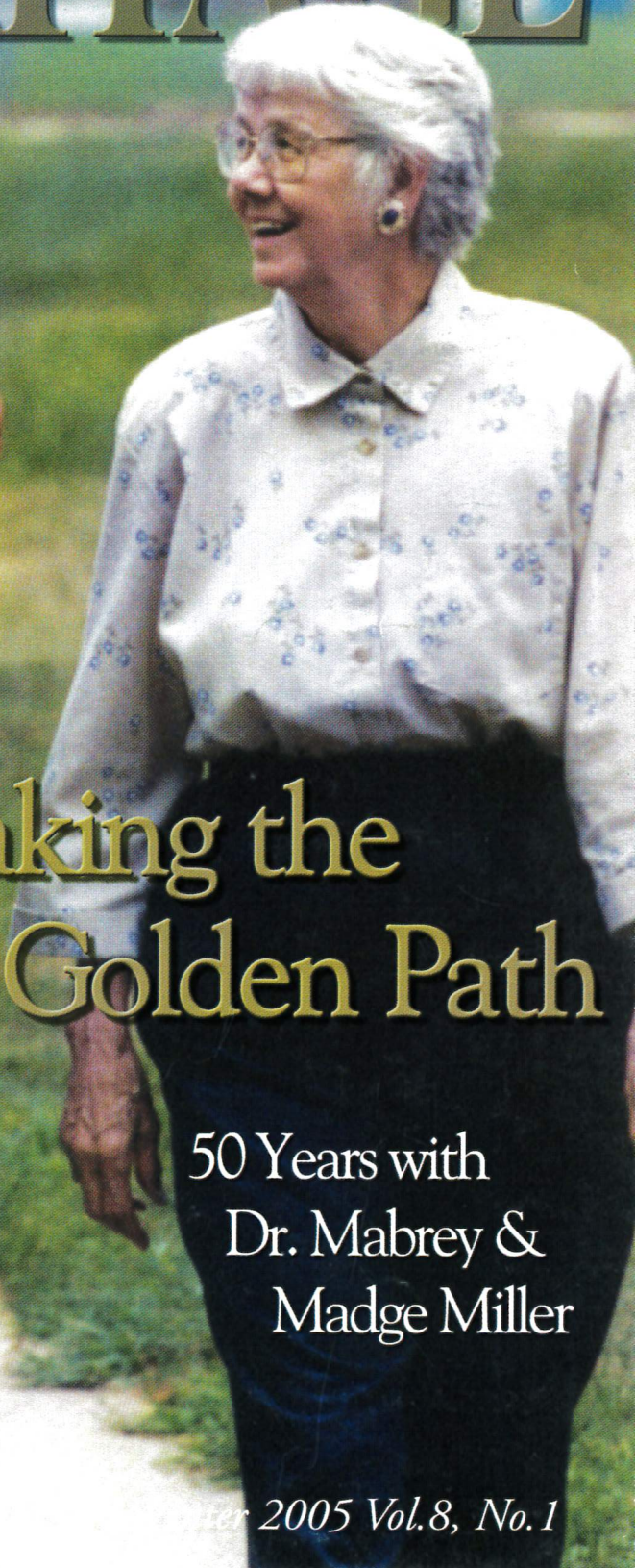


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Dr. Mabrey &  
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(Above) Nebraska gubernatorial candidate, Congressman Tom Osborne, addressed a YC chapel this fall. "If you put God first in your life... if you will honor and serve Him, everything else will fall in place." (Below) Dr. Osborne autographs a Husker helmet worn by Arkansas junior Jonathan Neeley during the chapel announcements.

**"YOU ENLARGED  
MY PATH UNDER  
ME SO MY FEET  
DID NOT SLIP."**



Many times I have wondered what York's earliest settlers envisioned when they committed themselves to the task of establishing a Christian college in their community. Just how far into the future were they looking? Could they even grasp the impact their efforts were going to make twenty years into the next century? Was there a dreamer among them that caught a glimpse fifty or possibly one hundred years down the road?

For one half of a century, the York College family has been blessed to have such a dreamer. A visionary. One who sees what can be. Fifty years! The fanfare that is given to a marriage celebration in that golden anniversary speaks to its ability to move us. When that same amount of love and service is given to the mission of enlarging the Kingdom, the results are equally far-reaching!

When there is an important decision impacting the campus community that must be made, I always ask Dr. Mabrey Miller for his perspective. The influence "Doc" has had on the church's growth in the north central states, his years as a registrar, coach, academic dean, professor, and elder in the church, his love for students and their walk with God... all of these things make me honored to call Dr. Miller one of my most cherished friends and counselors.

Honoring Mabrey and Madge for their 50 years of serving York College and the church in Nebraska is one of the greatest things with which I have been associated in my years of Christian higher education. We stand on their shoulders; we're drinking from the wells that they have dug; all of us are.

We love and appreciate you, Mabrey and Madge. You are the very best of us!

Sincerely,

Wayne Baker  
President

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# Profile in Excellence

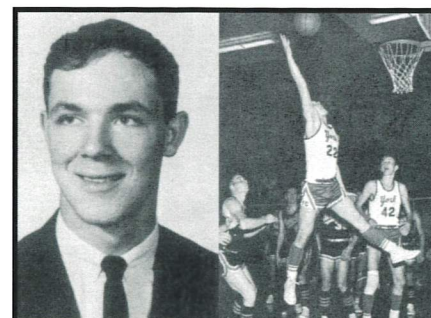


From the YC class of 1966, Coach Dale Neal begins his 35th year of coaching and his twelfth season at the helm of the Lady Lions' basketball program at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee. He has compiled a staggering record of 283-104 and a winning percentage of .731 at FHU.

The women's basketball program instantly turned around when Neal arrived at Freed-Hardeman in 1994. In his first season at the reins, the Lady Lions finished a then school-record 21-9. A short two years later, the team set a new record by winning 26 games and making the school's first ever appearance in the NAIA National Tournament. In 1999, the Lady Lions again won 26 games and reached the Final Four at the national tournament. During the past three seasons, Neal's teams have won at least 30 games each year and have reached the Elite 8 at the national tournament twice, along with winning back-to-back TranSouth Conference Championships.



Dale and Kathy are in their element as grandparents of an even dozen... so far.



Dale was a star athlete for YC in basketball and helped them to a conference championship in '66. He also played varsity baseball and was a member of Koinonia social club.

Coach Neal has been named the TranSouth Conference Coach of the Year three straight years from 2003-05. Last December, he notched his 500th college-career win. He looks to lead his Lady Lions to their tenth consecutive national tournament appearance and move past last year's Elite 8 finish. The NAIA Division I women's pre-season rankings place the Lady Lions in the #2 position nationally. This achievement marks their highest national ranking in school history.

Neal coached the York College men's basketball team for 11 years (1977-88), where his teams' combined record was 234-96 (.709),  
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# Worth Repeating

2005 Quotes

*"There is no way you can be a follower of God if you have to have the script before you live it out... Clarity won't necessarily help us be obedient."*

**Don McLaughlin**  
Spiritual Emphasis Week  
September 1, 2005

*"We ought to take the time as a school to recognize the needs of those around us in prayer like this. I think it's important because we're proclaiming that we are Christians... we need to make that publicly known."*

**Kevin Claypool Jr.**  
Campus Ministry Staff  
'See You At the Pole'  
September 13, 2005

*"My experiences at York definitely taught me to expect more out of teaching than I ever dreamed possible... I gained the confidence to not only teach students, but to realize that as my learning process continues, it also helps to enrich their lives even further."*

**Casey Daugherty '94**  
H.S. English Teacher  
Toyota Intl. Teacher Program  
September 15, 2005

*"People say, 'You've sacrificed so much!' Well... I don't know. Can you out give God? I don't think so."*

**Dr. Mabrey Miller**  
Bible Professor  
Speaking on his 50 years at YC  
October 15, 2005



"I've always admired his ability to be direct but tactful in handing out his advice. I'm still grateful for what he did in helping me launch a career in education when I was not sure what to do."

— Gary Turner



"A lesson that Dr. Miller taught me in freshman Bible class was that 'Happiness is a decision, not a condition!'"

— Vanessa (Terry '98) Leonard

# Taking the Golden Path

by Chrystal Houston



In York College history, few people have made as large an impact on the minds and hearts of students as Mabrey and Madge Miller. Countless students can recall classes with "Doc Miller," or visiting with Madge and eating her homemade cookies or jelly. They have been a quiet source of stability and strength on this campus for half a century, and the 2005-2006 academic year is dedicated to honoring their lifetime of service.

Mabrey and Madge met in Syracuse, New York, in 1943 where they were both working on a Campaign for Christ team for the summer. Mabrey recalled meeting teammates at the train station and picking up two suitcases, hollering, "Whoever these belong to, come with me!" Madge and another girl followed him, and over the course of the two mile walk to their destination, "I decided which one I liked best," said Mabrey. They were married a year later, and in 2004 they celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

"My daddy's sister told me, 'Mabrey, while you're young, date a lot of girls so that when you're ready to get married, you'll know how to pick a good one.' Well, I followed her advice, and don't you think I picked a good one?" said Mabrey with a grin at a recent interview. He said that Madge continues to be integral to his ministry as they visit hospitals and nursing homes together to pray with people. Mabrey has been an elder in the East Hill church for 44 years, and in all those years, Madge has been serving by his side. Under their care and guidance, and

with God's blessing, the church they helped to plant has grown to more than 500 members.

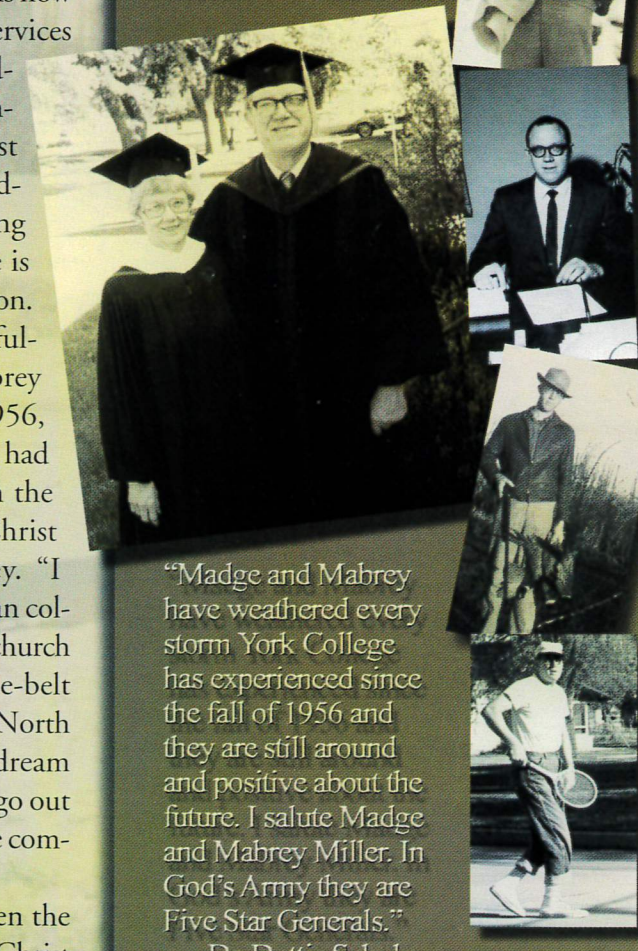
"It's been great to see the growth in the church," said Mabrey, recalling their humble beginnings with a few Christians meeting in Middlebrook parlor. When they outgrew that locale, they moved to "The Panthers Lair" in Middlebrook basement, and then to the cafeteria. When that space was no longer sufficient, they started construction on a building adjacent to campus at 10<sup>th</sup> and Kiplinger—the building that is now Gurganus Hall. "By 1974, two services would not fit us all into that building," said Mabrey. That's when construction plans for the current East Hill church building began. An addition was built onto that building in 2000, and already more space is needed for the growing congregation.

This church growth is a wish fulfilled for the Millers. When Mabrey and Madge moved to York in 1956, they had a dream and a purpose. "I had a vision of a Christian college in the North where the churches of Christ were very scarce," said Mabrey. "I dreamed that if I started a Christian college, we could train leaders for the church and we could start a mini Bible-belt through Nebraska, Iowa, and the North Central states...I still have the dream that our students, graduates, will go out and live in these states and seed the communities with Christian leaders."

The Millers came to York when the school reopened under church of Christ

"The concept of York College, and even the concept of the Church in York, could not exist in our minds without Mabrey and Madge Miller."  
— Charles and Pam White ('66)

"My favorite memory of Dr. Miller is when he opened my eyes to grace and goodness when I was confused. When we hug, and pray, or chat, or laugh, I am reminded of blessings that I have in my life, and the importance of serving others."  
— Adam Moore ('03)



"Madge and Mabrey have weathered every storm York College has experienced since the fall of 1956 and they are still around and positive about the future. I salute Madge and Mabrey Miller. In God's Army they are Five Star Generals."  
— Dr. Dottie Schulz



“Dr. Miller is a wonderful man who has done so much for my alma mater and I am so thankful for his years of sacrifice and dedication to YC. However, I cannot think of anything he has done for York College that was as wonderful as bringing his beautiful bride to York to serve our campus as his partner in ministry for all of these years.” — Richard James ('97)

administration. During that first school year of transitions, there were just 83 students at YC. At that time, the Millers had two daughters, Wendy and Ramona. Eventually they added Bryan, Keith, and Kirk to the family. Both Madge and Mabrey have worked for the college in a number of capacities. Mabrey was first hired to be the Registrar and to teach Elementary Education classes. Eventually, he moved into the role of Dean of Students, Athletic Director, dorm parent, tennis coach, Academic Dean, mathematics instructor, and eventually, Professor of Bible—a position he has held for over 30 years.

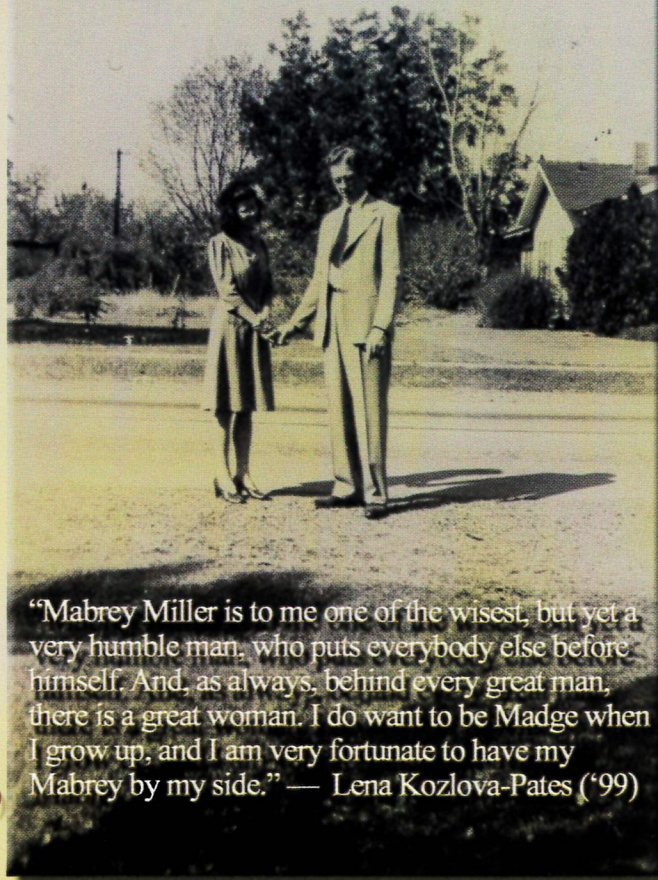
Madge also has served in a variety of roles, such as secretary in several offices, Career Counselor and Student Teacher Supervisor. In years of abundance, Madge would sometimes work in official capacities and be put on the payroll; in leaner years, she would happily serve the college for no pay in whatever way she could. Though Mabrey is recognized as having been a YC employee longer, the difference he has made to this institution is matched by his gentle bride, who often serves without expectation of thanks or praise, but with a humble desire to please the Lord.

When asked about the high points in his career, Mabrey recalled two key events in York College history that he helped to bring about: gaining accreditation through the North Central Association, and becoming a four-year college. Mabrey said he also has many fond memories of

“I appreciate very much the way Mabrey and Madge have aged gracefully and very powerfully. I think that's a tremendous model for all of us... I praise the Lord for your longevity here, for your health, and your love for the Lord and York College.” — Dr. Frank Wheeler ('72)



“I owe so much to the man that is a true spiritual giant. He is Mr. York College. He is an example of a man that has given his entire life to help lead young people towards a higher calling.” — David Carriger ('82)

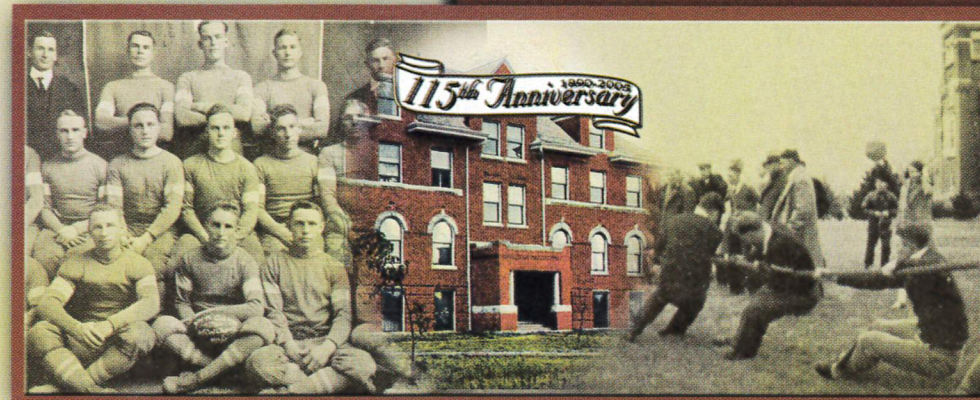


“Mabrey Miller is to me one of the wisest, but yet a very humble man, who puts everybody else before himself. And, as always, behind every great man, there is a great woman. I do want to be Madge when I grow up, and I am very fortunate to have my Mabrey by my side.” — Lena Kozlova-Pates ('99)

watching Panther basketball, playing and coaching tennis, and playing “noon-ball” over the lunch hour with other faculty members.

The Millers aren't the only ones with good memories. For several months, we collected stories from YC alumni and friends concerning the Millers. In October, a celebration dinner was held honoring Madge and Mabrey during which a book of “Miller Memories” was presented containing all of the tributes that had been sent in. The dinner was attended by over a hundred well-wishers and friends eager to celebrate the Millers' golden anniversary with YC. Leading up to the dinner was a several-month campaign for the York College Scholarship Fund in honor of Madge and Mabrey. This campaign resulted in raising over \$115,000 for scholarships for York College students. As part of the year-long tribute, two suites in the newly constructed residence halls will be named in the Millers' honor.

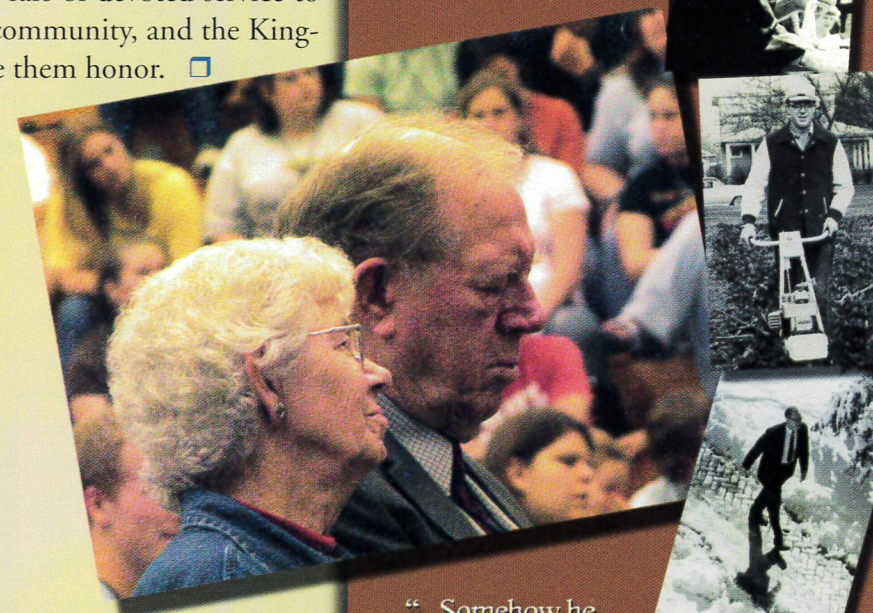
“Mabrey and Madge bring that degree of integrity and stability that is reassuring and comforting.” — Dr. Greg Woods ('85)



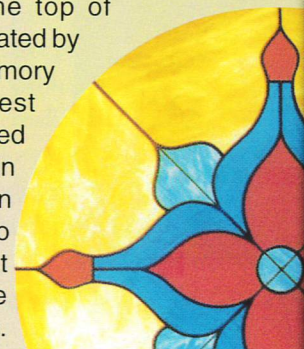
Now, nearly 50 years after their arrival, the Millers are still striving to make their dream of building the northern Bible-belt a reality. They've seen all kinds of changes at YC since they've been here—new buildings constructed, new programs offered, and hundreds of new students and faculty. They've also seen incredible growth in the school they have given their lives to, as the student body has increased to five times the size it was when they arrived here. For all their sacrifices, for all their love and prayers, and for all their years of devoted service to this school, community, and the Kingdom, we give them honor. □

“Their love for our Lord, their love for students, and their example as active Christian people embodies the very spirit and essence of what is so special about York College. And Madge makes GREAT chocolate chip cookies! We love Madge and Mabrey Miller.” — Dale and Kathy Neal

“The way they have worked side by side and served others in so many ways are legendary.” — Dr. Robert Lawrence



The stain glass at the top of McGehee Hall was donated by the class of 1984 in memory of the Millers' youngest son, Kirk, who was killed in a bicycling accident in 1992. It is not only in honor of his life but also a reflection of what Mabrey and Madge mean to the YC campus.



“...Somehow he picked up that I was frightened of him and without hesitation Dr. Miller replied, ‘Don't be scared of me. I'm just big. But I'm not mean.’ Over the years he has become a big man spiritually in my life.” — Nicole (Roitsch '94) Beck





“Where there is no vision, the people perish...”

Proverbs 29:18.

As the year draws to a close, many will make “New Year’s Resolutions” that they do not plan to keep. However, allow me to suggest that you make one resolution you keep: Review your estate plan. It is recommended that twice a year with the time change you change the batteries in your smoke detector. Why not do the same with your will? During the holiday season, most will reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one, so it makes good sense to set aside some time during this period to review your will.

A will is part of good stewardship. Through a will, a person is able to control the disposition of their assets upon death, benefiting both family and causes important to them. It allows for your vision to be carried out. It is important to have an attorney draft your will, as it must comply with certain formalities required by law.

It is important to remember York College in your will for several reasons. One is that upon death, your gifts to the college will stop. Statistical studies show that it takes 4 to 5 new donors to replace gifts lost through death. By including York in your will, you help provide time to find others to support this cause you deem worthy, while continuing to support the institution. Second is the potential for tax savings. With the potential for combined federal estate and state death tax rates reducing significantly the size of an estate, a testamentary gift can be a desirable way to support York College and reduce estate taxes. A bequest enables a person to maintain control of property during life and still receive a charitable deduction for the value of the property transferred through a will.

Bequests to York College come in many forms, such as a certain sum, a percentage of the estate, a particular parcel of real property, or an item of personal property. For more information regarding will bequests, specific language examples or other methods of planned gifts, feel free to contact me at (402) 363-5660 or [bmllones@york.edu](mailto:bmllones@york.edu).

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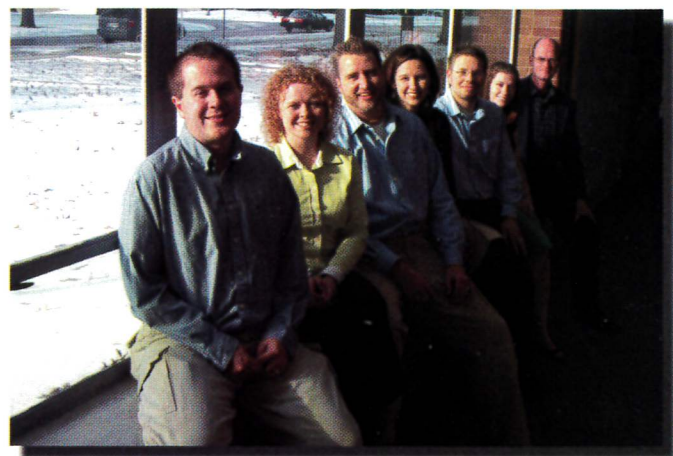
As you plan your year-end charitable giving, here are some important facts you need to know about the Hurricane Katrina Tax Relief Act. For a limited time, August 28, 2005 - December 31, 2005, you may receive a 100% tax deduction on your charitable cash gift to York College.

- ♦ You may deduct the full value of a cash gift up to 100% of your adjusted gross income (AGI).
- ♦ If you are 59½ years of age or older you may withdraw your donation from your retirement plan - IRA, 401(k), or 403(b) and deduct the full value up to 100% of your AGI.
- ♦ You are not limited to how much cash you give; however, donations greater than your AGI will carry over at the 50% rate for up to five years.
- ♦ Now is a wonderful time to support York College!

Never before could your gift to York College go so far to help both you and our students. Contact our Advancement Office if we can be of assistance: (402) 363-5600 or [develop@york.edu](mailto:develop@york.edu)

You can also find more information on planned and deferred gifts at [www.york.edu](http://www.york.edu). Just click on “How can I help?” on the front page.

Another great way to invest in Christian education is to tell interested students about York College. Contact our Admissions Office at 1-800-950-YORK or [enroll@york.edu](mailto:enroll@york.edu) if you know someone that would enjoy “The York Experience.”



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## Archeology Leads to New Biblical Insights

By Tasha Byrd

When Dr. Frank Wheeler returned to Israel this past summer, his mission was to uncover ancient artifacts and thus expand his understanding of Biblical literature. As a Professor of Bible at York College and head of the Bible department, he has been teaching students about the ancient world for the past 17 years. Through summertime archeological digs, he is bringing more to the text and to the classroom.

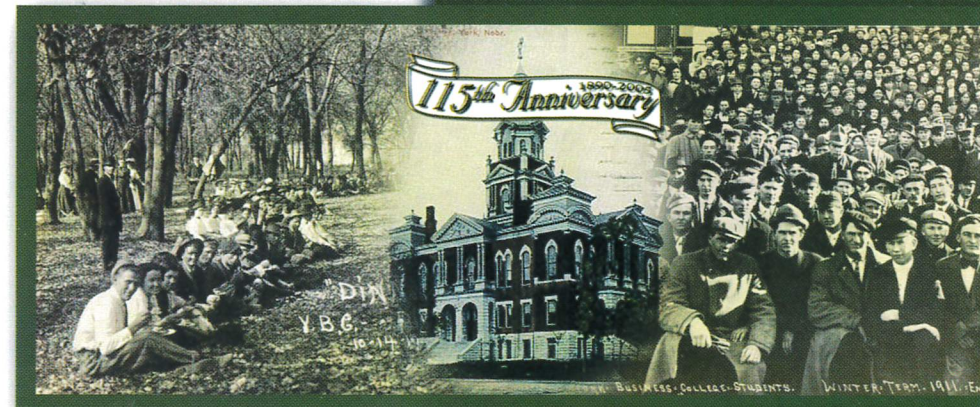
“I think it’s important that people understand the value of archeology for understanding the ancient world of the Bible,” said Wheeler.

This was Wheeler’s third summer to be involved with the digs, working at two sites in Israel: Bethsaida and Beth-Shemesh. Bethsaida was the hometown of the apostles Phillip, Andrew, and Peter and the location of the healing of the blind man of Mark 8:22. The Bethsaida project is directed by the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

At the Beth-Shemesh mound, Wheeler helped dig up the city gates, dated around 1400 B.C. Beth-Shemesh was a border town between Israel and the Philistines in the area where Samson



lived. This project is directed by the University of Tel Aviv, and Dr. Dale Manor of Harding University is the field director. In that dig they found numerous artifacts including Wheeler’s unearthing



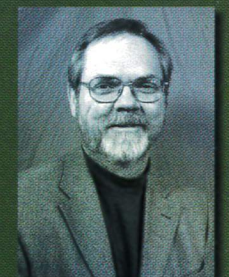
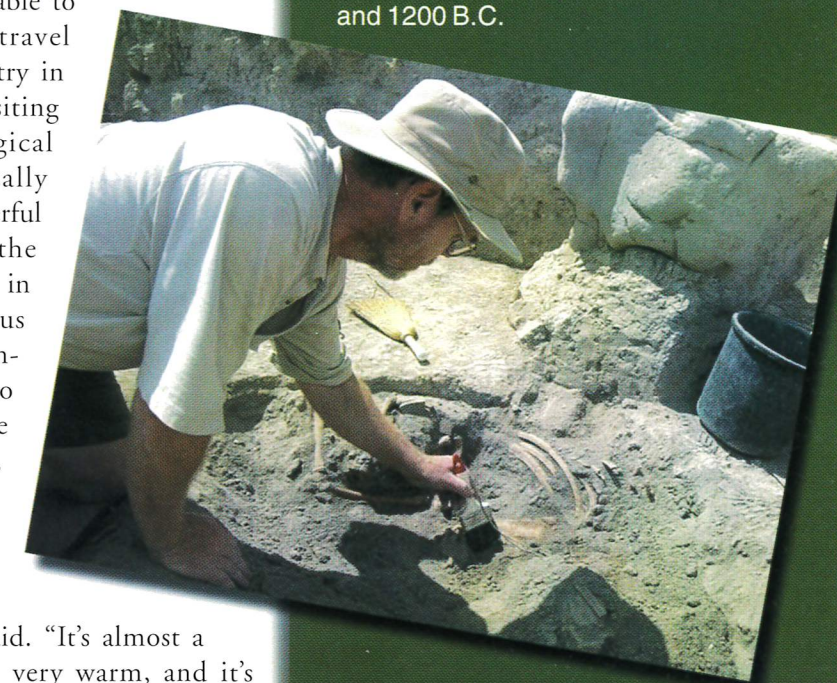
ing of a stone plaque bearing the image of the goddess Asherah (Deut. 16, Judges 6, I Kings 16...).

Wheeler was able to rent a car and travel around the country in his free time, visiting other archeological sites. Specifically noted as a wonderful experience was the time he spent up in Galilee. At various times in the summer he was able to enjoy swims in the Mediterranean, Red Sea, and Dead Sea. “You can’t actually swim in the Dead Sea,” he said. “It’s almost a gentle massage... very warm, and it’s soothing just to sit back and float.”

A new class at York College has been approved for next year: *Archeology and the Bible*. This class will focus on helping students understand the historical, religious, and social context of the ancient world and thus provide a better understanding of the Bible. Wheeler is also making plans to take

students to Turkey and Greece this spring for class credit, or just a fun learning experience. Students, or adults, interested in going can contact Wheeler at [fwheeler@york.edu](mailto:fwheeler@york.edu). □

Many interesting things surfaced during Wheeler’s digs, including this entire skeleton of a donkey buried between 1100 and 1200 B.C.



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- ♦ M.A., Harding University Graduate School of Religion, 1978
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- ♦ A.S., York College, 1972





## LIFE JOURNEY STORIES OF YORK COLLEGE LEGACY ALUMNI

### Dr. David ('53) & Alberta (Frost '51) Stephenson

Dr. Stephenson felt the call to become a missionary at the age of 12. He also dreamed of becoming a doctor, so he went to York College and majored in Chemistry and Biology as a pre-med student. While there, he met his wife, fellow YC student Alberta Frost. Following graduation, he attended the University of Nebraska Medical School. Upon completing a year of residency in surgery at the Lincoln Veterans Hospital, they began pursuing possible mission opportunities.

A door was soon opened for him to work in a hospital in Sierra Leone, a British Colony located on the west coast of Africa. He was told there was a great

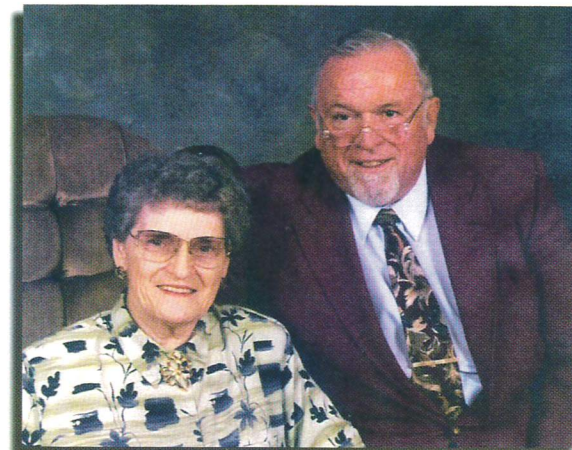
and immediate need, as one doctor was due to come home on furlough and another was soon to retire. The journey took two weeks traveling by mail ship from England.

They finally arrived at Hatfield-Archer Hospital in the village of Rotifunk, where they lived and worked for three years. Stephenson discovered that he liked surgery and wanted to become fully trained as a surgeon, so they came back to the States to do more training. Due to political unrest in Sierra Leone, their return to that country was delayed, and their stay was cut short when the hospital was closed.

Dr. Stephenson then taught surgery at the University of Nebraska and eventually at the University of New Mexico, where he also served as Director of Emergency Services.

Once again there was an opportunity to serve as missionaries, this time at a hospital in South Africa. The Stephensons left everything and served at that location for eleven years.

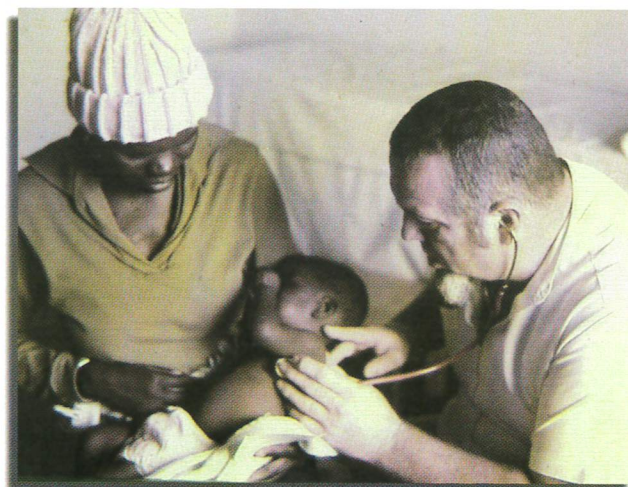
Stephenson shared one faith-building story: A family was coming into South Africa from war-torn Mozambique



Dr. David and Alberta Stephenson

through Kruger National Park. The frightened family was fleeing the rebels. They came into the peaceful game preserve where there were no soldiers. Exhausted, they fell asleep under a tree. While they slept, an elephant approached. Everyone woke up except their daughter, who was eight or nine years old. The elephant attacked, goring the child and tossing her into the air. They were able to get her to the hospital, about 20 miles away. Dr. Stephenson tended her wound, and eventually she recovered. He attributed this healing to God. "Having God's help, knowing what to do, and listening to what God told me to do enabled me to save her life."

The Stephensons are now retired and live in north central Nebraska. □



## YC Alums Do Chiropractic Missions in India

2002 grads Erin Stubblefield and April (Johnson) Cardwell recently returned from a short trip to Hyderabad, in the south-central part of India, where they provided free chiropractic care to the poor. Both Stubblefield and Cardwell attend Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. This trip was part of Palmer's Clinic Abroad program, which gives students a chance to practice their craft in a real world setting before they graduate. It's also an opportunity to serve people in an area where good medical care is not always readily available.

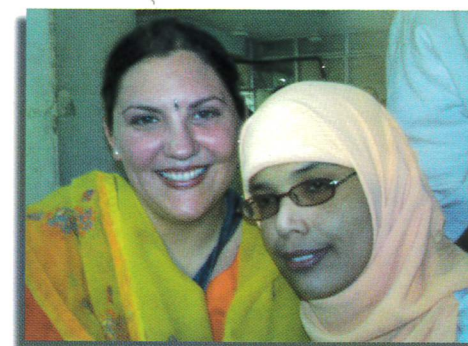
"We were adjusting in the two teaching hospitals in Hyderabad," said Stubblefield. "We had over 5,000 people registered in the four days that we adjusted there. In total, the 52 students saw almost 8,000 people. I adjusted almost 150 people just by myself. It was awesome to see how these poor people responded to the care that I gave them. Too many of them don't have access to any kind of medical care. It's an eye-opening experience to say the least."

Stubblefield had some moving examples of lives she had changed in the short time she was there. She shared a story about an elderly woman who had lost the use of her right hand, and so could no longer write. "After five adjustments, she had the same grip strength in both hands! She brought a poem to me that she had written the night before we left. It was the first thing she had written in more than 2 months. We both cried," said Stubblefield.

She was also able to help a four year old boy who had severe scoliosis. "He had never walked or even sat up on his own. After three visits, he could hold himself up on his own power. I saw his dad with tears in his eyes," she said. "It was awesome."

Cardwell also had some life-changing experiences. One of the most memorable cases was a young girl who hadn't been able to hold down food for a month and after 3 adjustments was keeping food down and sleeping better. Her mother and father were extremely grateful. "It was humbling to see all the different cases; it was something that I will never forget," Cardwell stated.

After spending a week in Hyderabad, the students flew to the capital city of New Delhi. Their trip had an added element of danger to it, as there was a terrorist bombing while they were there. Indo-Pakistan terrorists blew up bombs on three buses in heavily populated areas of the city. "It was the biggest attack the city had ever experienced," said Stubblefield. "On that day, we actually took a two-hour train ride to Agra, the military center of India. Men still walk around



with machine guns strapped to their waists. That was a little unnerving!"

Despite the danger and the long hours, Stubblefield (pictured above on the left) had a very positive response to the trip. "I told the sponsors that I would be willing to go back as a field doctor ANY time they went back. The people there were so grateful for the care. My worth as a doctor was made so clear to me. It really made me glad I chose this career path." Stubblefield and Cardwell will both graduate in February 2006 with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree. □

### Peek's African Adventure

While alumnus Regan Peek ('04) was taking French in high school, she had no idea that one day she would be using those language skills while living in Africa. Peek is currently living in Kara, Togo, West Africa where she is teaching American missionary children.

While in college, Peek went on three trips with LST (to Brazil, Germany, and Thailand). Peek graduated from YC in December 2004 with a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a minor in Music. She substituted around York for the next few months planning to leave in May, but she didn't know where she wanted to go. She received occasional email updates from a missionary team that her home congregation in Minnesota sponsored. When she found out the team wanted a full-time teacher to spend a year working with their children, she decided to apply.

"I had no plans, so I thought I would just check it out. The whole thing was really hypothetical for me, but God had a plan," said Peek. "I was actually shocked when they offered me the position and asked if I would want to move to Africa! I'm not sure why, but I just never thought it would get to that point. When it did, I really had no reason to turn it down, so I just did it."

Peek says that now it doesn't seem like this was such an extraordinary decision. "A lot of people have said that it was such an amazing leap of faith, and they can't believe I accepted it that quickly, and all that stuff, but I didn't see it that way. In my experience with overseas mis-

sions, you can always think of a reason not to do it if you try hard enough. But really, there isn't a reason not to," she said.

The team Peek is working with has been in Kara for five years and is planting churches among the Kabiye ethnic group. They go out to villages and teach lessons and go to different villages each Sunday for worship. In addition to her duties as a teacher, Peek also makes visits with the team.

They speak French in Togo, as the country used to be a French colony, and also the tribal language, Kabiye. Peek says she gets along pretty well with the French she remembers from high school. She also has a language lesson each week that is one hour of French and 30 minutes of Kabiye. "I have been here about three months, but can do a lot of communicating... The team is pretty busy with their families, so I have to get around by myself," said Peek. "I am getting very experienced at riding taxi motos (motorcycle or scooter taxis). They are dangerous, but cheap and fun, and get you where you want to go quickly!"

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## LIFE JOURNEY STORIES OF YORK COLLEGE LEGACY ALUMNI

### Dr. David ('53) & Alberta (Frost '51) Stephenson

Dr. Stephenson felt the call to become a missionary at the age of 12. He also dreamed of becoming a doctor, so he went to York College and majored in Chemistry and Biology as a pre-med student. While there, he met his wife, fellow YC student Alberta Frost. Following graduation, he attended the University of Nebraska Medical School. Upon completing a year of residency in surgery at the Lincoln Veterans Hospital, they began pursuing possible mission opportunities.

A door was soon opened for him to work in a hospital in Sierra Leone, a British Colony located on the west coast of Africa. He was told there was a great

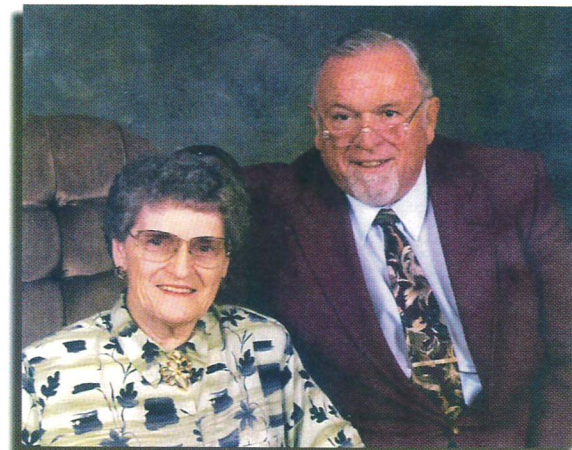
and immediate need, as one doctor was due to come home on furlough and another was soon to retire. The journey took two weeks traveling by mail ship from England.

They finally arrived at Hatfield-Archer Hospital in the village of Rotifunk, where they lived and worked for three years. Stephenson discovered that he liked surgery and wanted to become fully trained as a surgeon, so they came back to the States to do more training. Due to political unrest in Sierra Leone, their return to that country was delayed, and their stay was cut short when the hospital was closed.

Dr. Stephenson then taught surgery at the University of Nebraska and eventually at the University of New Mexico, where he also served as Director of Emergency Services.

Once again there was an opportunity to serve as missionaries, this time at a hospital in South Africa. The Stephensons left everything and served at that location for eleven years.

Stephenson shared one faith-building story: A family was coming into South Africa from war-torn Mozambique



Dr. David and Alberta Stephenson

through Kruger National Park. The frightened family was fleeing the rebels. They came into the peaceful game preserve where there were no soldiers. Exhausted, they fell asleep under a tree. While they slept, an elephant approached. Everyone woke up except their daughter, who was eight or nine years old. The elephant attacked, goring the child and tossing her into the air. They were able to get her to the hospital, about 20 miles away. Dr. Stephenson tended her wound, and eventually she recovered. He attributed this healing to God. "Having God's help, knowing what to do, and listening to what God told me to do enabled me to save her life."

The Stephensons are now retired and live in north central Nebraska. □



## YC Alums Do Chiropractic Missions in India

2002 grads Erin Stubblefield and April (Johnson) Cardwell recently returned from a short trip to Hyderabad, in the south-central part of India, where they provided free chiropractic care to the poor. Both Stubblefield and Cardwell attend Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. This trip was part of Palmer's Clinic Abroad program, which gives students a chance to practice their craft in a real world setting before they graduate. It's also an opportunity to serve people in an area where good medical care is not always readily available.

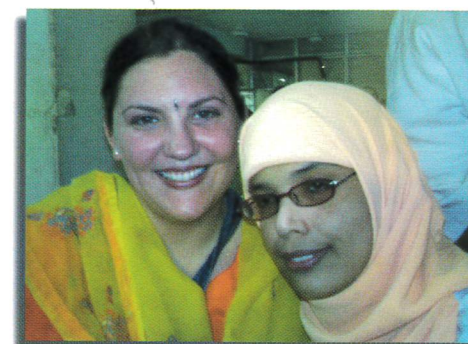
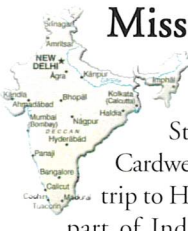
"We were adjusting in the two teaching hospitals in Hyderabad," said Stubblefield. "We had over 5,000 people registered in the four days that we adjusted there. In total, the 52 students saw almost 8,000 people. I adjusted almost 150 people just by myself. It was awesome to see how these poor people responded to the care that I gave them. Too many of them don't have access to any kind of medical care. It's an eye-opening experience to say the least."

Stubblefield had some moving examples of lives she had changed in the short time she was there. She shared a story about an elderly woman who had lost the use of her right hand, and so could no longer write. "After five adjustments, she had the same grip strength in both hands! She brought a poem to me that she had written the night before we left. It was the first thing she had written in more than 2 months. We both cried," said Stubblefield.

She was also able to help a four year old boy who had severe scoliosis. "He had never walked or even sat up on his own. After three visits, he could hold himself up on his own power. I saw his dad with tears in his eyes," she said. "It was awesome."

Cardwell also had some life-changing experiences. One of the most memorable cases was a young girl who hadn't been able to hold down food for a month and after 3 adjustments was keeping food down and sleeping better. Her mother and father were extremely grateful. "It was humbling to see all the different cases; it was something that I will never forget," Cardwell stated.

After spending a week in Hyderabad, the students flew to the capital city of New Delhi. Their trip had an added element of danger to it, as there was a terrorist bombing while they were there. Indo-Pakistan terrorists blew up bombs on three buses in heavily populated areas of the city. "It was the biggest attack the city had ever experienced," said Stubblefield. "On that day, we actually took a two-hour train ride to Agra, the military center of India. Men still walk around



with machine guns strapped to their waists. That was a little unnerving!"

Despite the danger and the long hours, Stubblefield (pictured above on the left) had a very positive response to the trip. "I told the sponsors that I would be willing to go back as a field doctor ANY time they went back. The people there were so grateful for the care. My worth as a doctor was made so clear to me. It really made me glad I chose this career path." Stubblefield and Cardwell will both graduate in February 2006 with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree. □

### Peek's African Adventure

While alumna Regan Peek ('04) was taking French in high school, she had no idea that one day she would be using those language skills while living in Africa. Peek is currently living in Kara, Togo, West Africa where she is teaching American missionary children.

While in college, Peek went on three trips with LST (to Brazil, Germany, and Thailand). Peek graduated from YC in December 2004 with a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a minor in Music. She substituted around York for the next few months planning to leave in May, but she didn't know where she wanted to go. She received occasional email updates from a missionary team that her home congregation in Minnesota sponsored. When she found out the team wanted a full-time teacher to spend a year working with their children, she decided to apply.

"I had no plans, so I thought I would just check it out. The whole thing was really hypothetical for me, but God had a plan," said Peek. "I was actually shocked when they offered me the position and asked if I would want to move to Africa! I'm not sure why, but I just never thought it would get to that point. When it did, I really had no reason to turn it down, so I just did it."

Peek says that now it doesn't seem like this was such an extraordinary decision. "A lot of people have said that it was such an amazing leap of faith, and they can't believe I accepted it that quickly, and all that stuff, but I didn't see it that way. In my experience with overseas mis-

sions, you can always think of a reason not to do it if you try hard enough. But really, there isn't a reason not to," she said.

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# Homecoming Royalty

Queen Rachel & King Rusty



## Celebration Days

Hundreds of guests from around the country were on campus during a beautiful autumn weekend of Celebration Days. It was the perfect time for alumni and their families to catch up with old friends and see all the changes that have taken place on our campus as well as for visiting high school students to check things out firsthand.

Dr. Jerry and Lynn Jones kicked off the activities with a three-day Marriage Matters seminar followed by the festivities of Homecoming and High School Days. Juniors and seniors had the opportunity to attend college classes, while many of the alumni participated in the annual Alumni Golf Tournament held Friday afternoon at the York Country Club. The day was enjoyed by all, and the winning team was Daryl Anderson '79, Kurt Kelly '80, Stewart Sikes '80, and Brian Harrington.

Friday night, many attended the fall play *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and others renewed friendships at the Alumni Reception in the Cornerstone Room. Later that night, the auditorium of East Hill was packed for a hilarious and inspirational performance by YC's drama group, Soul Concern.

Those that attended Alumni Chapel Saturday morning heard an historic message from Dr. Mabrey Miller about the rebirth of York College in 1956 and God's hand at work through people like Gene Hancock, Harvey Childress, and Dale Larsen. "Can one out give God?" he asked. "I don't think so," he quickly answered. President Baker presented the Alumnus of the Year award to Dr. Greg Woods ('85), honoring his success as a local physician as well as his commitment to York College as a member of

the Board of Trustees. The Concert Choir followed chapel with their inspiring performance in their new blue robes provided by the Helping Hands organization.

The Homecoming soccer games were full of excitement, as the women's team brought out their best for the fans and won a close contest with Johnson and Wales University 2-1. The men's team took the lead for good with four minutes left in their match with a heart-pounding 3-1 victory. At half-time, the Homecoming Royalty was announced: King Rusty Ridley and Queen Rachel Dudrey. Ridley, a senior Speech Communications major with a minor in Bible, is from Laramie, WY. Dudrey is a senior English major with a minor in Religious Studies from York.

Saturday night was highlighted with a dinner to honor Dr. Mabrey and Madge Miller for their 50 years of service. "Doc" was among the first faculty members when YC reopened in 1956. Friends, family, and former students all gathered to pay tribute to the York legacy the Millers have enriched over the years.

Gatherings of reunion classes went late into the night as friends shared memories and filled each other in on recent happenings in their lives. A bonfire devotional ended a full day of activities for some, while others caught their second wind and enjoyed a couple of late night concerts.

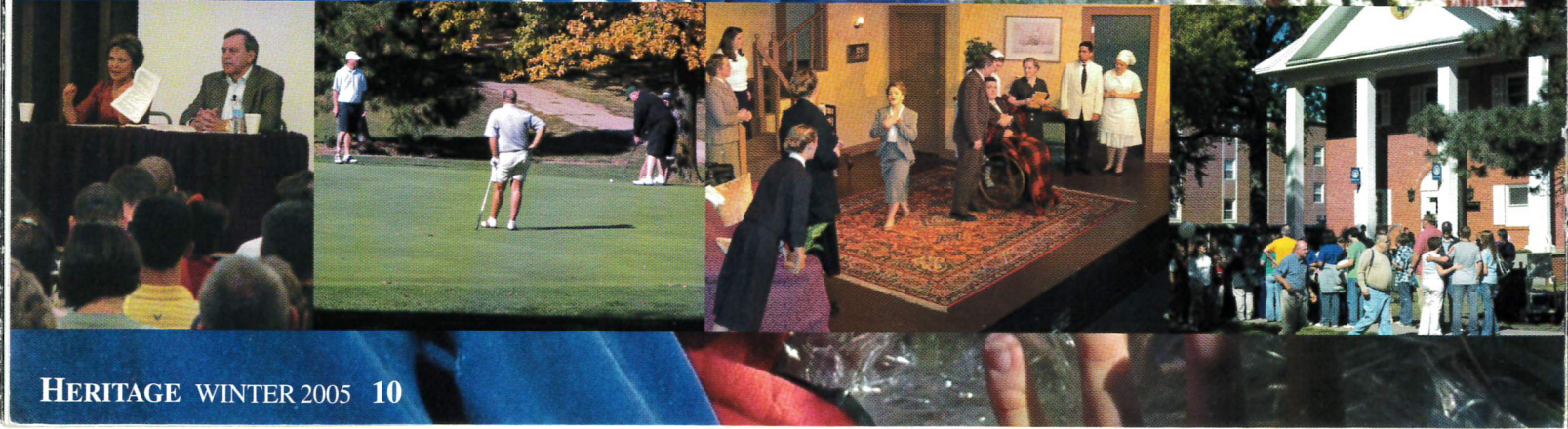
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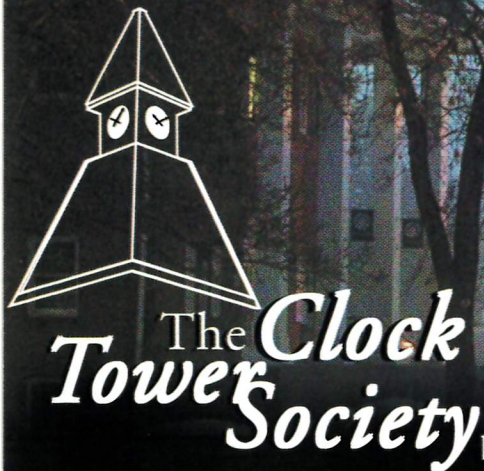
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Woods graduated from YC in 1985 with an Associates Degree in Science. He then went on to Lubbock Christian University and Texas Tech University School of Medicine. In 1994, Woods returned to York with his wife Candi to begin his family practice at York General Hospital and York Medical Clinic. They have been active in the community as well as on campus and in 1995, Woods was asked to join the York College Board of Trustees.

Greg and Candi have two daughters, Delaney (10) and Alison (7).







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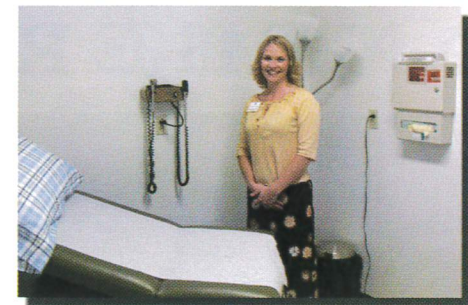
## Campus Wellness Center Opens

Demonstrating that York College is concerned with the physical health of its students, as well as their spiritual health, this summer the west end of Larsen House was completely remodeled for use as a Wellness Center. It is complete with a waiting room, bathroom, exam room, recovery room, and office.

Amy Talley, the Director of the Wellness center and an RN, is starting her first year at YC, along with her husband Rob who

coaches the Women's Soccer Team. Talley works part-time and keeps flexible hours—a boon for both students,

and her 18 month-old daughter, Brynn. In the few weeks the Wellness Center has been open, Talley saw more than 30 patients and referred five to the York Medical Clinic for



further treatment.

"I've heard from a lot of students, 'I wish this had been here last year'," said Talley, who dispenses over-the-counter medication, herbal supplements, and lots of advice about healthy living—all free of charge to

students, faculty, and staff. Talley says she sees one of her main roles as campus nurse to be keeping students informed about health risks.

## Apartments Nearing Completion

Large gift funds wing

The YC skyline has been transformed with the rise of the three-story apartment buildings on the west and east sides of campus. The construction crews have been using about every hour of daylight possible since the beginning of the summer and are closing in on completion of both projects.

Junior and senior women will be able to move into the Kiplinger apartments at the beginning of the new semester, and the men's

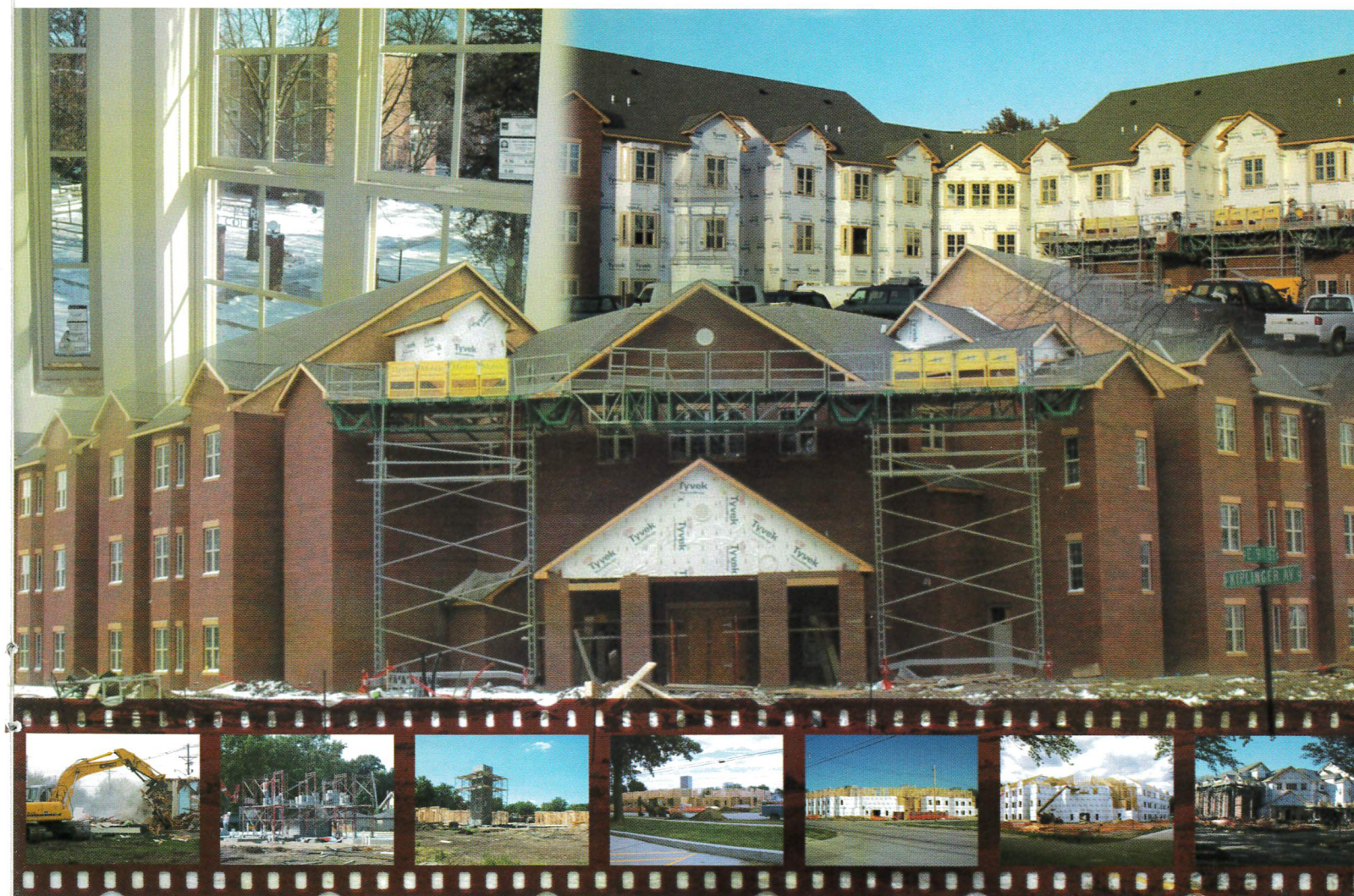
apartments on Delaware Avenue will be ready later in the spring.

There are 46 suites between the two apartments. Each suite has four single bedrooms sharing two baths, a kitchen, and a living room space. Each of the floors will have a commons area and laundry facilities.

York College Trustee H. Jarrell Gibbs and his wife Cynthia recently gave a gift of stock worth over \$312,000 towards a wing of the new residence apartments. Mr.

Gibbs is retired President of TXU Corporation, having served for 22 years in various executive positions with the company. Until recently he was a Director of Penn Virginia Corp. and Quanta Services Inc. Gibbs has a passion for teaching God's Word and serves as an elder at the Village Church of Christ in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.

A number of naming opportunities are still available. Contact Janey R. Miller in the Advancement Office at (402) 363-5636 for more information.

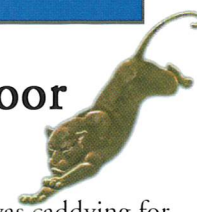






## The All-American Next Door

by Steddon Sikes



At the tender age of eight, Trevor Henwood was caddying for his dad on their local course in Canada and learning the mechanics of a golf swing. In eleven years, this sophomore from St. Albert, Alberta, has risen from being a student of the game to being at the top of his game on a national level.

In only their seventh season as a varsity sport, the York College men's golf team took their talent to one of the largest stages available, the NCCAA National Tournament near Canton, Ohio. Twenty-four teams from fifteen states converged on the River Green Golf Course in early October for two rounds against some of the best college golfers in the country.

Near the completion of day one, Trevor was one over par going into the final two holes. "Coach Lewis made me a bet that if I shot under par he'd take me out for a nice breakfast," said Henwood with a grin. He completed the round tied for the lead at one-under par, firing consecutive birdies on 17 and 18.

At the start of the second day's round, Henwood said he felt a lot of pressure but that he was more confident than nervous. "I've been playing well all year and thought I'd play well still," he said. "I thought if I could shoot a 68 I'd win the tournament."

Although he couldn't match his first day's score, Trevor was steady in his performance and with four holes to go was only three over for the round. "Going into the final holes, I knew I didn't have a chance of winning, but I figured, 'If I just can par out I think I'll make All-American.'"

Despite the new goal, he soon gave one back with a bogey, but he made up for it with a birdie on one of the following holes. He finished with a 75 and a two-day total of 146, only four shots behind the winning score and tied for 5th. He had made All-American!

"It's the highest honor," said the modest Canadian. "Being an All-American is kind of special." To say the least, Henwood enjoys representing his home country in the golf arena.

When asked how his teammates have responded to the honor he replied, "They've been very supportive and proud of me."

The team is expecting big things this spring. Last year they finished #2 in the NAIA Region IV and were the conference champions. Even though they won the fall invite they hosted earlier this semester at the York Country Club, there are bigger and more important tournaments ahead. Henwood said, "We haven't played our best yet this year. Our team goal is to win conference again and put ourselves in contention at Regionals."

For now, the season is over. After eight months of golfing non-stop, it's time for this Business Management major to worry more about classes and the upcoming finals than it is his approach shot and follow through. The falling winter temperatures and fresh snow do their part in alleviating the pressure of getting on the links and improving his techniques, but he can always dream of that perfect game. □



(L-R) Trevor Henwood, Robbie Kernagis, MCAC Coach of the Year Tim Lewis, Kenny Evans, David Romero, and Kyle Gustafson.

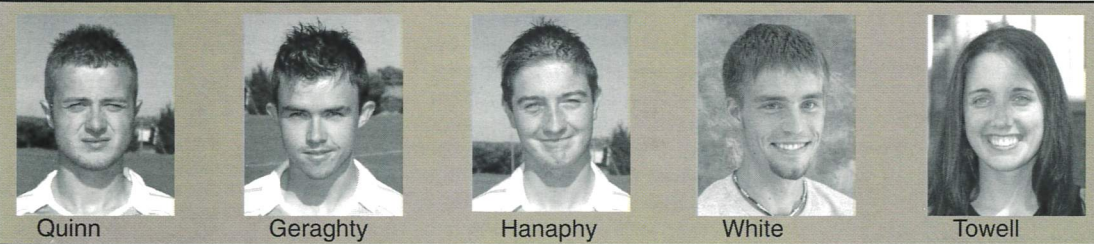
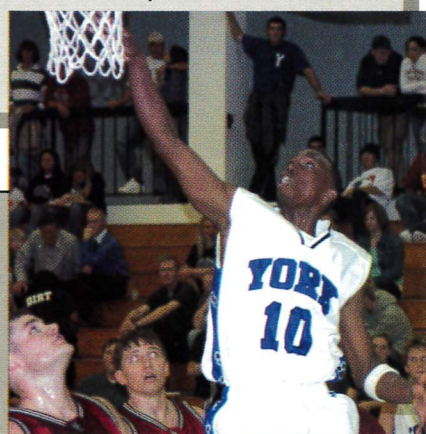
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Ashley Wellman was named the MCAC Co-Player of the Week just before the Thanksgiving break after three games averaging a double-double. The 6'2" junior local standout helped the Lady Panthers to a 2-1 week with their only loss coming against NCAA II University of South Dakota. Wellman averaged 20.3 points and 11 rebounds per game. In the game versus Barclay College she scored 25 pts, 10 rbs, and recorded 5 block shots in just 18 minutes. In three games she shot 62% from the field.

Nate Harris, 6'3" senior guard from Gardner, Kansas, was named back-to-back MCAC Player of the Week for his offensive play on the court. In the first week he averaged 23.7 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. He shot 50% from the field and just over 62% from three-point range. In the following week he led the Panthers to a 3-0 performance, averaging 21 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3 assists per game including 27 points in their 93-72 win over Friends University.



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Geraghty

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## MCAC ALL-CONFERENCE

The Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference honored some of our best athletes with First Team All-Conference awards at the completion of the fall sports season.

Soccer – Fran Quinn, soph. midfielder – Dublin, Ireland  
Soccer – Darryl Geraghty, fresh. midfielder – Dublin, Ireland

Second Team All-Conference honors went to Brendan Hanaphy, freshman defender from Dublin, Ireland, and cross country runner Martin White, senior from Naples, Idaho. Erica Towell, senior from Ogallala, Neb., was named Honorable Mention All-Conference in volleyball.



## 1958

**Michael L. Brown** passed away Sept. 14, 2005 in Lincoln, Nebraska, in the company of family and friends. He and **Marilyn (Scott)** were part of YC's first student body after it reopened in 1956. Mike served the campus for over twenty years in maintenance and seemed to work miracles with Hulitt and McGehee Hall's boilers. He served as a deacon at East Hill CofC and was loved by countless kids as the candy man. Even with the health problems he endured related to his diabetes, he never gave up on God, but saw this life as a test for the next life. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, children: Clarice Kohlscheen ('78), Marshal Shewmake ('80), Scott, Paul ('95), and Albert and nine grandchildren. 2025 Kansas Dr, York, NE 68467



## 1962

**Jim Morrow** died Aug. 30, 2005 at his home in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He preached for several small churches while a student at York and then during his adult ministry. He served several years as a missionary to Tanzania, East Africa. Upon returning, Jim was the assistant administrator at Lakeview Christian Home and then went back into full time preaching. He preached for the Cuba Avenue church in Alamogordo and the Fox and Lake church in Carlsbad from 1979 until 1998 when he became a real estate broker in Alamogordo and served as an elder in that church until his death. He is survived by his wife Linda, adult children Lisa Squires and family, Lana Goodman and family, and Jim Irl and family.



## 1962

**David and Carylon (Eddy) Dallas** have moved after 36 years in Miami, Okla., to be near grandchildren. They miss their many friends and especially their ministry partners. David is a retired professor at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College and Carylon is retired from dog grooming. 7140 Horsefly Ln, Noble, OK 73068 [david.dallas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:david.dallas@sbcglobal.net)

## 1965

**Sally (Thiel) Bauer** celebrated her 60th birthday this year as a three-time cancer survivor. She is the Kids' Club Supervisor at 24-Hour Fitness and is married to Lee. Together they have four children. 5100 N Miller Rd Unit #50, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

**Doug Schmidt** is semi-retired and now custom builds Square Neck Dobro Style guitars. He would love to hear from classmates. 1806 Clara Mathis Rd, Spring Hill, TN 37174 [ssteves58@hotmail.com](mailto:ssteves58@hotmail.com)

## 1966

**Dale Neal** is in his 12th year as the Women's Head Basketball Coach at Freed-Hardeman Univ. **Kathy (Miller) '65** is the President's Assistant for

Inst. Advancement at FHU. They have 12 grandchildren! 155 Valley View Dr, Henderson, TN 38340 [dneal@fhu.edu](mailto:dneal@fhu.edu)

## 1967

**Shanna (Brockman) Yates** is Manager of Administrative Services at Texas Transportation Institute. Her three children: Steven, Shelley, and Stacey are grown and she has one grandchild, Sean. 2100 Langford, College Station, TX 77840 [s-yates@ttimail.tamu.edu](mailto:s-yates@ttimail.tamu.edu)

## 1969

**Donnie and Naida (Jambura) Harrington** transferred with USAID to Belgrade, Serbia in Oct., 2004. Donnie is the Deputy Mission Director for the agency. Besides their four grown children, they have one granddaughter and another grandchild on the way! 5070 Belgrade Pl, Dulles, VA 20189 [nmh1123@hotmail.com](mailto:nmh1123@hotmail.com)

## 1971

**Robert Barton** is in his 25th year as the Artistic/Managing Director for the Abilene Civic Theatre. 3633 FM 89, Buffalo Gap, TX 79508 [bartonact@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bartonact@sbcglobal.net)

## 1972

Bob and **Annette (Banks) Clark** were married April 30, 2005 and live at 2501 N St #501, Lincoln, NE 68510. Bob does maintenance for Property Management Inc. and Ann is retired. [lorawinona68510@yahoo.com](mailto:lorawinona68510@yahoo.com)

## 1973

**Steve McCann** retired from his career with Proctor and Gamble after 27 years and is now a cook at Coralville Elem. School. His son Daniel is a freshman at York College. He and his wife Joyce live at 645 Jessie St, North Liberty, IA 52317. [stevejoycemccann@msn.com](mailto:stevejoycemccann@msn.com)

## 1974

Sherrill and **Carol (Shuffitt) Allred** live at 420 Stuart Circle, Anderson, IN 46012 where Sherrill is an accountant for Guide Corp. They have three grown children: Jenny, Justin, and Amanda. [carolallred@yahoo.com](mailto:carolallred@yahoo.com)

Bob and **Teri (Rigdon) McConkey** live at 1247 N Hwy 79, Bonifay, FL 32425. Teri is a medical billing clerk for Business Options. They have three older children: Jeff, Allison, and Alan. [teribop@bellsouth.net](mailto:teribop@bellsouth.net)

## 1975

**Dennis and Diana (Roberts) Knight** are celebrating their 10th year of missionary work in the Ukraine this coming March. They have two children: Jedidiah (20) and Rachel (19). Zaporozzhkoye Hwy. 4/291, Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine 49701 [uaknights@yahoo.com](mailto:uaknights@yahoo.com)

**Rosa Wagner** is a Staff Assistant with Kaiser Permanente and lives at 714 Carolina St, Vallejo, CA 94390. [earljaywagadorn@yahoo.com](mailto:earljaywagadorn@yahoo.com)

## 1976

**Kevin and Elizabeth (Shackelford '75) Button** have a new address: 13126 Potter St, Omaha, NE 68142. Kevin is a Director for Union Pacific Railroad, and Elizabeth is a Certified Prosthetist at Hanger. [kbutton2@cox.net](mailto:kbutton2@cox.net)

**Terry Fisk** has authored "The Wisconsin Road Guide to Haunted Locations" and soon to be published road guides to Minnesota and South Dakota. He is currently working as a paranormal investigator and is host of the live radio talk show *The Unexplained*, featured on the ABC Family Network's "Scariest Places on Earth." He has three grown children and seven grandchildren. PO Box 2173, Eau Claire, WI 54703 [admin@unexplainedresearch.com](mailto:admin@unexplainedresearch.com)

## 1976

**Phyllis "P. Kay" (Hopkins) Sparks** is a retired nurse now

utilizing her talents as the LTC Coordinator for the Woodlawn CofC. Her oldest son Jeffrey (19) is at ACU and Tyler (15) is at home. 2349 Bridge Ave, Abilene, TX 79603 [threesparks@juno.com](mailto:threesparks@juno.com)

**Martha (Amburn) Hymer** graduated from Western Michigan Univ. with a Master's degree in Educational Leadership in Dec., 2004. She began her principalship at the Galesburg-Augusta Intermediate School. Her husband Jerry is self-employed as a construction consultant. Their oldest daughter Angela recently married and their youngest, Melissa, graduated from high school in 2005. 862 N 30th, Galesburg, MI 49053 [marthahymer@chartermi.net](mailto:marthahymer@chartermi.net)

## 1977

Dr. Tim and **Cindy (Henderson) Fisher** celebrated their 24th anniversary this year. Tim is an osteopathic physician and Cindy is a homemaker. Their two sons, Eric and Shane, are both students at Freed-Hardeman and spent their summers doing missions. 230 W Laurel Ave, McMinnville, TN 37110. [cafbionde56@yahoo.com](mailto:cafbionde56@yahoo.com) "Love to all my 1977 classmates."

## 1978

**Lisa (Prosser) Forrester** recently moved to the Denver area: 6236 S. Albion Way, Centennial, CO 80121. She is a Business Development Manager Team Lead for Adobe Systems, Inc. She has one grown daughter, Cheryl. [lforrester@mac.com](mailto:lforrester@mac.com)

**Mathew Schlechter** is currently receiving chemotherapy for cancer and would appreciate hearing from classmates. 212 Neitzel Dr Apt 405, Holmen, WI 54636 [mathew28b@yahoo.com](mailto:mathew28b@yahoo.com)

## 1979

**Daryl Anderson** recently moved: 6428 US Hwy 29 Business, Reidsville, NC 27320. Daryl is a tennis pro, coach and teacher. [tennisdaryl@netzero.net](mailto:tennisdaryl@netzero.net)



Anderson along with (l-r) Brian Harrington, Stewart Sikes ('80), and Kurt Kelly ('80) won this year's Homecoming Golf Scramble.

## 1981

**Tom Grimes** recently earned a Masters of Science Degree in Aerospace Admin. from Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ., Tinker Air Force Base Program. He is an Aircraft Mechanic at Tinker AFB. He

and his wife Jennifer have two children: Macy (13) and Ethan (5) 804 N Silverleaf Dr, Moore, OK 73160 [tom.jennifer@yahoo.com](mailto:tom.jennifer@yahoo.com)

## 1982

**Mark and Marilyn Dietsch** live at 532 Melissa St, Liberty, MO 64068 where Mark is a Senior Programmer/Analyst for MDC Software Solutions. [mark@TheDietsch.com](mailto:mark@TheDietsch.com)

Alan and **Ree (Roberts) Nalley** are in their 19th year as missionaries in Curitiba, Brazil. They have three children: Nathanael (16), Natalie (14), and Naiane (12). C.P. 108, 80011-970 Curitiba, PR, Brazil, S.A. [reerun@netpar.com.br](mailto:reerun@netpar.com.br)

## 1983

**Alphonso "Bernie" Benjamin Jr.**, has been a Corrections Officer for 12 years with the Dept. of Corrections and enjoys it tremendously. He was deployed with the Army 2003-04. His wife Deborah teaches Head Start in the Omaha Public Schools. They've been married 11 years and have two children: Denia (9) and Daniel (1). 4131 North 55th Ave, Omaha, NE 68104 [Abben@juno.com](mailto:Abben@juno.com)

**Scott and Jennifer (Howell) '84) Ingalls** have three children: Jonathan (20), Jacob (14), and Betsy (11) and live at 8211 Wallingford, Seattle, WA 98103. Scott is an Architect and Manager of Facilities Planning and Construction at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Ctr. and Jennifer is a Home School Teacher. [scottingalls@msn.com](mailto:scottingalls@msn.com)

**Deanna (Anderson) Nicholson** wants to brag on her oldest two daughters: "Heather and Jessica are currently attending York and loving it as much as I did!!! I couldn't be happier!" Deanna is a homemaker and a school bus driver; her husband Frank is the Dir. of Maintenance for Trans Am Trucking. At home are children: Alyssa (17), Gaylin (7), and Gavin (3). 30924 Plum Creek Rd, Paola, KS 66071 [deannarose\\_n@yahoo.com](mailto:deannarose_n@yahoo.com)

**Joe and Marla (Stewart) Truitt** have recently both had a change in careers. Joe now works with his brother as a general contractor and part owner of Truitt Construction. Marla went back to school to become an esthetician and is employed at Keelys Beauty Boutique. They have two sons: Seth (15) and Spencer (8). 10400 Butte Dr, Longmont, CO 80504 [jandmtruitt@netzero.com](mailto:jandmtruitt@netzero.com)

## 1984

**Shannon Crook** retired from the Navy in August and is now back in Wichita to start life and a new career. 6841 Shade Ln #501, Wichita, KS 67212 [shannoncrook@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shannoncrook@sbcglobal.net)

Lee and **Nancy (Denton) Scofield** were married July 30, 2005, and moved to Colorado City. Lee is a Lineman for San Isabel Electric and Nancy teaches English at Rye H.S. and Pueblo Comm. College. Nancy became an instant grandma of two little girls and also has two kids of her own: Alex (16) and Brianna (14). PO Box 19531, Colorado City, CO 81019 [nscofield@ghvalley.net](mailto:nscofield@ghvalley.net)

## 1985

**Carrie (Schlueter) Longar** recently took the position as an Early Steps Tutor within the Christian County Public School District. Her husband Darren teaches middle school in the district and is the h.s. football coach. They have one son, Nicholas (6). 129 N Sunset Cir, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 [Carrielynn23@msn.com](mailto:Carrielynn23@msn.com)

## 1987

**Kirk Baker** has retired from youth ministry to coach basketball, teach, and play more golf. Kirk is on the faculty at Wesleyan High School and his wife Kim is the Director of Children's World Learning Center. They have three children: Addison (11), Austin (9), and Duncan (7). 1426 E 49th St, Tulsa, OK 74105 [bakerville@hotmail.com](mailto:bakerville@hotmail.com)

**Keith** and **Renee Johnson** have moved: 8810 Jones Rd, Houston, TX 77065. Keith is the Youth and Family Minister at the Jersey Village CofC. They have three children: Jannessa (13), Janelle (9), and Keegan (5). [keejaysvcs@msn.com](mailto:keejaysvcs@msn.com)

**Mark and Rhonda (Waitman) Crouse** have a new address: PO Box 358, Stratton, CO 80836. Mark retired from the Army in Sept. after serving 20 years, and Rhonda is the Assistant Town Clerk in Stratton. They have three children: Marki (12), Raena (10), and Mattie (3). [rcrouse@strattoncolorado.com](mailto:rcrouse@strattoncolorado.com)

**John and Candy (Hart) Nading** have a new address: 2517 6th Ave East, Hibbing, MN 55746. John works for Northwest Airlines and Candy is a Care Specialist at NHS. They have three children: Simon (18) and twins - Sarah and Shera (16). [candylys@yahoo.com](mailto:candylys@yahoo.com)

## 1988

**Kern and Bonnie (Hart) Bruner** adopted two more children this summer: Andy (8) and Jorden (7) to join Melissa (13), Mickle (11), Destiny (7), Davie (7), and J.D. (5). Kern is a Salesman for K's Merchandise. 4189 Bethlehem Church Rd, Wickliffe, KY 42087 [kbruner@brtc.net](mailto:kbruner@brtc.net)

**Eric ('88 & '91) and Jennifer (Sobetski '01) Tremaine** are back in York. Eric is with the maintenance staff and will be the manager of the men's apartments when completed. They have two children: Julie (4) and Simeon (1). 1125 E 8th St, York, NE 68467 [eric.tremaine@york.edu](mailto:eric.tremaine@york.edu)

## BORN

To **Gary** and **Roberta Curtis**, a girl, Abigail Rae, April 18, 2005. She joins her older sister Rebecca (3). Gary is Director of Support for Open Scan Technologies. 17184 E Dewberry Dr, Parker, CO 80134 [gcurtis@openscantech.com](mailto:gcurtis@openscantech.com)

## 1989

**Jamey and Jennifer (Jackson) Olson** have relocated: 1758 Beacon Point, Grove, OK 74344. Jamey is with SBC and Jennifer works for Edward Jones Inv. They have a daughter, Morgan (10). [Jao\\_enterprises2@yahoo.com](mailto:Jao_enterprises2@yahoo.com)

## 1990

**James and Amber (Dockery) '89) Haskins** live at 317 6th Ave, Laurel, MT 59044. James is a Physical Therapy Asst. at St. Vincent Hosp., and Amber is the Executive Asst. at Avanta Federal Credit Union. They have two boys: Derek (11) and Tanner (7). [ajhaskins@cablemt.net](mailto:ajhaskins@cablemt.net)

## BORN

To **Eric and Holly (Wolken) Harrell**, a boy, Judah Ericson, June 16, 2005, joining big sister Naomi (2). The Harrell's recently moved to Virginia for Eric to take a position teaching graduate level theatre at Regent Univ. Holly is a graphic designer. 401 Ramapo Ct, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 [hollyharrell@cox.net](mailto:hollyharrell@cox.net)

## 1991

**Stacie (Howard) Booth** has authored her first book, "Scuba Gear in the Bathtub," which has been released by PublishAmerica. 213 Cactus Breeze, New Braunfels, TX 78132 [StacieBooth@satx.rr.com](mailto:StacieBooth@satx.rr.com)

see Milestones

**Johnny and Robyn (Fuller) King** have a new address: HC 72 Box 232, Kingston, OK 73439. Johnny is a Captain with the Oklahoma Dept. of Corrections. They have one child, Laney (7). [Huzzbe@hotmail.com](mailto:Huzzbe@hotmail.com)

**Joe Meador** completed his M.Ed. and is now the K-12 Assist. Administrator in the Ingalls School Dist. **Tammy (Sallee)** teaches music (vocal and band) at the school. They have one son, Benjamin (2) and are expecting their second child in April. PO Box 131, Ingalls, KS 67853 [jilmeador@yahoo.com](mailto:jilmeador@yahoo.com)

**BORN**

To **Stephen and Cheri (Buggeln) Lech**, a girl, Alexandra Ruth, Sept. 29, 2005. Stephen is a Real Estate Inspector for Compass

Bank and Cheri is a homemaker. They have one other daughter, Teri (6). 8450 Littleport, San Antonio, TX 78239 [cheri@satx.rr.com](mailto:cheri@satx.rr.com)

To **Jerry and Miki Morgan**, a boy, Michael Ilie, Aug. 17, 2005. Big sister Elizabeth (2) was thrilled to welcome Michael into the world. Jerry is an Attorney with Juliano, P.C. and Miki is a Residential Supervisor. 8377 Lonkar Dr, St. Louis, MO 63123 [morjerry@aol.com](mailto:morjerry@aol.com)

## 1992

**Greg and Tracey French** have a new address: 123 Brookwood Dr, Richardson, TX 75080. Greg works for Washington Mutual. They have two children: Jack (5) and Bailey (4). [gwtfrench@earthlink.net](mailto:gwtfrench@earthlink.net)

**Tatanja "Taj" Willyard** is self-employed as a professional photographer and graphic artist with Pickle Media. She recently accepted a new position with Cherry Creek Schools as the IT and Tech Support to Staff and Students. She has two daughters: Alexandra (12) and Logan (5). PO Box 371876, Denver, CO 80237 [taj@pickkle.com](mailto:taj@pickkle.com)

## BORN

To **John and LaRica (Sanders) Krischel**, a girl, Audra Liat, June 24, 2005. John is an employee of Oklahoma City's Public Works Dept., and LaRica is a Career Specialist at Rose State College. 608 Holly Hill Rd, Edmond, OK 73003 [laricak\\_eri@yahoo.com](mailto:laricak_eri@yahoo.com)

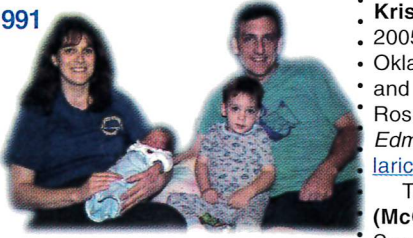
To **Sand and Theresa (McCracken) Mora**, a girl, Makenna Sand, March 21, 2005. She joins older sis, Madison (6). Theresa would love to hear from "everyone". 3180 W 134th Ave, Broomfield, CO 80020 [SDTLMC@juno.com](mailto:SDTLMC@juno.com)

## 1993

**Derek and Jennifer (Williams) King** are in their fifth year of ministry in California after six years of missions on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona and one year as house parents in Arkansas. Derek is the Assoc. Minister at Orangevale CofC, and Jennifer is a certified Hypnotherapist. They have three children: Devon (11), Chante' (9), and Zion (5). 1200 Creekside Dr #1812, Folsom, CA 95630 [jenniferderekking@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferderekking@yahoo.com)

**BORN**

To **Matt and Amy Brown**, a son, Dale Kinman, Sept. 18, 2005. Matt is the General Manager for Acord, Inc. Their oldest daughter Kathleen just turned two. 1248 Knob Creek Dr, Rochester, MI 48306 [mbrown@acordinc.com](mailto:mbrown@acordinc.com)





## 1994

**Clay and Shawna (Oman '93) Cates** have moved: PO Box 218, Meeteetse, WY 82433. Clay is the Head Principal at Meeteetse Public Schools and Shawna is a homemaker. They have three children: Chase (7), Kyra (5), and Alexis (1). [ccates@park16.k12.wy.us](mailto:ccates@park16.k12.wy.us)

**Michelle (Williams) Gaona** has a new address: 1129 E Lee Blvd, Starkville, MS 39759. She works in MSU's Extension Service Family Nutrition Program. She has three children: Jacen (10), Julian (8), and Jennifer (7). [mreafrg@yahoo.com](mailto:mreafrg@yahoo.com)

**Donovan Johns** purchased his first house: 3519 Central Park St, Caldwell, ID 83605. He is a Software/Firmware Tech. for Adecco. [mnavonod@yahoo.com](mailto:mnavonod@yahoo.com)

**Jeff Krebsbach** has moved: 2210 18th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904. He is a Co-Store Manager at WalMart. [jeff23k@hotmail.com](mailto:jeff23k@hotmail.com)

## 1995

**Rebekah Tampleton** will graduate with her Masters in Admin. in March. She is a Social Studies Teacher with Nome Public Schools. PO Box 1796, Nome, AK 99762 [blondeivory@yahoo.com](mailto:blondeivory@yahoo.com)

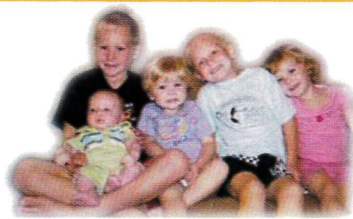
## 1996

**Whit and Sheri (Barnes) Mitchell** have moved to Texas after a year in Colorado and are loving it. Both are teachers in the Waller School District. They have one son: Cole (3). 9125 Hwy 6 #2013, Houston, TX 77095 [wkmitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:wkmitchell@yahoo.com)

James Michael and **Jennifer (Duncan) Stitt** are both middle school teachers at Keller ISD. Mike teaches history and is a 7/8th grade head coach at Hillwood M.S., and Jennifer is in her ninth year teaching art at Fossil Hill M.S. They have one child: Aidan Baret (2). 4313 Spindletree Ln, Fort Worth, TX 76137 [jduncan@kellerisd.net](mailto:jduncan@kellerisd.net)

## 1997

**BORN**  
To **Brad and Terri (Bond) Dillan**, a boy, Cooper Maxwell, June 11, 2005. Brad is in sales at Lamar Fertilizer, and Terri is at home with the five kids: Hunter (8), Parker (5), Kamrie (4), and Chloe (2). PO Box



984, Imperial, NE 69033  
[btidillan@chase3000.com](mailto:btidillan@chase3000.com)

To **Nathan and Jennifer (Downs) Slaughter**, a boy, Xavier Cade, July 15, 2005. Nathan was recently hired by the Missouri Valley CofC as their Senior Minister. Jennifer is a Physician Recruiter for Medical Doctors Assoc. They have two adopted children: William (3) and Isabella (2). 314 E Huron St, Missouri Valley, IA 51555 [nathan@theslaughters.com](mailto:nathan@theslaughters.com)

## 1998

**Aaron and Cindy (Dietz) Baker** and their daughter, Kaela (1), are now doing full-time mission work in Vanuatu. PO Box 2061, Port Vila, Vanuatu [baker@missionvanuatu.com](mailto:baker@missionvanuatu.com) Visit their website at [www.missionvanuatu.com](http://www.missionvanuatu.com)

**Tim and Natalie (Vojtecky) McElheny** live at 521 Beaver Ave, York, NE 68467. Natalie is the Community Support Cord. for Region V Services. They have two daughters: Alyssa (4) and Mackenzie (2). [Nat\\_mac12@yahoo.com](mailto:Nat_mac12@yahoo.com)

**Brent and Michelle (Reynolds) Mercer** purchased their first home in February: 712 Cooper Ln, Yukon, OK 73099. Brent is a manager for VVP America, Inc./Binswanger Glass and Shelly feels blessed to be a stay-at-home-mom. They have three children: Preston (6), Madison (3), and Grady (1). [brentandshellymercerc@yahoo.com](mailto:brentandshellymercerc@yahoo.com)

**Rick and Angela (Robinson) Schwarte** have a new address: 69 A Childress St, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311. Rick is a Staff Sgt. with the Air Force and Angela teaches first grade at Wichita Christian School. [raschwarte@juno.com](mailto:raschwarte@juno.com)

## BORN

To **Andy and Kristina Boyce**, a girl, Kaitlyn Malaya, June 18, 2005. 3007 Hunter Ridge, Harlan, IA 51537 [andy3476@backpacker.com](mailto:andy3476@backpacker.com)

## 1999

**Rachel Burham** is an Independent Consultant/Health and Wellness for Arbonne International and has a website [www.xplor.myarbonne.com](http://www.xplor.myarbonne.com). 3721 S 15th, Lincoln, NE 68502 [rachel105@myarbonne.com](mailto:rachel105@myarbonne.com)

**Shawn and Laura (Nasrallah) Strickland** live at 1020 Winter Ct, Tracy, CA 95376. [laura.strickland@sheahomes.com](mailto:laura.strickland@sheahomes.com)

## BORN

To **Tim and Carrie (Walling) Cronquist**, a girl, Sophia Elizabeth, Feb. 1, 2005. Tim is still running work for the local carpenters union and is overseeing a job at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics this winter. Carrie stays very busy and happy at home with the four kids: Emily (7), Matthew (4), Abigail (2), and Sophia. 406 Hampton Dr, Williamsburg, IA 52361 [cronquist6@iowatelecom.net](mailto:cronquist6@iowatelecom.net)



To **Lance and Laura (Hastings) '98) Hawley**, a girl, Lydia, March 23, 2005. She joins siblings Sage (3) and Clay (2). Lance and Laura are part of a church planting effort in Madison. 2226 LaFollette Ave, Madison, WI 53704 [laurakhawley@yahoo.com](mailto:laurakhawley@yahoo.com)

## 2000

### BORN

To **Matthew and Casie (Hansen) Reese**, a boy, Micah James, June 6, 2005. Their son Caleb (2) is a wonderful big brother. 1523 Jeanette, Wichita, KS 67203 [hansencasie@hotmail.com](mailto:hansencasie@hotmail.com)

## 2001

**Jess and Joni (Boyce) Duckart** were married June 11, 2005. Jess is a machinist at Innovative Machine Specialist and Joni is the Center Director/Admin. at Montessori Center of Central Wisc. 7050 Hwy 186, Vesper, WI 54489 [2quacks@tds.net](mailto:2quacks@tds.net)

**Darin and Kerry Smith** were married Aug. 6, 2005. Darin started work as a Business Analyst for JP Morgan Chase, and Kerry will be attending grad school next year at Ohio State Univ., majoring in Communications/Public Relations. 6870 Clearhurst Dr, Columbus, OH, 43229 [japanese\\_giant@yahoo.com](mailto:japanese_giant@yahoo.com)

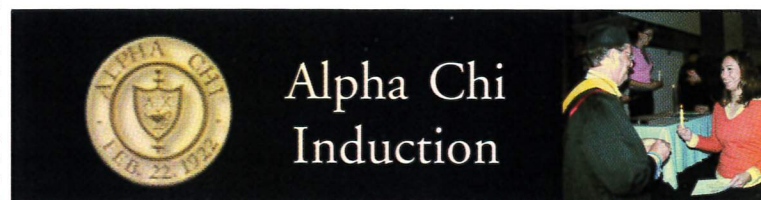
**Jared Stark** finished his M.Ed. in Higher Education Admin. from Texas Tech Univ. and is back at YC as the Assist. Dean of Student Success and Transition. 31 Eastridge Dr S, York, NE 68467 [jstark@york.edu](mailto:jstark@york.edu)

**BORN**  
To **Craig and Jeri (Bullock) Ford**, a girl, Hannah Ruth, July 1, 2005. Craig recently finished his Masters in Divinity at Harding Graduate School, and Jeri is a stay-at-home mom. 1000 Cherry Rd, Memphis, TN 38117 [eddieford@hotmail.com](mailto:eddieford@hotmail.com)

## 2002

**Mark and Summer (McNeese) Dickinson** are expecting their first child in February... it's a boy! Mark is a Policy Specialist Technician for Berkley Risk Administrators Inc. and Summer is Chief Mgr. of Operations for Kilkarney Mist. 1402 Portland Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104 [sdickinson\\_67@hotmail.com](mailto:sdickinson_67@hotmail.com)

**Kevin and Allison (Schnoor) Morrill** are back in York after serving 3 years as missionaries in Albania. Kevin is the Assist. Wrestling Coach and Allison is the Residence Hall Mgr. for Thomas Hall. 1125 E 8th St, York, NE 68467 [allison.morrill@york.edu](mailto:allison.morrill@york.edu)



Ten students were inducted into the Nebraska Epsilon chapter of Alpha Chi this semester. Membership is limited to no more than 10 percent of the junior and senior classes. At York College, students must have at least a 3.86 grade average on 64 or more hours.

The inductees were Adam Boyle, Lindsey Boyle, Michelle Byrd, Erin Derrie, Vicky Girard, Lindsay Kelly, Ambri Merrill, Christopher Reid, Bethany Stanger, and Ashley Wellman. Officiating at the initiation were chapter sponsors, Ms. Ginger Hodson and Dr. Ray Miller, President Wayne Baker, and Dean Robert Lester.

The objectives of Alpha Chi are to promote and to recognize superior scholarship and those elements of character which make scholarship effective for service. The society represents the highest academic honor on any member campus.



# PANTHER MILESTONES

**Tim McNeese ('73)**, Associate Professor of History at York College and author of more than 80 history books, biographies, and documentaries, served as consulting historian for *Risk Takers*, *History Makers*, a proposed History Channel series. Filming for the hour-long documentary took place in September at Canyonlands National Park and Dead Horse State Park near Moab, Utah. The pilot for the series follows John Wesley Powell, who became the first person to lead an expedition down the uncharted portion of the Colorado River in 1869. His voyage included passing through the Grand Canyon, a feat never before accomplished. McNeese not only talked about Powell in the five-day shoot, but also participated in physical challenges designed to replicate incidents Powell and his men experienced during their 100-day, 1,000-mile journey down the Colorado River. The proposed series is being produced by Beyond Productions, the largest film and television company in Australia. Each episode will focus on a person or group who took great risks to gain their places in history. If the series is picked up, it will air sometime next spring. For more information on the documentary, visit the college's website [www.york.edu](http://www.york.edu).



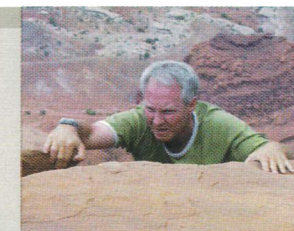
**Stacie (Howard '91) Booth** has authored her first book, "Scuba Gear in the Bathtub," which has been released by PublishAmerica: [home.satx.rr.com/staciebooth](http://home.satx.rr.com/staciebooth). After teaching in the public schools for six years, she now enjoys teaching the toddlers' Bible class at the San Marcos CofC. She is a 2nd Degree Black Belt Taekwondo Instructor training to be a certified instructor. Most importantly, as stated on her website, she is a faithful Christian, wife, and mother. Her husband Nathan is a Master Scheduler for Motorola. They have two boys: Josiah (2) and Isaiah Donovan who was born Oct. 6, 2005. 213 Cactus Breeze, New Braunfels, TX 78132 [StacieBooth@satx.rr.com](mailto:StacieBooth@satx.rr.com)



**Casey Daugherty ('94)** was one of York College's first graduates to receive a B.A. Degree in Education. Now she has made her mark as one of our most successful in the field. Out of a competitive pool of over 800 teachers, Daugherty was among 59 teachers chosen to represent the Toyota International Teacher Program this past summer. The two-week all expense paid trip to Japan was "...definitely a trip of a lifetime," said Daugherty. "I have never experienced being treated with such royalty, respect, and admiration..." Daugherty is in her eleventh year at Willow Springs High School teaching senior English and coaching the Lady Bear Volleyball team. In November she shared some of the exciting opportunities a life of teaching has presented to her with YC's Education Division. 622 Scott St, Willow Springs, MO 65793 [caseydaugherty@yahoo.com](mailto:caseydaugherty@yahoo.com)

**Richard James ('97)** was recently named an Outstanding Business Leader for the next decade in Wichita, Kansas. After graduating from York College with a degree in Business Administration, Richard went on to attend Washburn University Law School earning a J.D. with honors in 2000. Since graduation he has worked with the McDonald Tinker Law Firm in Wichita. He is a litigation attorney with significant trial experience and enjoys defending businesses and individuals in civil cases. **Rachel (Nowlin '99)** teaches second grade in the Newton School District. Richard and Rachel are very active in the college/singles ministry at the East Point CofC and are both members of the York College Heralds. 10202 E Peppertree St, Wichita, KS 67226 [RJames@mtsgh.com](mailto:RJames@mtsgh.com)

**Daniel Schipper ('02)**, a Medic Squad Leader with the 82nd Field Artillery 1st Cav. Division stationed at Ft. Hood, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Combat Medical Badge, and Combat Action Badge for efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom II. He and **Merissa (De Wolf '04)** have one son, Avery Lynn (1). 3631 Turner Apt B, Killeen, TX 76543 [daniel.schipper@us.army.mil](mailto:daniel.schipper@us.army.mil)



**Nicodemus Mount** has moved: 333 Washington Blvd #121, Abilene, TX 79601. He is a Ministry Assist. with Herald of Truth Ministries and plans to attend ACU's Graduate School of Theology in the fall of 2006. [nic\\_mount@yahoo.com](mailto:nic_mount@yahoo.com)



## BORN

To **Mike and Nicole (Davis) Fuhrmann**, a girl, Baylor Susanne, March 29, 2005. She has big sister Brynlee (2) watching over her. Mike is a Personal Banker at US Bank and Nicole is a Warranty Administrator for Automotive Warranty Network. 9304 S Wiltshire, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130 [nicolefuhrmann@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolefuhrmann@yahoo.com)

## 2003

**Ryan and Amy (Colwell) Davis** are expecting Leah Beth to arrive on Dec. 27. Ryan teaches World Geography and is a soccer coach for the Coppell Ind. School Dist. and Amy teaches 3rd grade. 239 Cedar Crest Dr, Justin, TX 76247 [adavis@coppellisd.com](mailto:adavis@coppellisd.com)

## 2004

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**Nick and Serena (Barber) Greer** were married Aug. 13, 2005. Nick owns Greer Amplification and Serena is a student at UGA. 115 Barnett Shoals Rd, Athens, GA 30605 [actingislife@hotmail.com](mailto:actingislife@hotmail.com)

**Regan Peek** is teaching 2nd grade American missionary kids in Kara, Togo, West Africa this year. B.P. 801, Kara, Togo, West Africa [reganpeek@hotmail.com](mailto:reganpeek@hotmail.com)

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## 2005

**Stephen and Joy (Coehoorn) Colwell** were married, Aug. 13, 2005 and now work at YC. Stephen is a Development Officer and Joy is the Administrative Assist. for Admissions. 308 College, York, NE 68467 [scolwell@york.edu](mailto:scolwell@york.edu)



**Suzanne Stanton** is teaching Special Education K-6 at Southern Valley Public Schools. She is also the Head Volleyball Coach and assisting the girls' junior high track program. 209 Nelson Apt 9, Cambridge, NE 69022 [sstanton03@yahoo.com](mailto:sstanton03@yahoo.com)



# GROWING A FAMILY

## YC Alumna says adoption is a two-way gift

Kern and Bonnie (Hart '88) Bruner joke they should paint "Rainbow Caravan" on the side of their white van. It's easy to see why when their seven adopted children come piling out.

The Bruners and the two oldest children, Melissa and Mickle, are white. The youngest five — Andy, Jorden, Davey, Destiny, and J.D. — are African American.

"We've never had a problem with it, but we've had a lot of strange looks and comments," Kern said.

"We love them," added Bonnie. "And I couldn't love them more if I gave birth to them."

Adoption had been the plan from the very beginning for the Bruners, who have been married for 13 years. "The day he met me he said, 'One day you're going to marry me.' I thought that was really smug," Bonnie said. "We became best friends first. I told him I wanted to adopt to add to the kids we'd have."

"My parents had done work at a children's home, and I saw kids be at the children's home their whole life, and it seemed heartbreaking to me. I think we should take care of those who need help. The Bible says we should take care of widows and orphans."

The Bruners have been foster parents to 14 children. "One-half of the kids we kept," she said. "They refer to us as the black hole of foster care."



The Bruner family celebrates Jorden and Andy's adoption June 17 in Circuit Judge Will Shadoan's chambers. (front l-r: Mickle, Jorden, Davey, Andy, J.D.; back: Destiny, Kern, Bonnie, Melissa, Judge Shadoan)

Siblings Melissa (13) and Mickle (11) arrived in February 2001, followed by J.D. (5), who had just turned one, three months later.

Destiny was scared of women when she arrived in November 2001. "She's 7, but she's at a 3- to 4-year-old level," Kern said.

"We love to watch them change," said Bonnie, who homeschools her children. "They said Destiny would never talk. She's potty-trained, she gets herself dressed, and she talks and sings."

Davey (7) arrived in February 2002. Brothers Andy (8) and Jorden (7) joined the family a year later. Bonnie also suffered a miscarriage that year.

"I didn't go through labor, but I had plenty of labor pains," she said. "I have seven beautiful children."

The first five children were officially adopted last year. Andy and Jorden's adoption became official June 17, two days before Father's Day.

"It's a relief knowing they're not going to be taken away from us," Kern said. "They have a permanent home."

All the biological parents but one asked the family to adopt their children. "We tried to help in every case, but if they didn't get their children back, we wanted them to know they were going to a good home," she said. "The kids are working through so much, but eventually things get better. We want them to know their parents loved them, but for one reason or another, they couldn't take care of them. It's important for kids to feel needed and to feel loved. And their parents chose life. It's important they gave them that gift and, in essence, gave us that gift." □

Excerpts by Angie Kinsey  
Features Reporter for *The Paducah Sun*, Paducah, KY

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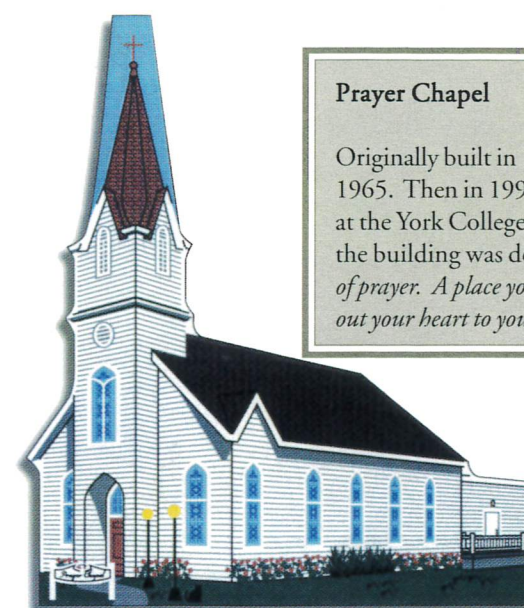
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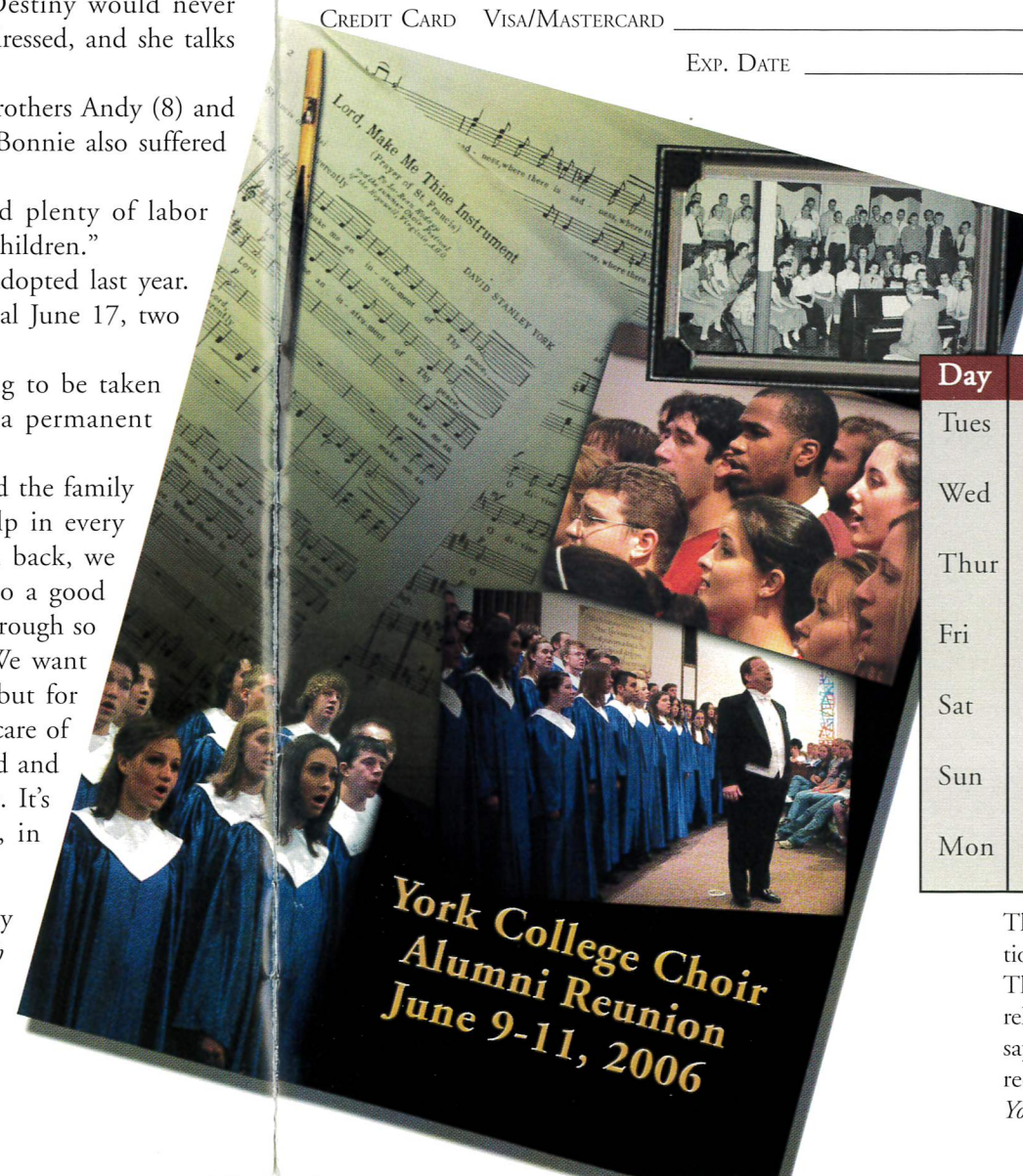


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## York College Concert Choir Winter Tour Schedule January 3-9, 2006

Day	Date	Location	City/St	Time
Tues	Jan. 3	Central CofC 1250 SW College	Topeka, KS	7:00 pm
Wed	Jan. 4	Park Plaza CofC 5925 E 51st St	Tulsa, OK	8:00 pm
Thur	Jan. 5	Singing Oaks CofC 101 Cardinal Dr	Denton, TX	7:00 pm
Fri	Jan. 6	Adams Blvd CofC 3700 SE Adams Blvd	Bartlesville, OK	7:00 pm
Sat	Jan. 7	Florrisant CofC 16460 New Halls Ferry Rd	Florrisant, MO	7:00 pm
Sun	Jan. 8	North Park CofC 13400 West 119 St	Machesney Pk, IL	6:00 pm
Mon	Jan. 9	Ankeny CofC 1400 West 1st St	Ankeny, IA	7:00 pm

The York College Concert Choir will soon be featured on a Christian compilation CD by the Texas-based book and record company, Dallas Christian Sound. Though the specific release date is unknown, the company says the CD will be released sometime in the next year. Concert Choir Conductor Dr. Clark Roush says that the company is interested in using two of the choir's recordings from recent years, *Down to the River* (arranged by YC alumnus Paul Dudley) and *You Raise Me Up* (arranged by Roush).



## Profile in Excellence *continued*

before going to FHU. He received seven coach-of-the-year awards while at York and earned his Master of Physical Education degree from the University of Nebraska during that time.

Neal and his wife, Kathy (Miller '65), have four children and 12 grandchildren. Kathy works at FHU as the President's Assistant for Institutional Advancement. Their son, Tim ('02), is working as the Lady Lions' graduate assistant while finishing his Master's in Bible at Freed-Hardeman.

Kathy had this to say in an interview, "Dale has truly done an amazing job in his coaching career, and his peers all over the nation really respect him and admire his ability to get the most out of his players." □





Student volunteers together with the York Public Schools collected needed supplies for those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Members of the Student Government Association delivered the donations to a drop-off site in Mississippi. (above) Welcome Week gives returning social club members the opportunity to meet and greet the freshmen. It's all about the bonding! (right)

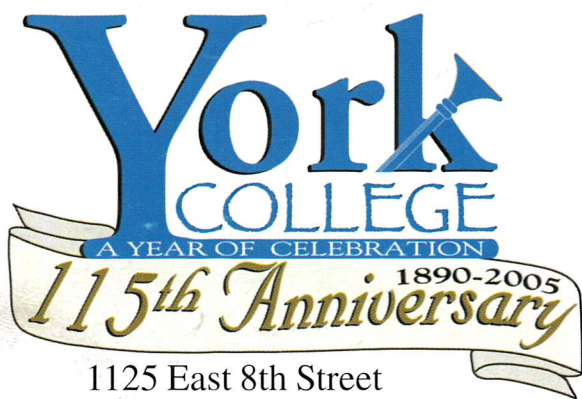


Spring High School Days and Songfest '06  
April 7-9, 2006

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Concert Choir Tour ..... January 3 - 9  
 Second Semester Registration ..... January 9  
 Theatre Production ..... February 23 - 26  
 Spring Break ..... March 4 - 12  
 Spring H.S. Days & Songfest '06 ..... April 7 - 9  
 Senior Citizens Appreciation Banquet ..... April 20  
 All-College Banquet ..... April 22  
 Commencement ..... May 6  
 Summer Session I ..... May 10 - 25

Round-Up ..... May 21 - 27  
 Summer Session II ..... May 30 - June 15  
 Alumni Choir Reunion ..... June 9 - 11  
 Advance Leadership Camp ..... June 14 - 18  
 Soul Quest '06 ..... June 18 - 24  
 Summer Session III ..... June 26 - July 17  
 New Student Orientation ..... August 19 - 21  
 Classes Begin ..... August 23  
 Celebration Days ..... October 13 - 15  
 (Homecoming and Fall High School Days)



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