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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Homecoming 2009. Great memories. Wonderful event. Thanks to alumni for returning to campus. Speaking of thanks, I want to thank Judy Daniels who for many years served effectively as the editor of *Grace Magazine*. Her good service is appreciated. And I welcome the Brandpoet staff that is now managing the marketing and publications work of the institution.

Hearing stories of triumphs and struggles reminds us all about God's good grace to each of us. The New Testament uses the imagery of running a race to illustrate pursuit of the Christian life (see Acts 20:24; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Galatians 2:2; 5:7; Philippians 2:16; 2 Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 12:1).

The race illustrates a passionate response to God's general call ("Join my family and live like my Son") and His particular call ("Do the work I've specifically fitted you to do").

Alumni are running the race through opportunities and challenges, joy and sadness. Running a marathon pictures a long obedience in one direction since distance running requires extended preparation, focus and concentration. Think about marathon runners who may not win the race, but they run with riveting focus, overcoming challenges before and during the race. Health challenges, injuries, tragedies and the like in a runner's past make us marvel at the dogged commitment to finish.

Pursuing the Christian life over time is an amazing feat of endurance. Every Homecoming brings alumni who have struggled against tremendous odds while running the Christian race. That makes us proud to welcome them home as alumni. Some run the race in the public eye where pressures are great and many eyes are watching them. Others run in shadows seemingly unnoticed by most. In either case, they are running the race. Personal failure or personal success may slow one down and distract from the ultimate goal. But God, in His kindness, redirects our focus and moves us down the track again and again. A long obedience in one direction continues. I thank God for graduates of Grace who persist through sunshine and rain, calm and storm, success and failure, right turn and wrong turn. They know the Christian race is the one race to run.

Homecoming 2009 encouraged us to keep on running the race that matters most. This issue of *Grace Magazine* intertwines the story of Grace Athletics and Homecoming. I hope you enjoy the read. Let's keep on running the race that matters most.



Ronald E. Manahan, Th.D.

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Senior guard, Kyle Plumlee, led the Lancers against the Indiana Hoosiers at Assembly Hall. The Lancers traveled to Bloomington, Ind., to take on the Hoosiers on Nov. 4, 2009. It was the first time in school history that the Lancers have played a Big Ten team. The Lancers had a very strong showing, trailing by only six points at halftime before eventually falling to the Hoosiers.



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FROM THE PROVOST

Grace Athletics is moving forward. Since hiring Athletic Director Chad Briscoe in the summer of 2007, Grace Athletics' coaching staff is growing, its athletes are flourishing — both on the field and in the classroom — and it has received some of its greatest recognition.



Briscoe came to us with extensive experience. Before joining Grace's staff, he worked as the General Manager for the Pulaski Rangers, one of the minor league affiliates for the Texas Rangers Professional Baseball Club, played professional basketball in Europe and coached at the collegiate level for several years. Briscoe has injected new life and a passion for excellence and commitment into Grace Athletics and is dedicated to using athletics as a tool for developing godly character in the lives of students.

Under Briscoe's leadership, Grace Athletics has enjoyed the following "wins":

Hiring Additional Head Coaches: Michael Voss (W. Soccer), Matt Hotchkin (M. Soccer), Andria Harshman (Volleyball), Heather Johnson (Softball) and Larry Schuh (M. Tennis) have all joined the Grace Athletics team. These new coaches bring extensive backgrounds in coaching and clearly understand the importance of recruiting as a key element for their programs.

Receiving NAIA Scholar Team Awards: Grace College boasts that 13 of its 14 varsity programs have won the prestigious NAIA Scholar Team Award. The NAIA award recognizes teams who have a cumulative team GPA of 3.0 or higher for the year.

Competing with a Big Ten School: Grace College received national recognition this past fall when our men traveled to Bloomington, Ind., to take on the Indiana Hoosiers in an exhibition basketball game to start the 2009–10 basketball season. It was the first ever meeting between the schools, and it was also the first time in history that Grace played against a Big Ten school.

Hosting the NCCAA Women's DI National Basketball Tournament: Grace College and the Orthopaedic Capital Center hosted the first-ever National Championship held in Kosciusko County. Grace College serves as the host institution and site for the 2009, 2010 and 2011 NCCAA Women's DI Basketball Championship. The Lady Lancers earn an automatic bid to the national tournament each year. The 2010 NCCAA Women's DI Tournament will be held March 11–13, 2010.

Grace Athletics has much to celebrate, and we look forward to watching Grace athletes continue to make Grace proud as they honor our Lord on and off the field. Enjoy the stories in this edition of *Grace Magazine* as you read about Lancer Athletics!

Brie Katip

William Katip, Ph.D.



The Lancers' bench during the Grace College vs. Indiana University match up.

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HOMECOMING

Alumni and friends gathered on a warm, sunny weekend for Homecoming on Nov. 6–8. Reunions were held and friendships were renewed as the Grace family experienced once again the reminders of God's blessings.



1 The 2009 Homecoming Court included (front row, left to right) Amy Abbitt, Valerie Embree. (second row) Zac Hess, Todd Shoemaker, Kayla Alcorn, Henry Crans. (back row) Josh Birky, Kylee Barnett, Alisha Miller, Matthew Ruppel.

2 The Class of 1984 celebrated its 25-year reunion with a luncheon in Westminster Hall.

3 The weather was perfect for the annual Tailgate Party on Saturday at the Orthopaedic Capital Center.

4 Members of the Class of 1964 met at Byers Music Hall for their reunion.

5 Grace alumnus and former professor Alva Steffler (BA 57, BD 59) performed at Saturday evening's Red Carpet Gala in Rodeheaver Auditorium.

6 Freshman Jayla Starks eyes the basket. The Grace women's basketball team beat Ohio University-Eastern 63–57 at Homecoming.

7 David Swanson (right) is congratulated by Kyle Plumlee, Coach Jim Kessler and the team during the men's basketball game against Ohio University-Eastern Nov. 7. The Lancers won 77–61. Swanson and Plumlee are senior co-captains this season.

8 Steve Saint, author of the book, "End of the Spear," spoke in chapel during Homecoming week and participated afterward in a luncheon on campus. Saint is the son of missionary pilot Nate Saint, who was killed by the Waodani Indians in Ecuador in 1956.

9 Randy Gillenwater (BA 69) greets Dr. Roger Peugh (BA 65, MDiv 68, DMin 06) at the Presidential Breakfast on Saturday.

10 & 13 Comedians Bob Stromberg (photo 10) and Daren Streblow (photo 13) entertained at Saturday evening's GC Live event.

11 Junior Lindsey Eilbacher, who works in the Alumni Services Office, and Kelly (Gillis, BS 84) Whitacre.

12 The Class of 2004 got together at the Orthopaedic Capital Center for its first reunion.





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Ron Henry's History of Grace Athletics

Professor Emeritus, Lancer Athletic Hall of Famer

When I arrived in Winona Lake by train (rail not wagon) in 1954, Grace did not have any type of athletic program. In fact, there was not even an intramural program until my sophomore year. Normally, we had to plan all of our own activities, such as bowling, roller skating and the like.



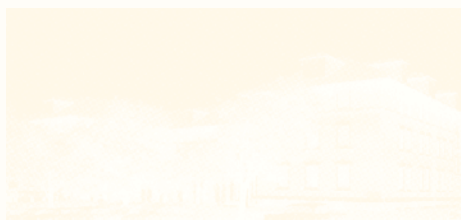
The initiator of athletics at Grace was Richard "Dick" Messner. He was attending Grace Seminary after an outstanding career at Wheaton

College where he had starred in basketball and baseball. (He even had a two-year stint in minor league baseball with the then New York Giants.)

In 1955, Messner brought basketball to Grace. Initially, the team was primarily seminary students, which included Messner and Forrest Jackson, a two-time small college All-American from Taylor University. The Ambassadors, as they were known then, played "B" teams (junior varsity or freshman) and independent teams (like the Buttermilk Bobs). Some of the schools that Grace competed against were Cedarville, whose star was David Jeremiah (now a well-known West Coast pastor), and the Bowling Green University Frosh team, which included Nate Thurmond (later an NBA star). The games were played at such outstanding venues as the Leesburg and Claypool high school gyms, as well as the Warsaw Armory (location is now the site of the world headquarters for Zimmer, Inc.).

By 1957, the Ambassadors had basically become a college team that was still playing the junior varsity squads. During that year, the initial effort to create athletic activities for the women was started by Yvonne Messner, Dick's wife. It was known as the Women's Recreation Association. It would be a few years before any intercollegiate sports commenced for women.

In 1958 the Grace gym was built (the second building on campus — prior to the completion of Philathea Hall, the educational building for the college — aptly showing that our athletic priorities were in order). At the time, there were 12 high schools in the county. Each year, there was a big county basketball tourney. Since our gym was "the state-of-the-art" facility, the tourneys were held there until the consolidation of schools came on the scene.



Westminister Hotel College Dorm, 1957.

The year 1960 was a key year in the sports history of Grace. That was the year that the athletic nickname was changed to Lancers. (The Seminary had its own basketball team, so they acquired the Ambassador nickname.) This was the first year for baseball (D. Messner), tennis (Lloyd Woolman) and women's basketball (Y. Messner).

As the years progressed, other sports were added. In 1962 Lloyd Woolman added track, and in 1967 he added soccer. Woolman was an expert in creating successful teams with limited equipment and facilities (soccer team used magazines for shin guards and the outstanding track team had no track). In 1966 golf was added. In 1975 Yvonne Messner started women's softball and volleyball. In the ensuing years, attempts were also made to start gymnastics and wrestling, but both were short-lived.

Dick Messner and Lloyd Woolman, both Grace Hall of Fame members, served outstandingly as both athletic directors and coaches. Due to their drive and determination, athletics made significant progress under their leadership. Chet Kammerer, another Hall of Famer, acquitted himself well as a player, coach and athletic director for the Lancers. Philip Dick served as athletic director as well as softball coach. He guided the women to NAIA Nationals in 1994



Grace Theological Seminary & College, 1957.

where they finished seventh.

Through the years, Grace has won a myriad of athletic awards. Numerous banners are now displayed in the new, beautiful Orthopaedic Capital Center (a far cry from the old Lancer gym). The epitome of accomplishments occurred in 1992 when the Lancers won the NAIA Division II National Basketball Championship.

Today, athletics at Grace are in the hands of outstanding coaches under the fine leadership of Chad Briscoe, athletic director. Sports activities on our campus have come a long way in the last 54 years. Grace now has 14 intercollegiate sports programs for the men and women. Praise the Lord!

How Did Grace Athletics Impact Your Life?

Pastor Jim Custer

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BA 60, BD 63, ThM 77, DD 91

*Grace Athletics: Basketball, Baseball,
Seminary Basketball*

When I arrived at Grace College in 1956, we had no gym, no baseball field, no track, no soccer teams and no training/weight room or locker rooms with showers! We practiced twice a week at the public school gym in Leesburg. No tennis courts — but we did have one ping pong table in McClain Hall auditorium.

When we engaged other college basketball teams who had their own gyms and practiced daily, it was a question of who could stagger up and down the court longer than my teammates. Scoring and winning were not even considered — after the first quarter. We gave it our best shot, but it was truly a matter of survival.

I learned that effort matters and character is measured by commitment, not wins and losses. I learned that team effort grew trust and friendships that last a lifetime. I learned that school spirit rises on the tide of determination and sportsmanship — that there is value in giving your best effort for the benefit of those who will follow and take the team to greater heights. These lessons have been invaluable assets in the ministry. Winning the game is not the only reason to give it your best shot. The most important points are kept by the Scorekeeper in Heaven.

David Diehl

Correctional Officer, Snake River
Correctional Institution, Ontario, Ore.
Nampa, Idaho

BS 72

Grace Athletics: Soccer, Baseball, Basketball. Assistant Soccer and Baseball Coach, 1973–75; Head Soccer and Track Coach, 1977–85.

I attended Grace from 1968–1972. (I was planning to attend one year and transfer to a university back East.) The following individuals influenced me: Steve Grill's good friendship was instrumental as he was a junior my freshman year. It continues to this day. Steve also assisted me in soccer a couple of years! The late Coach Lloyd Woolman, Chet Kammerer, Wayne Snider and Ron Henry impacted my years there — especially Coach Woolman's encouragement even when we had TWO games scheduled on one day. Isaiah 40:31 was the verse he asked us to follow and believe. Coach Jim Kessler was willing to play one-on-one basketball with me after regular practices my freshman year — the start of a life-long friendship.

As soccer coach, I was blessed to have wonderful players like Paul Henning, Tim VanDuyne, Andy Bonham, John Brandt, Hung Vuong, Arnie Kriegbaum, Steve Griffith — just to name a few. The 1982 soccer team was the first Grace athletic team to represent the college at an NAIA National Event.

The track team won the MCC Conference Meet in 1985. It was one of the most satisfying meets in that the members were TOTALLY committed to win. They sacrificed the personal winning of events, allowing the coaches to strategically place them in events to gain the maximum points for the team. A totally unselfish group of guys!

Rebecca Wahlstrom Macy

Stay-at-home Mom
Springfield, Ohio

BA 97

Grace Athletics: Volleyball, Basketball

Participating in athletics at Grace College blessed me during the years that I played, and I still reap the benefits. At Grace, I learned that my identity is in Christ — not athletics or academics.

Today I treasure that concept, and know that my performance as a wife, mother or other role does not determine my worth. Playing sports at Grace also taught me perspective. The importance of volleyball and basketball in my life diminished as Christ's significance increased. After finishing a successful 1995 volleyball season that included winning the NCCAA Championship, our team felt pressure to excel again, and we decided to approach the 1996 season with a focus on perspective. I strive to keep life in perspective, which, along with knowing my true identity, brings me joy and peace.

Dr. Joe Graham

Director of Counseling,
Warsaw Community Church
Warsaw, Ind.

BS 88

Grace Athletics: Basketball

As I reflect on my time at Grace, it is easy to see how God used that experience to change my life perspective and to connect me with life-changing people. One of the things I enjoyed most while I was at Grace were the opportunities through the basketball team to be involved in ministry. God used these opportunities to help me change my perspective and learn about using my spiritual gifts to impact God's kingdom. Grace also connected me with life-long friends that still encourage me in my faith and support me through life's joys and trials. Finally, many of my coaches and professors like Coach Jim Kessler, Dr. Skip Forbes, Steve Grill, Bruce Barlow and Tom Edgington still have an impact through their example and encouragement to me while I was there. I am thankful for the life-changing impact that Grace Athletics had on me.

“ Looking back, this is the reason why Coach Kessler started ...
with the phrase, ‘It’s a great day to be a Lancer.’ ”

David Ritter

Melody Jackson Gingerich

Stay-at-home Mom

West Milton, Ohio

BS 87

Grace Athletics: Volleyball, Softball

As I walked on the Grace campus, I had no intention of being involved in athletics. Little did I know that Grace’s volleyball team had suffered major setbacks that summer resulting in NO returning players. A team of freshmen was quickly formed and because I felt needed, I agreed to play. With youthful excitement and blissful ignorance, we entered the world of collegiate athletics. We were humbled on the court many times but praised often by our coaches as we continued to endure. My athletic pursuits continued when I decided to also play softball. That team was more experienced, so the wins on the field were much greater. Regardless of success, the lasting memories from each of these teams are about the relationships with teammates. Although miles and years have now separated many of us, these friendships formed through Grace Athletics remain.

Brian Elliott

Owner of JaxJo LLC

Warsaw, Ind.

BS 94

Grace Athletics: Basketball, Golf

By far the biggest impact Grace Athletics had on my life was the ... meeting of my future wife at Lancer Basketball Camp as she was a counselor from Lakeland, Fla. She was all-state in Florida and ended up coming to Grace, and I was the main recruiter.

The old adage, “It’s the journey, not the destination,” was reinforced in my life years after my last athletic competition for Grace College. The three teams (1992 and 1993 basketball, 1993 golf) I had the opportunity to compete on at the NAIA Nationals drove this statement home. Although

we ended on top, there was an emptiness with the accomplishments our teams achieved, but the journeys, memories and friendships made during those runs made it all worthwhile. The three most memorable moments during my athletic career at Grace would be the Championship Ring ceremony as Doug Noll (golf/basketball coach the previous year) returned as the opposing coach, our golf team’s rewriting of the record books over the four years and the final minutes of Matt DeLong’s memorable broadcast of the NAIA Championship Game.

Barbara Camp McLeary

Intervention Specialist; Varsity Volleyball

Coach, Mansfield Christian School

Mansfield, Ohio

BA 69

Grace Athletics: Basketball, Tennis

The years I spent at Grace (1965–1969) were filled with few women’s sports. Basketball was the main sport we played as women’s sports were becoming more mainstream. We did have volleyball, softball and tennis, but not like the opportunities girls have today. I believe that attending Grace, along with the experiences of playing basketball in those early years, have helped me in my own life and coaching career. Vonnie Messner was our coach, and I appreciated how she led us by her godly example. I have coached for the past 30 years of my teaching career, and that has been my desire — to be a godly example to the athletes I coach.

Randy Sellers

Sixth Grade Teacher, South Madison

School Corporation

Pendleton, Ind.

BS 76

Grace Athletics: Track, Cross Country

The biggest impact for me was the personal friendships, many of which

I have maintained over the years. Career-wise, having the athletic background gave me an edge in getting an elementary teaching position with Principal Terry Auker (BS 64), who needed a teacher willing to help out with some coaching. Coach Terry Shrock was a big motivator for me in track, as well as Coach Phil Hoskins.

Being at Gamma my freshman year with other student athletes ... helped me adjust to campus life. It was through those contacts that I have enjoyed some life-long friendships. Athletes such as soccer players Bob Gault, Rick Holder, Buddy Olszewski and Peter Marshall, pole vaulter Neil Cleveland and mile relay teammate Rod Barnett, baseball standouts Tom Miles, Chuck Griswold and Rudy Gingle, wrestler/runner Rodger Toy, golfer Clark Wolters and tennis man Scott Firebaugh still enrich my life by staying in touch. The personal friendships of fellow athletes are definitely what I’d consider the biggest impact to enhance a joy and appreciation for life even after the athletics of the college days.

Leon Brenneman

Owner of Real Estate Company

Warsaw, Ind.

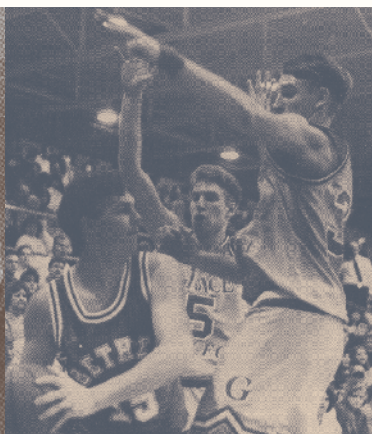
BS 88

Grace Athletics: Tennis

My involvement in athletics at Grace College was every bit as profound to my personal development as any classwork. The stage set through athletic competition requiring problem-solving skills under pressure is hard to duplicate in any other way. Even more critical was the ability the team afforded me to mature socially in response to teammates, opponents and coaches. In retrospect it is easy to see how fortunate I am to have been given these opportunities under the direction of a coach that understood the big picture. Twenty years later, Coach Mike Grill



Jim Custer's Basketball Team, 1957.



Brian Elliott, 1994.



Barbara Camp McLeary's Basketball Team, 1969.

remains a daily influence on my life, an incredible spiritual mentor and a life-long friend.

Eve Arthur Dawes

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Centerburg, Ohio

BS 00

Grace Athletics: Soccer, Basketball, Softball

If I had to do it all over again, I would not change a thing. God gave me athletic ability, and I did my best to honor Him with those abilities. Taking on three different sports for my first two years at Grace was challenging but rewarding. With a scholarship that mandated I maintain a certain GPA and sports that required my time, I had to set priorities and stick to them. It was a rewarding experience to be a member of a team. Friendships were formed for life.

When my father died suddenly my sophomore year, life in general was not fun. My commitment to basketball and softball made me focus on something other than myself. However, since Dad had traveled to almost every game ... I was used to seeing him and discussing the games with him. When my father was gone, so was my reward of having a proud father put his arm around me. Although neither my teammates nor my coaches understood what I was going through, both prayed with me and for me and encouraged me.

One man in particular, Dan Pacheco, encouraged me more than any other person at Grace. He had no association with the sports that I played, but

EVERY WEEK he sought me out at chapel, ... asked how I was doing and told me that he prayed for me that day, and he prayed for me and my family *every day!* His prayers are a testimony to the great people that make Grace College a wonderful establishment.

Chet Kammerer

Vice President, Player Personnel,
The Miami Heat
Redondo Beach, Calif.

BA 64

Grace Athletics: Basketball, Baseball, Tennis. Assistant Basketball and Baseball Coach, Head Tennis Coach, 1964–65; Head Basketball and Baseball Coach, 1965–75; Athletic Director, 1970–75.

The most life-changing decision for me was when I decided to attend Grace College. I can still recall the excitement of becoming a Lancer; however, that pales in comparison to my decision to join God's team. Through the prayers and encouragement of teammates and several faculty, my faith became personal, took root and life had new meaning and purpose.

Two pioneers in the Grace College Athletic and Physical Education Departments, the late Dick Messner and Lloyd Woolman, taught me lessons I still use today in my profession. Both men were deeply committed Christian leaders and had a profound influence in training me as a coach and an administrator.

I learned from Coach Messner professionalism, the importance of preparation, toughness, discipline, organization, believing in oneself and the

fruits of hard work. Coach Woolman taught me trust, integrity, balance, learning to be an encourager, the importance of communication, caring for others and to enjoy the moment in competition.

Being trained with two totally different philosophies and approaches to coaching, I was able to glean and benefit from each man. Because of their belief in hiring an inexperienced, young, 23-year-old as a head coach, I have them and the college to thank for the joy it's been to go to work each day the last 45 years.

David Ritter

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BS 07

Grace Athletics: Basketball

The mystery of how five guys on a basketball floor function as one unit is something few of us ever get to experience. I'm one of the lucky ones. At Grace, I was able to become part of something greater than myself and to learn that it doesn't end with basketball. It transfers into all areas of life: my marriage, my work and my Christian walk. Basketball taught me how to give up pursuing things for myself in order to achieve something better. Looking back, this is the reason Coach Kessler always started the despised 5 a.m. practices with the phrase, "It's a great day to be a Lancer." It was. My teammates and I were and are part of something way beyond each one of us ... we are Lancers.

GRACE vs. I.U.



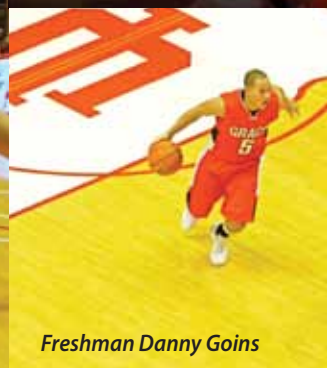
Senior David Swanson



Senior Kyle Plumlee (right) and Sophomore Duke Johnson



Coach Jim Kessler and Senior Kyle Plumlee



Freshman Danny Goins

Coming off back-to-back Elite Eight appearances in the NAIA national tournament in 2008 and 2009, Lancer fans thought they had seen their fair share of surprises. But then, news came out in the summer of 2009:

Grace's men's basketball team would play the Indiana Hoosiers at Assembly Hall Nov. 4 in their first exhibition game of the year.

The game was played in front of a 15,453-person crowd, which according to Indiana's men's basketball coach Tom Crean, is the largest exhibition crowd in front of which he has ever coached. Despite the magnitude of the game, Grace managed to hang with Indiana and their top-10 recruiting class for the first 25 minutes of the contest.

"We knew that we would be pushed because of how well Grace runs their offense," Crean said. "We knew they would be well-coached and play extremely well. They never stopped running."

The Lancers eventually gave up a 14-2 run in the second half in their 93-76 loss, but not before earning the respect of one of the most distinguished basketball programs in the country.

Said 33-year veteran men's basketball coach Jim Kessler, "We said on the bus, 'If you don't believe that you can do this, then just sit on the bus. But if you believe you can, if you determine you are ready to do it, then let's get off the bus and go play.' I couldn't be more proud of my men."

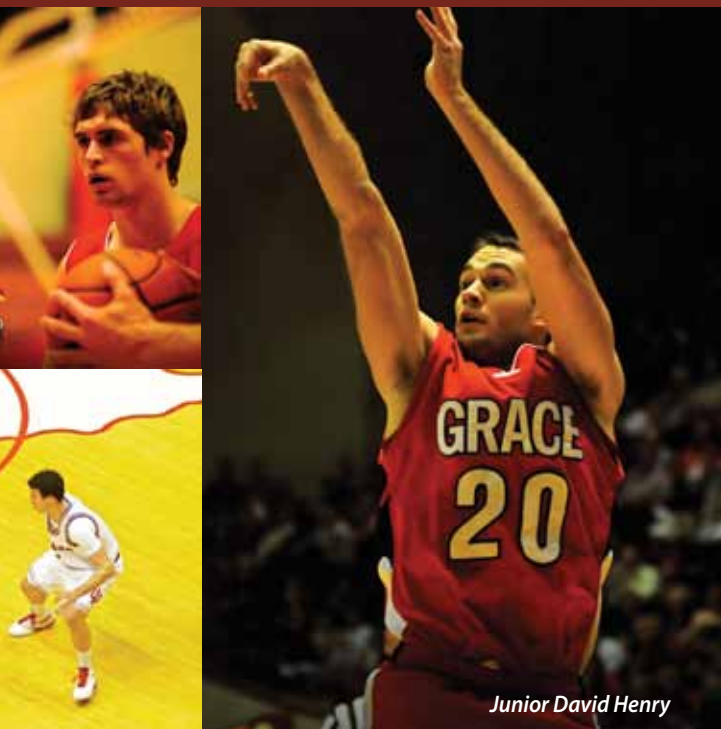
The game, however, was much more than a win or a loss. After all, it was only exhibition. The contest was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the players, coaches, faculty, fans and alumni that made the journey down to Bloomington.

The Lancers' fan base included approximately 300 people, several of whom were alumni. Halfway through the game, a group of alumni sitting in the middle-lower section revealed a large red banner with white Grace College letters emblazoned on the front.

"It was great to be at IU and support Grace along with the other Lancer fans," said Gladys Deloe, one of the alumni who attended the game. "It was good to see how well the team held its own. It was great to be there."

Grace students were also in attendance. They packed into two charter buses and made the four-hour trip. They paid an overall \$50 fee for travel, a pre-game tailgate party at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

by Stephen Copeland and Josh Neuhart
Sports Information Assistants



Junior David Henry

where the players stayed and tickets to the game.

But the players were the ones who made the night special and stood toe-to-toe with the Hoosiers — the first surprise of the year.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better game to play my senior year,” said senior co-captain David Swanson who had a game-high 19 points. “It was something I’ll never forget — just the chance to play against a DI Big Ten school that is pretty much a shrine to basketball. There is so much history in that place, and it was great to play in a game on the same floor as so many of those Hoosier greats.”

What is the Mission of the Grace College Athletic Department?



The Grace College Athletic Department is committed to developing Christian excellence in all 15 varsity programs. GC coaches are charged with not only producing teams that consistently compete for MCC Championships, but also challenging and developing student athletes who are passionate about building a relationship with Jesus Christ, achieving academic success and having a desire to compete at a high level. Life lessons can be taught in the arena of athletics, and we are unvarying in assisting our student athletes with the opportunity to gain life experiences both on and off the field of competition that will equip them for life.

Chad Briscoe
Director of Athletics

Sports Information Student Spotlight



Josh Neuhart is a junior from Avon, Ind. He is a journalism and Bible double major and has been working in the Athletic Department for three years. Neuhart manages the Grace Lancers Athletics' Web site and covers sports for Grace's student newspaper.

Steve Copeland, a junior from Plainfield, Ind., has worked in the Athletic Department for three years. He is also majoring in journalism and Bible. Copeland is the sports editor for Grace's student newspaper and writes stories for the Grace Lancers Athletics' Web site.

Although Neuhart and Copeland lived only 20 minutes from each other throughout high school, they didn't meet until they stepped onto the campus of Grace College. Both Neuhart and Copeland got involved with Sports Information early in their college careers, working as statisticians. Currently they are responsible for administering all the daily duties associated with Sports Information: updating the athletic Web site daily, informing media outlets of the relevant activities of Grace's 15 varsity programs and assisting Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. Neuhart and Copeland have also created the Lancer Athletic Blog (L.A.B.) as a part of the athletic Web site. They write stories, take pictures and provide an inside look at Grace Athletics. Thanks to Neuhart and Copeland, Grace Athletics remains a well-oiled machine. After college, Copeland plans to pursue a career as a sports writer, and Neuhart plans to pursue a career in sports ministry.

From the Athletic Department



Heather Johnson Named New Softball Coach

Heather (Everhart BS 94) Johnson,

one of the most decorated athletes in the history of Grace College, was named the new head softball coach for the Lady Lancers in August. Upon graduation from Grace in 1994, she served under the late Coach Phil Dick as an assistant softball coach on the Lancers staff for one year before taking over as the head softball coach in the inaugural season at NAIA Montreat College in Montreat, N.C., and then coaching at Northwest High School in Canal Fulton, Ohio.

"It's very exciting to return to a softball program and an institution that I know so well," said Johnson. "I look forward to being a part of the tradition that has already been built at Grace and to have the privilege of impacting students' lives for Christ through softball."

Johnson was elected into the inaugural 2008 class of the Grace College Lancer Athletic Hall of Fame for her accomplishments both on and off the softball diamond. During her athletic career at Grace, Johnson played a pivotal role in the success of the Lancers. In her senior season (1994), Johnson set school records with 238 innings pitched, most wins in a season with 28, most strikeouts in a season with 253, and the lowest E.R.A. for a single season at 0.56 runs a game. She was named an NAIA All-American and took the Lancers on their first ever trip to the national tournament in Columbia, Mo. After her senior season, Johnson was honored by USA Softball when she was invited to the Olympic tryouts in June of 1994.

"Heather brings instant credibility to our softball program," said Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "She understands the mission of Grace College and will have a great impact on our student athletes. Heather will be a tireless recruiter to help our program grow and will be a great addition to our athletic staff."



Jenna Carter Named New Cheer Team Coach

Jenna Carter (BS 06) was named the new cheer team coach this past summer. She most recently served on the cheerleading staff at Warsaw Community High School.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to lead the cheer program at Grace," said Carter. "I look forward to working with student athletes, sharing my faith and helping build the program."

Carter served as the junior varsity head coach at Warsaw Community High School from 2006 to 2008. She finished the 2008 year as the head coach leading the program through a transition for

a new head coach. Her squads earned multiple awards and had a reputation of always being disciplined and structured.

"We look forward to Jenna leading our cheer team program," said Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "She brings a passion to impact students' lives for Christ and has a great understanding of the mission at Grace College."

Grace Tennis Freshman and Coach Receive Postseason Honors

Freshman Michael Blevins won the No. 1 singles title as the No. 4 seed in the MCC Tournament, upsetting two opponents that beat him previously during the regular season. The freshman finished 11-3 overall and 4-3 in MCC play.

Blevins defeated Indiana Wesleyan's Matt Pedersen in the No. 1 singles MCC Tournament championship match in two sets, 7-6 (6), 6-4. During the regular season, Pedersen defeated Blevins in three sets in Blevins' first career MCC match.

In the semifinal match, Blevins upset Taylor's top-ranked Felipe Bedon, who was the defending No. 1 singles champion. Bedon defeated Blevins



Michael Blevins, winner of the No. 1 singles title.



Joe Beeson (right) honors Larry Schuh as the MCC Coach of the Year.

twice during the regular season — once in their conference match and once in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Tournament earlier in the year.

In addition, second-year Head Coach Larry Schuh (MDiv 99) was recognized as the MCC Coach of the Year. This year, the men's tennis team has excelled under Schuh. The Lancers rebounded from a 2–10 (0–8 MCC) record last year to a 6–5 (4–3 MCC) record this year, and after finishing last in the conference, Schuh led the men to a fourth-place regular season finish and a fifth-place finish in the conference tournament.

Women's Soccer Sets All-Time Record

In the best start in Grace College women's soccer history, the Lady Lancers started the 2009 season with a 10–0 perfect record, won the NCCAA Midwest Region Championship and advanced to the NCCAA National Tournament in Kissimmee, Fla. It was the first women's soccer team to advance to the national tournament in a decade.

The 10-0 start topped Grace's previous record of six straight victories to open a season (2002). The Lady Lancers also set the all-time record for wins in a season when the women recorded their 14th win of the season against St. Francis, Ind., in the MCC Tournament. The previous record (13) was held by the 1998 squad. The Lady Lancers capped off their fantastic season winning the 2009 NCCAA Midwest Region Championship and advanced to the NCCAA National Tournament in Kissimmee, Fla. The Lady Lancers finished tied for seventh place at the NCCAA National Tournament.

Third-year Head Coach Michael Voss has quickly changed the culture of the women's soccer program and established a level of excellence both on the field and in the classroom.

"I think this particular season's start is a product of the players who have taken ownership of the daily business of loving God first and then focusing on being the best footballers that they can be individually and collectively," Voss said. "It's great to see fruit from the labor that the entire team has put into the culture of Grace College women's soccer."



The 2009 Women's Soccer Team (front row, left to right): Natalie Anderson, Elizabeth Heuss, Ryann Casciari, Rebecca Mondich, Amy Kuhl, Brittani Kirkman, Nikki Burau, Marissa Bo. (second row) Kayla Alcorn, Victoria Casey, Samantha Dekker, Aletheia Stroup, Amy Abbott, Holly Tetro, Kristin Yocum, Danae Walker. (third row) Anne Janavich, Jocelyn Evans, Laura Burns, Abigail Burns, Rochelle Hall, Kaala Pauley, Rachel Roe, Sara Morgan.

An Inside Look Into the Sport Management Program



(left to right) Megan Crawford, a student fitness supervisor, joins sport management majors Genevieve Benson, Bret Hunter, Liz Moss, Brent Easterday, Will Thrasher, Zane Gard and Josh Troyer.

The Sport Management Program started as a response to the demand for college-trained professionals with a Christian worldview to enter the fields of sport business, fitness, coaching, sport ministry, sport medicine and sport media. The Sport Management Program is located in the Business Department. The curriculum takes a broad-based approach to sport management allowing students to double major or minor in business or other majors at Grace College. The program has grown steadily so that currently 65 students are involved in sport management classes.

Sport management students are involved in practical experiences beginning in their freshman year at Grace College. Each student completes three semesters of practical experiences on campus including work at the Gordon Student Recreation Center and at the Orthopaedic Capital Center. Students are highly encouraged to take advantage of various volunteer experiences and internships during their college educations. Several students have had opportunities to be involved in event planning and management of major sporting events and professional sports organizations.

Graduates of the program have found jobs with professional sports teams and organizations, fitness clubs, sport ministries around the world, cardiac rehabilitation programs, sport media and physical therapy clinics. A large number of graduates continue on to graduate school in specialized areas of sport management.

Grace Inducts Nine into Lancer Athletic Hall of Fame

Grace College inducted nine members into the Lancer Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming this fall. The inductees who were honored at a banquet in the Orthopaedic Capital Center included:

Rebecca (Wahlstrom) Macy (BA 97), volleyball; **John Boal** (BS 84, MDiv 90), men's basketball; **Darrell Johnson** (BS 74), baseball and golf; **Eve (Arthur) Dawes** (BS 00), women's soccer; **Cheryl (Myers) Pulver** (BS 92), women's basketball; **Tim VanDuyne** (BS 79), men's soccer; **Lloyd Woolman** (BD 63), athletic director and coach; and **Ron** (BA 58, MDiv 62) and **Willa** (BS 58) **Henry**, for their meritorious service to Grace Athletics.

The 2009 class is the second class to enter the Lancer Athletic Hall of Fame. Each member was involved in a different sport, and his or her service to Grace College is spread over four decades.

Macy was an NAIA All-American (95), MCC Player of the Year (95), two-time NCCAA All-American (95, 96) and a member of the 1995 NCCAA National Championship team for volleyball.

Boal was a two-time NAIA District 21 Player of the Year (83, 84), NAIA All-American Honorable Mention (84) and two-time NCCAA All-American (83, 84) for men's basketball. During his speech, he spoke about his bond with fellow teammates and the lessons that 33-year veteran head coach Jim Kessler taught him.

Johnson was named MCC All-Conference (73) for baseball and MCC Golf Coach of the Year (97). He also holds Grace College's pitching records for wins in both career and season, as well as single season E.R.A. Johnson pitched in the very first game at Grace College's Miller Field, and as a long-time faculty member, he has enjoyed seeing Lancer Athletics evolve over the years.

Dawes was an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention (99), NCCAA All-American (97, 98, 99) and MCC All-Conference (96–99) for women's soccer. She also holds the individual records for goals and points in a career.

Pulver was a two-time NAIA District 21 All-American (91, 92), NCCAA All-American (92) and two-time MCC All-Conference (91, 92) for women's basketball.

Van Duyne was an NAIA All-American (76), NAIA All-American Honorable Mention (78) and MCC All-Conference (76–79) for men's soccer.

The late **Lloyd Woolman** was also honored. Woolman won four MCC track and field championships and an MCC soccer title as a coach. Woolman also served as athletic director and helped institute Grace's track and field, cross country, baseball, tennis, golf and soccer programs. Woolman's two sons, Jim and Gary, attended to accept the award.

Ron and Willa Henry were honored for their meritorious service to Grace Athletics. Ron has been a faculty member for more than 50 years, and he was the public address announcer at Lancer games and Warsaw Community High School games for a number of years. Willa was the first Grace graduate hired in the Warsaw Community Schools.

"We want to thank those individuals who have brought much distinction and honor to Grace College and have established a tradition of Christian excellence which is incomparable," said Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "These achievements have touched everyone associated with Grace College both in and out of the arena of athletics."



2009 Hall of Fame inductees (front row, left to right): Eve (Arthur) Dawes, Willa Henry, Cheryl (Myers) Pulver, Lloyd Woolman's son Gary Woolman, Tim VanDuyne. (back row) Rebecca (Wahlstrom) Macy, Ron Henry, John Boal, Lloyd Woolman's son Jim Woolman and Darrell Johnson.

Student Recognition



(top) Pre-law students at the 2009 National Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament (left to right): Bailey Standish, Caryn Britton, Erica Powell, Alexis Lepley, Dr. Mark Norris. (bottom left) Senior Cristina Hoyt, alum Abigail Nishimoto and Dr. Tom Prinsen at the Religious Communication Association's annual conference. (bottom right) Sophomore Tae Braner, winner of the 2009 "Realizing the Dream" award.

Grace pre-law students **Alexis Lepley, Erica Powell, Bailey Standish** and **Caryn Britton** participated in the 2009 National Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament under the advisement of Dr. Mark Norris, chair of the Department of History and Political Science. Put on by the International Academy of Dispute Resolution, the tournament was hosted by John Marshall Law School in Chicago from Nov. 5–7. Students spent the first half of the conference learning the principles of mediation and then spent the remaining time competing in the tournament. Although this was the first time Grace was involved in the competition, the students took home several awards: Three students won the All-American Advocacy plaque, the team won

Best New School and the team brought home a trophy for placing ninth out of 36 teams. Norris was proud of his students, reporting that "the character and understanding of these young students shined as they learned and engaged in a new field of law that encourages peaceful resolution rather than conflict."

Grace senior **Cristina Hoyt** and **Abigail Nishimoto** (BS 09) presented papers at the Religious Communication Association's annual conference in Chicago Nov. 11. Papers for the Undergraduate Research Panel were submitted by students from 10 institutions. Only four papers were selected, and Grace students Hoyt and Nishimoto claimed two of those posi-

tions. The papers were originally written for their Communication Senior Seminar course taught by Dr. Tom Prinsen and then adapted to meet the specific RCA guidelines. Hoyt's paper was titled "Missionaries Using Communication Technology: The Effectiveness of New Media on the Mission Field." In this paper, Hoyt examined how new technology has been utilized by the church and missions and what its corresponding effects have been. Hoyt remarked, "This was a wonderful experience — from doing the research and writing the paper to presenting my work. I'm thankful for Dr. Prinsen and his encouragement and desire for his students to learn more about what they're passionate about." Nishimoto's paper was titled "A Question of Commitment: How Growing Up as a Third Culture Kid Affects Love and Marriage." Her paper explores common interpersonal communication styles of third-culture children and presents research on how these styles affect their later experiences of love and marriage. Nishimoto said, "The conference was a great experience because it allowed us to gain experience in scholarly presentation and exposed us to cutting edge research in our field."

Grace sophomore **Tae Braner** was selected as the Grace College recipient of the "Realizing the Dream" award for 2009. This is an award given out each year by the Indiana Educational Facilities Authority through the Lilly Endowment. It honors first-generation college sophomores who have graduated from an Indiana high school, have a superior GPA, and have demonstrated leadership abilities on campus. Braner received a grant toward tuition and had the opportunity to attend a banquet in October honoring other nominees from across the state. In addition, Braner gets to name her favorite teacher, who will also receive a professional development grant.

Grace Offers Three New Majors

Grace College will be offering three new majors in the fall of 2010: political science, environmental biology and Web design and development.



Dr. Mark Norris, chair of the Department of History and Political Science, has recognized a growing demand in prospective students for access to a political science major. This is reflected in Princeton Review's reporting and the Higher Education Research Institute's findings: Political science is the ninth most popular major for undergraduate students in the U.S. The political science major will join the history department which has been renamed the Department of History and Political Science. Norris believes this additional major will create further diversity and opportunity within the department. Norris foresees a new generation of young evangelicals coming to Grace who have a vested interest in social justice and who see political science as one way to approach these issues. Norris explains Grace's desire to assist these students' calling: "We want to work with them by giving them new understandings and practical experience. We want to encourage them to engage in a political world that is sometimes exciting, sometimes broken and hurting but always in need of Christians who will serve others in the name of Christ." Available courses will include international politics, state and local government, Islam and the West, introduction to political thought and even religion in America. Grace also anticipates utilizing its current internship opportunities with U.S. Congressman Souder and Senator Lugar to give students relevant political experience. Currently, students engage in activities as diverse as writing grant proposals and researching answers to questions raised by constituents. Students will also have the opportunity to study and intern for a semester in Washington, D.C. Earning a political science degree, coupled with

these internship opportunities, will allow students to consider future careers as political scientists, legislators, lawyers, public affairs specialists and management analysts.

Grace also offers a major in environmental biology. Increasing interest and career opportunities in environmental areas have driven the development of this major. This growing field, combined with Grace's core value of stewarding God's creation, made developing an environmental biology major a natural pursuit for Grace. Grace students graduating with a biology degree have found job success and been well-prepared for graduate studies. Grace anticipates similar results for



students who major in environmental biology. **Dr. Nathan Bosch**, assistant professor of environmental science, reports that the course requirements include foundational science courses in biology, chemistry, math and physics, as well as environment-focused classes. Bosch believes one of the distinguishing factors of this major is its emphasis on practical, field-based learning. Bosch says, "Students are out in nature as much as possible. There are extensive field lab sessions and students are required to participate in an environmentally oriented internship or research experience." Students will also benefit from the partnership between the department and Kosciusko Lakes and Streams, the community water quality initiative with Grace College. For more information on this major, visit www.grace.edu/environment.

The newly approved Web design and development major will also be available to students this fall.



Rick Koontz, associate professor of information systems, and **Kim M. Reiff**, assistant professor and art department chair, have collaborated to create a unique major which addresses both the Web designer and Web developer competencies needed to be effective in a professional environment that is undergoing continuous technological



change. Grace believes this major will provide graduates with a competitive edge. Reiff points out, "In the industry, there is a disconnect between designers and developers. This major, with its balance of both design and development, offers a solid foundation for students to have a clear understanding of both roles and will give them the opportunity to pursue either a focused career path or to pursue project management for both. There is an expressed need for graduates with this knowledge base from an industry perspective, and we believe this major will attract new students." Students who have graduated from Grace with a double major in graphic design and information technology have confirmed the benefit they've gained in the workplace from this dual focus and are excited Grace is offering this within the Web design and development major. Grace graduate Jennifer (Seitz, BA 04) Gregar agrees: "I think the thing that will set this major apart from the other schools' majors is its balance between those design/technical classes. Your selected mix of courses will hopefully produce a more well-rounded Web designer. A person who can handle both the design of a project — such as a Web site for a company — by making it visually appealing, while also being able to bring that project to life is invaluable."

Faculty Highlights

Several Grace faculty members have secured funding for ongoing research initiatives. **Dr. Thomas Prinsen**, chair of the Department of Communication and professor of communication, and **Dr. James Lesko**, professor of mathematics, were awarded funding to lead the Warsaw-based Household Energy Reduction Opportunities (H.E.R.O.) project. **Dr. Kevin Roberts**, associate professor of counseling, has received a two-year research grant from the K21 Foundation to study the impact of behavioral health interventions in the primary care setting with type 2 diabetes patients.

Dr. Mark Soto, professor of biblical studies, delivered a presentation titled, "'The New Covenant in My Blood:' New, Old, or Other?" to the 2009 Council on Dispensational Hermeneutics hosted by Baptist Bible Seminary in September.

Three Grace faculty members delivered papers at the 2009 gathering of the Evangelical Theological Society in New Orleans, La., Nov. 18–20. **Dr. Matthew Harmon**, associate professor of New Testament studies, spoke on "Letter Carriers and Paul's Use of Scripture"; **Dr. Tiberius Rata**, professor and chair of the Department of Biblical Studies, presented "Does it Take a Village? Issues in Ezra-Nehemiah Authorship"; and **Dr. John Teevan**, director of prison extension gave his paper "Jonathan Edwards' Theology of Bounty: The Perspective of New England Provides a Clear and Biblical View of Emerging Economic Life."

Dr. Donald DeYoung has co-authored the book "Discovery of Design: Searching Out the Creator's Secrets," with Grace College alumnus Derrik Hobbs (BS '96). Published by Master Books, the book compiles designs from nature that have been turned into useful products, from fiber optics to bullet trains.

Dr. Carrie Yocum, assistant provost, collaborated with Rebecca Coleman, coordinator of Indiana University's graduate program of social work (Fort Wayne campus), for a presentation entitled "Ethics at Work" delivered to the Indiana Association of Social Work Educators Oct. 2 in Anderson, Ind.

Dr. Kevin Roberts, associate professor of counseling, and Dr. Tom Edgington, professor of graduate counseling, along with part-time instructor Dr. Joe Graham addressed the North American Association of Christian Social Workers at its annual conference with a poster session based on data collected through Professor Roberts' ongoing study on diabetes.

Dr. Tom Stallter, professor of intercultural studies, presented a paper at the North Central Regional meeting of the Evangelical Missiological Society (EMS) March 28, 2009, at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. His paper, entitled "Ethical Challenges for the U.S. Expatriated in the Use of Cognitive Intelligence for Problem Solving in a Second Culture," was subsequently selected for this year's national EMS meeting, which was held in Orlando, Fla., Sept. 17–19. Dr. Stallter also has published the article, "Cultural Intelligence: A Model for Cross-Cultural Problem Solving," in *Missiology: An International Review* (XXXVII: 4, October 2009).

Scott Feather, dean of chapel and global ministries, recently served on the steering committee for Day of Caring of Kosciusko County. He has also been appointed to the Board of Directors of ULEAD, a not-for-profit training organization serving schools, agencies, churches and businesses. In July, Feather spoke on connecting with the "next generation" through Grace College chapel at Driven 2009, the Brethren National Youth Conference.

Marlett Joins as Assistant Professor of Counseling



Dr. Keith E. Marlett joined the Grace College faculty in the fall 2009 semester as an assistant professor of counseling. Marlett holds a Ph.D. (Professional Counseling), an M.A. (Professional Counseling), and a B.S. (Pastoral Ministries) from Liberty University and an A.A.S. (Criminal Justice) from Auburn Community College, Auburn, N.Y. He has also completed graduate studies at Pensacola Christian College and Ashland Theological Seminary. Marlett has taught at Ashland Theological Seminary in both the Master of Divinity Program and the Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling Program and was director of the Smetzer Counseling Center that was located on campus. He has also served as an adjunct in the counseling programs of Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Pa., and Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. Marlett has been a licensed professional counselor in Ohio since 2001, has had more than 24 years of experience as a pastor/church planter, served as a local criminal court judge and has served as chairperson of the town planning board. Dr. Marlett is married to Nancy and they have two grown children, Sarah and Daniel. Nancy has been involved with the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship as a director (Canandaigua, N.Y., and Akron, Ohio) and has most recently been serving as a field coordinator for the area chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Ashland, Ohio. Dr. Marlett has expressed that "it is a delight to serve in this counseling program where there is a strong emphasis on clinical excellence, the life-changing message of God's Word and intercessory prayer."

Seven Trustees Elected to Grace Board

Seven trustees were recently elected by the Grace College and Seminary corporation membership to the 2009–12 term. The board is currently comprised of 21 men and women from across the United States, Germany and China elected to three-year terms. We are very grateful to these men and women who give of their time and expertise to serve in this capacity.



William Burke is senior vice president of marketing at Nationwide Insurance.

Burke is a graduate of Stony Brook University (BA), University of Connecticut (MBA) and Grace Theological Seminary (MA 07). He serves on the advisory boards of The Salvation Army and Pregnancy Decision Health Centers in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, Marianne, are members of Northwest Chapel Grace Brethren Church, Dublin, Ohio. He is chair of the Seminary Commission.



Robert Vitoux is financial leader of the U.S. orthopedic unit of Biomet,

Inc. Vitoux is a graduate of Manchester College (AA, BA). He served as campaign chairman of 2009 Kosciusko County United Way and has been past board president of Combined Community Services and Junior Achievement of Kosciusko County. He and his wife, Debbie, are members of the First United Methodist Church, Warsaw, Ind. He is vice chair of the board and serves on the Business and Administration Commission.



Todd Scoles is associate pastor of the Marysville Grace Brethren Church,

Marysville, Ohio. Scoles is a graduate of The Ohio State University (BA), Grace Theological Seminary (MDiv 87) and Ashland Theological Seminary (DMin). He serves as a member of the Delaware Christian School Board, chairman of the Brethren Missionary Herald Board of Directors and coordinator of North Central Ohio District of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Scoles is married to Linda. He is a member of the Seminary Commission.



Janet Minnix is president of Women of Grace USA, a ministry of the Fellowship

of Grace Brethren Churches. Minnix is a graduate of Grace College (BS 61). She serves her church as chair of the missions commission, is a member of the leadership council and worship team and is the women's ministry coordinator at her church. Minnix and her husband, Odell, are members of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. She is a member of the Seminary Commission.



Charles Kreider is a retired businessman involved in community and not-for-

profit service. Kreider is a registered respiratory therapist with interests in computers, aviation and photography. Kreider and his wife, Arlene, are members of Community Bible Church, Marietta, Pa. He is a member of the Advancement Commission.



Brook Avey is chief financial officer for Integrated Community Development

International, a not-for-profit faith-based organization working in the Central African Republic, drilling wells, providing orphan care and providing AIDS relief work. Avey is a 1999 Grace College graduate (BS). She is involved in a house church in Indianapolis, Ind. She is a member of the Business and Administration Commission.



Stefanie Gross is project engineer, which includes project

management and marketing, for Tesat Spacecom. Gross is a graduate of Grace College (BA 04) and Taylor University (MBA). Gross is a member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. She and her husband, Dietmar, attend Biblische Missionsgemeinde, Aalen, Germany. She is chair of the College Academic Affairs Commission.



Student Erin Hayes on The Hike retreat.

A Recap of Fall Grace Events

Twenty-seven Grace College students were inducted into the Indiana Gamma chapter of **Alpha Chi** in a ceremony held in McClain Auditorium on the Grace College campus Nov. 8. This was the 31st induction ceremony to take place at Grace. The induction ceremony emphasized the ideals of Alpha Chi, as well as formally enrolling and honoring new members. Membership is limited to the top eight percent of the junior and senior classes. The students inducted this year at Grace College had a minimum grade point average of 3.8. Alpha Chi is a co-educational national honor scholarship society dedicated to promoting academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honoring students who achieve such distinction.

On Oct. 10–11, Grace College and CE National partnered to sponsor **Together '09**. The purpose of the event was to encourage students to live their lives

in community with other believers, to establish relationships that offer accountability and to both be and find a spiritual mentor. There were 145 students and adult leaders who attended the weekend from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania. At the end of the event, 47 decisions were made by students to have an accountability partner, find a mentor or talk to their youth leader about what they heard. Together '10 will be held Nov. 19–20, 2010.

FunFest, an annual Halloween alternative held for the community, was Oct. 30 at the Gordon Student Recreation Center. It featured entertainment for children and their families. FunFest is one of the practical ways Grace students show Christ's love to the community.

Tent City was held Sept. 17. New Life Church and Grace College students

slept outside for one night to help raise awareness of the homeless.

The Grace College 2009 **Conference on Mission** took place Oct. 5–8. The theme was "Recapture" and featured how God is moving on Grace's campus and around the world. **Taste of the World**, organized by Grace's missionary, military and international students, was held Oct. 7 and allowed the community to sample food, music and games from around the world.

Held Sept. 12, **The Hike** is an annual retreat that enables freshmen to interact with the faculty and student mentors and form deeper relationships within breakout groups through a series of team-building activities. This was an exciting opportunity for the students to begin the process of understanding Grace, themselves and the call God has placed on their lives.



Together '09 main session speaker Kondo Simfukwe (BA 00, MDiv 04) addressing high school students.



Alpha Chi Inductees (front row, left to right): Professor Joseph Lehmann, Brooke Kovak, Sheila Remington, Tommi Sauder, Sarah Rice, Linda Molyneux, Lauren Cartwright, Melissa Witwer, Bethany Henderson. (second row) David Henry, Rachael Warrington, Julie Shearer, Heather Speckman, Daniel Smith, Rebekah Kesler, Elizabeth Balasa, Jennifer Benner, Caleb Roth, John Leichty, Samuel Roth. (third row) Nathan Short, Corey Grandstaff, Kori Sutterfield, Jaime DeWeerd, Megan Crawford, Cassie Patterson, Dr. Richard Dilling, Emily Rush, Darci Long.



Students Phelix Onyango (left), Sarah Anglea (center) and Whitlie Galloway (right) at Taste of the World.

Grace Athletics Onward Campaign Update

by John Boal
Chief Advancement Officer

A capital campaign for Grace College and Seminary students was launched at the Presidential Dinner Oct. 3, 2009. The goal is to raise \$4 million for student scholarships over the next two and one-half years.

We are thrilled with the response of donors who have committed \$550,000 as of Nov. 30. These funds will help the campus provide aid to students to meet the ever-rising cost of Christian higher education.

Not too long after the launch of this campaign, I received a call from a donor who told me that he was more interested in giving toward athletics than the general scholarship fund. I was able to let him know that the ONWARD campaign included providing scholarships for student athletes.

Athletics plays a unique role in the culture of every college campus. Grace is no different. It builds a sense of community, student body enthusiasm and school pride that lasts well beyond graduation. Alumni often recall a victory over one of Grace's many rivals with a sense of pride.

Athletics is also an excellent vehicle for building the core values of character, competence and service into the lives of our students, values that will assist them well beyond their time on campus. This year Grace has invested more than \$883,522 in athletic scholarships. It is an investment that has eternal impact.

If you would like to further build our athletic scholarship base through the ONWARD campaign, you can do so by noting athletics in the memo line of your check. GO, LANCERS!

Enrollment Update

by Cindy Sisson
Dean of Admissions



Are there challenges facing higher education? We in Admissions certainly can answer "yes" with confidence.

This precarious economic climate affects the admissions process on every level as we look for ways to expand our market pool while cutting costs at the same time. Yet, God is greater than the economic turbulence, and we have experienced His calming power with a record enrollment for the fourth consecutive year at Grace. For the 2009–10 academic year, 1,641 students have enrolled, topping the 2008–09 enrollment of 1,508 by 8.3 percent.

The combination of new students and a high student retention rate of upperclassmen has contributed to the increase this year. Although the number of new freshmen is smaller than last year, strong enrollment in the college's Grace Opportunities for Adult Learners program (G.O.A.L.), its prison education program and graduate programs resulted in the new record. The college has offered new programs such as its G.O.A.L. degree-completion program, as well as several new master's degrees with online components. In addition, the college instituted its new bachelor of science in environmental biology program this past fall and will be offering majors in political science and Web design and development in the fall of 2010.

Now, we in Admissions are in the middle of another recruitment season, and we are encouraged. Several indicators suggest we have a strong

start toward enrollment for fall, 2010. We have received a record number of applications, and our accepted student numbers are higher at this date than in the past several years. Our challenge is to keep this momentum going for the remainder of the recruitment season. Additionally, recognizing that 83 percent of our students in the past two years visited Grace before submitting their deposit for enrollment, we are happy that our visitation numbers so far have increased over previous years. All of these are good indicators for next fall, but the challenges of economic uncertainty still remain as a concern. The Admissions staff appreciates the prayers of all the Grace family.

As dean of admissions, I consider it a privilege to play a role in helping prospective students choose Grace College as the place to continue their education. Grace recently received recognition for excellence from two organizations which annually rank leading colleges. In July, *U.S. News and World Report* named Grace to its list of "Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the Midwest" for 2010. Grace ranked 35th among the 99 Midwest institutions in the 2010 *USN&WR* rankings. Also in July, "The Princeton Review" named Grace as one of the best colleges in the Midwest, selecting Grace as one of 158 institutions it profiles in the "Best in the Midwest" section of its Web site feature, 2010 Best Colleges: Region by Region. Awards such as these are certainly cause for celebration, but it is what happens here in the Grace community where applied biblical values develop character, competence and service in the lives of students that truly qualifies admissions work as a privilege.

Honoring the Memory of a Loved One

by Greg Weimer
Director of Planned Giving

When a relative or a dear friend goes to be with the Lord, it is appropriate to honor the life and the memory of that person. But can this be done in a way that helps others?



The answer is a resounding “Yes!” through a memorial gift to Grace College and Seminary. Memorial gifts are given to Grace in the name of the person being honored.

Memorial gifts are placed in the Grace Fund where they are used to expand the general scholarship fund. If enough funds are received and the surviving family members work with the director of planned giving in the Grace Advancement Department, a scholarship fund can be established in the name of the individual being honored.



An example of this would be the Frank T. (Tom) Inman (BD 53) Memorial Fund. Pastor Tom Inman went to be with his Lord Dec. 20, 2007. His wife Geneva and

his children deeply desired to honor his life, his ministry and his memory. Memorial gifts were received at the church where he had served as pastor and at Grace College and Seminary. The combined gifts totaled a little more than \$2,000.

The Inman family then established a scholarship fund at Grace Seminary to assist men graduating from the seminary with the intent of moving into pastoral ministry. Over a four-year period, a gift of approximately \$500 is to be awarded each spring to a graduating seminary student. The first award was granted

in May 2009 to Darren Kloepper, and some of the Inman family members were in attendance as the award was given.

Kloepper said, “I was completely shocked when Dr. Gill announced that I had received the Tom Inman award. I received even more of a blessing when I met Geneva, his wonderful widow. Geneva was obviously still mourning the loss of her dear husband, but her face beamed with excitement that Tom’s legacy and ministry were continuing through the memorial fund. As a pastor who loves books (I don’t know of a pastor who doesn’t love books), I didn’t hesitate to use the money to build my library. However, receiving the award means much more to me than mere study materials. Geneva allowed my family to become a part of hers, and I felt like I had received a mentor even though I had never met Tom.”

If sufficient memorial funds are received (or are supplemented by family members and friends), an endowed scholarship could be established to permanently honor the departed loved one. Typically a minimum of \$100,000 is required to establish an endowed scholarship.

A memorial gift is a special and unique way to honor the life of a family member or friend, while also assisting the current students at Grace with scholarship assistance. Bestowing honor and providing assistance with such gifts is wise stewardship.

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Grace Seminary Goes International

by Jeffrey A. Gill, D.Min.
Dean, School of Ministry Studies

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Central African Republic

It's a phrase that I have now come to understand through personal experience, namely, "The needs of the church in the Central African Republic are overwhelming." I had the opportunity this past August to spend eight days in Bangui, C.A.R., and meet with African leaders and missionaries to investigate the possibility of beginning a U.S.-accredited Doctor of Ministry program in Bangui. This vision began to take shape during a discussion with Dave Guiles, executive director of Grace Brethren International Missions, and correspondence with **Dr. Ngoumape Francois**, dean of Faculty de Theologie, the seminary in Bangui. The pressing need for spiritually qualified, academically credentialed, African faculty to teach the seminary students in the C.A.R. who will become the pastors of the churches is what has given birth to this initiative. There are currently more than 2,000 churches in the C.A.R. with approximately 500,000 members. Though there are 900 pastors in these churches, very few have formal, theological training. The health and vitality of these churches is at risk if the pastors are not well-equipped to teach and lead them.

The strategy calls for 30 African leaders completing the D.Min. degree as classes are offered over the next seven years. The goal of the program is to train leaders, some of whom will become professors in the Bible Institute and Seminary. **Mark Sims**, a GBIM missionary in France for more than 20 years, will be the Grace Seminary C.A.R. site director of this program. Sims will facilitate the courses, assist in translation and grading, and also be involved in teaching. Courses will be held three times a year, with students spending four weeks together as they complete a week of pre-course work, one week in class, and then work on their post-course work the following two weeks. Full-time Grace Seminary faculty, several credentialed GBIM missionaries, FGBC pastors and two African nationals will comprise the teaching faculty. Though the goal is to begin classes in fall 2010 and spring 2011, a great deal needs to be accomplished before that time to receive accreditation from the seminary's two accrediting agencies in the U.S. Please pray that the Lord will bless us throughout this process.



Mark Sims, MDiv (left), Dr. Ngoumape Francois, DMin 99 (center) and Dr. Jeff Gill, MDiv (right) in Bangui, C.A.R..



African children at an orphanage.

ITINERARIES

Winter - Spring 2010

Korean Seminary Programs in Los Angeles

Grace Theological Seminary began a Doctor of Ministry program for Korean ministry leaders in 1996 in partnership with the Holyway Institute of Theology. Module courses were held each May on the Winona Lake campus. In 2007, the Center for Korean Studies, under the leadership of Dr. Tom Stallter, began networking with additional Korean seminaries and missions training centers, expanding enrollment from 16 to 47 in May 2009, and to 58 by February 2010. One of the partnerships in Los Angeles, the Grace Center for Missionary Training, focuses on



Koreans in the U.S. seeking missions and ministry training. Director of the Center **Dr. Stephen Park**, a 2009 D. Miss. graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, has been a trainer for the

largest mission agency in South Korea. He has mentored 550 students who are now seeking further training. In addition, this training center is situated in the heart of the area of LA where 250,000 Koreans live. More than 1,000 Korean churches exist between LA and San Diego. This opportunity has led to the seminary pursuing a Los Angeles extension for the Grace Theological Center for Korean Studies program. Our desire is to receive accreditation from both the Higher Learning Commission, our regional accrediting agency and the Association of Theological Schools, the national agency which accredits seminaries and theological schools.

Please pray with us for both of these important initiatives. We believe the Lord is expanding the reach of Grace Theological Seminary in not only training students who will minister in U.S. churches and those who will go to the mission field, but also to nationals for ministry in their own countries and among their people groups.



Tiberius Rata, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Biblical Studies

March 12-21 Go-Grace trip, Romania

March 28 Calvary Bible Church, Paulding, Ohio

April 11 Grace Bible Church, Van Wert, Ohio

May 2-4 Marimont Community Church Bible Conference, Pontiac, Mich.

May 12-19 Moffat Bible College, Kenya



Jeffrey A. Gill, D.Min.
Dean, School of Ministry Studies

April 22-24 Association of Doctor of Ministry Education Conference, Austin, Texas



Tom Stallter, D.Miss.
Professor of Intercultural Studies

March 6-16 Chateau de Saint Albain, France

March 24-28 Grace Center for Missionary Training, Los Angeles, Calif.



Roger Peugh, D.Min.
Professor of World Mission

March 13-14 Evangelisch Freie Gemeinde in Sandkrug, Germany

March 15-16 Bibelseminar Bonn, Germany

March 17-19 Bibelschule Brake, Germany

March 19-21 Baptist Church in Düren, Germany

Alumnotes

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

DOWN THE AISLE

1970s

William Hoy (C 74) and **Sallie Bechtel-Ringler** (BM 74): July 4, 2009. arntoz@earthlink.net and wildbillprosper@gmail.com

1990s



Jeremy Hammer and **Stephanie Gregory** (BA 92, MA 06, MA 08): April 18, 2009. Columbia City IN.



Zach Mauer and **Rochelle Yoder** (BA 99): April 4, 2009. Carmel IN. rochellemauer@hotmail.com

2000s



Paul Dreisbach (BS 08) and **Rebekah Taylor** (BS 09): June 6, 2009. Winona Lake IN.



Ryan Gillette and **Stacy Clutter** (BS 04): April 4, 2009. Dayton OH.



Sam Henry Jr. and **Katrina Bontrager** (BS 05): May 9, 2009. Fair Play SC. trine25@gmail.com



Jared Hood (BS 06) and Megan Maness: May 30, 2009. Warsaw IN. teacheternal@gmail.com and megan.maness@gmail.com



Juan Medina and **Emily Swank** (BS 01): August 1, 2009. South Bend IN. swankee10@hotmail.com



Adam Mott and **Lauren Reifsnider** (BS 07): March 7, 2009. White Plains NY.



Nate Shipley and **Maggie Thompson** (BS 04): July 24, 2009. Warsaw IN.

Blake Shook (BS 03) and Amanda Mason: July 19, 2008. Keller TX. shookbm@yahoo.com



Jared Yordy (BA 08) and **Kim Rohrer** (BS 08): November 15, 2008. Willow Street PA.

FUTURE ALUMNI

1990s



Terry (BS 98) and **Caroline (Bush BS 98) Aukeman**: Owen Michael, June 7, 2009. Winona Lake IN.

tcaukeman@comcast.net and caukeman@gmail.com



Brendan (BS 03) and **Melissa (Allen BA 99) Barrette**: Olivia Corrine, March 14, 2009. Warsaw IN. nlaire@yahoo.com



Chris and **Caroline (Nesbitt BA 99) Brown**: Sasha Caroline, December 18, 2008. Merchantville NJ.

carolinenesbittbrown@comcast.net



Stephen and **Melody (Steiner BA 96) Collins**: Celeste Joy, March 21, 2009. Celeste joins Nathaniel (7), Aria (6) and Rebecca (6) in Knoxville TN.



Chad (BS 99) and **Karen (Burns BS 99) Newhard**: Nicholas Miles, April 23, 2009. Marion IN.



Daniel (BA 99, MATS 01) and **Jamie (Benjamin BA 00) O'Hare:** Mara Helen, March 5, 2009. Mara joins Ian (6) and Aidan (4) in Notre Dame IN.

Patrick and **Deborah (Steffen BA 94) Sills:** Jared Robert, July 9, 2008. deborah_sills@hotmail.com



Boyd (BS 98) and **Krista (Lantz BS 99) Smith:** Emily Nicole, February 3, 2009. Emily joins Jacob (6) and Kaitlyn (3) in Goshen IN.

bsmith@techknowledgeinc.com and krista@techknowledgeinc.net

2000s



Tim (BS 06) and **Chie Carroll:** Caleb, September 2, 2006. Caleb joins Gwen (3) in Walton KY.



Justin and **Michelle (Bowden BS 05) Cole:** Owen Wesley, July 20, 2009. Westerville OH. michellemcole@gmail.com

Jeff (BS 06) and KayLynn **Hamstra:** Landon David, October 27, 2009. Demotte IN.



Robert and **Amber (Edwards BS 01) Hanshaw:** Naomi Elisabeth, October 7, 2009. Naomi joins Amelia Grace (4) and James Blair

(1 1/2) in Acworth GA. chateauhanshaw@yahoo.com



Phil (BS 03) and **Cami Hood:** Dane Clayton, May 16, 2009. Dane joins Cali (6), Macy (3) and Ryan (2) in Winona Lake IN.



Chris (BS 04) and **Emily (Rummel BS 04) Lofquist:** Carter Rummel Lofquist, July 2, 2009. York PA. celofquist@gmail.com



Jeffrey (BS 05) and **Jennifer Maddock:** Grace, May 17, 2008. Grace joins Alex (6) in Middletown IN.



Barry (BS 03) and **Alyssa (Smallwood BS 03) Meisel:** Kendyl Hope, March 31, 2009. Lakewood CO. b_meisel@hotmail.com

Micah (BA 01) and **Nicole (Raber BSW 02) Nightingale:** Anne Louise, June 19, 2009. Anne joins Ellie (2) in Warsaw IN.



Jeremiah (BA 00) and **Marcie (Manning BS 99) Olson:** Jordan Asher, July 11, 2009. Jordan joins Carina (6) and

Libby Rae (4) in Goshen IN. olsonsonline@verizon.net

Randall and **Stacey (Turza C 03) Pointer:** Genevieve Scarlett, June 13, 2008. South Bend IN.

Randall and **Stacey (Turza C 03) Pointer:** Alexander Bossman Pointer, September 30, 1994 and adopted fall 2009. Alexander joins Genevieve (6 mo) in South Bend IN.



Tim (BS 00) and **Erin (Pote BS 99) Pycraft:** Everly Adelai, June 18, 2009. Everly joins Eva (6) and Elli (3) in Crown Point IN.



Jesse and **Katie (James BA 02) Selness:** Connor Jesse, July 10, 2008. Bethlehem PA. selnessk@yahoo.com



Matt (BS 05) and **Hannah (Loss BS 03) Springer:** Gracie Ruth-Anne, July 16, 2008. Cuyahoga Falls OH.

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Jack R. Bacher (MDiv 55) married Mary Lou in 1954. They are parents to seven children: Rebecca, Mark, John, Duane, David, Phillip and Mary. Jack and Mary Lou live in Anchorage AK. jbacher@faithak.com

1970s

Alice Cross (BA 73) has been promoted to Office Administrator at West Central Mental Health Center in Adel IA. She lives in Waukee IA.

Phil Norris (BME 76) served as a trumpet instructor and performer for the 2009 season of MasterWorks in Winona Lake IN. In August 2009, he performed as one of the off-stage trumpets with the Minnesota Orchestra in a concert version of Verdi's "Aida." Phil and wife Julie live in Minneapolis MN.



Sherilyn (Smith BA 78) Rank saw a perfect opportunity to bring a few of her Grace alumni friends together

when she found out that **Linda (Porter BA 78) Yorgey** was coming all the way from Iowa to bring her daughter, Marissa, to participate in one of the Lancer Days at Grace. She contacted **Beth Kaufman** (BS 80), **Sue (Toirac BA 78) Stump**, and **Lee (Sotnikow C 78) Miller** to set up a last-minute reunion. As Alpha third floor west residents, Sherilyn and Lee shared a suite with Sue and Linda their freshman year, while Beth was just a few rooms down the hall. They decided to meet in Columbia City (a halfway point between Fort Wayne and Winona Lake) at a Bob Evans on October 5. Sherilyn currently works at CE National as Coordinator of Operation Barnabas, a high school summer ministry training program. Linda lives in Riceville IA and she and her husband have a grain roasting business. Lee works at Warsaw Health Foods. Beth lives in Fort Wayne IN and works at Parkview Hospital. Sue also lives in Fort Wayne IN and works in accounting and sells premiere jewelry.

1980s

In May 2009, **Greg Javaux** (MDiv 89) graduated with a doctor of ministry degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Minneapolis MN. He and wife **Stephanie (Gould BS 86)** have four children, Sarah (19), Hannah (17), Stephen (14) and Rebekah (12). Greg has pastored the Silvis Heights (IL) Baptist Church since October 1999.

David Jennys (BA 87) became the pastor of the Wolcott United Methodist Church (IN) in May 2009. Wife **Susan (Sheetz BS 84)** continues in her position as pastor of the Francesville and

Medaryville United Methodist Churches. The Jennys live in Francesville IN.

In August 2009, **Loren Neuenschwander** (BS 87) became managing director of Delta Connection Finance (Delta Airlines). Loren has worked for Delta for 19 years and was named managing director-corporate strategy in July 2006. In that role he was involved in leading Delta through one of the fastest Chapter 11 reorganizations in airline history, negotiating the merger with Northwest Airline and overseeing integration planning. A certified public accountant, Loren holds an MBA from Auburn University in Alabama and has served on Auburn's Business School Board of Advisors since 2002.

Jennifer Ortega (BS 85) was awarded the Bill Reneker Community Service Award November 21, 2009. The award remembers Reneker, a former Winona Lake councilman, who died in 1993. The recipient is chosen by the Winona Lake Town Council with approval by Reneker's widow, Judy Reneker-Burd. The award is given annually to an individual who makes a beneficial contribution to the community. Jennifer received the award because of the way she has captured the beauty of Winona Lake through her artwork.



The Reverend **Charles Thornton** (BD 59) retired from the Peninsula Grace Brethren Church (AK) October 1, 2009. Over the past 49

years, Pastor Thornton and wife Janice served the Grace Brethren Fellowship in eight churches in seven different states including Galion OH, Buena Vista VA, Lanham MD, Lansing MI, Sunnyside WA, Dallas Center IA, Millersburg OH and Soldotna AK. Born in Japan to missionary parents, Charles returned to the US at the age of four. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1953 from Bryan College in Dayton TN. He was then drafted into the US Army and served for two years during the Korean War. Charles and Janice were married on August 10, 1956 and have six children: sons **David** (BA 09), **Daniel** (BA 81, MDiv 86) and Jonathan Thornton and daughters **Deborah Myers** (C 79), Rebekah Jones and Mary Thornton (deceased). In 1956, he enrolled in Grace Theological Seminary. During that time he served as a student pastor at Lawton Christian Church (IN). Upon graduation, he founded his first church in Galion OH. After serving as senior pastor in six churches over the next 33 years, he moved to Soldotna AK in 1996 to serve at the Peninsula church as an associate pastor under his son, Daniel Thornton. Charles also served as a board member of CE National, the Iowa Sunday School Association, Grace Schools (1983-99) and Arctic Barnabas Ministries. He was founder and chairman of Kenai Peninsula Marriage Savers. A dinner honoring Pastor Thornton and wife was

held November 22 at the Peninsula Conference Center located at Alaska Christian College, Soldotna AK.

Jarl Waggoner (MDiv 82) announces the publication of his book, "Prophets for Our Time," by Wipf and Stock/Resource Publications. This study of Obadiah and Jonah is a great resource for personal and group Bible study. www.christianeditor.jesusanswers.com

Dan (DIP 80) and Debra **Younger** celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary June 24, 2009. Dan serves as the associate/youth pastor of Friendship Community Grace Brethren Church in Fort Myers FL. He was ordained in June 2009 — only 29 years after graduating from Grace Theological Seminary! Dan and Debra live with Kelsey (18), Scott (15) and Brooke (13) in Fort Myers. dcdyounger@yahoo.com

1990s

In May 2009, Bannockburn Press published "A Soldier's Questions, His Pastor's Answers: Comfort, Strength and Inner Peace for Combat Troops." Pastor **Dean Bruce** (ThM 90) wrote the book using questions raised by his son and his son's friends during their tour of duty in Iraq. The young men served with the Third Infantry Division in 2005 (during which time Bruce's son was injured). Although the book was written for combat veterans of all services and eras, it is highly suitable for EMTs, firefighters, police and those fighting the daily spiritual battles of life. The book is available from Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble online, and through the publisher/author at a discount, P.O. Box 6, Mendon OH 45862; mendoncg@wcoil.com.

The Reverend **Jerry Francis** (BS 94) received a Certificate of Effective Leadership from the University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business in July 2009. He resides with wife **Tamra** (Moller BA 89) in Dayton OH. pastor.jerry@woh.rr.com

Stephanie (Gregory) BA 93, MA 06, MA 08) **Hammer** has worked for two years as a behavioral health service provider for Bowen Center in Albion IN and counsels all ages. Husband Jeremy is a carpenter with DM Trump Construction. The Hammers live in Columbia City IN.

Ben Haskell (MACSA 91) has worked with Christian schools for more than 30 years. This fall he was named headmaster of Trinity Christian Academy in Barnstable MA. Ben returned to Cape Cod from Oregon, where he served as superintendent and principal of West Hills Christian School in Portland for 18 years. He also served as chairman of the Northwest Regional Accreditation Commission for the Association of Christian Schools International. He began teaching in 1978 at Faith Christian Academy in Hyannis MA. In 1984, he founded and became principal of Heritage Christian Academy in North

Falmouth. Ben received his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts and a master's in Christian school administration from Grace Theological Seminary.

In the fall of 2009, **Trent Lehman** (BS 94) became South Adams High School's new principal in Berne IN. Trent graduated from South Adams in 1990. He previously served as secondary principal and boys' basketball coach at Blackhawk Christian School in Fort Wayne IN. Trent has a master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan and an administrative endorsement from Indiana University in Bloomington IN. He lives with wife **Cathy** (Shipley BS 93), Calysa (10), Trey (8) and Tytus (2) in Berne IN.

Dan O'Hare (BA 99 MATS 01) graduated in August from the University of Notre Dame with a PhD in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity. He successfully defended his dissertation on the Septuagint version of Ezekiel's vision of the Temple in Ezekiel 40-48 in July 2009. He has an appointment as visiting assistant professor at Notre Dame for the 2009-10 school year. In August, he attended the World Congress of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and presented a paper. He has also presented at the National and Midwest SBL conference this past year, winning the Midwest SBL student paper competition in the Hebrew Bible category. He has written an article for the 2009 *Bulletin of the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies*. Dan would like to thank his past professors at Grace College and Seminary, Dr. Herb Bateman and Dr. Brent Sandy, for their encouragement and guidance. Dan and wife **Jamie** (Benjamin BA 00) celebrated their 11th anniversary this past summer. She is a stay-at-home mom to Ian (6), Aidan (4) and Mara (9 mo), working part-time from home as the assistant rector for graduate family housing at Notre Dame. She also teaches a few nights per week during the school year for Notre Dame's Upward Bound, a college prep program for underprivileged high school students.

In 2007, **Boyd Smith** (BS 98) began his own business, TechKnowledge Inc. Combining industry leading technology partners and IT expertise, TechKnowledge Inc. is passionately assisting small and medium-sized businesses to operate more effectively. Wife **Krista** (Lantz BS 99) has completed her tenth year of teaching. She currently teaches second grade at Meadowview Elementary School in Shipshewana IN. The Smiths live in Goshen IN with Jacob (6), Kaitlyn (3) and Emily (10 mo). www.techknowledgeinc.com, bsmith@techknowledgeinc.com and krista@techknowledgeinc.net

2000s

Jeff (BS 04) and **Patricia (Rager BS 04) Brostrom** live in Asheville NC. Patricia graduated with her doctoral degree in physical therapy from Northern Arizona University and currently teaches

physical therapy courses at South College. Jeff is the publisher of a Christian newspaper that he founded in July 2008 called *The Journey Christian Newspaper*. www.christianjourneynews.com and savedbygrace289@hotmail.com

Tim Carroll (BS 06) lives in Walton KY with wife Chie, Gwen (3) and Caleb (3 mo). He works in the command center of Convergys, a relationship management company based in Cincinnati OH. Wife Chie is a stay-at-home mom and works on their photography Web site <http://3mpstudio.com>. She is also a volunteer online missionary for Global Media Outreach.

Dr. Mark Elliott (DMin 05) has published "Confessions of an Insignificant Pastor: What Pastors Wish They Could Tell You!" The book looks at all of the areas in ministry and life and what leaders wish they could say to their congregations. It is a transparent look into the life of a pastor. The book was written to be a help to encourage pastors, missionaries and other vocational ministry leaders, but it will also reveal to laity ways that they can pray, encourage and strengthen their pastors. Dr. Elliott holds a bachelor's degree from North Central University, Minneapolis MN, a master's degree from AGTS in Springfield MO, and a master's degree from Trinity International University in Deerfield IL.

Matt (BS 07) and **Tanie (Schroth BS 08) Emmons** serve as Peace Corp volunteers in youth development. They are currently serving in Morocco until November 2011. The Emmons reside in Fort Wayne IN. emmons_21@hotmail.com and tanie.emmons@hotmail.com

Aaron (C 01) and **Sarah (Kapsch BA 01) Gosser** reside with Lola (3 1/2) and Henry (2) in Saint Paris OH. mrsgosser@gmail.com

James Joiner (BS 98, MATS 04), adjunct professor at Grace College and PhD student at Calvin Theological Seminary, was named as a 2009-10 Kern Fellow with the ecumenical think tank, the Acton Institute. The Acton Institute is an international educational organization which seeks to promote free and virtuous societies characterized by individual liberty and sustained by religious principles. As part of the fellowship awarded to James, he was invited to participate in Acton University, a conference designed for the exploration of the intellectual foundations of a free society through integrating rigorous philosophy, Christian theology, and economic theory. James, wife **Rachel (Brown BS 00)** and sons, Isaiah and Jaden, live in Grand Rapids MI.

Jeffrey Maddock (BS 05) graduated in May 2009 with a master of theological studies degree from Anderson University School of Theology. He serves as youth pastor at Mounds Baptist Church. Jeffrey lives with wife Jennifer and children Alex (6) and Grace (1 1/2) in Middletown IN.

Molly Matazel (BS 02) completed her master of ministry degree from Moody Bible Institute in May 2009. She is on staff at Shepherds in Union Grove WI.



In June 2009, **Steve McCune** (BS 04) began serving as pastor of creative arts at The Chapel in Marlboro OH. Steve and wife Ashley live in North Canton OH. smccoony@hotmail.com

Tracie Mezera (BS 04) was appointed as the new girls' basketball coach for Highland (IN) High School. She still holds the career scoring records at her alma maters of River Forest (IN) School and Grace College. Following her four-year playing career at Grace, she spent two years coaching JV basketball and teaching math at Chesterton (IN) High School. In July 2009, she completed a master of arts in education with a concentration in curriculum, instruction and professional development at Malone University (OH).

Lauren (Reifsnider BS 07) Mott teaches at Brunswick School in Greenwich CT. Husband Adam works for AllianceBernstein. The Motts live in White Plains NY.

Matt Simms (BA 08, S 08) and wife **Danielle (Day BA 08)** have moved to Reedsville PA. He has accepted the position of youth ministry/associate pastor at Kish Valley Grace Brethren Church. simmsms@gmail.com

On August 15, 2009, it was announced that **Ben Tonagel** (BS 01) will take the office of principal at Fairfield Junior-Senior High School in the fall of 2010. He currently serves as the assistant principal and has since 2008. Ben began his career at Fairfield in 2007 as acting dean of students. Ben received his master's degree from Olivet Nazarene and his administration license from Indiana Wesleyan. Ben resides in Syracuse with his wife **Amanda (Sensow BS 02)** and sons Charlie (3 1/2) and Sawyer (2).



Rebecca Wright (BA 02) works with Grace Brethren International Missions in Curico, Chile, on a multinational church-planting team. She is pictured with one of the Chilean leaders from the church plant and her roommate, Laura Miranda, who was sent out by the Grace Brethren churches in Argentina. Rebecca may be contacted at wright_becca@hotmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Lee Dice (BD 62) died November 24, 2009, at the age of 80. He earned a bachelor's degree from Iowa State College and married Reva Ford in 1950. Lee served in the US Army during the Korean War and afterwards was saved in the Grace Brethren Church in Cedar Rapids. From 1962 to 1984 Lee served as a senior pastor for Brethren churches in Indiana and Pennsylvania. He served as seniors pastor of the Wooster Grace Brethren Church from 1985 until his retirement in 1995. Lee enjoyed genealogy, Bible study and writing. He is survived by his wife Reva, children Lou Ann Lawrence and **L. Scott Dice** (C 84), grandchildren Ashley (Troy) McEvers, Molly VanLieu, Krystal and Katrina Dice and great-grandson Isaiah McEvers.

Lewis Entz (S 56) died December 18, 2008, at the age of 76. He was a graduate of Wheaton College and then attended Grace Seminary for two years. After leaving the seminary, he attended the RCA radio school in New York NY and graduated with honors. Lewis married **Rachel (Austin C 56)** in 1957. Rachel worked as the campus nurse from 1955-56 while attending classes at Grace College. The couple then served with SIM in Liberia, West Africa, for two terms at Radio ELWA. Later they joined Far East Broadcasting Co. and served until retirement in 1996. Lewis and Rachel lived in South Korea for the next six years. Upon returning to the US, Lewis became head engineer for FEBC. His specialty was installing 250,000-watt short-wave transmitters and designing antennas for several countries. After retiring from that service, he worked for several summers building radio stations in Ninilchik and Nome AK. Lewis is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons.

Monica (Delauretis C 88) Ficara died June 26, 2009, at the age of 58. Formerly of Warsaw IN, she moved to New Jersey and settled in West Deptford. Monica worked as office manager at Lawn Doctor in Cherry Hill NJ. She is survived by husband Anthony Ficara, stepson Brian (Cindy), sister Nancy (Ed) Cole and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Philadelphia Zoo, 3400 W Girard Ave, Philadelphia PA 19104.

The Reverend James Harrison Gardner (MDiv 60) died July 8, 2009, at the age of 78. A graduate of Michigan State University and Grace Theological Seminary, he also received an honorary doctorate from Great Plains Baptist Divinity School in Sioux Falls SD. He served his country with the US Air Force. Living in Indiana for many years, he was the pastor of Bell Center Bible Church in Burnettsville from 1961-83. Moving to Chattanooga TN, he founded Amazing Grace Mission. For the past 16 years he lived in Sale Creek and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank TN. Pastor Gardner was preceded in death by wife Florence and is survived by six sons, James, Daniel (Martha), Tim (Jackie), David (Margie), John (Paula), and Tom, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Arianna (Benge) Green (BS 06) died October 9, 2009, at the age of 25. She was a former cheerleading coach at Blackhawk School, Fort Wayne IN. Arianna served as an admissions counselor and

cheerleading coach at Grace College in 2008–09. She was an instructor for the Elite Cheerleading Association, Christian Cheerleaders of America and Upwards Christian Organization. She is survived by husband **Tim** (C 04), parents Robert and Linda Benge, mother Mary Panteloglew; brothers Jamison Pitzer, Quentin Benge, Isaac Gibson and Brian Benge; sisters Serenity Frye and **Emilee Benge** (C 12) and grandparents James and Peggy Gibson. Memorials may be made to the Grace College Cheerleading Fund or Pancreatic Disease Center in Cincinnati OH.



Wife of **Tom Julien** (MDiv 57, DD 96), Doris Julien, died September 5, 2009, at the age of 77. She received the Lord as her Savior at an early age and during her teenage years

dedicated her life to Christian service. After high school, Doris attended Bob Jones University where she met husband Tom. They married August 21, 1953. From 1954–1958, Doris taught elementary school in New Haven IN while assisting her husband in establishing the Grace

Brethren Church of Fort Wayne. In October 1958, the Juliens left for France serving under Grace Brethren International Missions. After language study in Geneva, Switzerland, and ministry in Grenoble, France, they acquired a 14th century castle in Burgundy, Chateau de St. Albain, which became a center for encounter and discussion. There the Juliens worked in evangelism, teaching and church-planting. In 1986, after 28 years as missionaries, the Juliens returned to the US. Doris then served on the mission's home office staff and helped to coordinate the European ministry team. The Juliens returned to France in 2000 and served for three years in Paris with student ministries. Doris will be lovingly remembered by Tom, her husband of 56 years, daughters **Becky** (BA 78, S 88) (**Rev. David MACSA** 88) **Schwan** and **Jacqueline** (BA 86) (**Jeff** BA 86, BS 91, BS 00) **Schram**, son **Terry** (BA 80) and five grandchildren. Doris was a member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. Memorials may be made in her name to Grace Brethren International Missions, PO Box 588, Winona Lake IN 46590 and designated to "Day of Generosity."

Inez Kauffman (BS 64) died April 2, 2008, at the age of 67. Her family states that "Grace College holds a special place in our hearts as Inez truly enjoyed her time there ... Inez is greatly missed and our comfort is that she is well and whole in Heaven."

Dr. Nickolas Kurtaneck (BT 56, BA 57, BD 57, ThM 58, ThD 61) died November 3, 2009, at the age of 88. He came to know the Lord at age 28. Dr. Kurtaneck taught Bible at Biola University for 39 years and was professor of biblical studies and theology emeritus. He especially loved the

book of Romans and would say that if the entire Scriptures were lost, yet the book of Romans remained, then the world would still have the divine plan of God in written form. He offered any student an automatic "A" if they memorized and could quote the entire book. Dr. Kurtaneck served on the Grace Board of Trustees for Grace College and Seminary for 18 years. He served in pulpit supply for many churches, with his longest tenure at the Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk CA for 17 years. Dr. Kurtaneck is survived by wife Micky, daughter Charise Ott (John), and son **TK** (S 89) (Dana) and grandchildren Jonathan, Blake, Rebekah and Nicholas. TK directs the youth ministry program at Grace College, in cooperation with CE National. Ed Lewis, CE National Executive Director shared, "We will all miss Dr. K. He loved the Word of God and once you got him talking about his faith or a favorite passage of Scripture, he would become more than passionate about trying to explain how wonderful God's Word is. Even in his upper 80s he kept trying to recite some of the favorite Scripture verses from the Word. I am sure Heaven is richer because he is finally at home!"

Joel Martin (BS 04) died July 18, 2009, at the age of 27 after a long battle with leukemia. He was pursuing a PhD in school psychology at Ball State University in Muncie IN. Joel loved spending time in God's creation hunting, hiking and fishing. He is survived by wife **Kristen** (**Denlinger** BA 04), parents Dwaine and Robbie Martin, brother Jonathan Martin, sister **Kristen Martin** (C 08), grandparents Charles and Evelyn Martin and grandparents Fred and Maxine Moats.



Send in an Announcement ... We'll Send a Shirt

Whether they're smiling or sleeping, your kids will love a Grace shirt!

If you'd like your little one to have his or her own Grace shirt, it's easy to get one. Just send in a birth or adoption announcement to be published in the *Grace Magazine* Alumnotes, and we'll send your child a **"My Very First Grace College T-Shirt."** (All are size 2T.) Don't wait another day! Send in that announcement right now.

We love to run photos with the announcements, too. You can send a regular print or a digital photo. If it's digital, be sure it's high quality — at least 300 dpi in a jpg format. Send your announcement to Mary Polston, Grace College and Seminary, 200 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, IN 46590, or e-mail alumni@grace.edu

T-shirts modeled by Sara and Lucas Tellez, children of Carlos (MA 08) and Emily (BA 07) Tellez of Winona Lake, Ind. Carlos is the cultural liaison at Grace College.



The Reverend J. **Richard Muntz** (S 52) died August 15, 2009, at the age of 81. He spent nearly eight decades faithfully serving Jesus and the Church. An active member of Bethany Baptist

Church, he taught Sunday school, served as a deacon, was a member of the Shepherd's Council and preached on occasion. Richard was known for his capacity to welcome those new to the church and to provide wise counsel to people in all stages of life. While much of his life centered on the local church, he also enjoyed traveling, sports, studying and teaching, spending time with family and writing devotionals, which he posted on Facebook. In the last devotional that he wrote, less than three weeks before his death, Richard encouraged those who are in daunting situations to "stay close to the camp of believers, imperfect though they are ... and trust in the God who answers prayer." For more than 40 years, he worked as librarian and professor at three different Christian colleges and seminaries, including 30 years at Corban College in Salem OR. He also pastored churches in Illinois and Michigan. Richard graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton IL in 1949 and followed this with graduate degrees from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, Portland OR; San Jose State University, San Jose CA; Northern Baptist Seminary, Lombard IL and Wayne State University, Detroit MI. Richard is survived by wife Marietta, daughter Laura De Soer (Jamey), son Palmer (Jeannette) and grandchildren Jordan, Phillip, Jameson and Melody.

Glenn Stauffer (C 88) died November 6, 2009, at the age of 77. He worked as a carpenter for Grace College from 1967 until his retirement in 1988 and assisted with the building of Beta Hall and Morgan Library. Glen was a member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. He will be lovingly remembered by wife Phyllis, daughter **Kathy** (BA 81), sons **Gerald** (BA 75) (Mary), **Steven** (BME 77) (Sandra), **Douglas** (BA 79) (Donna) and Michael (Marlissa), eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made in Glen's memory to Grace Brethren International Missions, or to Project Hope & Charity Orphan Care, both at P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake IN 46590.

Larry Wedertz (BS 58) died October 15, 2009, at the age of 75. He served as a teacher and as director of the former Grace Brethren Navajo Mission and School in Counselor NM for many years. He also served on the Board of Trustees for Grace College and Seminary for 18 years. Larry is survived by wife Jonnie Lou and four children, including **Linda Scoles** (BS 85), her husband **Todd** (MDiv 87) and numerous grandchildren.

Correction:

In the summer issue of *Grace Magazine*, **Herman Hein's** (AA 51, BTh 54) address was listed as Cedar Rapids IA. Pastor Hein lives in Union MI. We apologize for any confusion.

Henry Rempel Grace's Oldest Alumnus Dies at Age 105

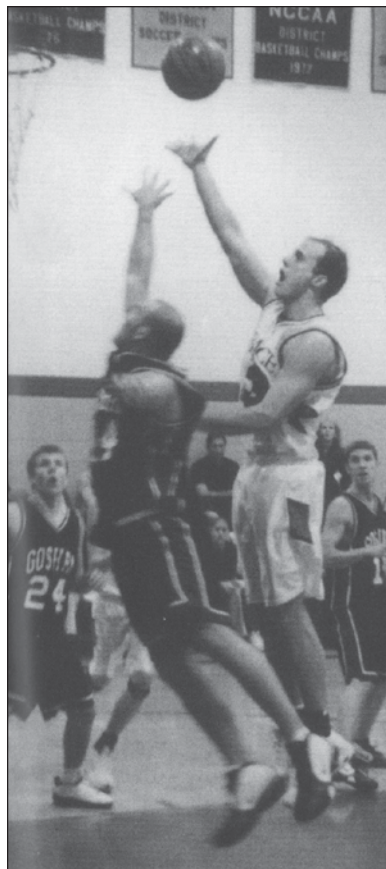


Born: March 17, 1904
Died: Aug. 22, 2009

Henry Rempel (DipTh 40, MDiv 43), Grace's oldest alumnus, died at the age of 105 on Aug. 22, 2009. He was the oldest living Grace Brethren pastor at the time. Rempel recounts his time at Grace in his brief autobiography, which he wrote when he was 100 years old. Rempel started his college career at Biola University, majoring in music. After graduating, he worked for the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles as the minister of music. Years later, he found himself at UCLA, continuing his schooling, but eventually was forced to drop out because of financial reasons. However, one of his church friends encouraged him to enroll at Grace Theological Seminary when it opened in September of 1937. Since Rempel felt called to be a pastor, he applied and spent his first two years at Grace Seminary in Ohio, before Grace established the Winona Lake campus. Eventually, Rempel graduated from Grace with a degree in theology. Rempel spent much of his life as a pastor, spending 50 of his years serving Brethren churches in California, Pennsylvania and Washington. In his autobiography, Rempel wrote, "God started this old man's life on March 17, 1904 ... [I] now am ready for my last graduation."

Nostalgia Quiz

Which Grace athlete is pictured here, and what was his nickname?



Just tell us which memorable Lancer athlete is pictured here and his alias and you may win a great prize! To be eligible to win, e-mail kerithaj@brandpoet.com.

Be sure to give your name and address with your answer — and remember: You don't have to be first to win. When all of our responses are in, we'll draw four winners, making sure they are from four different states and/or countries. As always, Grace employees and their spouses can guess, but sorry, no exciting prize.

Thanks to everyone who responded to our summer Nostalgia Quiz, identifying Freshmen Initiation as the unforgettable event pictured below (left, 1961; right, 1973).



Congratulations to our winners, who are: Ruth D. Bollman (BA 77), Catherine Crocker (BS 82), Robert Spahr (BA 70) and Valerie Strong.

Looking for a college?

Visit Grace This Semester!

Encourage young people you know to plan a visit to Grace College during the 2010 spring semester. Students can talk with professors, coaches and admissions personnel; stay overnight in the dorm; attend chapel; meet current students and see college life at Grace firsthand.

There are two ways to visit Grace:

1. Schedule a Personal Visit Day at a time that is convenient for the individual student and his/her parents.

2. Visit during Saturday Morning Visit Days or Lancer Visit Days when Grace hosts groups of students and their parents.

Upcoming Saturday Morning Visit Days:

March 27, 2010

April 17, 2010

Upcoming Lancer Visit Days:

March 24, 2010

April 8, 2010

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Alumni Office Has a New Home!



William (Bill) Gordon and wife Carole Gordon survey the progress with Bill's former student secretary Gerry Hoover (BA 94) (center).

After many years of residing in McClain Hall, the Grace College Alumni Office has moved. The new office is located in the Orthopaedic Capital Center on the Grace College campus. This move provides many new opportunities to serve our alumni, offering better access to the office, greater visibility to the community and plenty of parking.

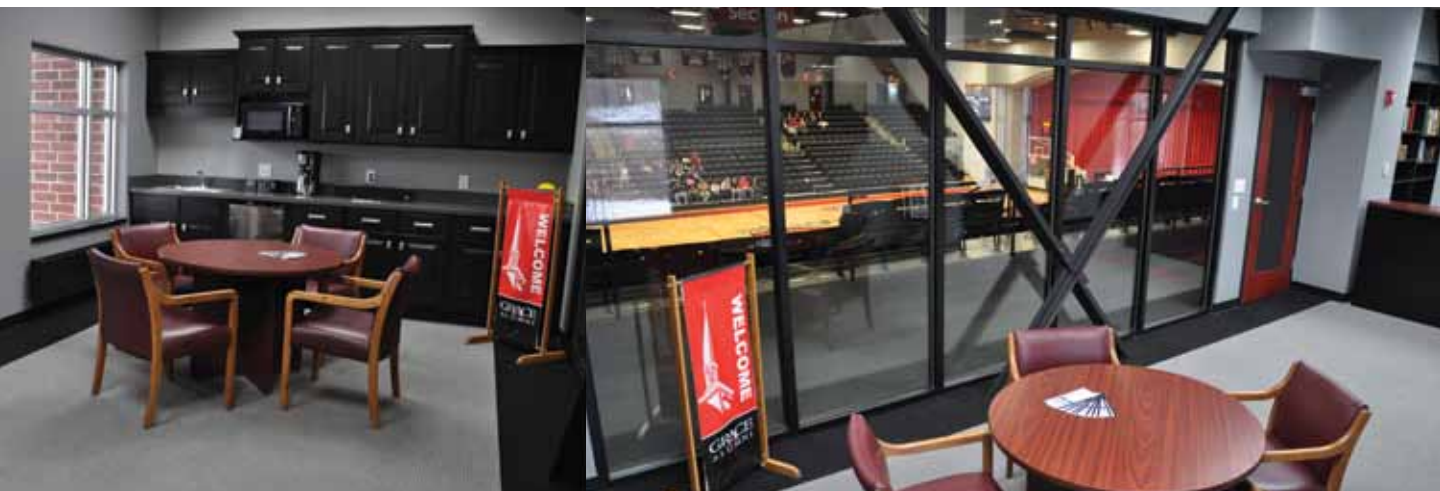
The new William P. Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development also resides within the walls of the Alumni Office. The Institute, developed by long-time Professor of Business William P. Gordon, will effectively function as a conduit connecting students, faculty, employees, alumni and friends of Grace College and Seminary. The Institute will interact with enterprises in the local, national and international community.

This fall's record enrollment of students clearly demonstrates Grace alumni will continue expanding throughout the country and world sharing our goals of character, competence and service. Grace College alumni represent this institution as CEOs, educators, health care professionals, pastors and parents of our future students. The Alumni Services Office is your connection to the campus. It is our sincere hope you know that we exist to serve you.

Our new door is open, so stop in when visiting campus; the coffee will be fresh and so are the new surroundings. Welcome to your new home, alumni!

Nancy Dickerson
Coordinator, Advancement

P.S. We'll leave the light on for you.



HOMECOMING REVIEW

- 9 Class year reunions
- 480 Alumni attended a class-sponsored event
- 1,000 Desserts served
- 1,000+ Coffee drinks enjoyed
- 1,370 Meals served
- 250 Alumni attended GCLive
- 1,000 Attended the Steve Saint chapel
- 46 Alpha (food-service) full-time staff members and student workers served food for the Homecoming Weekend
- 16 Alumni who planned a class-sponsored event
- 73-97 Final score of the Grace vs. I.U. game
- 9 Members inducted into the Lancer Athletic Hall of Fame
- 150 Balloons to decorate GC Live
- 1,650 Attended homecoming basketball games

1 GREAT HOMECOMING WEEKEND!

240 DAYS UNTIL HOMECOMING 2010.

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