Center to fulfill dream of VISION 2005

“Viterbo will be a premier institution among small independent universities in the upper Midwest that is person-centered and values-based, residential and learning focused; the university will continue to be committed to the liberal arts and to a viable stewardship of resources.”

---From Vision 2005: A Renaissance for Living and Learning in the 21st Century

In 1997, President Bill Medland publicly outlined VISION 2005, a long-range strategy for the future of Viterbo University. Interest in the plan with its unique and compelling components was immediate and widely publicized.

One component of the vision required construction of a center for Ethics in Leadership which would include a conference center, facilities for distance-learning, offices, and space for the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership. Now, five years later, not only is that vision about to become a reality, but plans have been expanded to include labs for the sciences and technology. By integrating ethics, science, and technology into one facility, the students of Viterbo will have access to a state-of-the-art education that simultaneously offers knowledge and values-based learning.

A new and important focal point for campus and community

Viterbo’s new Center for Ethics, Science, and Technology is about to become a reality. Groundbreaking for the $11 million facility is tentatively scheduled for March 2002 with completion expected for the opening of classes in the 2003 fall semester. The majority of funds dedicated for construction will come from donor gifts. Approximately $6 million has been raised so far. The year 2002 will be a busy one for university officials who will continue promoting fundraising efforts to alumni, corporations, and friends of Viterbo who wish to participate in one of the most important and exciting initiatives undertaken by Viterbo in recent history. An alumni phonathon, dedicated to support for the Center, is planned for this spring. The last time a building project of this magnitude was undertaken was in the late 60s, when then-president Sr. Grace McDonald and the FSPAs approved construction of the multi-million dollar Fine Arts Center which “put Viterbo on the map” as the regional center for the arts. Likewise, the new Center is generating considerable attention of its own—unique in its call to integrate ethics, science, and technology as part of a comprehensive emphasis on values-based learning.
A look at the Center: From top to bottom
The Center for Ethics, Science, and Technology will be a 68,000 square foot, three-story, academic and administrative building. With groundbreaking scheduled for March, it will be constructed on Ninth Street, between Jackson and Mississippi streets, on land purchased by Viterbo over the past 10 years. The top two floors of the Center will be devoted exclusively to the sciences and will include classrooms, laboratories, research areas, and faculty offices. The first floor will be home to the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership, the admission office, a large distance-education auditorium, a smaller distance-education classroom, a combined meeting/dining room, and the president’s office. A garden (lower) level will include more classrooms, space for research, a copy and mailing center, the offices of communications and marketing, and a university lounge.

Using technology to bring the world closer to home
The new Center for Ethics, Science, and Technology will offer learning and teaching instrumentation not currently available on the Viterbo campus. Distance education—the ability to bring the learning resources of the world to Viterbo—will soon be a reality. State-of-the-art technology and distance-learning equipment will be available for members of the university and community to use. The Center will include a tiered conference auditorium to host Webcasts and downlinked national video conferences as well as live and distance presentations on leadership and ethics. Wireless access to the network also will be a feature available to students and faculty who use the Center.

Center to give Viterbo Sciences a big boost
The explosion of new research in the life sciences, new directions in chemical research, and rapid advances in technology have changed the learning environment for those studying in the fields of biology and chemistry. Consequently, Viterbo’s more than 60-year-old science facilities, which are located in Murphy Center, are no longer appropriate for today’s chemistry and biology students. New laboratory and lecture space, necessary for research and hands-on science education, will be featured in the Center. The Center will include a molecular biology laboratory and digital darkroom, and a tissue-culture laboratory.

Laboratories, as much as 100 percent larger than current facilities, will reflect optimal, state-of-the-art teaching space in terms of industry recommendations for square-foot requirements per student.

In the sciences’ current home in Murphy Center, the biology and chemistry departments have been physically separated. In the Center, biology and chemistry labs will share common space and instrumentation. All science faculty offices will be in the same area. Student study rooms will allow faculty and students of both disciplines to interact freely.

Meanwhile, the entire campus will benefit once the sciences move to their new home. Record enrollment throughout the past decade has doubled the number of students attending Viterbo and the Murphy Center space dedicated to the sciences will be converted into desperately needed classroom space. Other changes will occur as a result of the new construction, including expansion of the library.
What Can You Say in the Aftermath of Sept. 11?

*Strides* Note: Viterbo University Psychology Professor Ron Schafer experienced the aftermath of Sept. 11 firsthand. As a Red Cross volunteer, Schafer spent one week counseling victims, rescue workers, and others involved in the World Trade Center tragedies. This article is his reflection on that experience.

What do you say to a 4-year-old boy who is worried about his daddy being blown up at his job?
It seems an odd worry, but not if it’s Sept. 22, 2001 and you are at Liberty Park with the Statue of Liberty visible in the harbor off to the right and the smoke is still rising from the gap in the skyline of Manhattan across the Hudson River to the left. His dad had been scheduled to be on duty in the World Trade Center that fateful day but had called in sick. Still, that didn’t stop this young boy from worrying that his dad’s new workplace would get bombed.

**But first a few other questions...**
What do you say to Linda from the local Red Cross chapter on the afternoon of Sept. 11 when she calls to check availability to serve at the disaster?
I say “yes,” but I don’t, at that moment, assume the Red Cross will need to bring in mental health professionals from the Midwest to cover the needs.

What do I say to Jack Havertape (academic vice president at Viterbo) when I bump into him in the hall and tell him about the call and he says: “You can’t say no to that!”

“Thanks, I didn’t.”

What do I say to Deb Murray (a Viterbo psychology professor and colleague) who tells me my classes will be taken care of, as well as to the others who swapped and traded and covered each other’s classes to teach mine?

“Thanks...and thanks again.” The whole time I was in New Jersey I knew the people at Viterbo and in La Crosse were doing what needed to be done to keep my life covered. I also came to feel the power of their prayers.

At the Red Cross shelter in the Newark Airport where we sheltered, fed, and bedded down more than 200 stranded travelers a night, what do you say to a person who speaks only Spanish?

Enough of my pidgin Spanish to get them fed and bedded down before looking for Lourdes, a Red Cross worker who’s a native Spanish speaker, and watching the tension melt when she arrives.

What do you say to a group of weary, retired travelers who were in Morocco 911 and had spent many days of broken airline connections trying to make it back to the U.S.?

“Welcome back tell me about your experience.”

What do you say to a woman from Japan who knows no English—a woman whom you settled next to some Japanese students who spoke a good deal of English but, whom you noticed an hour or so later, hadn’t yet spoken to them?
Not much actually. I went over and through smiling and head nodding she motioned me to have a seat on her cot. We smiled and nodded heads while each of us spoke our own tongue. Finally, I asked one of the students to help me understand. He was glad to do so. I then got them formally introduced (in a non-verbal way) and she joined the group of students throughout their stay with us. As an “informal American,” it had not occurred to me that people might be formally reserved.

What do I say to myself when I find myself at the New Jersey Family Assistance Center, the designated place to serve the people who had losses? It’s set up in Liberty Park, in the huge old facility where they used to bring emigrants from Ellis Island to connect with the trains, and where you now get tickets and meet the ferry to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

It’s night when the scene across the river first really hits me. Standing out on the docks looking at the skyline. Dark buildings around where the Trade Center once stood, a brilliant light beaming to the sky with smoke coming up through it. My tears answer me. Alone, far away from La Crosse, but knowing folks at home are there with me.

What do you say to a woman who works at Liberty Park when she complains about being tired of seeing the pictures of the planes crashing into the towers and the people falling out of the windows?

I say I know what she means and that I only watch about a half hour of news a day and also wish they would stop replaying those scenes. Then I realize she’s not talking about pictures on TV, but the ones in her mind’s eye—the ones she saw from just across the river as a witness. I say, “Oh, I misunderstood. You were here.” Then we talk more about seeing the planes come in at 500 feet, flying directly into the buildings, and about all that followed. I’m able to let her know that as painful as it is, it’s normal to see replays in your mind. She says it doesn’t feel exactly real and then asks if that’s the way it comes in. “Yes, it will be more settled when real.” Then she gets me a piece of candy. “Thank you.”

What do you say to the hourly workers at Liberty Park when you find out 11 of them ran to a nearby marina, untied boats, and took them over to the Manhattan side of the river when they saw people jump into the water to escape the smoke and debris? What do you say to those workers who were afraid they might be arrested for stealing the boats? Who were unable to come to work for the next few days because they were so troubled by what they had seen?

“Gracias.” And, I’m glad the Red Cross has been able to compensate them for lost pay and to arrange counseling services for them.

What do you say to the Red Cross worker who was told by her employer that if she serves, she won’t have a job when she returns, and she comes anyway?

“Wow! I’m glad you’re here.”

What do you say to yourself when you don’t know if you’re up to dealing with all of this? I re-read Viktor Frankl’s *Man’s Search For Meaning* and try to recite the prayer of St. Francis. When I realize I’m leaving out parts, Pat Kerrigan (director of Viterbo communications and marketing) emails it to me and I am comforted.
What do you say to the young flight attendant with whom you share a compartment on the airport monorail when she says it’s her first day back on the job and you can feel her fear and see her tremble?

“Thanks for your willingness to be with us in the air.”

What do you say to yourself on the flight home about being able to fit back in?

I tell myself all that I’ve seen and shared has filled my heart to overflowing with awe. I make a commitment to share that with anyone who is interested. Something larger than the attack has taken place since---and that is our reaction to it and our caring for each other.

What do you say to your friend who sits with you at St. Francis Day services in Maria Angelorum Chapel when the pure music of the Viterbo Women’s Chorale, without warning, opens your heart and allows tears that cleanse the soul to flow? A friend who offers a warm arm that simply comforts?

“Thanks, Lesley (Stugelmayer, Viterbo counseling services).”

What do you say to Joan as you are leaving after 10 days, and who by 4 p.m. on Sept. 11 had already set up a shelter for those fleeing Manhattan? Who had during the first few hours after the collapse assumed the dust might be anthrax-laden and began hosing down people arriving on the ferries without having any protective clothing herself?

“Thanks for being here. Thanks for staying.”

What do you write back, when after six weeks of intense work, she sends pictures from Ground Zero and lets you know she is standing down and looking at picking her life back up and returning to work.

I don't know yet.

Oh, yes, oh, yes, and to the 4-year-old: I pull out a Beanie Baby named “Gracie” (a white gosling supplied by the caseload from Target Stores) and tell him “I have a little friend here who has been really scared. I need to find someone to take care of her and tell her she’s going to be all right. Do you know anyone who will take care of her and let her know she’s going to be all right?” His head nods and a little hand comes up to take her and cradle her to his chest. I say, “And if you listen really close, sometimes she’s going to tell you that Daddy is going to be O.K., too.”

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NY, D.C. Alumni Check In

Following the events of Sept. 11, the Viterbo Institutional Advancement Office staff contacted Viterbo University’s New York and Washington, D.C. alumni to check on their welfare. Thankfully, though all were impacted by the tragedies, they were safe. Here are some of their comments:

“Thank you for your kind words. We have a large number of Viterbo alumni who are currently serving in the Army and may soon find themselves in harm’s way. Karl Koch ’97, Ryan Ahrendt ’99, Jon Rastall ’98, Jamie Davidson ’99, Ryan Kovarik ’99 are just a few. Luckily, all of us are prepared for what we will be called on to do which, regardless of our specific role in the Army, is to lead people. I strongly feel that while we have certainly taken different paths, our experiences at Viterbo play a big role in the way we face our daily challenges.”

Lt. Ryan Raymond ’98
Detachment Commander
U.S. Army War Preparation Center
Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

“Thankfully, I was nowhere near [the World Trade Center]. I was running an audition in midtown in a church at 9 a.m. The building was evacuated by 10 a.m. and most people in the city were on their way home. Everything is still surreal...it was like a WWII movie. People all crowded around windows of businesses with TVs in them to watch in disbelief while the towers collapsed. People crying in the streets, reaching out to each other. A woman held onto me for strength as tears streamed down her face. I can’t imagine what it will be like to go out into the day knowing that everyone in the city will be somehow personally affected by a death in this horror.”

Kyrst Hogan ’90
Actress
New York City

“I began this message six days ago to give an update about my career and family. I wanted to tell about my travels and lectures I’ve given in Egypt to young obstetricians to talk about ways to decrease maternal mortality. I wanted to brag about my children, the fact that my daughter has just started a seven-year BS/MD program at Rutgers University. Little did I know that 20 minutes from my home in Vienna, Va., the most devastating event in my area since the Civil War would occur: the terrorist plane crash into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001 at 9:35 a.m. My teenage sons were both at school at the time of the NY, D.C. Alumni Check In crash. After the first crash there were reports of a second plane coming (the plane that eventually crashed in western Pennsylvania) and fighter jets were patrolling overhead in the skies of the D.C. area. All telephone lines were jammed. My husband, also a physician, was assigned to the ER on disaster alert. As a physician, I wanted to help. Immediately following the events of that day, calls were put out to physicians to volunteer in New York, mostly to relieve physicians there. I was set to go. Unfortunately, after the first 24 hours, no survivors were found; hence, no more doctors were needed. I turned to the Red Cross here. I was able to help give first aid and treatment to the Rescue Workers themselves. Twenty-three thousand people work at the Pentagon and the parking lot is enormous. Body bags were lined
up on the asphalt. Empty ambulances were on stand-by. The firefighters needed treatment for minor burns, cuts, scratches, contusions, and corneal abrasions. That treatment was the easiest to administer. What I will never forget is the blank stares on their faces. Some of them would talk about what they had seen...body parts, charred bodies still sitting at burnt desks, intact pictures of family members. Others wouldn’t talk at all. Being back at home here in Vienna, I’m in a different world. Yet, I’ve also learned that a mile from my house, just next to my bank, is the house where several of the terrorists stayed intermittently over the last two years. Now I realize that there isn’t a “different” world. All around us are heroes and all around us is evil. I have seen so much good. It’s hard to believe the evil is just as present. What gives me strength is knowing that good will triumph and prevail.”

Sincerely,
Carol (Wegerbauer) Hassan, MD '78
Vienna, Va.

“The building that I was in, fortunately, we were about six blocks away from the World Trade Center and were able to evacuate. Unfortunately, we had to go through the process of having to watch people jump from the buildings and watch the buildings collapse before we could get out of the area. As I’m sure you’ve seen on TV, just a horrific, horrific set of circumstances here and I think it’s difficult for people outside of the city to appreciate the level of destruction in the financial district, which is completely, completely ruined...It’s very kind and very thoughtful of you to call the New York alumni. It means a lot to hear your voice in these times.”

Rob Ehrhart ’87
Vice President, Asset Management Division
Goldman, Sachs, & Co.
New York City

Lecture on Islam Draws Large Viterbo Crowd

There are over one million people in the world who claim to be followers of Islam. That figure translates to over one-sixth of the world’s population and, according to Fr. Bernard McGarty, it is imperative for Americans to better understand the beliefs of Islam which is the fastest-growing religion in the world.

“We cannot bury ourselves in desert sands of misinformation and uninformed prejudice. The fullness of truth is not in stereotypes,” McGarty told more than 900 people who packed the Fine Arts Center Theatre for his Dec. 3 lecture, “Islam During 1,400 Years.”

McGarty, who is Viterbo’s visiting scholar of ecumenical studies, has lectured on Jewish, Orthodox, and Lutheran traditions, and the topic of Islamic tradition was picked for his December lecture long before the Sept. 11 disasters. Few could argue that the topic was not timely and the huge turnout reflected the community’s interest in learning more about the Qur’an, Mecca, Ramadan, and other Islamic vocabulary foreign to most individuals.
McGarty concluded his remarks by issuing a challenge, and a warning, to his audience, which generated a loud round of applause. “Can we, as Christians, ask ‘authentic Muslims’ to challenge ‘non-authentic Muslims’ to reevaluate understanding of: freedom of conscience for everyone, the rights of women, the need for universal tolerance, repudiation of terrorism, striving for world peace, and rejection of Islamic fundamentalism? Moderate Muslims are the best hope for challenging radical Muslims to new ways of thinking.

“In the meantime, we who call ourselves Christian, must reexamine our secularism, materialism, greed, arrogance, sexual permissiveness, consumerism, cultural aggressiveness, pornography, legalized nudity, destruction of innocent life, despoiling of the environment, and reliance on force as solutions to problems. If Islam and Judeo-Christianity fail, we Christians and Muslims, who are 60 percent of the believing world, risk the destruction of our planet and its people.”

Viterbo Community Takes Action

Members of the Viterbo University community gathered around televisions on campus as news of the tragedies of Sept. 11 took place but it wasn’t long before they came together to respond compassionately and thoughtfully. Here are some of the campus happenings that occurred as a result:

Blood Donations: Many students, staff, and faculty turned out at the local Red Cross in numbers to donate blood.

Prayer: The Viterbo community gathered for noon Mass and a 9 p.m. special service on Sept. 11 to pray for the families and victims of 9--11 and to pray for our world. A special service was also held on Oct. 11.

Lights of Hope: Students sold “Lights of Hope”—paper “candles”—for a $1 donation to the American Red Cross New York efforts, raising almost $500 in a few days.

Special Debate: “The Ethical Use of Military Force in Response to Terrorism”: Three nationally renowned figures visited campus Oct. 17 to debate the U.S. response to the events of Sept. 11. Robert Froehlke, former U.S. secretary of the Army for the Nixon administration; George Lopez, director of policy studies at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace Studies at Notre Dame; and Rania Masri, founder of the Iraq Action Coalition and board member of Peace Action were speakers in this D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership event that was open to the public.
It’s fun to listen to the stories that recently retired registrar Jan Linderbaum has to tell. Her recollections date back over four decades, if you add the 37 years she worked for Viterbo to the four she logged as an undergraduate student. At the time of retirement, which was official Sept. 1, her seniority---and for that matter, ability to keep a secret---was second to none.

So in good spirits and tired of saying “no,” the departing Linderbaum finally relented, agreeing to share some of those closely-guarded memories with Strides’ readers and the many students she came in contact with over the years. And those students were many---thousands in fact, who wanted to drop a class, add a class, ask a technical question about the university catalog, or request a transcript. All were required to make a trip to the registrar for a visit with Linderbaum or one of the others in the office.

Now 64, Linderbaum shakes her head in disbelief, wondering where the time has gone. “I remember a number of years ago, I attended a retirement party for a person who was leaving after 25 years on the job. I said to myself, ‘Would I stay at one place 25 years?’ I remember saying, ‘No way. The day I stay that long is the day they can haul me out of here.’”

Well, she’s not exactly being hauled out, but she is being hailed for her unwavering dedication to the college she first came to know as a youngster living near Decorah in the small Iowa town of Ossian. “I wanted to go to a school where nobody else had gone and I had an uncle who lived near Viterbo. Life was much simpler then and that was all there was to the decision. I was a music major, and the department was located in St. Rose Convent.”

After graduating in 1959, she taught school in Chicago for several years before moving back to Wisconsin to teach in De Soto, which included a stint in a two-room schoolhouse.

However, her days in teaching were numbered, and although the next stop was to be Viterbo, it was not, as many think, for the registrar’s job. “I was out teaching when I received my alumni newsletter and I saw that they were advertising for someone to work in admissions,” Linderbaum recalled. “The year was 1965, and it was the first time ever for this kind of position. The job sounded interesting and I was confident I could do it. Sr. Grace McDonald, who was Viterbo’s president at the time, offered me the job. My first contract was for $5,000 which was $500 less than what I was making as a teacher, but I took it anyway.”

While tuition was far less than it is today, Linderbaum soon discovered the challenging nature of her work. “There was one sister in the office---she didn’t drive---and one part-time secretary,” Linderbaum said. “Tuition was $400 but promoting Viterbo was very hard. I pushed myself to visit as many schools as possible.”

Because Viterbo’s enrollment was composed almost entirely of sisters, the college lacked exposure. “The sisters were very humble and didn’t feel the need to advertise,” she said. “There were literally people down the block who didn’t know us.”
Still, Jan Linderbaum was not to be deterred and she stayed at her admission’s post for 13 years. Opportunity was about to knock again, but only because of her tenacity. “In the fall of ’78, I went to Fr. Finucan who was the president then. I said, ‘I really don’t want to leave Viterbo but I’m getting tired of admission’s work. Is there anything else?’ Six months later, Father mentioned that Dan Giannini was leaving as registrar, saying, ‘How would you like to try that job?’”

That was the way things worked at Viterbo in those days and, in no time, the deal was sealed and Linderbaum said “yes” to assuming the responsibilities of registrar, a position she held from 1979 until retirement.

Despite her lengthy tenure, Linderbaum is quick to point out that her 22 years as registrar doesn’t qualify her for the longevity award. That distinction, along with the credit for organizing the office, belongs to Sr. Dolorita Heiting, an FSPA who put in 33 years before retiring in 1975. “The registrar’s office was in very good shape because Sister Dolorita paved the way,” Linderbaum said.

Viterbo was much smaller than it is now and Linderbaum recalled that cozy environment which was also very demanding. “Talk about a big family. After the regular day of work was over, you would see the president, Sr. McDonald, over in Marian Hall, cleaning! I was the registrar, but I was also a moderator in the dormitory. I had second floor south.

“The dorms always had to have an adult present. I remember working night hours at the desk checking the dress length of the girls. You weren’t allowed to wear jeans or slacks---not even if you were staying in the dorms unless you were cleaning the room.”

As if the day and evening responsibilities were not enough, a job at Viterbo included duties that ran 24-hours-a-day and Linderbaum lived in the dorms. “There was night check. The girls were to be in the rooms at 9 p.m. on weekdays, 11 p.m. on Fridays and midnight on Saturdays.”

Weekend rest was considered optional---there were always rooms and hallways that needed to be painted and that was the preferred activity.

Despite the hectic and exhausting pace, Linderbaum said she wouldn’t trade those long days for anything. She prefers the rich memories and wonderful stories that the intensity of the experience provoked. “You just didn’t mind because there was such a spirit to the place. You just did it and lived a simpler life without complaint.”

Along the way, she acquired many friendships---none closer than her constant companion, Sr. Annarose Glum, who for 39 years, exerted considerable influence in the Viterbo music department. The two were inseparable, right up until Sr. Glum’s death this past August from a long and courageous 15-year battle with cancer.

“Sr. Annarose observed and fully lived a religious life. She didn’t like movies and was concerned about spending. For her, doing good deeds and living the simple life was more important,” Linderbaum said.

“Even so, we did a lot together. We traveled with the Boy Choir and the Concert Choir.” At the registrar’s, Sr. Annarose would often be found using her spare time to help Linderbaum with the non-stop workload which was particularly hectic during registration time. “Before Sr.
Annarose semi-retired, she was over in the music department constantly. She was there early in the morning until 9 p.m.”

Linderbaum joked that perhaps her friendship with Sr. Annarose was able to blossom because of a bit of good luck. “Sr. Annarose was a taskmaster, but you know, even though I was a music major, I never had her as a teacher. Maybe that was a good thing.”

At reunions and such, Linderbaum has more stories to share, particularly with alumni or even fellow students from her class of ’59. She remembers, with fondness, what she terms the “FSPA ethic” which could be found permeating many of the activities involving students. “The sisters really developed you. In Marian Hall, we all had to sit at tables and take turns being hostess. We would bring in the food and serve it and we were expected to keep the conversation going, and even learn what silverware went where. We all joked about it then but it was good training.”

While the memories she rekindles for herself and others are pleasant to recollect, Linderbaum is also pragmatic and she isn’t afraid to give her candid appraisal of some very difficult times in the history of Viterbo---times that required everyone to pull together. “I remember the lean times in the ’70s. Fr. Finucan was here and he was such a mixer and a wonderful shot in the arm for Viterbo. He had an outgoing personality and a real ability to raise money. However, we had many bills and we were in very poor shape financially. Fr. Finucan prepared us and, in the mid ’70s, even making payroll was a frightening challenge. Anyone who complains about finances now, has no idea what it was like back then.”

Her recollections of student behavior also offer some insights that are not all that different from what university officials observe in today’s generation. “It’s all very interesting. The week before school started this year, Rob Anderson from student development asked me to talk with new freshman about life back when I first started, and the changes that have occurred since then. In all honesty, drinking was a problem then. Smoking was unladylike, but still done. You just didn’t think about all those things.

“When I came here, there was the Friendly Neighbor, Trute’s, Horshaks, the Jungle. Bars were everywhere. I was from Iowa, you know, so for me it was culture shock!,” Linderbaum added with subtle inflection characteristic of her dry sense of humor. You could also sit down for drinks---or coffee for that matter---at places like Justinger’s Grocery Store on Market and West. “We just didn’t have places like the student union. People gathered where they could,” Linderbaum said.

Today, Linderbaum leaves Viterbo, but she is not worried about how the registrar’s office---so near and dear to her---will run now that she’s gone. Amy Gleason, once the assistant registrar, is the new registrar. “Amy will do a good job. I have full confidence in her. The other people who work in the office are excellent, too.”

While she will miss the people, Linderbaum will not bid a tearful goodbye to the mountains of paperwork. “The job requires a lot of patience. You are required to meet many deadlines and that has actually gotten worse over the years. The office is always busy, the students are young and immediacy is important. But you couldn’t ask for better people to work with.
“I came here to work when I was 27. I thought Viterbo would be a nice opportunity for me and I sort of liked to blaze new trails. I wasn’t disappointed. Viterbo is a wonderful place and that’s why I stayed as long as I did.”

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ON CAMPUS

Enrollment at Record High

Viterbo University has set a new record. This year’s new full-time student enrollment topped out at 459 beating the previous enrollment record of 453 new students in 2000.

According to Roland Nelson, vice president for enrollment, the number is higher thanks to the enormous efforts of all who were involved in the recruiting process. Total enrollment also recorded a healthy increase thanks to promising retention figures and the addition of students who enrolled throughout the semester in the Advance and Bachelor of Integrated Studies (Two-Plus-Two) programs. For the record, total student enrollment for fall 2001 is 2,167 students.

Viterbo Students Meet the Neighbors

Most freshmen and sophomores live in campus housing, but a recent effort reminded the entire La Crosse community that students are also neighbors who want to pitch in toward the common good.

Over 200 students surveyed their South Side neighbors this past October as part of a project to gauge opinion on a variety of issues related to living conditions. Viterbo’s campus is located in what is called the Washburn neighborhood, which has a population of 4,556. The task of personally knocking on all doors and hand administering the survey was a lengthy process that required considerable effort.

Students passed the results on to La Crosse city officials and a neighborhood group studying ways to improve conditions for its residents.

Asked to list the “top things” people like about the neighborhood, residents chose the following in order of importance: location, people, churches, medical facilities, housing/rental prices, and schools. The most complaints were about issues related to: crime, neighborhood deterioration, and concerns with property upkeep.

Marilyn Pedretti, campus ministry, coordinated the effort, and organized the survey teams.
Western Wisconsin Technical College (WWTC) and Viterbo University are combining efforts to offer a baccalaureate degree in technical education that will meet a noticeable shortage in the field.

The first students were accepted into the program in fall 2001 pending final approval from the Department of Public Instruction. Graduates of the program will be certified to teach at the pre-K--12 level. Currently, UW-Stout and UW-Platteville are the only other sites in Wisconsin that offer this degree.

Officials from both institutions believe that because the demand for new technology education teachers far exceeds the supply of teachers available, the technology education degree will generate considerable interest and enrollment. The International Technology Education Association (ITEA) has indicated that a serious shortage exists in the profession.

According to one survey distributed by the ITEA, 20--29 percent of the public schools reporting openings in the industrial arts indicated the vacancies were “difficult if not impossible” to fill. In a follow-up survey conducted by Old Dominion University, a number of positions went unfilled or teachers using alternative certification programs were hired to fill technology education slots.

The technology education program will take advantage of the unique collaboration between Viterbo and WWTC. Content area technology courses will be offered at WWTC and all teacher preparation, student teaching experiences, and liberal arts courses will be provided through Viterbo University. Upon completion, students will earn a Bachelor of Science in Technology Education from Viterbo.

At Viterbo, President William Medland sees the collaboration as a model of cooperation. “The Technology Education Program is a wonderful opportunity for building on the strengths of our two institutions and we could not offer a program of this quality without each other. Together, we will be graduating students who are definitely meeting a defined need.”

While the demand for more technology teachers is evident, not all graduating students are expected to end up in the classroom. Some will go directly to industry where they will be employed as trainers and supervisors. The technology education degree will meet the needs of both education and business and industry.

Viterbo University has broken ground with a new graduate program that is the first of its kind in the nation, according to Tom Thibodeau, chair of religious studies.

The Master of Arts in Servant Leadership is a 32-credit graduate program which received accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in November.
“The program has tremendous flexibility and will appeal to working professionals who seek to
integrate their faith with their work, so that they can simultaneously lead and serve their
organizations and colleagues,” said Thibodeau.

Initial interest in the program has been strong; more than 20 people participated in the first
elective course offered last fall: Spiritual Development Across the Lifespan. Classes are held
on weekends, and a special scholarship fund has been created for eligible applicants.
Portfolio and transfer credit are also available for adults who bring their experience and
previous training to the classroom.

Nationally known teacher and author Carl Koch is program director for this master’s degree
sequence. Koch served as a senior editor at St. Mary’s Press (Winona, Minn.) for 15 years and
is also recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award from the St. Mary’s University School of
Graduate Studies. He is currently on staff at the Franciscan Spirituality Center.

“This will really be a wonderful opportunity for a number of people,” Koch said. “Many of the
candidates who will find this program attractive will not have an undergraduate degree in
theology. Instead, this master’s in Servant Leadership is really a practitioner’s degree. It will
empower people with the skills to lead so that regardless of vocation, they are ministering to
others.”
For more information about the program, contact Koch at cjkoch@viterbo.edu.

Viterbo currently offers two other graduate programs: Master of Arts in Education and Master
of Science in Nursing.

Programs Get 10-Year Accreditation
Citing quality faculty, support from administration, and the breadth of experience offered to
students, the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetic Education of the American Dietetic
Association granted a full, 10-year accreditation to the coordinated and undergraduate
programs in dietetics at Viterbo University and the dietetic internship.

While not a first for the undergraduate program, the accreditation, which was granted in
August, is a first for the Viterbo University dietetic internship program, which accepts
students from throughout the country who have met basic requirements but still need
supervised practice to become eligible to take the registration exam.

Viterbo Women Honored
Two Viterbo women received special recognition at the annual YWCA Tribute to Outstanding
Women banquet in November. Art Professor and Department Chair Lisa Schoenfielder (above
left) received the Outstanding Achievement Award in the Arts, while Marlene Weisenbeck,
FSPA, chair of the Viterbo Board of Directors (above right) received the Outstanding
Achievement Award for Education/Teaching. The awards were given in recognition of their
leadership, achievement, mentorship, and inspirational service to others.

Five other Viterbo women were recognized at the annual YWCA event. Receiving certificates
of recognition for their significant contribution to Viterbo and for their leadership within the
university community were (left to right): Bonnie Nesbitt, nursing; student Sarah Holley-
Wellness Program Wins National Award

A collaborative effort that has improved the well being and quality of life for senior residents in public housing has won an Agency Award of Merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

“The Wellness Room” at Becker Plaza in La Crosse, a joint program from the Viterbo University Master of Science in Nursing Program and the La Crosse Housing Authority, offers weekly exercise, health screenings, and wellness education designed to meet the needs of residents.

Practicing and licensed registered nurses who are currently seeking their master’s in nursing from Viterbo provide residents with one-day per week, morning exercise classes that incorporate use of exercise bands and one-pound hand weights. In the afternoon, they offer health education sessions with topics that range from stress management and over-the-counter drugs to special topics for women. The Wellness Room has been so successful, said Jane Alberts, executive director of the La Crosse Housing Authority, that residents have continued to gather for exercise during student holiday breaks and summer vacation.

“This project has been a joy as the Becker residents and other visitors have been so appreciative and upbeat,” said Bonnie Nesbitt, assistant dean of Viterbo’s Graduate Nursing Program. “They have taught us as much as we have taught them.”

NAHRO is the leading housing and community development advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong viable communities for Americans---particularly those with low and moderate income. The organization consists of some 2,638-member agencies. The award for “The Wellness Room” project was presented to the La Crosse Public Housing Authority during the NAHRO summer conference in Reno in July. It was one of 250 awards distributed to programs developed by NAHRO member agencies.

New Agreement Helps International Students

More international students could be arriving on campus to finish their final two years thanks to an agreement between Viterbo University and an agency under the jurisdiction of the Organization of American States (OAS).

A number of Viterbo students, primarily from the Caribbean, have already benefited from the program. The newly signed pact formalizes the agreement and opens up new possibilities.

According to Beth Moore, global education, international students who transfer to Viterbo to finish a degree represent the top scholars from their country who receive special fellowships. Typically, upon graduation, the students will return to their homeland to work on economic and social improvements. Twenty-one nations from the Americas---Canada to Venezuela---make up the OAS.

Campus Visitors Provoke Thoughtful Discussion
Viterbo University was the place to be this fall. Among the many guest speakers on campus were some nationally and internationally renowned individuals, including:

**Robert J. Wicks:** On-campus to give the annual Paula Ripple Comin Endowed Lecture, Wicks shared his thoughts on “The Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart.” Author of more than 40 books including Touching the Holy, Everyday Simplicity, and Snow Falling on Snow, Wicks is also the recipient of the Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, for service to the Church, from Pope John Paul II. Wicks is a professor in the graduate programs in pastoral counseling at Loyola College in Maryland.

**Gary Gildner:** An award-winning poet, Gildner read excerpts from his work The Bunker in the Parsley Field, winner of the 1997 Iowa Prize for Poetry, and Blue Like the Heavens: New and Selected Poems on Sept. 18.

**David Durenberger:** This former Minnesota state senator visited campus on Nov. 5 to discuss “The Health System of the Future” and to conduct a “commonground process” with area health care providers and the public to determine their vision for the health care future. Durenberger is chair and CEO of the National Institute of Health Policy. His visit was sponsored by the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership.

**David Prentice:** A nationally recognized expert on stem-cell research, Prentice led a talk on “The Science and Ethics of Stem-Cell Research” on Nov. 6. Prentice is a professor in the life sciences at Indiana State University and adjunct professor in medical/molecular genetics at Indiana University School of Medicine. The talk was sponsored by the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership.

**Campus Gets into Spirit of Giving**

The holiday spirit was truly lived within the Viterbo community this year as students, staff, and faculty shared their blessings with the greater La Crosse community through their generosity. Holiday drives on campus included:

**Teddy Bear Drive:** (above right) New or gently used stuffed animals were collected by the student theme houses for the American Red Cross. The stuffed animals will be given to children who have been victims of fires or domestic abuse.

**Angel Tree:** The Viterbo community chose gift tags off of a tree located in the Murphy Center Lobby and purchased gifts for area children in need. Wrapped gifts were returned to the tree and given to the Salvation Army for distribution. The tree was sponsored by the Students in Free Enterprise.

**Mission to Mexico:** Sigma Pi Delta students collected donations of toiletry items for a girls’ orphanage in Mexico.

**Community Candles:** Donations of $15, collected by the Student Life staff, sponsored an area child in need by providing a gift of something they’d want (e.g. toy) and something they’d need (e.g. clothing). Paper “candles” bearing the donor’s name were posted in the Student Union.

**Drive it to the Hoop Food Drive:** Sponsored by the residence halls and the women’s basketball team, this food drive supporting area food pantries was held in conjunction with a Dec. 4 basketball game.

**Hats, Gloves, and Mittens Tree:** (above left) The Viterbo Student Nurse’s Association once again organized this drive to collect warm hats, gloves, and mittens. Donations were taken to the local Salvation Army and distributed to those in need.
Holiday Clothing Drive: The Marian Hall Residence Life staff collected clothing, particularly winter items, for the Salvation Army.

PHILANTHROPY NOTES

New VP Named

Viterbo University has named a new vice president of Institutional Advancement. Gary Klein, who was previously the vice president for Advancement at St. Mary’s University in Winona, Minn., began his new position at Viterbo Jan. 14.

The announcement came at the conclusion of a national search that was conducted as part of the selection process. In Klein’s five-year tenure at St. Mary’s, he was involved in all aspects of fundraising, most recently managing strategic planning and development of major gifts for the university. He previously was employed at Mount Marty College in Yankton, S.D. and the University of South Dakota-Vermillion.

At Viterbo, in addition to major gifts, Klein will oversee planned giving programs and capital and endowment support.

During the last fiscal year, Viterbo recorded nearly $4.2 million in gifts from individual donors, businesses, and foundations, and the endowment, which is used for scholarships and specifically designated programs, now exceeds $10.6 million.

“The selection committee was very impressed with Gary’s background in advancement and his commitment to private education and our mission,” said Viterbo President William J. Medland. “He is bringing a lot of energy and new ideas to the position at a time that is very important to Viterbo.”

For his part, Klein is looking forward to the challenge. “Viterbo has a lot of initiatives planned for the future and I’m very grateful to be a part of these activities. It is going to be very exciting to share these plans with the many members of the community who are interested in what is going on at Viterbo.”

Klein, who lives in La Crosse, is a graduate of the University of South Dakota.

Employees Share Their Spirit

The final numbers are in and Viterbo University continues to rank among the top universities in the U.S. for employee-giving participation. More than 72 percent of the school’s full-time faculty and staff have committed a pledge to the campaign. Plus, several part-time employees showed their support by making a pledge to the campaign.

The annual employee campaign is significant because employee giving enhances the university’s ability to obtain funds from grants and foundations and is one of the criteria reviewed when evaluating the strength of an institution. According to Barry Fried, employee
campaign coordinator, “The participation level of Viterbo’s employees shows how much pride and investment they have in the school.”

Ringing in the Pledges

Thanks to the generosity of Viterbo’s alumni and the hard work of Chris Helixon and the Viterbo student callers, this year’s phonathon turned out to be yet another success.

To date, alumni have pledged $84,000 in the 2001--02 Alumni Phonathon. These funds will be used to complete special projects not covered by Viterbo’s annual operating budget.

Phones will be ringing again beginning April 7 when a special phonathon to alumni and parents will be held to raise funds for the new Center for Ethics, Science, and Technology.

Giving Just Got Easier

Individual gifts are just a click of the mouse away with Viterbo University’s new online giving option. To make an online donation to Viterbo, go to “Giving to Viterbo.”

New Paula Ripple Comin Scholar

Robert J. Wicks, an international speaker, author, and chair of the graduate programs in pastoral counseling at Loyola College in Maryland, stands with Viterbo student and Episcopalian Deaconess Kathleen Charles at the annual Paula Ripple Comin Lecture on Monday, Nov. 26. Wicks spoke to a full house in the San Damiano chapel on “The Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart.” At the event, Charles was named this year’s recipient of the Paula Ripple Comin Endowed Scholarship.

SPORTS CORNER

Barry Fried Named Region 7 NAIA AD of the Year

Viterbo University’s Barry Fried has been named Athletics Director of the Year in ballots cast by his colleagues representing Region 7 of the NAIA.

Fried, 31, in his third year as athletics director for Viterbo, also served for four years as assistant basketball coach for the V-Hawks under Mike Murphy and Todd Eisner. He earned his undergraduate degree and participated in basketball and track at UW-Eau Claire. Later, he was awarded a master’s degree in sports administration from UW-La Crosse.

“This is a tremendous honor,” said Fried. “In honoring me, the NAIA is really giving a salute to our entire athletics program. Viterbo is a great place to work and we are fortunate to have so many committed coaches.”

While Viterbo has fielded many competitive teams with Fried at the helm, he indicates there are many other criteria aside from winning games, which need to be factored into the equation: “Are the grade point averages of the student-athletes consistently high? Are the athletics teams able to raise money for their programs? Are student-athletes and coaches
involved in the community? These questions all have a direct bearing on the success of programs, students, coaches, and the athletics director,” said Fried.

There are 335 member institutions in the NAIA. The schools are grouped into 14 regions. Region 7 consists of 25 colleges and universities from four states including Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. The award was formally presented in a ceremony held in St. Louis in September.

Viterbo currently offers seven programs at the NAIA Division II level: men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s basketball, softball, baseball, and volleyball.

Alumni Cup Split

More than 1,300 fans packed the R.W. Beggs, Sr. Gymnasium on the Viterbo University campus on Nov. 28 to watch the V-Hawks battle it out with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UW-L) Eagles for possession of the Alumni Cup.

The Viterbo women were able to hold onto the Alumni Cup for the second year in a row after posting a convincing 73--57 win. Despite a strong late-in-the-game effort, the V-Hawk men didn’t fare as well and lost to the Eagles 58--47.

This was the first time the event was held on the Viterbo campus. Previously held at the La Crosse Center, the annual affair will now rotate between the two universities with UW-L serving as host next year.

New Vic Sports Own Mini-Mascot

Vic the V-Hawk paid a visit to Viterbo fans at the Alumni Cup game debuting his new duds, courtesy of gifts and donations made to the athletics department.

The new Vic has a variety of improvements that are designed to make the costume much more comfortable for the wearer. Among them are: lighter weight and more durable fabric; softer material and foam construction; more secure and comfortable bindings; and, perhaps most importantly, appropriate ventilation and a cooling vest that allows cooling packs to be inserted to keep the wearer comfy on hot days. The new Vic is even washable!

But, not only does Vic have a new look, he also has a mini-version of himself available for sale. Mini Vic the V-Hawk mascots are now available through the Viterbo bookstore for $5.95 each. For complete information, including shipping and handling, contact the bookstore at 608-796-3848, email viterbo@bkstr.com, or visit them online at http://shop.efollett.com/html root/storehome/viterbouniversity748.html.
ALUMNI NOW

Fans Support Miller

Viterbo baseball fans made a good showing at Damian Miller Day at Miller Park in Milwaukee on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Thirty-eight alumni, friends, and employees traveled by bus to Milwaukee and another 10 met the crew at the stadium to see the Arizona Diamondbacks with catcher Damian Miller face off with the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Brewers defeated the Diamondbacks 15--5 but that didn’t dampen the fans’ support of Miller, who attended Viterbo 1987--90, played baseball for the V-Hawks, and earned a school record-breaking batting average of .423, highest single season batting average of .516, and most RBIs in a season with 46.

Miller caught for most of the game even though he’d been on the injured list a few weeks earlier. He batted 0 for 2. This was the final game of the regular season. The Diamondbacks went on to win the national league title and play in the World Series for the first time.

During the trip, the 48 Viterbo fans also attended a lunch in the Wall of Fame room at Miller Park. Pat Froiland ’90 was the winner of the Damian Miller autographed baseball during a door prize drawing.

The trip was originally scheduled for Sept. 16 but was rescheduled due to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Viterbo Grad is Teacher of the Year

Perhaps it’s because parents of former students have called her a teacher who truly inspires children to learn. Or, perhaps it’s because in the classroom she practices lifelong learning and exploration with innovative projects. Regardless, Alexis Ludewig ’96 has made an impact on the lives of young children in Wisconsin---so much so that she was named Wisconsin’s Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Some of Ludewig’s more creative classroom projects have included the “My Character Counts Walkway” that focuses on 12 positive character traits exhibited by students, historical figures, community members, or fictional characters, and “Authors Day,” in which students read their own original hardbound works that embody an extensive study of English techniques and illustration. Plus, she is known for her extensive collection of artifacts, visuals, books, models, and access to outside experts that all enhance her classroom-learning environment.

Ludewig, of Arbor Vitae, has been a third-grade teacher at St. Germain Elementary School in the Northland Pines School District since 1994. She previously taught at Eagle River Grade School and also in the Oshkosh and Phelps school districts. She earned her master’s degree in education from Viterbo and a Bachelor of Science degree in kindergarten/early education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1973.
Viterbo has a host of outstanding alumni but four received special recognition at the 2002 Homecoming Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Friday, Feb. 8. Award winners were:

**Scott Krueger ’95**, Outstanding Young Alumni: Scott Krueger faced a number of professional challenges in his first job after graduating from Viterbo University with a degree in community medical dietetics. He immediately assumed a director’s position for a program aimed at pregnant women, children, and infants---all within a different cultural setting. Krueger, who has served as the nutrition services/WIC director for the Menominee Tribal Clinic in Keshena since July 1995, not only rose to the challenge, he thrived. In this position, he networked with community agencies in the Shawano area to implement the Assessment Protocol for Excellence health plan; he consults with the tribe’s Head Start and other federally funded food and nutrition programs; supervises, trains, and mentors nutrition and WIC staff; and develops and evaluates work plans for the nutrition department. He recently received regional recognition for his work in diabetes prevention when he was asked to present, at a health care conference, the creative nutrition education programs he developed for Native Americans. Krueger has also served as scholarship chair of the state dietetic association and has worked with the state WIC council to revise the state’s program.

But, Krueger has also made it his goal to make social responsibility part of his life. The event with which he’s most associated is the American Diabetes Association’s Tour de Cure. For the past five years, he has served as the captain of the Menominee team, which has consistently raised the most money of any group in the state, including those in larger metropolitan areas.

**Delores Balderamos Garcia ’79**, Outstanding Alumni Award for Professional Development: Having taken her cue from many of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration while she was a student at Viterbo University, Delores Balderamos Garcia is a strong and compassionate presence for the people in her native country of Belize, Central America. She cites Celestine Cepress, FSPA, Viterbo professor emerita, and Thea Bowman, FSPA, as early role models. After serving as an attorney in Belize for a number of years and later being named as minister of Human Development, Women, and Civil Society in the Belizean government, Garcia has become a role model to many young women. She also serves as a member of the Belizean Senate and is responsible for many of the new laws in Belize which provide women of her society with some very basic rights that had been lacking prior to her 1998 appointment. Her role is commensurate with the cabinet-level position of the U.S. Health, Education, and Welfare Committee.

**Valerie Jackson Jones ’76**, Outstanding Alumni Award for Community Service: Valerie Jackson Jones has devoted her life to making the world a better place to live. Whether it’s better living conditions, improved health care, or better air quality that’s needed, she has gotten involved. Jones, who has her undergraduate degree in social work from Viterbo University and a master’s degree in public administration from Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge, La., has spent most of her life working in the non-profit sector. As a housing assistant in the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority from 1984--89, she assisted low and moderate income individuals and families with acquiring safe, sanitary housing in the Mississippi Delta Region. From 1989--94, Jones conducted research at Southern University’s Center for Energy and Environmental Studies where she wrote proposals and conducted town hall meetings and focus groups in order to clean up the quality of air for Louisiana residents. She also co-authored a study that helped garner $2.5 million from the
McKnight Foundation for environmental improvements along the Mississippi. Health care became her focus when she served as executive director for the Louisiana Primary Care Association in Baton Rouge from 1994--98. She assisted in establishing federally qualified health centers throughout Louisiana to meet the needs of the underserved and working poor. In 1995, she was named Honorary State Representative and was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. Presently, she serves as the executive director of the Community Association for the Welfare of School Children, which provides academic assistance to unserved and underserved children in East Baton Rouge Parish. Jones has also held a number of leadership and membership positions in many agencies including the Louisiana Health Care Campaign, Louisiana’s Commission on HIV and AIDS, and the American Society of Public Administration’s Section on Environmental and Natural Resources.

**Terry Amel ’76, Outstanding Alumni Award for Service to the University:**
Since receiving her bachelor’s degree in art education at Viterbo University in 1976, Terry Amel has been a visible and committed presence on campus. She played a major role in the reorganization of the Viterbo Alumni Board in the 1980s, serving as its first president in 1986 and chairing a number of its committees. An active ambassador of the university, Amel has worked tirelessly to promote the university and inspire student support of their alma mater. She initiated the annual seniors’ ice cream social, for example. She was also active in promoting the development of the *Alumni Update*---a newsletter to which she has actively contributed over the years. Amel, a member of the Alumni Emeritus Board since 1992, is also known to lend a hand during the annual Alumni Phonathon and during capital campaign drives. Her goal is to see Viterbo University continue fulfilling and living its mission for many years to come and she believes in helping in any way she can. Her care and compassion for Viterbo has, over the years, translated into financial support, volunteerism, enthusiasm, and simply being present at any of a number of Viterbo-related events.

**Girl Talk**

Viterbo alumnus Joe Keller ’75 made a special contribution last summer to help raise funds for the Sr. Annarose Glum Endowed Music Scholarship.

Owner of the Silk Road Gallery in Portland, Ore., Keller donated a piece of original artwork, “Girl Talk,” by Beijing artist Tian Yong. The painting is up for bid and is currently hanging in the new seating area located in the Fine Arts Center Lobby. Proceeds from the painting will support the scholarship.

Sr. Glum, who taught music on the Viterbo campus for more than 38 years, died on Aug. 5. For more information on the painting and the scholarship, contact Deb Stover, institutional advancement, at 608-796-3077 or email djstover@viterbo.edu.

**Alumni Pledge Support to Vision**

Viterbo’s *Vision 2005* is stronger than ever these days with the support of alumni and students.

One hundred percent of the Alumni Board has pledged financial support to *Vision 2005*, the university’s strategic plan. In addition, the Class of 2001 voted to contribute their record-high senior class gift of more than $33,000 to the campaign.
The voices of alumni and students have played an important role in developing Viterbo’s strategic plan, *Vision 2005: A Renaissance for Living and Learning in the 21st Century*. Over the past five years, many of the goals outlined in the plan have become a reality, including: the Rose Terrace housing complex; the outdoor athletic complex for softball, soccer, and baseball; renovation of the Fine Arts Center exterior and entryway; Viterbo and V-Hawk Courts, thoroughfares of pedestrian walks and landscaped green spaces which are used by students and the neighborhood. Another initiative, the Center for Ethics, Science, and Technology, is in the planning phase with groundbreaking scheduled to occur this spring.

**Scholarship and Research at top of MA Class List**

The 2001 Masters of Art in Education class gets an A+ in generosity for its recent gifts to benefit future students.

The 384 students in this class committed more than $10,000 to establish an endowment in the name of one of their professors, Laurian Pieterk, FSPA ’53. Thanks to their generosity, one undergraduate in education each year will receive a scholarship. Sr. Pieterk is a professor emerita at Viterbo and continues to teach part-time in the Graduate Education Program.

In addition, the class contributed another $3,300 earmarked for development of an online database of research materials through Viterbo’s Todd Wehr Memorial Library. The online database will make research and study easier for future graduate and undergraduate education students.

**Missing Alumni**

If you know the address or phone number of any of these people, please call the Alumni Office at 608-796-3072 or email us at alumni@viterbo.edu.

1946
Verona Goetzinger

1949
Martha (McClellan) Nikols

1958
Edna (Clincy) O’Leary

1962
Kathleen Busch

1964
Antonia (Mafnas) Guerrero

Janet L. (Vitcenda) Hose

1965
Martha Dalle

Mary L. Munroe

Dora (Barchinas) Salasyar

Diane (Hall) Walker

1966
Roslyn Job

Jeanette Johnson
Arlene Ostendorf
Lois (Willits) Schuster
1967
Carol G. Adams
Mary D. Foley
1968
Eleanor T. (Artero) Walters
1969
Clare F. (Linzmeier) Hanson
Virginia Lease
Esther (Gil) Loiselle
1970
Mary M. (Latendresse) Dulahey
Barbara J. Hebert
Stephanie L. (Wesley) Lewis
1971
Annamae Borja
1973
Margaret Chow
Margaret A. Johnson
Ann M. (Johnson) Owie
1974
Deborah L. (Poulton) Arneson
1975
Carol R. Aalpoel
Clifford Price
1976
Fatemah T. Dehnoo
1977
Carolyn C. (Gillette) Harvey
Ana E. Marin
Susan J. (Craig) Owens
1978
Barbara Ford
1979
Elizabeth J. Lucas
1980
Francis S. Fong
Mary L. Norales
1981
Connie R. Anderson
John M. Johnson
Beth A. (Foley) Lohmeyer
1983
Gary Callahan
Deborah M. Schmitt
1985
Denise A. (Bjorge) Anson

1996
Betty R. Boike

1998
Laura Philips

Non Graduating Alums
Cecilia (Leung) Adrian
Lorenda Biesen
Cecilia Bustamante Linda Cadotte Emily G. Clark
Gregory F. Conrad
Anna M. Cupello
Ellen Delmore
Mary K. (Hottell) Devoult
Phyllis (Dunne) Driscoll
Judiann Duncan
Elizabeth (Weigel) Dwyer
Kathleen (White) Halverson
Carole (Allen) Hartman
Ingrid Homstad
Gail Hupfauer
Karen Knolone
Janet Krotzman
Carolee (Smith) Miller
Rosemary Miller
Mary B. Moe
Irma (Bekkum) Newbery
Mary A. (Coyle) Pierce
Kristine Ramus
Carole (Sullivan) Reed
Virginia Ritchie
Laura Roberts
Stetson B. Rogers
Mary L. (Stowe) Simons
Patricia (Dwyer) Weiss

Come One, Come All
Fine arts alumni will get a chance to mingle with former classmates and friends, check out the latest theatre technology, and take in a pops concert at the Viterbo University Fine Arts Alumni Reunion Saturday and Sunday, April 6--7. In addition to a social, buffet dinner, and pops concert, the event includes a Fine Arts Center Open House that includes a chance to meet the faculty, tour the building, stop by the art gallery, and explore the new lighting, costuming, and music technology in the Main Theatre. Theatre, music, and art alumni are invited to sign up by March 22. For cost and additional information, or to sign up, contact Sally Emerson in the Alumni Office at 608-796-3072 or email sbemerson@viterbo.edu.
Margaret Bender ’60 was recently employed by the University of Kansas Kearney English Language Institute, teaching college students from Japan, South America, and Kosovo.

Patricia Dolan ’65 retired June 2001 after teaching kindergarten at Arcadia Public Schools for 36 years.

Mary Ann Gschwind, FSPA ’65 is teaching an intermediate course in English as a Second Language at the International Institute in St. Paul.

Judith (Hargrave) Siver ’65 retired after 19 years of teaching. She and her husband, Willis, live in Hazelhurst.

Marlene Weisenbeck, FSPA ’67 was named an Outstanding Woman of the Coulee Region, Nov. 16, 2001.

Michelle (Mulheron) ’71 and Dennis LaRoche celebrated the adoption of four sons, Tony, 15, James, 14, Jeremy, 9, and Kevin, 7. They join their brother, Matthew, at home.

Mary (Bautch) Thompson ’73 recently became the new liturgist for the FSPA community in La Crosse. She had been the director of music and liturgy for Immaculate Conception parish, Faribault, Minn. for the past 17 years.


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Kathleen (Hitchins) Callan ’77 received a Master of Fine Arts in Health Information Management from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minn., December 2000.

Alan Zeuner ’79 will be functioning as a historical consultant during the filming of the motion picture Gods and Generals. This is the sequel to Gettysburg, and will follow the lives of key Federal and Confederate general officers from the start of the Civil War, and culminating with the battle of Chancellorsville. He functioned in similar capacities during the filming of Gettysburg, The Rough Riders, and Glory.

Jane Gabler ’72--’74 celebrated the adoption of a daughter, Claire, 3, from China. She joins her sister, Ava, also adopted from China, at home.

Trudy (Theisen) Mara ’80 recently extended her certification to Family Nurse Practitioner, and began working at Baraboo Internal Medicine as a Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Coordinator.

Jerry Nelson ’82 is working towards a master’s degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from UW-Stout.

Julie (Heiting) Constable ’83 was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force and completed her master’s degree in Public Health Administration and Health Promotions through California College of Health Sciences.

Wendie (Dickey) Libert ’83 made a lifelong covenant as an FSPA Lay Affiliate Sept. 8, 2001.

Lori and John Rice ’83 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Olivia, January 2001. John is the chair of the theatre department for Great Basin College, Nevada. They live in Elko, Nev.

Janice (Atlee) ’84 and Arden Sherpe celebrated the birth of a daughter, Kassandra Marie, Sept. 7, 2001. She joins her sister, Katelyn, at home.

Jean Gruba ’84 married William (Bill) Springer. Jean is a major in the U. S. Air Force. They live in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Brenda (Keller) ’84 and Chuck Burmeister celebrated the birth of twin sons, Trace Keller and Brandon Charles, Feb. 28, 2001.

Carleen Poellinger ’84 is now employed by Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, La Crosse as a certified nurse-midwife. Carleen is a member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives and the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses.

Deb (Whitrock) ’84 and Jay Keil celebrated the adoption of a son, Zachary, May 23, 2001. He was born Jan. 4, 2001 in Guatemala.

Dorothy (Boehm) ’85 and Michael Fitzgerald celebrated the birth of a son, Nathan John, May 21, 2001. He joins his sisters, Sarah and Elsa, at home.

Lisa and Gregory Heal ’85 celebrated the birth of a son, Thomas, March 19, 2000. He joins his brothers, Greg, John, and William, at home.

Audrey (Schuster) ’86 and Pete Anderson ’86 celebrated the birth of a son, Nicholas Peter. They now reside in Pewaukee. Pete was promoted to Comptroller for the Trane Company. Audrey is teaching at St. Anthony on the Lake Middle School.

Paul Czerwonka ’86 is a third year seminarian at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican.

Margaret (Walleser) McDonah ’86 received a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire December 2000. She is employed as a nurse practitioner at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Susan (Arcand) ’87 and Tim Emerson celebrated the birth of a daughter, Annelise Marie, May 16, 2001. She joins her brother, Lucas, at home.


Cherie and John Haas ’87 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Emily, Sept. 4, 2001. She joins her siblings, Jordan and Cierra, at home.

Carol (Ryan) ’87 and David Wilkie celebrated the birth of a daughter, Lydia Ann Lois, Feb. 1, 2001. She joins her siblings, Emily and Nick, at home.

Arvina Thayer ’87 retired from Ho-Chunk Social Services, October 2001.

Cherie (Zimmerly) ’87 and Eugene Uehling celebrated the birth of a daughter, Sadie Pearl, July 26, 2001. She joins her brothers, Andrew and Sam, at home.

Roderick Duff ’88 was promoted to Training and Documentation Coordinator of the Field and Eligibility Services Department of WEA Trust, Madison.

Jennifer (Knight) ’88 and Douglas Skyer celebrated the birth of a son, Eric James, Feb. 28, 2001. He joins his brother, Michael, at home.

Ray Lacina ’88 received his Ph.D. in American Literature from Toronto University.


Mary (Vaassen) ’88 and Brian Siegenthaler celebrated the birth of a son, Connor Vaassen, Aug. 28, 2001.
Douglas Moore '89 was made a shareholder at Jacobs, McDonald, Silc, and Fauerbach PC, Attorneys at Law, Ironwood, Mich.

Barbara (Sylla) Duff '89 was promoted to Underwriting and Eligibility Manager at Dean Health Plan, Madison.

1990

Claudia Grosz '90 married Jim Chilsen Jan. 26, 2001 at the Lake Street Church of Evanston, Ill.

Lynda (Hill) '91 and Randy Fernholz celebrated the adoption of a daughter, McKenzi, 2, December 2001. She joins her brothers, Andrew, 18, and Kevin, 8, at home.

Bobbi (Humfeld) '90 and Larry Schamberger celebrated the birth of a daughter, Sydney Leigh, Aug. 3, 2001. She joins her brothers, Parker, 4, and Hudson, 2, at home.

Renee (Kowalski) Honecker '90 was promoted to the position of Facility Survey Consultant II at the State Health and Human Services Department of North Carolina. This is a Team Leader position over seven consultants who go out into the field to survey/investigate licensed mental health facilities. Renee’s team is responsible for the 38 eastern counties in N.C. In October 2000, Renee also started a new part-time job, where she works every other weekend for the University of North Carolina Hospital at Healthlink which is their Nurse Triage/Advice Center.

Brenda (Neubauer) '94 and Dean Witz '90 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Emily Marie, Aug. 23, 2001. She joins her siblings, Joseph, 4, and Ellisha, 2, at home.

Sara (Schroeder) '90 and Tony Warmka celebrated the birth of a daughter, Greta Louise, Sept. 27, 2001.

Cynthia Strong '90 married Scott LeBuis Nov. 30, 2001. They live in Mokena, Ill.


Suzanne and Bruce Erickson '91 celebrated the birth of a son, Noah Edward, Aug. 17, 2001. He joins his sisters, Emma and Olivia, at home.

Nicholene (Fortney) Crick '91 recently became employed as a nurse practitioner for the Marshfield Clinic Thorp Center, Thorp. She and her husband, Rick, recently moved to Gilman.

Renee (Clark) '92 and John Mansour '91 celebrated the birth of a son, Max John, Sept. 12, 2001. He joins his siblings, Grant and Sydney, at home.

Jane (Carroll) '92 and Russ Monroe '91 celebrated the birth of a son, Max Thomas, July 6, 2001. He joins his sisters, Melody, 5, and Callie, 3, at home.

Tammy (Chase) Novak '91 is working toward a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

Amy (Neubauer) '91 and Greg Sutton celebrated the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, May 28, 2001. She joins her sisters, Lauren and Kaitlyn, at home.


Mary (Tuttle) '91 and Jeff Jensen celebrated the birth of a daughter, Lauren Ruth, Nov. 16, 2001. She joins her brothers, Jerod, 7, and Tommy, 4, at home.

Maria (Weigel) '91 and Ron Bryant celebrated the birth of a son, Gabriel Reid, May 31, 2001. He joins his brother, Ronnie, at home.

Sara (Aschom) '92 and Tom Heiss celebrated the birth of a daughter, Grace Catherine, July 17, 2001.

Amy (Jankowski) '95 and Eric Brieske '92 celebrated the birth of a daughter, McKenna Anastasia, Aug. 24, 2001.
Kathleen (Hendrickson) Bondow ’92 recently became a Christian Therapist with Wisconsin Lutheran Christian Counseling.
Renee Kirby ’92 received her Ph.D. in Urban Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, May 2001.
Sharon (Scotty) Holland ’92 was recently certified in Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing. She received training for parish nursing.
Julie (Servais) ’92 and Wayne Gorski celebrated the birth of a daughter, Anna Mae, March 11, 2001. She joins her brother, Alec, 3, at home.
Michelle (Amundson) ’93 and Tim Dwyer celebrated the birth of a daughter, Rebekah Ann, May 23, 2001. She joins her sisters, Jordyn and Ashley, at home.
Tricia (Pfister) ’93 and Brian Sime celebrated the birth of a son, Antonio, March 15, 2001. He joins his brother, Carter, at home.
Cynthia (Berg) ’94 and Kit Feuerhelm celebrated the birth of a daughter, Erica Pamela, Nov. 29, 2000. She joins her sister, Natalie, at home.
Kathleen Book ’94 received her doctorate from Drake University, Des Moines in Education Leadership/Curriculum and Instruction. She recently began working as a reading/language arts consultant for Great River Area Education Agency 16, Burlington, Iowa.
Ledys (Canas) ’94 and Derek Updike celebrated the birth of a daughter, Kiara Mae, May 26, 2001.
LaDonna Ekern ’94 recently became the pastor for the Oakland/Moscow Lutheran Churches in Albert Lea, Minn.
Daniel Kujak ’94–’97 graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Marquette School of Dentistry, May 2001. He is employed by Main Street Dental, La Crosse.
Christian Ammon ’95 was named the VFW’s 2001 National Teacher of the Year for middle schools. The award is based on involvement of veterans in the classroom.
Jean (Kasten) Surguy ’95 accepted the position of Director of Patient Services at the Ripon Medical Center, Sept. 15, 2001.
Kristi Kelly ’95 graduated from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst with a master’s degree in Voice Performance in May 1999. She is currently in New York performing, teaching, and pursuing a career in opera and concert.
Charlene (Kline) Galston ’95 received a Master of Arts in Education degree in Professional Development from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse May 2, 2001.
Kim (Klovas) ’95 and Stuart Seibt celebrated the birth of a daughter, Kyra Anne, March 3, 2001.
Lori Mrotek ’95, ’01 married Tom Rentmeester June 27, 1998. She received a Master of Arts in Education degree from Viterbo University July 13, 2001. Lori is a fifth grade teacher in Loyal, where they reside.

Barbara Piatt-Kain ’95 and Michael Kain celebrated the birth of a son, John Patrick, April 12, 2001.

Nicole (Roberts) ’95 and Kevin Malorvh celebrated the birth of a son, Zachary Edward, Sept. 27, 2000.

Paula and Patrick Rudd ’95 celebrated the birth of a son, Elliot Matthew, March 8, 2001.


Brenda (Berg) ’96 and Michael Degenhardt celebrated the birth of a daughter, Ashley Ann, April 11, 2001.

Judy Garfield ’96 is currently enrolled in the Servant Leadership Master’s Program at Viterbo University.

Christina Gryskiewicz ’96 is working toward a Master of Arts in Teaching degree at the University of St. Thomas.


Alexis A. Ludewig ’96 has been selected as the 2002 Elementary Teacher of the Year for the State of Wisconsin. She was chosen among 86 Kohl Teacher Fellowship recipients last year and was chosen for the Teacher of the Year honor for her instructional leadership and ability to inspire and motivate students. Alexis will represent Wisconsin in the National Teacher of the Year program.

Jennifer Mullen ’96 received a Master of Science in Nursing degree with a focus in Family Health, May 2001 from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Sheila Mueller ’96 received a Master of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Aug. 2001. She also graduated from the Franciscan Skemp School of Anesthesia. Sheila is employed by Dubuque Anesthesia Services as a Nurse Anesthetist.

Carla (Schumacher) ’96 and Brian Scheuer celebrated the birth of a son, Peyton Robert, July 15, 2001. He joins his sister, McKayla, at home.

Mindy (Schuyler) ’96 and James Huemmer celebrated the birth of a daughter, Morgan JoAnn, Sept. 25, 2001. She joins her brother, Maxwell, at home.

Rosemary Stubitsch ’96 married David Kreuser March 17, 2001 in Madison.


David Arns ’97 was inducted into the Iowa Football Coach’s Association Hall of Fame.

Janine (Baker) Netzel ’97 was selected as Outstanding Employee of the Year for work done at Wisconsin Hills Middle School, where she teaches reading and consumer education, and for her involvement at Brookfield Central High School and Brookfield East High School.

Peter Fleming ’97 is finishing his Master of Music in Voice Performance degree at the University of Southern California-Los Angeles. After spending the summer in Chiari, Italy, where he preformed in La Traviata and Don Giovanni at the International Institute of Voice Arts, he returned to Los Angeles to perform in the Los Angeles Opera’s Lohengrin and in Orange County Opera’s The Apothecary. His recent roles have been Eisenstein in Die Fledermaus, Ferrando in Cosi Fan Tutte and Chevalier de la Force in Dialogues of the Carmelites.
Michelle Glenna Rein ’97 is employed as a physician at the Family Health Clinic, Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, La Crosse.

Stephanie (Hanson) ’97 and Rob Myers celebrated the birth of a daughter, Alexis Kay, June 27, 2001. She joins her brother, Logan, 6, at home.


Arianne and Andrew Honkamp ’97 celebrated the birth of a son, Andrew Miguel, Aug. 21, 2001.

Moriah (Jerome) ’97 and Matt Fischer celebrated the birth of a daughter, Marion Elizabeth, Sept. 5, 2001. She joins her brother, Alec, at home.

Jill Johnson ’97 is the new vocal instructor for Aplington-Parkersburg High School, Parkersburg, Iowa.

Danielle (Klingbeil) Krueger ’97 is the new Director of Nutrition Services for the Mayville Nursing and Rehab Center, Mayville. She is in charge of the dietary department and the nutritional needs of the 100 residents that live at this facility.


Angela (Stefferud) ’97 and Scott Johnson celebrated the birth of a daughter, Anna Grace, May 2001. She joins her sister, Abby, at home.

Shawn Bolchen ’98 recently became employed by the N.E.W. Lutheran School in Green Bay. He teaches English and American Literature.


Rebecca Caulum ’98 received a Master of Science in Education degree with an emphasis in school counseling from UW-Platteville May 2001. She recently became an Outreach Counselor for Campbell High School, Ewa Beach, Hawaii.

Kelly Camrud ’98 married Edward Ewertowski April 21, 2001 in St. Louis.

Mark Frank ’98 was awarded Outstanding Professor of the Year at Coffeyville Community College this month. Students at the college vote on this award. Also, Mark was awarded Post Secondary Educator of the Year, which is voted on by citizens of Coffeyville and presented by the city.


Sara Kegel ’98 recently received a Master of Arts in Sociology and Employment Relations degree from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Barbara A. Larsen ’98 graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout August 2001 with a master’s degree in Training and Development. Barb is the manager of training for EnPower Services, Inc., La Crosse.

Cassie Leer ’98 married Jeffrey Hammond May 20, 2000. She is a first grade teacher for the Black River Falls School District. They reside in Ettrick.

Tosha Hanson ’99 married Andy Palmer ’98 June 9, 2001 at Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse.


Shane Peer ’98 recently won one of only two research awards for graduate students in the Graduate School of Science and Mathematics at Auburn University. He will be completing his
final year of graduate school in Paris where he will be attending the Ecole Normale Superieure. He will be one of only two American students.


Heather (Shepherd) '98 and Jerod Schmidt celebrated the birth of a daughter, Rachel Marie, May 26, 2001. She joins her brother, Zackary, 3, at home.

Becky (Slife) '98 and John Soper celebrated the birth of a daughter, Hailey Sue, May 2001.

Jennifer Derus '99 married Beau Stricker '98 Sept. 25, 1999 in Sheboygan. Beau is attending anesthesia school at the University of St. Mary’s in Minneapolis. They live in Burnsville, Minn.

Kelly Benson '99 married Devin Hakala June 29, 2001. Kelly recently received a Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy degree from Edgewood College, Madison and is currently a mental health counselor in Minneapolis.

Julianne Brienza '99 is the general manager of 1812 Productions, a non-profit theatre in Philadelphia.


Susan Czaplewski '99 married Timothy Hoke Oct. 6, 2001 in Spring Valley, Minn.


Tammy (Jasper) Rockweiler '99 recently received a Master of Science in Nursing degree from UW-Oshkosh.

Stephanie Miller '99 and Gram Cotton '99 were married Sept. 8, 2001.


Adam Neumann '99 recently completed two-week new equipment training at Ft. McCoy on the WSDS and TWDS water distribution equipment.


Dorothy Witzeling '99 was recently employed as an eighth grade science teacher by the Freedom Area School District, Freedom.

2000

Angie Beaty '00 is employed as a community service worker for Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, La Crosse.
Dana Bell '00 married Thomas McCauley October 7, 2000.
Gena Domanque '00 married Aaron Tyznik '00 Dec. 12, 2000. A second ceremony was held May 19, 2001 in La Crosse.
Heather Duesselmann '00 and Thomas D’Burke celebrated the birth of a daughter, Isabella Yvonne, April 26, 2001.
Heather Fee '00 married Jason Ladwig Sept. 8, 2001.
Tara Foeller '00 and Greg Foeller celebrated the birth of a son, Jack, Jan. 26, 2000. He joins his siblings, Lance, Xavier, Brenden, and Gabrielle, at home.
Rick Larson '00 accepted a position as a Marketing Associate with SYSCO Food Service of Baraboo on May 21, 2001. He began training and covering routes for other associates while they took vacation time. He began his own route in the La Crosse area in August 2001
Katherine Heiser '00 and Lynda Privet '00 had articles published in the student issue of Nursingmatters, October 2001. Katherine’s article was titled Learn to Take One Shift at a Time, and Lynda’s article was titled Faith Begets Fate: Good Jobs for Good People. Both articles focused on the transition from student nurse to nursing professional.
Jessica Blakeslee '01 was recently hired by Staub Clinic and Hospital, Honolulu as a registered nurse on an oncology floor.
Angela Osgood '01 had an article published in the student issue of Nursingmatters, October 2001. The article, Dream Jobs Attainable by Focusing on Career Objectives, focused on her transition from student nurse to nursing professional.
Cindy (Wildes) '01 and Dane Ondell celebrated the birth of a son Aug. 15, 2001.

In Memorium

The Viterbo University community joins in prayerful remembrance of those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Mary Helene Weiler, FSPA '46, July 13, 2001, sister of Mary Victor Weiler, FSPA '53.
Paul Luby, June 21, 2001, brother of Mariquita Luby, FSPA '47.
Alice Wucinski, Nov. 1, 2001, sister of Theresa Wernimont, FSPA '47.
Margaret Ballard, June 17, 2001, sister of Mary Myron Stork, FSPA '48.
Leon Nees, Sept. 29, 2001, brother of Eloise Nees, FSPA '53.
Loretta Matheson, Sept. 27, 2001, sister of Beatrice Merkes, FSPA '55.
Herman Adams, Aug. 11, 2001, brother of Cordelle Adams, FSPA ’60.
Hubert Bauer, June 10, 2001, brother of Marian Bauer, FSPA ’64.
Ray Gibney, June 20, 2001, father of Delmarie Gibney, FSPA ’64.
Harry Henkes, Nov. 17, 2001, father of Lea Henkes, FSPA ’64.
John Bacha, August 2001, husband of Jane (Downey) Bacha ’65.
Clemons Boncyk, June 21, 2001, father of Barbara (Boncyk) Strehl ’69.
Jane Losey Spoden, June 28, 2001, sister of Joan Losey, OSF ’69.
Mary K. Desotelle ’70, October 1982.
Dorothy Straub, June 2, 2001, mother of Shirley (Straub) Buttner ’71.
Thela Chesebro, Aug. 21, 2001, mother of Rosalie (Chesebro) Zahn ’72.
Mary Spettel, Oct. 6, 2001, mother of Bonnie (Spettel) Willemsen ’72.
Jerry Stecker, July 4, 2001, father of Gretchen (Stecker) Larson ’76.
Theresa Speth, July 3, 2001, sister of Mary (Walton) Johnson ’76.
Dorothy Hagen, mother of Cindy (Hagen) Hobelsberger ’77.
Caroline Gau Fitzpatrick, June 24, 2001, granddaughter of Mary A. Fitzpatrick ’82.
Annabelle Bearwald, July 12, 2001, grandmother of Cathy DeCheine ’83.
Fletcher Brewer, July 10, 2001, father of Daniel Brewer ’84.
Amanda Oseth, Sept. 30, 2001, daughter of Mona (Mitskogen) Brindley ’84.
Raymond Nauman, Nov. 21, 2001, grandfather of Tammy (Nauman) Scheeler ’87.
Gregory Schmitz, Nov. 9, 2001, father of Patty (Schmitz) Hunstad ’87.
Emil Benusa, July 9, 2001, uncle of Vicki (Benusa) Peck ’89.
Dorothy Butler, July 7, 2001, grandmother of Tania (Voter) Greener ’93.

FSPA JUBILEES

The following FSPA Alumni celebrated their jubilees in 2001:
75 Years
Jane Braun ’44
Celestine Cepress, Honorary Alumna
70 Years
Barbara Faulkner ’47
Dorothy Mulheron ’47
Thelma Schlosser ’48
Rosetta Trinkes ’58
Agnese Zerwas ’46
60 Years
Mary Kevin Ferguson ’60
Rose Therese
McMullin ’51
Marie (Angelista) Odendahl ’62
Louise (Freda) Rahe ’52
Edna (Lorenza)
Redder ’53
Joan Marie Wendl ’54
Grace Marie
Wilgenbusch ’54
Mary Avila Wittig ’55
Gabriella Wolfe ’52
50 Years
Patricia Gordon ’57
Louise Marie Guralski ’63
Mary Bonafice
Kriener ’66
Eileen (Mary Donimic) Neumann ’57
Mary (Christopher) Schoemann ’62
Donna (Antonia)
Storms ’60
Margaret (Jacinta)
Wagner ’62
Margaret (Donelda) Wenzel ’61
Mary Ann (Tarcisia) Wiesman ’61
Recent Grad Rebuilt Life After Major Accident

by Jane Palen

Nine years ago, Gary Klug of Caledonia wasn’t thinking of going to college. Thirty-two years old at the time, he was relearning the most basic of skills, like walking and talking.

It was Labor Day in 1992 that Gary’s motorcycle left the road near the Hilary Allen farm on County Highway 12 just outside of Caledonia. Gary spent eight days in the ditch, hidden from view, before being discovered. People told him that he was lucky to be alive, but he views it a little differently.

“If I was lucky, it wouldn’t have happened,” he said.

Although he came through the ordeal with his life, Gary had a long road ahead of him.

“After the accident, it was a year before I started to come around,” said Gary. His son Casey was a year old at the time, and together, they learned to walk. They read Dr. Seuss books together. Now 10 years old, Casey is still a source of support for his father.

“We have a special relationship because of it,” said Gary.

Gary and Casey currently take karate together and Gary finds that the class, in addition to giving him time with Casey, helps him with his sense of balance as well as his memory.

Gary said Casey has always been there for him, and he has always understood that his dad is different in some ways from other dads.

Today, Gary is a [recent graduate of] Viterbo University [where he earned a degree in management]. He already earned an associate degree in finance from WWTC. The challenge of returning to school as an adult and dealing with the prospect of interacting with other, younger people was daunting at first, and in some way, is still so today, said Gary.

“School helps me with a lot more than knowledge,” he said.

After the accident, he needed a routine in order to cope day to day. He said he had never done anything but work at the family business, Caledonia Implement. Although he was hesitant to do so, he decided to give up his share of the business and pursue other opportunities. He still works part-time at the implement company.

Returning to school was a big step, but he said he realized what he needed to do and did it. “I needed to learn how to think again,” said Gary.

It was a scary thing to do, but he said that the prospect of not doing anything was scarier.
“It was terrifying at first,” admitted Gary. He still has problems with short-term memory, and remembering which rooms and buildings his classes are in can be hard, he said, but he learned quickly to get over his fear and embarrassment of asking questions. But he still has occasional doubts.

“Sometimes I wonder what I’m doing there,” he said.

Socializing was another aspect of student life that was difficult to approach, said Gary. He didn’t particularly want to meet new people, but made himself connect with other students.

“School helps with a lot more than knowledge,” he commented. “Half of college is the experience.”

Returning to school when he did was probably more meaningful than if he had attended right after high school.

“In a lot of ways, it made things better. I had to work harder,” he said.

[At the end] of his college career, Gary said he’s not sure what his career path will be, but said that the most important lesson he has learned in the past nine years is that the only failure is not to try.

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