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## 50 Years of INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

*A look back  
at when it all began,  
the baseball team  
of 1959: page 7*



### **Creation Care Grant Received**

*ENC received a mini-grant of \$5,000 from the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities for campus-wide creation care. President McGee, professors Jon Twining and Stacey Barker, and Ashley Jardim (09) will participate in a webinar with other awardees on creation care plans.*



### **A Cappella at Carnegie Hall**

*On April 5, Palm Sunday, ENC's A Cappella Choir performed at New York's prestigious Carnegie Hall under the direction of Dr. Timothy Shetler. The choir performs at Boston's historic Jordan Hall on April 19, 2009*



### **'Serve God, Save the Planet'**

*On March 20, Dr. Matthew Sleeth spoke of his decision to give up his job as a doctor at a large hospital and enter creation care ministry. Sleeth spoke in chapel and to a group of students in Shrader Lecture Hall (above).*

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## WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN?



Above: Students from the Natural History of Hawaii expand their knowledge of ecology knowledge in Hawaii. Dr. McLaren led the J-Term class to learn first-hand about the culture's natural environment.

Left: The A Cappella Choir gathers at a meal to mug for the camera. The choir spent time over J-term performing in Eastern Europe. This photo was taken in Romania.

Courtesy photos

# President's Message

## The best investment of all: an ENC student



Olympic Gold Medalist Bryan Clay and President McGee.

**T**he economic recession is affecting us all – from our personal lives to our businesses. ENC is not immune to the ups-and-downs of the economy. However, in December the Board of Trustees recognized the impact the economy was having on our current students as well as our prospective students. As a result, the Trustees approved ENC's own economic stimulus package by announcing a zero percent increase in tuition, fees, and room and board for the 2009-2010 academic year.

All of our students receive some kind of financial aid. By holding the cost of attendance constant and continuing to increase available scholarships, we are making every effort to provide an affordable, quality, Christian liberal arts education. This decision was made with careful attention to budgeting, and our continued commitment to being wise stewards of the resources entrusted to us by the Giver of all things!

As I have watched several of my personal financial investments decline, I have been reminded of one investment whose value has continued to increase—my investment in students at Eastern Nazarene College. By investing in the institution and its community of learners, I have made a lifetime investment that will never depreciate.

In fact, with an investment in ENC students, you get far more than a lifetime of earnings.

Since early January we have taken ENC on the road to alumni events around the country—San Diego, Pasadena, Tampa, Orlando and Oklahoma City. Time after time alums have recounted personal stories of God's provision for their education at ENC through the gifts of others.

The late Myron Ladue (38) is a great example. He never thought he'd be able to afford a Christian education, but scholarships made it possible for him to get an ENC degree. Myron never forgot this inspirational generosity of spirit and resources from those in the ENC community, and as a result he co-established the Myron and Peggy Ladue Scholarship for incoming students with financial need. Karen (Russell, 82) Corbin was blessed to receive that scholarship, and wrote a thank-you note to the Ladues to tell them of her deep appreciation. This simple act sparked a life-long friendship. In fact, in talking to Peggy at an alumni reunion in Florida in March, she said Karen is one of her closest friends. (See left photo with Peggy.) By passing on the blessing he received, Myron made the best investment of all, the same one that once had been made in him.

I had the honor of first sharing this story of the cycle of giving at another significant event in the history of ENC on March 28, 2009—the launch of the ENC Society. The ENC Society is being implemented to create a culture of giving by not only working to provide ENC students with more resources, but to also provide an opportunity for those who give to create a lasting legacy. Members of the ENC Society commit to give \$1,000 or more annually to support ENC's students and programs. The outpouring of support was a brilliant testament to the generosity of ENC alumni and friends! The event featured Olympic Gold Medalist Bryan Clay who told the audience that he was confident had he not attended a Christian college, he would not have been a gold medal winner and more significantly would most likely not have

been a Christian. Bryan spoke highly of how his experience at a Christian university was transformational in his life. It was a great reminder to each of us of why we do what we do, each and every day. The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with alumni and friends. From that night, ENC has already received more than \$140,000 in gifts or pledges. As I personally invest in ENC, I see the dividends this investment pays in each student I encounter.

Giving to ENC students – whether it's with time, prayers, or financial resources – is a gift that is regifted over and over through the years. I can't think of a more powerful way to change the world.

*Carissa McGee*

See more photos from the ENC Inaugural Event on page 10.



Dr. McGee stands with Peggy Ladue, wife of the late Myron Ladue (38) who established a scholarship at ENC in their names.



Dr. McGee with Steve (75) and Debbie (Nickerson, 76) Yerdon at the ENC Society inaugural dinner.

## NEWS BRIEFS Spring 2009

Eastern Nazarene College's **LEAD Program for Adult and Graduate Studies** is proud to announce new satellite programs in Swansea, Roxbury, Bristol, and Brockton in addition to their main campus programs in Quincy. Working with Massasoit, Roxbury, and Bristol Community Colleges, ENC is excited to offer a wide array of programs tailored to working adults with busy lives. By working with local community colleges, ENC brings the classroom closer to them. With just one class a week, students may earn a degree in 24 months or less. "At ENC's LEAD program, we proudly cater to working professionals, who are busy with the demands of both career and family," said Director William Boozang. "We are confident in the quality of our program and level of individualized support that we offer students. LEAD is a convenient and practical way to earn a quality college or graduate degree."



Phil Oliver (09)

Lauren Winner



George Marsden

Duke Divinity School professor Lauren Winner and Harvard Divinity School professor George Marsden kicked off the **2009 History Department lecture series**. Winner spoke February 17 on her forthcoming book, a study of material culture, religious practice, and household piety in early Virginia. Marsden spoke February 19 on Jonathan Edwards, the 18th century theologian of whom he wrote a Bancroft Prize winning book.

In February, the **ENC Ski Race Team** finished up its best season to date at Ascutney Mountain in Vermont. Skiing against a tough field that include University of Rhode Island, Springfield College, Marist and Yale, ENC put three tough competitors on the snow and brought back some of the best results in the



Courtesy Photo

ENC Ski team left to right: Alexie Ondrick (12), Capt. Jack Sahlman (09), Jonathan Corbin (12).

three-year history of the team at ENC. Starting off the season with a career-best first place finish in Giant Slalom, backed up with a third place in Slalom, Captain Jack Sahlman (09) set the stage for a great season. Joining Jack this year were freshman Alexie Ondrick (12) and freshman Jonathan Corbin (12). While this was their first racing season, they didn't disappoint posting finishes as high as 17 and 25 respectively in a field that at times was approaching 60 racers. ENC posted its first individual third place overall with Sahlman's best season with the team. Look for continued success as the team is young and moving up fast!

ENC students **Toni Taylor (11), Cassandra Auguste (11), and Kurtis Biggs (10)** were among 14 ENC students who spent their spring break in Benton Harbor Michigan working on a home in the Crystal Estates subdivision for Harbor Habitat for Humanity. "We see everyone's needs as all of our needs," Biggs said. The home the students are working on is the first of the 09 build season...and it will belong to a woman with four children. Working in 30-degree weather under sunny skies, Auguste said, "It's colder than I expected, but we're helping a family have a place to live." ENC is surely developing globally conscious Christians!

## Faculty News

### McCoy invited to participate in Workshops in South Africa

The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) and the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity recently selected history professor Bill McCoy to participate in a summer faculty development workshop in the cities of Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa on "Public Theology: The South African Experience."

The workshop will bring together eight North American scholars with 12 African scholars of various disciplines under the direction of Dr. Nico Koopman, a distinguished South African theologian who directs the Beyers Naude Institute for Public Theology at the University of Stellenbosch, in order to create some fresh perspectives on Christian political thinking.

The workshop will cover a wide variety of public policy issues, as scholars seek to find Christian perspectives on debates about the future of democracy around the world. Out of the workshop, which will gather during the first two weeks of June, the Nagel Institute plans to develop a book of essays on the critical issues regarding Christianity and democracy emerging from their national contexts, and a practical guide with principles and mandates for Christian service in politics and governance. Prof. McCoy also hopes to use the material from the workshop in shaping his own future courses in both African history and the new general education course, "The West in the World since 1500."

### Giberson's acclaimed book to be in paperback

Dr. Karl Giberson's most recent book *Saving Darwin* will be released in paperback in June. His other recent book, *Oracles of Science*, was released in paperback this month. *Oracles* was co-written with fellow science-and-religion expert Mariano Artigas.

*Saving Darwin* (HarperOne) has been a hit making it to the coveted Best Books of 2008 list by the *Washington Post*.

Giberson had a book tour on the west coast that included the "Writers by the Sea" symposium at Point Loma Nazarene University; public lectures at Azusa Pacific University, The Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, and College of Idaho; a debate at Biola University; a full day of activities at Seattle Pacific University which concluded with a standing-room-only evening lecture; and a radio interview with United News & Information Christian Network. He also participated a two-part show on evolution and Christianity in the series "Things that Matter Most" out of Texas. (<http://www.thethingsthatmattermost.org/>). For this series Karl was paired with Paul Nelson of the Discovery Institute, a friendly critic of *Saving Darwin*.

Some of Karl's adventures promoting evolution to Christians, and creation to atheists, are summarized in a Darwin Day op-ed titled "Cursed are the Peacemakers" which appears in *The Patriot Ledger*.

### Stephens scores yet another award

The Wesleyan Theological Society has awarded its Smith-Wynkoop Book Award to history professor Randall Stephens for *The Fire Spreads: Holiness and Pentecostalism in the American South*, which was recently published by Harvard University Press. The award is given to recognize exceptional scholarship of the Wesleyan/holiness tradition. Duke University professor of church history Grant Wacker praises Stephens' book for "sedulous research, balanced judgment, and impressive imagination." Wacker also says that Stephens's work "stands as a work of exceptional importance in the rapidly developing fields of holiness, Pentecostal, and southern cultural and religious history."

This isn't the first time Stephens and *The Fire Spreads* has received high praise. Stephens was selected as a 2008-2009 Young Scholar of American Religion at

Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis; a Top Young Historian by George Mason University's History News Network <http://hnn.us/roundup/49.html#54497>; and has been invited to the Policy History Conference in St Louis, May 2008, to give a paper titled "The Politics of Apocalypse: The Politicization of American Pentecostals." *The Fire Spreads* was nominated for the 2008 Grawemeyer Award in religion; and received favorable reviews in *Books and Culture*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, and was reviewed as a lead piece in *London's Times Literary Supplement* ([http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/the\\_tls/article4772737.ece](http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/the_tls/article4772737.ece)).

In addition to his role as assistant professor of history, Stephens is an editor of the *Journal of Southern Religion*, and editor of *Historically Speaking*, a historical journal based out of Boston University. (Senior editor is ENC's history professor Donald Yerxa.) His well-written and carefully researched *The Fire Spreads* shows that early southern Pentecostal converts challenged an array of traditional beliefs and southern conventions. At the same time they are typically the most conservative of Christians.



Courtesy Photo

Left to right: Stephanie Pestilli (10), Abby Snyder (10), David Bergers (89), Ashley Cornell (09), and Melissa Henry (11).

### Prestigious event draws a huge crowd

This year the Warren Business Forum attracted the biggest audience they have ever had. More than 300 people responded to their invitation to attend the forum and many more were on the waiting list.

The topic was "Economic Tsunamis: Navigating the Turbulence" and the featured speaker was David P. Bergers (89) the Regional Director of Securities and Exchange Commission's Boston Regional Office. He shared his view on today's economy and what we can do to help the current economic situation.

After a small reception, students, local business people, and ENC faculty and staff were seated alongside each other for dinner in The Commons. This gave students the opportunity to socialize and learn more about the current business world. It also gave upperclassmen the chance to do some networking with local businesses and get ideas for future jobs or internships.

After dinner, Bergers spoke about the current state of the flailing economy. But all was not negative: Bergers gave the audience suggestions on how to be smarter with their income.

The business forum was led by a group of business students. The student event team included Ashley Cornell (09), Melissa Henry (11), Allison Cammarata (10), Stephanie Pestilli (10), Caren Kamel (11), Erica McGrath (09), Abbey Snyder (10), Tyler Restrick (10), Jeremy Stanford (09), and Kendra Brathwaite (09).

The Warren Business Forum is held annually in memory of ENC alumnus John Warren (34), founder of the Warren Lightning Rod Company in Collingswood, New Jersey. The Warren Lightning Rod Company is a leading producer of lightning rods for industrial, commercial, residential, and government buildings in the eastern part of the United States.

— Sara Miller (10)

## Music alumnus directs 2008 White House Christmas Celebration

*A story of how ENC changed a life that's changing others*

By Music Professor Lambert Brandes

In November, Dr. Thomas R. Vozzella, a 1986 ENC graduate, received a personal call from Mrs. Laura Bush, inviting him and his choir from Midland, Texas to present two performances at the 2008 White House Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 11, in Washington D.C. Tom invited Kendall Benner, a fellow music major and also a 1986 ENC graduate to participate as a choir member, and Dr. Brady Millican, Professor of Music at ENC, to accompany his choir in these honorable performances.

For my wife Lois and I, this is more than just an accomplishment of a bright and dedicated music alumnus, as Tom is virtually our adopted son. He graduated from Eastern Nazarene College in 1986, is happily married and lives with his wife, Cathy, and his beautiful daughter, Ashley. Tom is such a part of our family that he refers to my wife, Lois, and me as Mama and Papa.

This all began when Tom was about six years old. His family life was difficult and he eventually lived with his grandparents. After Sunday morning services at Bethany Congregational Church in Quincy, Tom would hang around the organ console with great interest and watch me play the postlude. Tom loved music; he was intrigued by the four manual pipe organ and the gymnastics required to play it. Shortly after this, Tom expressed an interest in learning how to play the organ, and I began giving him piano and then organ lessons. This was the start of Tom's career in music.

Bethany Congregational, where I served as Organist/Choirmaster for 15 years, had not only a fine organ, but also four choirs: the Cherub, Junior, Youth and Chancel Choir. Tom joined the Cherub Choir, which was directed by my wife Lois, at six years old. Afterwards he moved up the ranks, eventually singing in each choir.

Throughout this time period, Lois and I regularly took Tom out to Friendly's and for other treats before we delivered him home. All of this was combined with a generous amount of TLC, and it was during this time that Tom began to envision us as his surrogate parents.

When Tom was about 16 years old, I asked him if he would be interested in coming to ENC to study music and continue his work on the organ. Not long after that, he arrived at ENC, and enrolled as an Organ Performance Major. Tom completed his degree in Organ Performance at ENC with two outstanding full-length recitals and performed his senior recital on the Aeolian Skinner organ at Trinity Episcopal Church in Concord, MA.

By the time Tom reached graduation, he was taking his spiritual life very seriously, and decided to attend Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. He originally thought he could become a missionary, but after being there two years, he knew he was better suited to serve the Church as an organist and choirmaster.

With the encouragement of Carolyn Steele, the organist at First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, he began a master of organ performance at the University of Kansas City, Conservatory of Music. Shortly thereafter, he took a full-time position as organist and music director at the First United Methodist Church in El Dorado, Arkansas. He continued his studies in organ and conducting at The University of Louisiana, Monroe, a short drive from El Do-



Dr. Thomas R. Vozzella (86), Dr. Brady Millican, ENC Professor of Music, and Kendall Benner (86).

rado, where he earned a master's degree. Tom then went on to earn his doctor of musical arts degree at The University of South Carolina, Columbia. Clearly, God's gracious love and guiding Spirit have been with Tom.

In the last few years, Tom has composed many choral pieces, some of which have been published, and are now available to the public. He served as Organist/Choirmaster in several churches known for their outstanding music programs, and served as Music Department Chair at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas.

Tom presently serves as music director at The First United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas.

There, he established, and now directs The Dollye Neal Worship Arts Academy which is an extension of their music ministry. First United Methodist Church is the church where Laura Bush grew up, where she and former President Bush were married, where their two daughters were baptized, and where Laura's mother is a member and worships regularly.

## Faculty Feature: Linda Scott

*Alumna with public school experience enjoys teaching at ENC, a home away from home*

By Sara Miller (10)

For education majors with a Christian school education, public school could be the perfect place, said Dr. Linda Scott, associate education professor.

"I feel like public education is the biggest and best ministry out there and we need to look at it as such," she said. "Christian educators are important in the public field."

Scott speaks from experience: She served for many years in the public education system teaching elementary school, special education, and reading. She was also a principal of a school and an assistant superintendent in Peabody, MA until her current position at ENC opened up two years ago.

"Knowing how to appropriately be a Christian witness in a public school is important," she said. "A lot of times you hear about separation of church and state and what Christians can and cannot do in public schools, but they're not true." There are a lot of ways to minister to children in the public schools while not crossing appropriate boundaries.

"The mission field is there in the children of the public school," said Scott. "So many are needy and it's the work of the ministry, the ministry to the poor, the fatherless, and the homeless."

For professors like Scott, teaching at a Christian school also gives advantages not available at other schools. At ENC many professors begin their classes with a devotional or a prayer. Scott believes ENC has a foundation of values



Dr. Linda Scott

that aren't as clearly taught in a public education setting.

And she would know: though she's only been teaching here for two years, ENC has been a part of her life for as long as she can remember.

When Scott was just six weeks old her parents moved into Williamson Hall, where her father, Stephen W. Nease, became the Resident Director. A few years later, her father became the Director of Development and her mother, Christine Nease, was the Registrar. Scott spent her childhood years growing up in the area.

"My grandfather was Floyd Nease who was president of ENC a while ago and Bertha Munroe was my surrogate grandmother, so you know I've been around awhile."

Scott only left Massachusetts when she was 16 years old because her father was elected to start Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio.

She and her husband Dennis were in the original class of MVNU, which at the time was only a junior college. They came to ENC to finish their degrees and graduated in 1972. Since then, their sons have also graduated from ENC.

And it was her son Jeremy (02) who alerted her to the vacant education position at ENC two years ago. She hesitated at first because she was close to retirement and was not sure if this job would fit at this time in her life.

"But God has a way of saying, 'Well yes this is how you are going to do it.'" And she's glad He did.

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Phil Oliver (09)

## Worker by day, student by night

By Sara Miller (10)

During the day, Kelly Carrico is an Accountant at Massasoit Community College in Brockton, MA. But at night, Carrico is a graduate student earning her Master of Science degree in Management.

Carrico is no stranger to her dueling duties as an employee and student. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Management from ENC in the 2+2 program in May 2008. The 2+2 program is a professional academic program for Massasoit graduates, and is designed to build on the credits they earned in attaining their associates degrees and earn them bachelor's degrees. Carrico said she felt well supported during this program, and it influenced her to keep going in her education.

"The encouragement and praise I received during my undergraduate program made the choice an easy one."

She is one of many students juggling a full time job, graduate school, and her home life, but finds time to finish her schoolwork.

"I put in a lot of time to complete the assignments, generally 15 to 20 hours a week. Luckily, my husband is very understanding."

It's important for Carrico to be as close to home as possible to maximize her time with her family. Because her classes through ENC are held at Massasoit Community College, after a full day of work she can leave her office and go right to the classroom. Having different graduate classes held at different colleges in the area makes the LEAD Program more accessible to more working adults. But while the location may be easy, the classes are challenging.

"I think I enjoy the classroom discussions the most," she said. "Learning how to apply what I am learning to the real world. Hearing stories of how the others in my class are relating it to their experiences."

Today having a master's degree is becoming more important, especially for those who work in higher education. Carrico said she believes that getting a master's degree is an important step to furthering her career. After graduating from the LEAD program she hopes to move to an upper level position of leadership in higher education.

Phil Oliver (09)

## An out-of-this-world opportunity

*Astronomy class led to a change in focus for Steph Capen (10)*

By Sara Miller (10)

Last summer an ENC student had a chance to get a foreshadowing of how bright her future may be.

Physics major Stephanie Capen (10) was accepted to a 12-week summer internship program at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) in Socorro, NM. She got the chance to be a part of the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program (REU).

The opportunity arose when professor Paul Nyce (78) strongly encouraged Capen to apply for the internship. Nyce taught Capen's astronomy class, which was the major factor that led Capen to switch from a history major to physics. The universe instantly intrigued her.

"Since that first semester with Professor Nyce, he has led me through three independent studies pertaining to cosmology, observation, and stellar astrophysics," Capen said in a speech when Nyce won ENC's 2008 Teaching Excellence Award. "After every semester I have become more inspired,

and excited by the field. Professor Nyce's enthusiasm and support has truly encouraged me that I can do whatever I want to do."

At NRAO Capen worked with two astronomers – Lorant Sjouwerman and Mark Claussen. Her work involved computer programming and statistical data analysis of information received from space missions. These missions help us better understand the evolution of stars, specifically once they start to die. Through her research she was able to provide ways to select stars for further studies.

Currently, she is co-writing a paper about her research. The paper is titled MSX versus IRAS Two-Color Diagrams and SiO Masers in Oxygen-Rich Late-Type Stars and is being written for a future publication.

After completing her internship, Capen was invited to the American Astronomical Society winter meeting. The prestigious conference took place in January in Long Beach, CA and she was one of only five undergrad students invited to the meeting.

"It was nice to be able to talk to kids my age and have people know my name," said Capen, who is only 20. "I know I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing. It was really a privilege to have this experience at such a young age."

While there she presented her research to professors, graduate students, and fellow undergrad students. Capen plans to do a follow-up of her presentation at ENC in the spring.



## The 1959 Eastern Nazarene College BASEBALL team

By Bob Cubie (59)

In the fall of 1958 President Edward S. Mann called Athletic Director Carroll Bradley into his office, gave him \$400, and told him to start a baseball team.

Bradley laughed recently when he remembered that day. “I mean, how much could you buy for \$400, even back in 1959,” he asked. “I bought a few bats, a dozen baseballs, 20 red hats with a ‘C’ for Crusader on the front, and 20 white baseball jerseys with red arms. Then my wife stenciled ‘CRUSADER’ across the shirt-fronts in big, red block letters.”

Bradley, who had a professional baseball career cut short by WWII, held tryouts on the ENC softball diamond and picked a starting team of catcher Fred Boden, second baseman Merritt Mann, shortstop Jack Smith, third baseman Branson Roberts, first baseman Bob Cubie, left fielder Bill Webb, center fielder Jimmy Bricker, and pitcher Billy Jones, a little lefty with pin-point control, who started all three games on the schedule. Jones later played one year of baseball for an independent minor league team, but not as a pitcher. “I played in the outfield,” he recalled. “The coach said I was too small to pitch.”

In the '50s, ENC was blessed with an unusual number of good athletes. On the '59 baseball team were Dave Hutchinson, the basketball team's 6-4 center who had been All-Bristol County basketball player in high school. Jack Smith was called the “watch-for” guard by the Eastern Shore of Maryland basketball writers because of his uncanny set shot. Smitty was just as good at catching a football or hitting a baseball as he was shooting the basketball; Bill Webb had been a dash man in high school track; Jimmy Bricker, a football scat back, could run down fly balls like a greyhound going after a Frisbee; Branson Roberts, a serious ministerial student was Mister Steady; tall, rangy Merritt Mann, a basketball forward, was called, “a member of the Lunch Pail A.C.,” by Coach Carroll Bradley, while Boden, the hockey player, was a natural catcher and possibly the best athlete in the school. At 5-7, Boden was stocky and muscular. An excellent football quarterback, he was shifty and hard to catch, and he could throw a football the length of the field and hit him right in stride. He had the reflexes of a lynx, and at times, a personality to match. Diplomacy was not his strong suit.

The shirts didn't come right away so we played Gordon College and Providence-Barrington Bible College wearing our red caps and old jeans, and ripped and torn sweatshirts.

Gordon had just moved into a new campus on a millionaire's estate in Wenham, Mass. The baseball field was on what had been the rich man's polo field and was as flat and as smooth as a pool table. Smitty hit a line shot that split the outfielders and the ball rolled and rolled and rolled as Jack circled the bases for a homerun. We beat Gordon, 10-1. Jones got the win.

A week or so later Billy Jones started his second game of the year against Providence-Barrington Bible College, and ENC won, 16-8. With the Crusaders ahead by ten runs, Bradley let me pitch. Today I wear a bridge in my mouth because a Providence runner came in with his spikes high.

We were 2-0 as we got set to play Curry College of Milton on May 10, 1959 at Merrymount Park on Hancock Street about a mile from the school.

It was our first game in uniform: The white shirts with red sleeves and “CRUSADERS” across the chests in red block letters had come in, and were passed out from Coach Bradley's office in the corner of the old gymnasium that morning. We also wore the bright red Sigma softball pants

May 10 was a Tuesday, and I was scheduled for Miss Alice Spangenburg's American Literature class at 2:30 p.m., which began



ROW ONE: D. Anderson, R. Ward, W. Webb, M. Mann, J. Smith, G. Jernegan, B. Roberts. ROW TWO: D. Clifton, R. Cubie, R. Mahood, J. Bricker, A. Yacubian, W. McDonald, Coach Bradley. ROW THREE: W. Jones, D. Hutchinson, F. Boden.

just as the game would start. Normally I would have skipped to play in the game, but Prof. Spange was a tough old bird, and I had already used up my allotted three skips, and I was afraid she'd knock me down a grade if I missed another. So I arrived at the class in my uniform, in my stocking feet, carrying my baseball spikes and glove, and took my usual seat in the back of the class. This did not sit well with Prof. Spange. No baseball game was worth one of her classes, and she got as twitchy as a rattlesnake; thinking she'd caught me napping, she popped a quick question. I answered and she said, “I'm afraid that's not right, Mr. Cubie. Maybe you can tell us the answer Mr. Hybertson.”

Larry Hybertson, “Hybie,” was a big, good-natured Iowa farm boy who was a lineman for the Kappa football and Prof Spange's favorite (He went on to earn two Ph.D.'s), repeated my answer word for word, just to see what Prof Spange would do. She did just what he expected. She said, “Very good, Mr. Hybertson.”

When the bell rang at 2:30 I got up running, beat everyone else out the door, flew down the stairs and outside, and put on my spikes while leaning against Bill Dymont's maroon and white '56 Chevy BelAir hard-top convertible that was parked near the mailbox. I then sprinted down Elm Avenue, to Hancock Street and made it to Merrymount Field just as the bottom of the 9th inning began, just in time to see Big Dave Hutchinson hit a towering fly ball to deep left that almost reached Hancock Street, but was run down by the Curry left fielder.

When the sides changed I replaced Hutch at first base, and got warmed up by throwing grounders to the infielders and taking the throws they fired back.

In those days, Curry was a small college baseball power. Jack Vallalee, the Curry Coach, was also a scout for the Kansas City Royals. Each year he'd look over the A's minor league rosters for good athletes who were not going to make it in professional baseball, and they'd be the backbone for his athletic program.

Curry's pitcher that day was a right-hander with a good curve ball named Jim Oliphant, who had played one year in A-baseball before coming to Curry. He was a tall, stocky right-hander with a good fastball and a better curveball than most of us had ever seen before.

ENC's pitcher, Billy Jones, was Oliphant's opposite. He had, by his own admission a dinky little lefty curve that broke away from right-handed batters, and a fastball that could not break a sheet of wet tissue paper

“It was a real nail-biter,” said Jones, now Dr. William Jones, head of counseling at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. “The Curry pitcher was very tough to hit and he kept mowing everyone down. I didn't get the bat on the ball all afternoon. (According to the 1959 box

score in *The Patriot Ledger* Jones got the game's only extra base hit, a double). What I had was good control, so I just threw it up there. They kept hitting it, but the guys behind me kept making plays.” Oliphant struck out 25 that day, Jones struck out eight.

The hits for the Crusaders were few and far between. Branson Roberts, now a Nazarene pastor in Pennsylvania, had two hits. Boden, Smith, Jones, and Mann each had one hit. “Mine was just a littler trickler down the third base line,” Mann recalled, “but it was a hit and I was proud of it.” Curry scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. ENC tied it up in the fifth when Bricker and Mann both scored.

Bill Webb, now in financial affairs at ENC after a long career at IBM, got up seven times and struck out five. But he must have gotten on base at least twice, because he scored one run, and almost scored another. “But I got wiped out at the plate,” he recalled. “The Curry catcher blocked the plate and smothered me.”

In the 10th inning Curry pitcher Oliphant hit a long high drive to left field, which looked like it was going out onto Hancock Street but Bricker and Webb converged on the ball. “We could both run,” said Webb, but Jimmy had the better angle and he called me off and made the play.”

In the 12th inning I became one of Oliphant's strikeout victims. Jones, though, matched Oliphant pitch for pitch through the 13th, and 14th innings. Jones put Curry down in the 15th and we came up in the bottom of the inning the score was still 2-2.

Tiring, Oliphant, lost his control. He walked Bill MacDonald, a defensive replacement in right field, to open the 15, got a strikeout, issued another walk and got a second strikeout. With two men on and two out, Boden came to bat, but Curry Coach Jack Vallalee, decided to give him an intentional walk and pitched to me, who had struck out.

By this time, I'm sure; most of the snap was missing from Oliphant curve ball, because his first pitch, a curve, came in waist high and flat. I swung, felt the ball hit the handle of my bat and it bloomed over the second baseman's head and landed in front of the center fielder.

It wasn't beautiful, but Bill MacDonald, running with two outs, crossed home plate easily with the winning run.

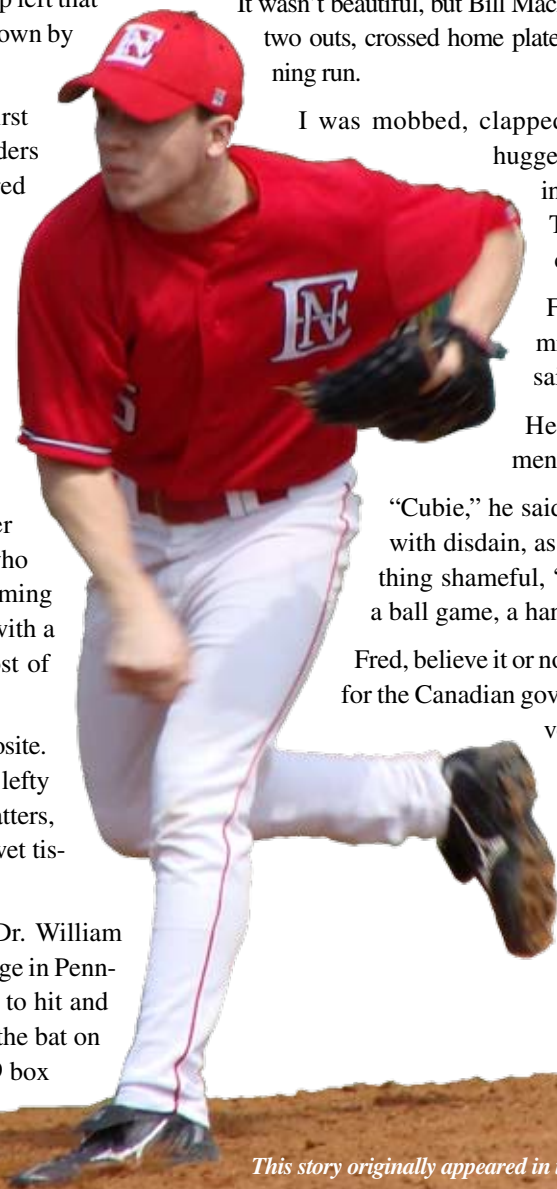
I was mobbed, clapped on the back, and hugged. For the first time in my life I was a hero. Then I saw Boden coming towards me.

Fred was a friend of mine, so as we passed I said, “Good game.”

He ignored my comment.

“Cubie,” he said, his voice dripping with disdain, as if I had done something shameful, “What a way to win a ball game, a handle hit.”

Fred, believe it or not, became an official for the Canadian government and was involved in diplomacy. God help Canada.



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Courtesy photo

## Diplomatic patriarch departs ENC after years of teaching, writing, guiding

Don Yerxa will retire as head of the history department at the end of the academic year after giving over 30 years of service

By Lea (Nagle, 97) Plante

In 1972, when Don Yerxa graduated from ENC, the college was a much different place. There was no modern library, no spacious campus church, no updated gym. While the campus was still experiencing growth, “there was something here,” Yerxa recalls, “some kind of spark of intellectual history that had something to do with exploring things in a Christian way, had something to do with this area near Boston, that really made this place special.” Admittedly, Yerxa was a much different person too. “I wasn’t the best student here by any stretch,” and yet, he says, “I found that when I left ENC for graduate school I had been extremely well prepared.”

Much like the institution in its formative years, Yerxa started on a trajectory that is still taking him in unexpected directions. Although he is probably known by a greater number of ENC alumni for his early roles as director of admissions, registrar for the LEAD program, professor of required courses such as Philosophical Quest and Living Issues, or perhaps even assistant basketball coach, in the past decade Yerxa has also made a name for himself in broader academic circles as a scholar and a historical journalist.

While Yerxa has spent more than 30 years working at ENC, he did not reach his real goal of teaching history full-time until the mid-1990s. Now, as a respected scholar in the greater academe, Yerxa himself seems surprised at the course his career has taken in the last 10 years. “This is an amazing set of opportunities that I’ve been given. Totally unpredictable in terms of where I was, in the frustrating early stages of my career,” he says.

As of May, that path will lead Yerxa into retirement from ENC. But by no means is he eschewing scholarly pursuits. In fact, Yerxa is busier now than he ever has been. Since 2001, he has been involved with The Historical Society, a Boston University-based group committed to inspiring dialogue among historians as well as making historical research accessible to a wider audience. Currently as director of the society and senior editor of its publication, *Historically Speaking*,

Yerxa has had the opportunity to rub elbows with some of the most prominent historians of the day. The publication is notable because “there isn’t anything like it. For now we’ve got a corner on the market.”

Yerxa’s editorial role at *Historically Speaking*, which is published by Johns Hopkins University Press, is an opportunity to influence the historical dialogue that occurs in the magazine’s five issues each year. While there are obviously, and appropriately, constraints, he says, “I think I can bring the sensibility of a Christian academic into this role... I do try to legitimately bring out things that I think are important.”

There is no scarcity of accolades for Yerxa’s work at *Historically Speaking*. David Hackett Fischer, a 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner, has called it “the most interesting historical journal that is being published today.” Bertram Wyatt-Brown, visiting scholar at Johns Hopkins University says it’s, “the most intellectually exciting publication in history that is currently available.” MIT professor emeritus Bruce Mazlish calls *Historically Speaking* “the most thoughtful historical journal I know.” And Mark Noll, named by *Time* magazine as one of America’s most influential evangelicals, has said of Yerxa, “It is a rare thing indeed to find such historical and editorial wisdom in one working scholar, and even rarer when such wisdom is tintured with the highest Christian character.”

This high praise is further evidence that a significant opportunity has been given to a guy who spent more than a decade of his professional life waiting in the wings of ENC’s history department for the occasion to teach full time.

Along with bringing a faith-infused ethic to his work outside of ENC, Yerxa has been able to bring an array of noted historians to campus to the benefit of his students. He attributes a seminar course that he co-taught with Karl Giberson on the influential British physicist and theologian Rev. Dr. John Polkinghorne in 1997 to giving him a sense of what could happen to the academic culture of ENC. The class, consisting of physics and history majors, studied his work, culminated with a weeklong visit from Polkinghorne to ENC. “That was a big occasion,” Yerxa recalls.

While on campus, Giberson, Yerxa, and then-President Hill interviewed Polkinghorne for *Books & Culture*, a publication of *Christianity Today*. That opportunity played a key role in the development of another dimension of Yerxa’s career, that of historical journalist. John Wilson, editor of the journal says, “Don is an excellent scholar, an excellent editor, and an excellent interviewer. What’s the common denominator? A quality that doesn’t get taught much in grad school: selflessness.” He goes on to say that Yerxa exemplifies that virtue, “for his students, for his colleagues, and for the many scholars he’s worked with as editor of *Historically Speaking*.”

Giberson and Yerxa have frequently collaborated on articles, seminars, and conference lectures covering science and religion and Christian scholarship. In 2002, their book *Species of Origins: America’s Search for a Creation Story* was published, the result of three summers spent at Oxford University on a Templeton Foundation grant. Both men are now contributing editors to *Books & Culture*. While their paths have diverged lately, the two continue to be involved in the Venice Summer School for Science & Religion, a Templeton-sponsored institute held annually in Italy. On their collaborations, Giberson reflects, “We knew we could work together. Yerxa’s greatest strengths are, “getting things done, making connections, and conducting research on a broad, rather than narrow scale,” and refers to Yerxa’s role at the Venice school as “diplomatic patriarch.”

These opportunities, Yerxa says, have given him breadth. “It’s made me a more interesting historian, as opposed to being a historian of science-and-religion. I’m a historian who’s aware of that conversation and who can hopefully put it into larger historical contexts.”

Most recently, Yerxa has edited a multi-volume *Historians in Conversation* project for the University of South Carolina Press. Four volumes in the series are in print with another three due out this year. Each thematic volume features numerous essays on the topic, plus a substantive essay by Yerxa on topics ranging

from military history to African history. “The topics are diverse, so I’m proud and pleased that I had that opportunity.”

ENC history professor and *Historically Speaking* associate editor Randall Stephens has also been involved in the project and will edit one of the volumes. He says Yerxa’s work is striking, for it “tackles some of the big themes in history that few other historians write or think about.”

A book based on a conference Yerxa ran in London in 2007, titled *British Abolitionism, Moral Progress and Big Questions in History*, is under consideration by a couple of academic presses. “That gathering featured a dozen of the key historians of our age...from Yale University, Cambridge University, Harvard University, and Oxford University,” says Stephens.

While Yerxa admits to challenging times over the years at ENC, “Overall I’ve had a wonderful experience here,” he says. “The real attraction has been the people, the colleagues, and the wonderful students that, I think, outsiders wouldn’t expect. You don’t usually expect to see the kind of students that seem to be here every semester. I will miss the students.”

Yerxa continues a tradition of departmental excellence that has existed since the time of Charles Akers, Timothy Smith, and continued by Barbara Faulkner and James Cameron. He confesses that as a student he sometimes found Cameron to be “scary in what he expected of you, particularly in discussion classes.” There was a religious component to those high standards, a credo that held that “if we’re going to do this all for the glory of God, we’re going to do the best that we can...I’d like to think I continued that tradition,” he says.

While Yerxa’s accomplishments at ENC may not be entirely measurable (How many minds were challenged, and continue to be, by issues first raised in *Phil. Quest* or *Living Issues*?), his connectedness to the wider academic world has benefited ENC.

In 1995, Yerxa established a distinguished lecture series, which has brought leading historians, theologians, social critics, and philosophers to the ENC community. Exposure to these notable academics has undoubtedly benefited the students in the department – speakers also often attend classes and have a meal with students. This type of experience exemplifies “the best of what a small school can provide – close contact with professors, that sort of thing – and connection to the bigger academic world,” Yerxa says.

The ENC history department also boasts a high degree of professional and graduate school acceptances among its majors. The history and pre-law majors at ENC have a reputation for being demanding, but “90 percent of our majors don’t go into history, they end up doing other things,” says Yerxa. This fact doesn’t seem to concern him. More importantly, he says, is that “they’ve got transferable skills: They can think; they can write.”

As he closes the chapter on his professional life at ENC, Yerxa asserts with certainty that “out of failure can come success... I think God can redeem every part of our experience, even our disappointments and shortcomings.” Over the years, he says, “I have experienced failure on minor and major levels. And one of the things that God has taught is that that can be a tremendous opportunity for growth.”



Phil Oliver (09)



# alum News

## 1940s

**Grace (White, 46)** and **Eldon Hall (48)** celebrated their 60th anniversary on Grand Isle in Lake Champlain in 2008. Grace's chapter on *The Winter's Tale* was published in *Reconciliation in Selected Shakespearean Dramas* (Ed. Beatrice Batson, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, UK 2008.) Their former chemistry interests were recalled with a dinner with Robert Maybury, Eldon's best man and former ENC chemistry professor.



## 1950s

The family of **Dr. Chuck (58)** and **Doris (Biggs, 57) Gailey** met in Africa to celebrate their lives and their 50th anniversary. The theme of the trip was "God First." Nine of their family members are ENC grads! The family also got to meet Jimmy Carter, who was on his way to South Africa for meetings about the Zimbabwe crisis.



## 1960s

**Priscilla C. Swank (61)** continues substitute teaching in the Westbrook, ME school system. She especially enjoys entertaining her four grandchildren and jaunts to the Swank Nova Scotia country home. In between visits she puts together jigsaw puzzles and bakes bread.

**J. Grant Swank Jr. (61)**, the pastor at New Hope Church in Windham ME, continues his Internet ministry as ongoing columnist for MichNews.com, RenewAmerica.com, PostChronicle.com, Magic-City-News.com, AmericanDaily.com, Newsbyus.com, and canadafree-press.com. His blog is <http://truthinconviction.us/weblog.php> and <http://jgrantswankjr.blogspot.com/>.

## 1970s

**William Casey (74)** and **Margaret (Bailey 70) Casey** are now retired, at least for the moment. Margaret was a childcare director and teacher and William was a social worker. They moved to Maine to be with family.

Missionary **Kaarina Ham (74)** departed for Armenia again!

**Eric Magnuson (78)** is the new assistant principal at the Peter Fitzpatrick School in Pepperell, MA.

## 1980s



**Norman Smith (80)** and **Janet (Hathaway, 81) Wilson** were happily married at McConnellstown Church of the Nazarene, McConnellstown, PA on Sunday October 5, 2008 after a week's ministry at Sun Valley Indian School in Arizona. They reside in Lancaster, KY and are active at the Lancaster Church of the Nazarene. Norm has been in youth and children's ministries and Janet was a stay-at-home mom and now works as a nurse assistant.



**Ross Tubo (81)** is now Vice President of Stem Cell and Chemokine Biology at Genzyme. He will be the central interface between the

Transplant and Oncology business units and chemokine biology research.

## 1990s

**Matthew (94)** and **Heather (Olin, 96) Hanson** had their second child, Celia Marie, on December 14, 2008. They also have a 4 year old, Jacob. Matt is currently getting ready to deploy to Afghanistan for a yearlong tour with the Georgia Army National Guard and Heather is working as the Family Readiness Group coordinator for his unit.

## 2000s

**Heidi Jo (Swank 01)** and **Brett Inlow** had their first child, Grant Michael Wray, on March 21, 2008 in Hartford, CT. Heidi Jo serves as overseer of Caswell House at MacDuffie School, Springfield, MA. Brett continues as trainer/sports medicine staff at The Master's School, Simsbury, CT. They attend the Windsor Locks CT Evangelical Free Church.



**Melanie (Adams, 01) Haney** has a collection of short stories that are now available on Amazon called *The Simplest of Acts: And Other Stories*. One more of her more recently published works "The Last Thing Before Dirt" - *Relief Journal*, '08 was just nominated for The Pushcart Prize.

**Heather (Hannon, 03) Rufo** was married at the First Baptist Church of Boston on October 13, 2007 to William Rufo.

**Rachel (Galbraith, 05) McPherson** has been hired as the marketing coordinator for a new business entity under the Nazarene Publishing House called "the House."



**Sarah (Vermillion, 07)** married **Ryan Thorne (07)**, bought a house in South Carolina, started a career in law enforcement, and started

a family! After graduating, they moved to Simpsonville, SC. Sarah was hired by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office as part of their Uniformed Patrol Division, and became a deputy in Dec. 2007. Sarah received the 2008 Rookie Officer of the Year award. Ryan and Sarah welcomed daughter Chloe into the world on October 29, 2008.

☛ A new Alumni Directory will be available by the end of 2009 through Harris Connect, Inc. Contact the Alumni Office if you have questions.

## The Week Before Spring

A poem by the late Evangeline Smith Umstead (51)  
(see obituary below)

The week before spring, early light in the east pulls me to the window to look for a change in the weather. Disappointed, I see a fresh covering of snow. The yellow plow rumbles by, pushing snow to the street edge where the growing pile hides cars and buries fences. Pedestrians, cocooned in coats and boots, walk slowly in the streets near the snow margin, trying to escape the slush splashed by passing cars. By mid-day the sun is shining, arched higher in the sky than a week ago.

The stronger rays warm me as I sit near the south window, reading the newspaper. Father and son shovel snow on the front page; the Farmer's Market looks for a manager in the Classifieds. Bold headlines star hockey playoffs while a short piece summarizes exhibition baseball farther down the column. Advertising flyers are knee deep in the spring: apple blossoms float across blue skies, shining above pastel Easter savings. Drawn by the warming sun, I put on my coat and boots and wade through the snow higher than boot-top to the back of my house. Listening for any sound of spring, I hear instead the caws of crows looking for fruit on the sumac tree. Ice water drips on my head as I stand under the south eaves, but next to the fountain I see at least six inches of soft, bare ground. I know that in the brown mud, tulip bulbs are responding to the nearer slant of sun.

At late afternoon, water runs from the roof, the shoveled sidewalk is turning into puddles. I drive out on an errand, slowing for two little girls who are bobbing with jump ropes in the drying track of the street. At the Mall entrance two men greet each other: "Fine day, eh?", "Fine day, indeed!" Walking through the controlled atmosphere, I feel clumsy and hot in my boots and coat. Teens and children stroll by, wearing sneakers and light jackets, stopping to look at the Easter candy. On the way home, I drive by the smelt shacks. One of the fishermen is crossing the ice, carrying pieces of his house to put away until next year.

Looking from my west windows at day's end, I see the red sun fall behind the white horizon line at 6:20 p.m., spreading pink and orange across the landscape of winter. I know that tomorrow the grip of winter and darkness will be even less – the sun will set later – and that on the first day of spring, darkness will no longer rule our days. When we turn the calendar page to spring, there will be more snow to wade through, more winds to face. But the spirit of spring is already flowering in our hearts; the Hope of Easter waits only a week away. We know that we can count on the eternal promises built into creation. Green grass, robins, and tulips have never failed us yet.

Yes, it's been a fine day. A fine week, indeed, for the week before spring is the last week of winter.

## In Memory

**Larry Watkins (49)** passed away Feb. 4, 2009. Larry was an outstanding father, husband, friend, and churchman. He loved his God, and he loved his church family (all of them – Warren, OH; Augusta, ME; and South Weymouth, MA). He was a WWII army veteran. His entire life was dedicated to teaching and school administration in Farmington and Bristol, OH, public schools. Larry married **Gloria (Dittrich, 48)** in 1948. They had two children, Susan Watkins, Director of Library Services at ENC; and Amy Watkins Barnard of Warwick, NY; two grandchildren Elizabeth of Quincy MA; and David, a freshman at ENC. The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be

made to the Barnard Family Scholarship, Eastern Nazarene College; or to the South Weymouth Church of the Nazarene - VISION Fund, 385 Ralph Talbot Street, South Weymouth, MA 02190.

**Don Matmueller (55)** went to his heavenly home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 29, 2008. A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg, VA, on Thursday, December 4, 2008. Don was a loving husband, father and friend. He was outgoing and loved people. He will be missed by many. His memories will live on in those he leaves behind: his wife of 53 years, Claire; his four daughters; and five grandchildren.

**Dr. Charles Akers (47)** of Charleston, S.C., died Feb. 1, 2009, at the age of 89. He graduated from ENC with a degree in history and later earned his master's and doctorate degrees from Boston University. He was the creator of the first ENC class scholarship, and a brilliant ENC history professor.

Dr. Akers was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in WWII. A published author and professor, Dr. Akers taught history at ENC from 1948 until 1959. In 1957 he took a leave of absence to become the Director of Quincy Junior College. He also taught American history at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA. In 1966, he began teaching in the history department of Oakland University, retiring from OU in

1995. In addition to his career as a professor, Dr. Akers also authored several historical books during his lifetime, including *Abigail Adams: An American Woman*, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and received the Colonial Dames of America Annual Book Award.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Eleanor (Emery, 47)**, two daughters and sons-in-law, a son and his daughter-in-law, and 10 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Habitat for Humanity or an educational institution of one's choice.

**Evangeline Smith Umstead (51)** passed away after a short illness in Newport, VT on December 6, 2008.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, **Clair (51)** and her children **Craig (76)**, **Jody (79)**, **Carol (82)**, and **Jonathan (83)**. Evangeline served the Church of the Nazarene for 55 years at church headquarters and in churches in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, New York, New England, P.E.I., and Arizona as a writer, office manager, musician, and provider of pastoral care to the elderly. She was also an avid naturalist and environmentalist. Evangeline especially loved exploring the desert in and around Tucson. Evangeline served as the editor of the *Campus Camera* and *Nautilus*. She is well-remembered for her writing; a short piece appears above.

# Faces of the ENC Society inaugural event

*Alumni came from near and far to celebrate*

In case you haven't heard the buzz, the ENC Society was implemented to create a culture of giving. At the March 28 inaugural event, alumni got a chance to hear and meet world-famous Olympic Gold Medalist Bryan Clay. To learn more about the ENC Society or how to become a charter member, contact ENC Society Coordinator Laura Bragg at [laura.m.bragg@enc.edu](mailto:laura.m.bragg@enc.edu) or at 617-745-3889.



Bryan Clay speaks to Quincy school children during his visit. ENC students tutor kids from the Germantown section of Quincy.



Clay and Dr. Donald Reed smile for the camera.



ENC Society coordinator Laura Bragg and RD Melissa Lowell



Quincy mayor Thomas Koch with Clay



Clay autographed a Wheaties® box featuring his photo for Jerold (65) and Marti (Smith, 65) McCloy.



A group of ENC alumni enjoy a fine meal at the Quincy Marriott during the ENC Society inaugural event.

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Class of 1958	\$25,738.00
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Class of 1962	\$12,600.82
Class of 1963	\$5,125.00
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Class of 1965	\$21,729.64
Class of 1966	\$26,577.14
Class of 1967	\$10,754.00
Class of 1968	\$24,173.74
Class of 1969	\$4,515.80
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## Meet Janelle Beiler

**Major:** English, Psychology

**Graduation Year:** 1993

**Current Position:** Children's Pastor  
Cross Pointe Church of the Nazarene, Salisbury, MD

*Janelle (Nielson, 93) Beiler was recently elected Eastern Nazarene College's Alumni Association President, replacing Russ Long (71). ENC thanks Russ for his consistent and dedicated service to the college, and congratulates Janelle. We look forward to seeing what success another Maryland-based president can have.*

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– Janelle Beiler  
President  
Alumni Association

**Q:** What have you been doing since graduating from ENC?

**A:** I married Joel Beiler the night I graduated from ENC. After our honeymoon, we moved to Kansas City where we both attended and graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary. Upon graduation, we accepted positions at Cross Pointe in Salisbury, MD. We are still serving there – 12 years later.

**Q:** Why did you choose to go to ENC?

**A:** It was an easy and natural choice to go to ENC. My heritage is wrapped up in ENC; most of my family went to ENC. My brother graduated the year I started. My dad was the Vice President of Alumni and Church Relations at ENC for the eight years before I started, so Quincy and ENC were home.

**Q:** Why did you want to be president of the alumni association?

**A:** I love ENC and am indebted to it. I didn't seek this position, but when I was approached about allowing my name to run on the ballot, I wanted to be willing to serve.

**Q:** What do you hope to accomplish as president?

**A:** I would love to continue to help alumni reconnect with ENC and reconnect with each other. I would love for alumni to realize that they are "being ENC" wherever they are. I would also love to help alumni realize that we are the front lines and best advertisement for getting students to ENC. ENC is still an amazing product and we can play a huge role in helping other people experience what we did.

**Q:** What events are you looking forward to?

**A:** I was pleased to be on campus for the recent launch of The ENC Society on March 28. I am looking forward to the ENC Luncheon at General Assembly which will be held Sunday, June 28 at noon and Homecoming 2009 on October 15 and 16.

**Q:** How do you hope to better the alumni association?

**A:** I hope to focus on relationships and community. I hope to focus on being who we are called to be so that God can do what only He can do.

**Q:** Who does the alumni association represent? What can people do to get more involved?

**A:** The alumni association consists of all people who attended or graduated from ENC! The council is elected to represent this group and help organize and represent its wishes. People can get more involved by letting us know what they want. They can get more involved by staying in touch with ENC and fellow alumni so that the story continues. They can get involved by hosting ENC events and alerting the council to opportunities for involvement! They can find ENC friends on Facebook and rekindle or continue relationships!

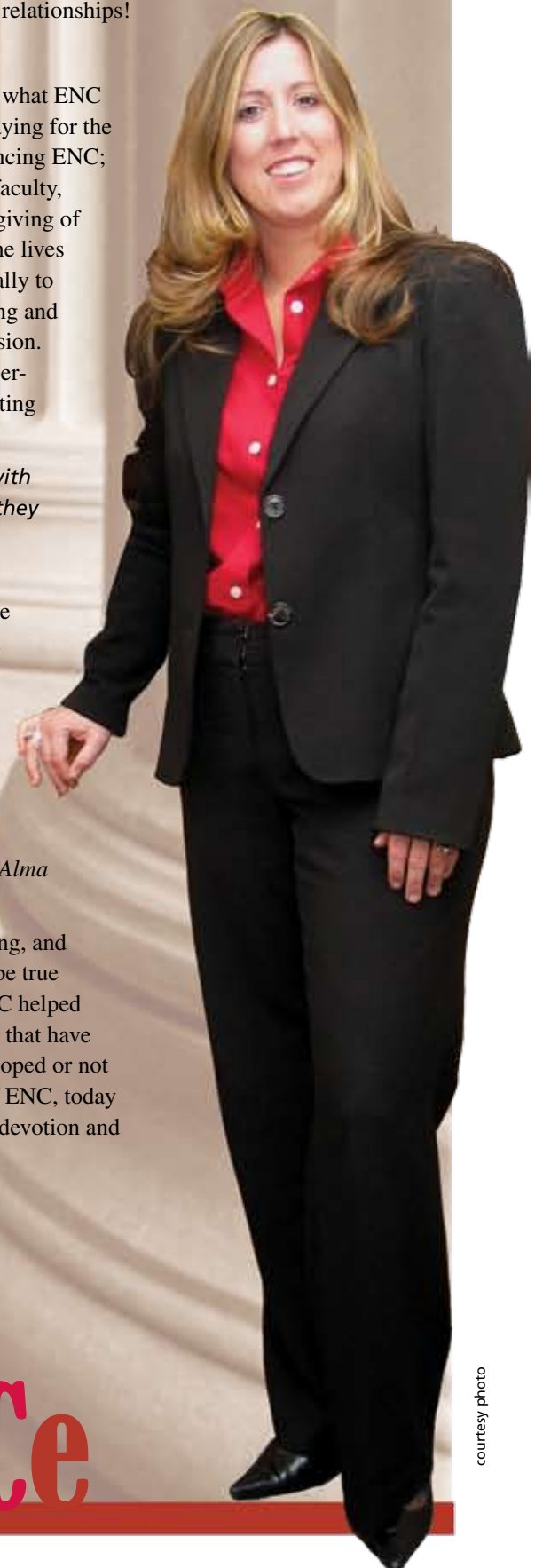
**Q:** How can alumni give back?

**A:** You can give back by being true to what ENC gave you. You can give back by praying for the students who are currently experiencing ENC; by praying for the administration, faculty, and staff who are still sacrificially giving of themselves every day to invest in the lives of young people; by giving financially to ENC, so that ENC can remain strong and well positioned to carry out its mission. You can give back by making it a personal goal to be responsible for getting one student to ENC this year.

**Q:** Why should alumni be involved with ENC, even if it's been years since they graduated?

**A:** When we were students at ENC, we sang the following which are the words of the last verse of our Alma Mater:  
*Clear her vision, high her purpose, Lo, she stands serene; And her faith is sure, undaunted, Eastern Nazarene.*  
*We will prove our strong devotion, Loyal we will be; True to God and Alma Mater, True to ENC.*

As alumni of ENC, we have a calling, and I would say even an obligation, to be true first to God and then true to all ENC helped us become. Regardless of the years that have passed or situations that have developed or not developed in our lives or the life of ENC, today is the day we can prove our strong devotion and live out these words.



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