. Robert Gallo, the co-discoverer of HIV, was recently founded on UMB’s campus. At that time, Hebbeler thought choosing this type of institute would broaden his exposure to different aspects of HIV biology. After receiving his Ph.D. in 2006, Dr. Hebbeler received a postdoctoral

fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. Warner Greene at the Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology in San Francisco, California.

Dr. Andrew Hebbeler is grateful to the many Thomas More faculty members who helped pave his way. “TMC helped me discover my love for science, and had it not been for the individualized attention I received from faculty members. I think the values I adopted from TMC have made me not only a better scientist, but more importantly, a better person.”

When asked what motivates him most about his research, Dr. Hebbeler says it is difficult to express in words, yet feels humbled by and grateful for his work. “Understanding the scope of the devastation caused by a single virus and knowing that I have been given the training and skill set that could produce an effective solution, provides a powerful mandate to continue my efforts,” says Hebbeler. He continues, “Trusting that the work I do may contribute in some small way to real treatments that affect the lives of people with cancer or other infectious diseases provides the stimulus that strengthens my commitment to HIV research.”

There are, of course, inherent challenges and rewards regarding this type of research. For Andrew, the greatest challenge has been learning to accept failure. “For every one experiment I do that works, there are numerous experiments that fail. But each of those failed experiments usually provides a small piece of information that helps push my understanding of the problems forward.” The rewards for him lie in the experiments that are successful in answering an important piece of the puzzle, which provides an unmatched sense of satisfaction for him.

Dr. Hebbeler never spends much time away from his endeavors as several outreach and community volunteer programs surround the nature of his research. While at Thomas More College, Andrew volunteered at AIDS Volunteers of Northern Kentucky providing information on HIV and other infectious diseases. His



Andrew Hebbeler, Ph.D. '99

Bachelor of Science, Biology & Philosophy, Thomas More College

Doctorate, University of Maryland, Baltimore

commitment to service learning is still with him today as he helps raise money for the annual AIDS Walk for San Francisco, as well as teaching high school and college students about HIV. Dr. Hebbeler appreciates this opportunity, “Talking about science with non-scientists influences the way I think about my own projects and forces me to place the work I do in a much broader, and potentially more relevant, way.”

How does Andrew unwind from his days in the laboratory? Fitness! He started running in graduate school, then eventually biking and swimming. Before he knew it, he was racing triathlons. “My new goal is to race the ‘Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon’ in the spring of 2009,” hopes Hebbeler.

Dr. Hebbeler considers obtaining his doctorate degree his greatest accomplishment to date, “Somehow in the process of learning about HIV, I came to a much clearer understanding of who I am and the things that I value. Although a career in research science is difficult, I would not trade the experiences I have had, nor the knowledge I have gained, for anything.”

What does the future hold for Andrew Hebbeler? He has been recently considering what type of career path would be good for him. He ponders, “The wealth of opportunities available now for scientists in policy, advocacy and journalism” have piqued his interest. He advises, “I am a work in progress — so stay tuned!”

Globe Trotter

Kim Kehoe '92, Ruchelle Dunwoody '91, Stacie Sparks '92, and Maureen Comer Thelen '91.

Traveling is a most beloved hobby for Kim Kehoe. The fact that she loves to explore new places, especially foreign countries, learning about other cultures, rituals and religions has been a large part of her life. What a fantastic path her profession has taken then, as she gets to enjoy just such travels in her career.

Kim is the Associate Director of North America Hair Color Planning for Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio. She manages the supply chain, including demand and supply elements, as well as the initiative delivery of their hair color business. Each assignment in this role that Kim has taken over the past 10 years has allowed her to assume increasing levels of responsibility while learning different aspects of P&G's supply chain. She works closely with customers and distributors on the demand side in addition to suppliers and manufacturing sites on the supply side.

Most of Kim's career at P&G has been spent on the commercial end of the business, working in their sales organization as a supply chain leader. Kim says "my current role has broadened my knowledge of the supply chain while leveraging my past experiences in order to make the internal organization more externally focused."

During her years at Thomas More College, Kim was involved in the Student Government Association as class leader, and eventually SGA president, which helped shape her leadership skills. At P&G, Kim says she "was able to draw on that foundation and still continues to strengthen those skills." Her experiences at Thomas More "gave me the confidence to take on increasing levels of responsibility, as well as live and work in different cities and countries" in which her profession has taken her.

Kim's career allowed her to live in Fayetteville, Arkansas from 1998 to 2002, her first time away from Northern Kentucky, which had been her home the first 27 years of her life. Procter & Gamble then relocated her to China for three years, from 2005 to 2008. According to Kim, "the move enabled me to really understand who I was as an individual and to become more self-sufficient. In China, I was immersed into a completely different culture surrounded by a language I did not understand. This was very humbling and made me realize just how big the world really is." Kim's reward was that she learned more about the people and the culture of one of the fastest-growing countries in the world. "I loved the people I met and have a huge amount of respect for the Chinese people," notes Kim.

Kim attributes her "ability to connect with and relate to people from different cultures and maintain close friendships with them, in spite of travels and relocations" to her loving and supportive family, which includes her father, Denny Kehoe, a 1966 graduate of Villa Madonna College. She feels their support has allowed her to broaden her horizons, given her the strength and courage to experience unfamiliar regions, yet still be able to make great friends and enjoy much success no matter where she traveled.

Kim says that her assignment in China has been a life-changing experience. "I do believe I have a more global view of the world given everything that I have seen and experienced. It makes me want to continue to travel as there is so much more of the world I want to see," reflects Kim.



Kimberly Kehoe '92

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Athletics Adds Three New Staff Members to Their Line-Up

Thomas More College Director of Athletics, Terry Connor, hired three new staff members this summer. Lindsay Bramhall, Head Softball Coach, John Spinney, Head Volleyball Coach and Cory Blackson, Sports Information Director, are the newest staff members of the Thomas More Athletic Department.

Lindsay Bramhall, a graduate of Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, comes to Thomas More after serving the past two seasons as the assistant softball coach at Ohio Dominican College, an NAIA school in Columbus, Ohio.

"I am very excited to work with the student-athletes and to take this program back to the NCAA Regionals," said Bramhall. "Being back in Division III is awesome, I loved playing softball at the Division III level and look forward to coaching young ladies that are true examples of student-athletes."



Lindsay Bramhall
Head Softball Coach

Bramhall's main areas of responsibility at Ohio Dominican included hitting and outfield play as well as assisting in the planning and oversight of practices, conditioning, game scheduling, and recruiting.

She was a three-time All-Ohio Athletic Conference outfielder at Muskingum, and has been a clinic instructor for the Kent State University showcase and The Ohio State University Softball Clinic.

John Spinney returns to Thomas More for a second tenure as the Head Volleyball Coach. He had previously served as the Saints head coach from 2001 to 2003 when he posted a 59-53 record.

"I am excited to be back at Thomas More and I intend to take the program into the Top-25 and beyond nationally," said Spinney.



John Spinney
Head Volleyball Coach

Before rejoining the Thomas More Athletics staff, he spent the 2005-2006 season at Florida State University where he served as an assistant coach. Prior to his first tenure at Thomas More, Spinney spent one year as an assistant at Fairfield College in Connecticut and seven seasons as assistant coach at cross-river rival College of Mount St. Joseph where he also served as the Interim Head Coach during the 1994 season.

Spinney, a 2003 graduate of Thomas More College, also runs the Cincy Classic Junior Olympic Club in Cincinnati.

Cory Blackson, a graduate of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, comes to Thomas More after serving the past two years as the Assistant Sports Information Director at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio.

"This is a great opportunity for me personally and professionally," stated Blackson. "I've spent the last 10 years at the Division III level and I'm looking forward to working with the great people and being a part of the athletic tradition at Thomas More."



Cory Blackson
Sports Information Director

Prior to Baldwin-Wallace, Blackson spent one year as the Sports Information Director of the USA South Athletic Conference and one year as the Assistant Sports Information Director at Capital. He has served on several NCAA Championship media relations staffs and currently serves on the College Sports Information Directors of America's Academic All-American committee.



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2008 FALL ATHLETIC HOME EVENTS Calendar

November 1

- 10 a.m. Cross Country HOST PAC Championship*
- 12 Noon Volleyball vs. Thiel*
- 1:30 p.m. Football vs. Washington & Jefferson*
- 2 p.m. Volleyball vs. Rockford
- 4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Bethany (at Xavier University)
- 6 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Bethany (at Xavier University)

November 15

- 1:30 p.m. Football vs. Mount St. Joseph

November 18

- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Oberlin

November 26

- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Mount St. Joseph

November 29

- 2 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Calvin

November 30

- 2 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Centre

December 3

- 5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Bethany*
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Bethany*

December 17

- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Centre

December 3

- 2 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Wilmington

*denotes Presidents' Athletic Conference contest





New License Plate Now Available

The new Thomas More license plate, featuring the new Saints logo, is now available through the Kentucky County Clerks Office. The license plate costs \$44 upon initial issue, \$10 of which will be donated to Thomas More student scholarships. For more information, contact your local Kentucky County Clerk's Office.



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