Alumna’s Legacy Lives On

The family members of the late Susan Masewicz ‘74 had gathered in Seattle to attend a memorial service held in her honor by her co-workers. To say the least, they were surprised by what they heard.

“It blew us away,” her brother Marty Masewicz said. “We knew she worked hard, but we didn’t know how important the work she was doing was. She was recognized by people from around the world.”

After earning her bachelor of science degree, Viterbo alumna Susan Masewicz had spent her 30-year professional career doing ground-breaking work, researching the cells in blood that determine immune responses during her career at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the Benaroya Research Institute in Seattle.

Her life was cut short at the age of 53 in July 2006 after a brief but courageous fight with ovarian cancer. Her important work and her legacy will go on, thanks to the generosity of her brothers and sister.

“I said, ‘Let’s think of what Susan would do,’” said Marty, who along with his brother Robert and sister Cathy, had inherited Susan’s estate. Marty had been the closest to Susan, often visiting her from his home in Alaska. “We could all buy new cars, or we could do something good with the money.”

Wanting to help future scientists, the Masewicz family gave a $52,000 gift to Viterbo University, to be used to help students interested in cellular research. They also made a $52,000 gift to the Benaroya Research Institute.

Viterbo’s vice president for institutional advancement, Gary Klein, said the Viterbo community is very proud of Susan Masewicz’s many accomplishments and is grateful for the opportunity to continue her legacy through her estate gift.

“Although I only met and spoke with Susan once, her passion for life and her work were quite obvious,” Klein said. “Susan’s gift will create an endowment to sponsor summer research for students at Viterbo.”
The Masewicz family selected Viterbo as a beneficiary of Susan’s estate because Susan had held the university in high regard and was very happy with the education she had received. The science department also provided a natural outlet to assist students in cellular research.

“Viterbo definitely set her off on the right path,” Marty Masewicz said. “Viterbo was exactly what she was looking for, and she did outstanding there.”

A La Crescent, Minn. native, Susan Masewicz was born July 26, 1952, the oldest child of Edwin and Charlotte Masewicz. After graduating from Viterbo, she completed additional training as a medical technologist at St. Joseph’s Hospital in St. Paul before moving west.

“She was a joy to work with,” said Ron Amel, the long-time chemistry professor at Viterbo who taught Masewicz organic chemistry. “She was an excellent student who was very hard working and conscientious. It’s not surprising to me that she did well.”

She went on to join the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, where she became an expert in the research of T-cell immunobiology. There, she was a key member of the team that pioneered ways to grow T-cells that regulate a key feature of human immunity. She was also on the bone marrow transplantation team led by Dr. E. Donnall Thomas, who won the 1990 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine.

In 1994, Masewicz became a research assistant for the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason. Masewicz made many significant contributions to research of diseases such as juvenile diabetes, publishing over 24 scientific papers and giving numerous presentations at scientific conferences. The T-cells grown and studied by her provided some of the first insights into the precise nature of the immune reactions in diabetes, and she generously provided cultures of her precious cells to other researchers around the world.

At the end of her life, she had been working on an extremely important project, attempting to understand how disease-causing autoimmune T-cells become resistant to therapy. Many important doctors and scientists had trained under her care.

“We knew she was doing important work out there, but we didn’t know how important,” Charlotte Masewicz said of her daughter’s humility. “And we didn’t know the good she was doing with it. That’s just the way Susan was.”

A desire to help people was a driving inspiration in her work, her mother said. She was also very conscious of the world around her. She loved nature. Her home and garden were full of flowers and plants and she spent a great deal of time hiking throughout the Pacific Northwest. She traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan.

She kept an M&M® candy dispenser on her desk at the lab so she could help when someone’s day needed brightening. She loved crossword puzzles, books, cookies, and people.

“She liked the values of St. Francis,” Charlotte Masewicz said. “She tried to live simply—she didn’t have a lot of stuff.”

She also harbored an incredible respect for all living things.

“I remember once there was a spider in the house,” her mother said. “Susan put a glass over it and carried it outside. Our family liked to say she was the original pro-life person.”
Masewicz was dedicated to her family, spending countless hours with them on the Mississippi River and the lakes of Minnesota. She also had a wide circle of friends, her mother said.

“Her hospital room looked like a flower shop,” she said.

Diagnosed with a rare, fast-moving form of ovarian cancer, Susan was told by doctors there was nothing they could do. She was prescribed morphine, and encouraged to make her final arrangements. Her family members arrived in Seattle and saw her the next day.

“The next day she was gone,” Marty Masewicz said.

The large crowd and kind words at the memorial service did a great deal to comfort him and his grieving family members, he said. He fondly remembers his sister as an “easy-going, good natured person who just enjoyed each day to the fullest.”

Her life ended sooner than it should have. Her memory and her legacy certainly won’t. “We’re very proud of Susan’s life,” Charlotte Masewicz said. “She accomplished a great deal during her 53 years.”

Helping Students

How will the $52,000 gift from the Masewicz family be used?

To provide funding that will enable a student to perform a major research project each summer, explained Biology Professor Ward Jones.

“The really neat thing is that the first research project will essentially mirror Susan’s work,” Jones said. “The student will examine compounds that potentially inhibit T-cell activation.”

When the Viterbo science building—the D.B. and Marge Reinhart Institute for Ethics, Science, and Technology—opened in 2003, the department members decided to revamp the curriculum. What came with it is known as the Capstone Research Series, three courses all biology, chemistry, and biochemistry students must take. In the course of their studies, students work with a mentor to: develop a research project, write a proposal, implement the project, and report and present their findings.

The Masewicz family gift will provide a stipend and materials for a student to conduct his or her project on campus each summer. It is an endowed fund and will continue indefinitely. The Masewicz family took the opportunity to tour the Reinhart Center in December. “Susan had a lot of good memories from her time at Viterbo,” Jones said.

Jones said research positions such as these are extremely important to students because the projects prepare them for the future in many ways. Specifically, students learn to think critically, design and implement research experiments, and present what they have learned. They also acquire important writing and laboratory skills.

“Undergraduate research is an essential component of our curriculum and this gift will allow us to better serve the students,” Jones said.
Immersed in a Different World

Viterbo nursing students Lacy Meyers and Megan Sheehy felt like celebrities. People would approach Sheehy to feel her hair and touch her skin. Meyers “felt Hollywood” when asked to pose for photographs.

“We definitely stood out in the crowd,” Sheehy said.

Meyers and Sheehy were on the streets of Kyoto, Japan. They were among nine senior nursing students and two faculty members who spent two weeks last semester in the country as part of a class on transcultural nursing.

“The nursing program and its curriculum is very exact so there is not a lot of opportunity for study abroad,” said Meyers, who is from Stewartville, Minn. “So when this fascinating opportunity to experience it firsthand came up, I just embraced it. It was just unbelievable that it was going to focus on nursing and healthcare in Japan. It was fascinating for me to go and experience it firsthand.”

The aspiring nurses spent the two weeks totally immersed in Japanese culture, which included homestays with host families. The students also spent nine days studying the Japanese healthcare system at places such as Immaculate Heart University, Viterbo’s sister school in Sendai City; a major hospital; a traditional nursing home; a hospice center; and a public health center.

“It was a great opportunity to understand the Japanese people and culture and expand our horizons,” said Sheehy, who is from West Salem. “The Japanese people really enjoyed our company and wanted us to enjoy their country.”

Discussion of making such a trip began five years ago when a group of Japanese nursing students from Immaculate Heart visited Viterbo. Faculty member Judy Anderson, director of global education Beth Moore, and dean of nursing Silvana Richardson visited Japan in the spring to finalize the details.

Students paid approximately $3,000—an excellent price for the all-inclusive trip. Viterbo Board of Trustees member Ernie Micek and his wife Sally provided funding to offset some of the costs associated with the cross-cultural immersion.

“During the planning, we had to decide what were the important elements of that culture and history that would set the context of the experience in Sendai City,” Anderson said.

From tea ceremonies to the art of flower arrangements to Shinto Shrines, the Viterbo group gained a unique perspective into the Japanese people and culture. “The food was definitely the biggest culture shock,” Sheehy said with a smile. “I wasn’t used to eating raw beef, egg, chicken, and fish.”
“When I was at a nursing home, they served us what I would describe as raw overgrown minnows, with the heads cut off, but with the scales and bones,” said Meyers, who was also a good sport. “I ate four or five of them, because I didn’t want to offend anyone.”

As is the case with a good cross-cultural experience, the students were deeply affected by much of what they witnessed, even aside from the healthcare system. The most memorable visit for many of the students was to the city of Hiroshima and its Peace Museum, where they spoke to survivors of the atomic bomb dropped on the city in 1945, which killed an estimated 140,000 people.

“There was no hostility or negative feelings,” Sheehy said. “They wanted us to learn from this, so it doesn’t happen again. I think they consider our generation the future.”

The days spent learning about medical care in Japan gave the students a different perspective into healthcare in general. Japan practices traditional alternative therapies such as acupuncture and massage in addition to modern Western-type medicine. They also have universal health insurance, and patients are typically hospitalized much longer than in the United States.

“I was impressed.” Meyers said. “For example, they treat stroke patients with Eastern and Western medicine, and they have a 90 percent recovery rate, which is outstanding. They are also very personable with patients.”

Anderson and fellow faculty member Pam Johnson said the students learned a great deal from their experience with Japanese medicine, which will make them better nurses in their future careers.

“Students were able to gain a more holistic view of the patient,” Johnson said. “Western medicine is all about things such as CAT scans and x-rays. In Japan, people are into the spiritual aspect of the care. And trips like this help the students develop a comfort level with people of different cultures and religions,” she said. “Students learn that people who are not Christian can be kind, wonderful, caring human beings.”

“One aspect of nursing is universal, and that’s caring,” Anderson said. “I found myself reflecting on my own practice. It was a growth experience for Pam and myself, too. Experiencing the best of a culture makes you look at your own culture and ask, ‘What can we do better?’”

For many of the students, the trip was the experience of a lifetime. “I could live there,” Sheehy said. “It was a great experience for everyone involved.”

Most students developed a relationship with their host families and have kept in touch. “My host family and another stayed and watched our plane taxi down the runway and take off until they couldn’t see it anymore,” said Meyers, who learned this via email after she arrived home. “It was a tearful good-bye for many of us.”

Both Anderson and Johnson commended and thanked Viterbo for its support of these types of programs and opportunities. “I believe deep down in my heart that trips like this are life-changing events,” Anderson said. “You come back a different person. My ideal is that every student gets an opportunity like this.”
It was an opportunity Sheehy and Meyers are extremely happy they took.

“I feel privileged and honored that I had this opportunity,” Meyers said. “It’s one thing to read about a culture and give a presentation like we did in class. It’s a whole other thing experiencing a culture.”

Viterbo Grad Pursues Justice in War Zone

Doug Moore ’89 always had a deep interest in serving in the military. A lawyer by trade, he decided he didn’t want to wake up one morning and ask “what if?” So, in April 2000 at age 33, he enlisted.

It was the beginning of a military career that would have him plying his trade while on active duty in Iraq. It was a decision he doesn’t regret in the least.

“I often get asked if I would go again,” he said. “My answer has always been the same...in a heartbeat.”

Moore’s career path took many turns on his way to becoming a soldier. Upon graduating from Viterbo with a degree in business, he worked in the private sector, which included a three-year post as a plant manager for the Wisconsin Aluminum Supply Company. He then fulfilled a life-long goal of becoming an attorney, graduating from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1996.

During law school, Moore had applied for a direct commission into the Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps, but was not selected. In 2002, he received a call from the Wisconsin Army National Guard, asking if he was still interested. He was.

Moore was initially assigned to the 32nd Infantry Brigade Light, the famous “Red Arrow” as an Administrative Law Officer. He was not mobilized with his unit, but rather as an individual in July 2005. In September of that year, Moore received two weeks of training at Fort Bliss, Texas before being stationed at Camp Victory, just outside of Baghdad near the airport. He was assigned to Multi-National Force Task Force 134 Detainee Operations, a task force that was created in the wake of the Abu Grab incident, he said.

“I started out as a Combined Review and Release Board attorney, responsible for reviewing detainee files,” he said. “These were people who were believed to be security threats to coalition forces and civilians. We were responsible for preparing written briefs and presenting them to a review board consisting of United States military officers and Iraqi government ministers. We didn’t act as prosecutors, but rather presented the evidence and answered questions.”

He eventually was given the additional role of assisting with drafting a policy regarding long-term detainees and to individually brief the Commanding General for Detainee Operations, the sole release authority in Iraq, on the possible release or incarceration of detainees. He
also was made the magistrate for Camp Cropper, determining if detainees posed a security threat. The hours on the job were long, he said, averaging 18-20 hours a day, six days a week.

Detainee review was held in the “Green Zone” or International Zone of Baghdad, which was a 20-30 minute drive from Camp Victory. That meant traveling “outside the wire.”

“Nothing can prepare you for the feeling that hits you when you leave the wire, stop, lock and load, and then proceed,” Moore said. “This is when reality hits. Each convoy is filled with the feeling of uncertainty that this may be the day we get hit. One of the most nerve-racking experiences I had occurred on my very first convoy when one of our Humvees broke down. When you’re stopped or moving slowly, you’re a soft target for insurgents. I was fortunate that day. We made it back to base without being attacked.”

Moore underwent live fire convoy training, where he learned to be a driver, commander, and gunner. He drove a vehicle in most of the convoys, he said.

“Words cannot adequately describe my experiences in Iraq,” he said. “I cannot say enough about the courage and strength of my fellow soldiers from each branch of the armed forces whom I had the privilege of serving with. There is no more humbling experience than going outside the wire knowing that these soldiers were there to protect you and put their lives on the line for you. I’m sure they felt the same way knowing that I was willing to do the same for them.”

Moore served in Iraq from October 2005 to May 2006. While he misses serving with his fellow soldiers, he is happy to be home with his family and out of harm’s way. He is currently a captain assigned to the 64th Troop Command as a Command Staff Judge Advocate and is a partner in the law firm Jacobs, McDonald, Silc, and Moore, P.C.

He is at home in Ironwood, Mich., with his wife, Catherine (Dieter) Moore ’90. They have two daughters, Sydney, 7, and Madelyn, 4.
ON CAMPUS

Youthful Expression

Viterbo students majoring in art worked with members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse and other youth from La Crosse on a printmaking project. College students served as positive role models and mentors, while the youngsters were able to express themselves creatively and produce artwork for display—all while benefiting from the exposure and confidence that goes with learning in a college campus setting. The endeavor was made possible thanks to a 3M grant which offered the awards to private colleges that provide youth with opportunities to discover new ways of learning that connects to the larger community. 3M received 40 applications and the Viterbo proposal was one of only four grants that were funded this year. On the Viterbo side, Lisa Schoenfielder, chair of the art department, supervised the project.

The Amie L. Mathy Center is the only joint facility in the United States which houses a Boys & Girls Club and a university. The 3M grant is one indicator that the Mathy Center and its potential to provide unique and innovative opportunities for mentoring and leadership, is generating considerable attention.

Pictured: Andrew Krantz, a Viterbo student as well as director of the art room at the Mathy Center helps a student print his woodcut.

Library Undergoes Facelift

The Todd Wehr Memorial Library was abuzz with the sounds and general mayhem associated with a major construction project this past summer. Students and staff alike worked under plastic, dodged tools and hard working laborers, and got their work done despite the ever present noise and dust.

By September, most of the dust was gone. New lighting and new carpeting were in place on the first floor, and the circulation staff was getting acquainted with newly constructed office spaces.

In October, in a tribute to Viterbo’s Franciscan heritage, the library named its new cyber cafe Franny’s, a name suggested by student Dave Ronsman, in its “name the space” contest. Franny’s, which is open “24/7”, features computers and comfortable space for students to study or visit late into the night. Various blends of Fair Trade coffee are available during the day.
An open house for the library was held in January. Library changes include 4,000 square feet of new space, a new library instruction room with 28 computers, additional study rooms and quiet study spaces, an elevator, and accessible bathrooms on the first and second floors. *Pictured: Franny’s gives students a place to study, check their email, or just to have some coffee and visit with friends.*

Renowned Holocaust Survivor Shares Peaceful Message

Viterbo was privileged to welcome the world’s most respected voice on the Holocaust, Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel, who shared his message of hope with almost 1,700 people in the Fine Arts Center main theatre in September as part of the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership’s fall lecture series.

The record crowd also filled the Fine Arts Center lobby, La Croix Black Box Theatre, and several classrooms, where audience members watched the presentation on closed circuit television. The message from Wiesel, a powerful and highly-sought speaker, was also rebroadcast in its entirety on local television and prompted page one headlines and editorials in the local daily newspaper.

“To the young—you have inherited this century,” Wiesel told the audience. “We are here to help you. My generation had the reasons to give up faith and hope. We resisted the temptation to invoke violence and instead embraced our pain and suffering.”

Wiesel is the author of *Night*, his famous memoir of his terrifying and tragic experiences during the Holocaust. He was 15 years old when he and his family were deported to Auschwitz, the notorious Nazi death camp and symbol of genocide and terror. His mother and younger sister died there, while his two older sisters survived. Wiesel and his father were later transported to Buchenwald, where his father died shortly before the camp was liberated in April 1945.

“It was a real privilege to have Elie Wiesel come and speak to the citizens of western Wisconsin,” said Rick Kyte, director of the Reinhart Institute. “His message of respect for fellow human beings in the context of racial and religious conflict was urgently needed.”

Wiesel’s internationally acclaimed *Night* has been published in more than 30 languages. He has received more than 100 honorary degrees from institutions of higher learning. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. He has also been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, and the Medal of Liberty Award.

Shortly after receiving the Nobel Prize, he and his wife, Marion, established The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, an organization dedicated to combating indifference, intolerance, and injustice through international dialogues and youth-focused programs that promote acceptance, understanding, and equality.
Each year, Wiesel receives thousands of invitations to speak and he is only able to accept a few due to his health and advanced age. He indicated that he chose Viterbo because of the excellent planning and response the university has been receiving for its year-long education on the Holocaust. He accepted a personal invitation from Darryle Clott, history instructor, to speak at Viterbo. Clott led the effort to bring Wiesel to the university.

**Leadership Series Focuses on Ethics**

An Evening with Elie Wiesel was the second installment of the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership 2006 fall lecture series. Jamie Vollmer, a proponent of public education, opened with his lecture in August. His presentation, “Welcome to the Great Conversation: Increasing Community Support for Wisconsin’s Public Schools,” was co-sponsored by the La Crosse School District.

In October, part three of the series featured Lina Boff, a professor at Pontifical Catholic University in Rio de Janeiro, who presented “Solidarity and Communion in a Globalized World.” Boff explained why solidarity is needed in a globalized world that has urgent social, environmental, and economic issues to address. The lecture was co-sponsored by the department of world languages.

The series continued in November with Gilbert Meilaender, professor of Christian ethics at Valparaiso University and a member of the President’s Council on Bioethics. He addressed the issues of war, the use of force, and humanity. His presentation was co-sponsored by the Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation.

Former U.S. Congressman and current Council on Foundations President and CEO Steve Gunderson brought the series to a close. He spoke about the importance of professional associations and the potential for endowment building when wealth is transferred between generations. His presentation was co-sponsored by the La Crosse Community Foundation.

**Leading Women Share Their Voices**

Presentations by three award-winning women—an author, a composer, and an artist—highlighted the “Women Speak: Listening to Women’s Voices Within and Beyond the Academic Disciplines” symposium held in the Fine Arts Center in August.

The women’s studies department and the Wisconsin Humanities Council sponsored the event. The featured speakers were: Laurie Halse Anderson, the author of *Speak*, a book for young adults that was named a National Book Award Finalist and the *School Library Journal*’s Best Book of the Year; Libby Larsen, one of the country’s most prolific and most-performed living composers, who has received numerous accolades, including a Grammy Award; and Mary
Merkel-Hess, an artist who combines sculpture and basket weaving whose work has been on exhibit at the metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

“We were very fortunate to have three such talented and critically acclaimed women artists on campus at once,” said Apryl Denny, English, who coordinated the event.

**Pictured:** Author Laurie Halse Anderson, right, did a meet and greet with symposium audience members in the Fine Arts Center. Pictured with her is Apryl Denny.

## Latin American Studies is Newest Minor

Plans to add a Latin American Studies minor at Viterbo have been announced, thanks to a $155,000 Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages Grant from the U.S. Department of Education awarded in June.

Creating the minor is a two-year project. Bobbie Wilson, grants coordinator, led the effort, working with the project committee of faculty members Maribel Bird, Michael Smuksta, Vicente Guillot, dean Mary Hassinger, and director of global education Beth Moore.

## Special Start to the Year

A special Rose Mass in San Damiano Chapel, to become an annual event symbolizing the beginning of the academic year, was held in September. An ice cream social in Assisi Courtyard followed the liturgy.

With the feast of St. Rose of Viterbo celebrated Sept. 4 each year, the university’s celebration was named the Rose Mass in tribute.

The Mass included a special welcome blessing for President Rick Artman and a special blessing of thanks for former President Bill Medland. Father Tom O’Neill presided at the liturgy.

**Pictured:** Father Tom O’Neill gives a special welcome blessing to Rick and Joan Artman.

## Generously Giving

The United Way results are in and employees have pledged $10,943, a 46 percent increase from last year’s figure of $7,500. In all, Viterbo’s participation level was recorded at 44 percent, also a nice jump from last year’s figure of 33 percent.

## NSF Grant Seeks Women in Science

Efforts to recruit female students in chemistry and related fields have received a major boost from an almost half-million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation.
The grant will allow Viterbo to offer 20 scholarships to women studying chemistry, biochemistry, or biotechnology. The renewable four-year scholarships, combined with traditional financial aid, will assure recipients of $12,000–14,000 a year.

“We’re very excited to be able to provide students with these special Community of Learners Achieving Science Success scholarships and get more women involved in the chemical sciences,” said Kyle Backstrand, Viterbo chemistry department chair.

To qualify, applicants must be women who have an ACT test score of 24 or higher, a GPA of 3.3 or higher, and have financial need. In addition, the grant will also fund student support services such as tutoring, career development, and a new course designed to help students succeed in the field of science.

“Many new programs will be started because of this grant,” Backstrand said. “And, if successful, Viterbo has vowed to continue them when the grant expires. Much has been written in the popular press recently about the shortage of females in the sciences, and Viterbo has plans to specifically target qualified women.”

It Doesn’t Matter if You Win or Lose

Behind the scenes on each Viterbo athletic team is at least one person working to further the mission of the university—the team chaplain.

“The volunteers will provide personal and spiritual support to the student-athletes and coaches in and out of season,” said Fr. Tom O’Neill, vice president for mission and ministry, of the newly created program. “The role of the chaplain is designed to be one of encouragement, vision, and leadership.”

The mission of the Viterbo Team Chaplain program is to exemplify the mission and values of the university and the NAIA Champions of Character program while bringing a holistic perspective to athletics. The program is now up and running and each team has a chaplain. The program is sponsored by campus ministry.

*Pictured L to R back: Fr. Tom is chaplain for men’s baseball and basketball; Eric Kunick, athletics, is the coach/chaplain liaison; Jen Roberdeau, alumni, serves women’s soccer; Chris McClead, campus ministry, serves men’s soccer and softball. L to R seated: Kim Fredricks, biology, is the chaplain for women’s basketball; and Jan Janiszewski, business, is chaplain for the volleyball team.*
Viterbo Receives 3M Vision Grant

Viterbo University was awarded a $35,410 3M Vision Grant for its three-year project entitled Healthy Bodies, Strong Minds: Teaching to Learn at the Amie L. Mathy Center for Recreation and Education.

Funded by 3M Corporation, the Vision program recognizes, supports, and encourages innovation at private colleges and universities by providing start-up funding to launch such ventures. A critical aspect of the award is the opportunity to discover new ways of learning that connects to the larger community.

The grant will be used to establish three new programs. Each will involve Viterbo students, alongside faculty, working closely with members of the La Crosse Area Boys & Girls Clubs. Please see the inside front cover for more details.

*Pictured L to R: Scott Burback and Rory Meisner of 3M Corporation; Rick Artman, president; Lisa Schoenfielder, art; and Carol Klitzke, dietetics.*

Welcome New Dean of Fine Arts

Ken Risch was looking for a new challenge. Viterbo needed a dean for the School of Fine Arts.

In what seemed to be a perfect match, Risch accepted the position and moved to La Crosse in July. “It’s something I felt ready for,” he said. “And everyone needs new challenges to keep them passionate about their work.”

He spent the past six years as a tenured professor of theatre and department chair at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Risch describes himself as a “blue collar, practical minded person,” who is more comfortable doing something than discussing it. He has extensive experience in music theatre, music, and scene design, making him well rounded in the arts.

His goals for the School of Fine Arts include increasing its visibility throughout the Midwest and helping its various programs become more competitive in attracting talented students from throughout the country. He believes Viterbo can and should be a regionally recognized leader in arts education.
Vice President Named Outstanding Professional Fundraiser

Gary Klein said he was “really honored” when he was nominated for the Association of Fundraising Professionals’ Outstanding Professional Fundraiser award. Winning, however, was something else entirely.

“I was extremely humbled when they called and said I was receiving the award,” said Klein, Viterbo’s vice president for institutional advancement, who was presented with the honor at an awards luncheon in November. “It’s extremely gratifying to be honored for something you love to do and to be honored by your peers.”

He credits relationship building with benefactors and the Viterbo community for the success the university has enjoyed in its fundraising initiatives.

“Benefactors know we care,” said Klein. “Viterbo employees have such a passion for the mission of our organization. Most people decided years ago to whom they will make a gift, and have done so because of the experiences they have had. I’m just a conduit for those gifts.”

Klein’s record at Viterbo speaks for itself. Beginning with his arrival in January 2002, giving has increased each year—from $1.5 million that year to $2.3 million in 2003, $2.4 million in 2004, $4.5 million in 2005, and $6.5 million last year.

He considers the Amie L. Mathy Center for Recreation and Education, a $7.5 million project, his favorite, saying it “was the most fun and the biggest privilege” of his career.

“Gary is an outstanding person and fundraiser, and this recognition is well deserved,” said Pat Kerrigan, vice president for communications and marketing. “Everyone at Viterbo should be very proud of this special achievement and the good work that Gary does on behalf of the university.”

Inauguration Celebration

President Rick Artman will be officially installed as Viterbo’s eighth president at a special ceremony March 30. The day will begin with a Mass at 11 a.m. at Maria Angelorum Chapel at St. Rose Convent followed by the official installation ceremony at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center main theatre.

“Really, the inauguration isn’t for me, but rather is a celebration for the entire Viterbo community,” Artman said. “A number of activities are being planned to involve the students, employees, and alumni.”

A full schedule of inauguration activities will be made available on the Viterbo Inauguration Web site as plans are finalized.

Nervous Systems to be Published

Bill Stobb, associate professor of English, can remember buying National Poetry Series books to read many years ago. Now, some other young lover of poetry will be buying his book.
Stobb was named a winner in the National Poetry Series and will now have his book of poetry, Nervous Systems, published by Penguin Books, a national publishing company. The National Poetry Series is a literary awards program that sponsors the publication of five books nationally.

The road to national contest winner wasn’t exactly smooth. Stobb began writing serious poetry when he took an introduction to literature at age 20. He estimates he has sent out 25 manuscripts a year for the past five years to various places. He had been a finalist in the National Poetry Series a number of times.

An estimated 1,400 manuscripts were submitted to this year’s contest. Fifty finalists were named, and then the five winners. Stobb received a $1,000 prize and will earn royalties on each book sold after the first 1,000.

“I have no idea if I’ll ever see a royalty check,” he said, “but it’s cool.”

The book will be published in June, and will be available at usual book outlets.

Sharing a Gift and a Culture

Guest artist Pablo Perea, originally of Cuba, shared his gift of painting with the Viterbo community Sept. 21. Students and employees also took their turn working on the painting. It will be hung in the library for everyone to enjoy. The activity was sponsored by the Spanish club, the world languages department, and the student government association.

VISTA at Viterbo

The Viterbo community welcomed new VISTA/AmeriCorps volunteer Kate Zboralski, the service learning and volunteer services coordinator for students.

Zboralski succeeded last year’s volunteer, Lindsay Cummings, who took a job as the writing specialist in Viterbo's Learning Center. Like her predecessor, Zboralski will assist in matching student volunteers and potential sites. She can be reached at klzboralski@viterbo.edu.
New Trustees Join Board

Viterbo University welcomed five new members to its Board of Trustees, including Daniel Ariens, president of Ariens Company of Brillion, Wis.

Ariens was joined by Father Robert Cook, pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua. Fr. Cook is a former member of the Viterbo Board of Advisors and a recipient of the Pope John XXIII Award for Distinguished Service.

Marilou Eldred was also named to the board. She is the president of the Catholic Community Foundation of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese and former president of St. Mary’s College in Notre Dame.

Joining them is Dean Janke, the executive vice president of Reyes Holdings in Chicago. Reyes Holdings recently purchased Reinhart Foods in La Crosse.

The fifth new member of the board is James Reynolds, co-founder and CEO of Loop Capital Markets in Chicago.

Viterbo Hosts Research Symposium

The Natural Science division hosted the Fourth Annual Seven Rivers Undergraduate Research Symposium Nov. 10. Fifteen oral presentations and 23 poster presentations were given by students from Viterbo and five other local schools. Viterbo students from five departments—biology, chemistry, psychology, mathematics, and social work—presented their research. Over 100 attended the event, including faculty, students, and parents.
Teacher of the Year

Jan Keese, a student in Viterbo’s Master of Arts in Education program, has been named the 2007 Iowa Teacher of the Year.

Keese teaches at Ankeny Community Schools in Iowa where she was twice named the district’s teacher of the year. She has taught several elementary grades, the Title I reading program, and has worked with curriculum planning during her career in education, which began in 1974. She was recognized for her work in literacy. “My focus and passion is on literacy and making learning more meaningful,” she said.

She is now eligible to be chosen as the National Teacher of the Year and will represent her state at program activities in Washington, D.C. and Space Camp in Texas.

Catholic in Today’s World

What does it mean to be Catholic in the 21st century? Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse Jerome Listecki and Monsignor Bernard McGarty, Viterbo’s visiting scholar in ecumenical studies, discussed that very question at their “Exploring Catholic Identity” presentation in the Fine Arts Center in November. Over 400 people were in attendance.

“In the 40 years since Vatican II, the Catholic Church has experienced monumental changes in its understanding of its role in the modern world,” Msgr. McGarty said. “Yet church teaching says the church is the same institution founded by Christ 2,000 years ago. How does one reconcile the two tensions? The lecture was designed to answer this question.”

The subject of understanding Catholic identity was one of Bishop Listecki’s stated goals when he was appointed to his post.

_Pictured: Bishop Jerome Listecki_

Overcoming Generational Differences

“Overcoming Generational Differences” was the subject of a three-part seminar on campus presented by the Dahl School of Business.

The seminar was designed for front line and department managers and persons serving in customer service and marketing. Pam Cox-Otto, who holds a Ph.D. and is a founding member of Interact Communications, Inc., facilitated the series. She is also a Master of Business Administration program instructor at Viterbo.

This series was open to the public as part of the Dahl School of Business Advanced Community Education Series.
Helping Win the Fight Against Hunger

The Viterbo community did its part to help in the fight against hunger this past November, collecting over 300 food items for people in need.

Employees collected 36 food items during the hospitality committee’s soup and chili lunch. These items went into the Viterbo food pantry. Employees may drop food off at the food pantry, which is typically for students, at any time. The door is always unlocked.

The women’s basketball team held their annual Drive it to the Hoop Food Drive to benefit A Place of Grace.

Pictured: Viterbo women’s basketball team captains Natalie Glass and Kari Thiel are pictured with the 270 food items collected during the team’s annual Drive it to the Hoop food drive to benefit A Place of Grace.

Viterbo Loses an Old Friend

The Viterbo community said farewell to David Bell, 85, a man with special ties to Viterbo, who passed away on Sept. 8.

Bell was a recipient of the 1991 Pope John XXIII Award for Distinguished Service and founding member of the Dubna and La Crosse Sister City Alliance. He was also responsible for bringing the Dubna Trio to Viterbo for a performance in the 1980s.

Busya Lugovier was a member of the trio and eventually stayed in La Crosse where she remains with the Viterbo music program.

PHILANTROPY NOTES

Giving Level Change

Viterbo has recently adjusted the gift levels and the recognition associated with each of these gifts. Giving levels are based on cumulative giving from July 1–June 30 of each year. For more information, please contact the institutional advancement office at 608-796-3070.

President’s Society Giving Levels

- St. Francis Circle $20,000 or more
- St. Clare Circle $5,000–$19,999
- St. Rose Circle $1,000–$4,999

Benefactors providing funds at the above levels will be charter members of the new President’s Society and will be invited to a special presidential inaugural event March 30. Contributors will also receive a monthly letter from the president, acknowledgement in
the President’s Annual Report, and an invitation to the President’s Festival of Lights and Carols, a popular holiday tradition at Viterbo.

- **Pace Setters Club** $200-$999
  Benefactors giving to the Pace Setters Club will receive acknowledgement in the President’s Annual Report and an invitation to the President’s Festival of Lights and Carols.

- **Century Club up to $199**
  Benefactors giving to the Century Club will receive acknowledgement in the President’s Annual Report.

Thanks to Our Sponsors

The generosity of the many sponsors who support the arts at Viterbo make it possible for the university to bring high quality and diverse performances to La Crosse and the Seven Rivers Region. These major groups would normally only be available in larger cities and venues.

*Pictured: North Carolina Dance Theatre’s Under Southern Skies is just one of many nationally-acclaimed groups to grace the Fine Arts Center main theatre stage during the annual Bright Star Season.*

Alumni Generosity

Viterbo alumni have been generous again this year, giving $307,596 to the university. This is a $107,000 increase from last year at the same time. This amount includes the $75,315 raised during the annual alumni phonathon held this past fall.

A Reception with Elie Wiesel

A special reception for benefactors was held with Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel before his presentation in the Fine Arts Center in September. For more about Wiesel’s visit.

*Pictured L to R: Darryle Clott, Elie Wiesel, Rick Artman, and Joan Artman.*
New Endowed Scholarships

New endowed scholarships are created when the funds from a benefactor’s donation are invested, and the earnings from the core investment are distributed annually. New endowed scholarships to be awarded this year include:

- The Sharon (Calloway) Davis Scholarship for a student in the School of Adult Learning.
- The Sister Elissa Kamaka Scholarship for a woman in the School of Adult Learning.
- The Sister Carlene Unser Art Scholarship for an art student.
- The Lori C. Lewis Dietetics Scholarship for a student majoring in dietetics.
- The Henry Family Memorial Scholarship for a student majoring in education.
- The Sister Rita Rathburn Scholarship for an English student.
- The Beres Family Nurse Practitioner Scholarship for a student enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing program.
- The Duane and Margie Stutte Nursing Scholarship for a student enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing program.
- The Don and Rose Madary Church Music Scholarship for a student with a minor in church music.
- The Margaret (Peg) Schmitz Music Education Scholarship for a music student.
- The Beinborn Nursing Scholarship for a nursing major.
- The Drew and Cheryl Pellet Scholarship for a nursing major.
- The Helen and Joseph Doubek Nursing Scholarship for a nursing major.
- The Julia Myhre Memorial Scholarship for a nursing major.
- The Nora Robinson Nursing Scholarship for a nursing major.
- The Linda Mulrooney Memorial Scholarship for a full-time, female, senior nursing major.

Festival of Lights

The President’s Festival of Lights was held in December and featured lessons and carols in Maria Angelorum Chapel and a sing-along, wine, and hors d’oeuvres in the Fine Arts Center. Over 1,000 invitations were sent to benefactors who gave at the $200 level and higher.

ARAMARK Dedication for Dining Hall

Viterbo employees attended an open house and dedication of the recently renovated Marian Hall dining room in November. Thanks to funding from ARAMARK Corporation, this major renovation project transformed the dining hall from the traditional serving line concept to a courtyard style residential restaurant.}

*Pictured: Students enjoy lunch in the newly renovated Marian Hall dining room.*
Doing Their Part

Seventy-two percent of the Viterbo work force participated in the annual employee campaign and celebrated its success with a pizza party. The event was sponsored by the institutional advancement office, Jeff and Jim’s Pizza, and Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

New Grants Awarded

- The Xcel Energy Foundation awarded a $5,000 grant in support of the Xcel Energy Women in Science Scholarship.
- The HRSA Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships program awarded a $21,279 grant for scholarship assistance for Master of Science in Nursing students.
- The Wisconsin Humanities Council awarded a $2,000 grant for the Viterbo women’s studies symposium and faculty inservice entitled “Women Speak.”
- The Wisconsin Arts Board Performing Arts Network program awarded an $8,088 grant in support of Viterbo’s performing arts seasons.
- The National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program awarded a $494,500 grant for a five-year project to recruit, support, and retain 20 women students to study chemistry and related fields.
- The Dr. Scholl Foundation awarded a $5,000 grant in support of scholarship funding for the Viterbo Health Science Scholarship competition.
- The La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium awarded a $29,000 Telehealth grant in support of the Master of Science in Nursing program providing advanced education for rural nurses in western Wisconsin.

Supporting Athletics and Having Fun

The annual Athletics Golf Scramble was held at The Golf Club at Cedar Creek in Onalaska in August. The event had 144 golfers and 175 people in attendance at dinner. There were 47 registered sponsors and 35 businesses donated prizes for the event.

*Pictured: Chris Sanger welcomes alumnus Eric Brieske ’92 to the annual Athletics Golf Scramble. Alumni such as Brieske play a crucial role in supporting Viterbo athletics.*
**SPORTS CORNER**

**Women’s Soccer**

The women’s soccer team had a successful season, marching through the MCC with an undefeated conference regular season record for the first time in school history. For the second consecutive season, the V-Hawks won the regular season MCC title. The V-Hawks also received an automatic bid to the NAIA Region VII tourney for the second straight year, losing in the quarterfinals in overtime to finish the season with an 11-5-2 record.

Eight V-Hawks received MCC All-Conference honors. Ashley Sorenson, Karla Przybylski and Charlotte Large earned first team recognition, while Kailey Husby and Amanda Lube made the second team. Ruth McShane, Kayla Raimond, and Lisa Jaroczynski all were honorable mention all-conference picks. Head Coach Will Lemke was named the MCC Coach of the Year.

*Pictured: The V-Hawk women’s soccer team celebrates after winning the Franciscan Cup Sept. 17 at the Viterbo Outdoor Athletics Complex.*

**Men’s Soccer**

The men’s soccer team this year was under the new leadership of first-year coach Andy Lee. The V-Hawks started the season slowly but picked it up in conference play and finished in the middle of the MCC with a 3-4 conference record. The men also improved their overall win total by one over last year, winning five matches in 2006.

Five members of the team received honorable mention All-MCC recognition for their seasons. Seniors Kevin Sante, Brett May, and James Kertis all were honored for their final seasons as V-Hawks, while juniors Rob Iliff and Joe Ganser also received conference honors.
Viterbo Volleyball Finishes Record-Breaking Season

Pictured: Abby Brietung in action. Brietung is a freshman from Tomah.

The V-Hawk volleyball team has come a long way in two years under Coach Ryan DeLong. From a 7-27 record in the year before DeLong’s arrival and a 14-21 mark in his initial season, the team broke through this year with the best season by a Viterbo volleyball team in 16 years. The V-Hawks finished with a 30-15 record that included a number of milestones, a spot in the NAIA Region VII playoffs, and enough memorable moments to ensure that this team is remembered at Viterbo for years to come.

After an 8-8 start that included an early season trip to California, the V-Hawks ran off nine straight wins, their longest win streak since 1995. The team also snapped Iowa Wesleyan’s 21-match Midwest Classic Conference (MCC) win streak, finished with its best conference record (6-1) since 1990, hosted its first MCC tournament games ever, and advanced to the regional playoffs for the first time since the 1990 team advanced to the postseason. The V-Hawks’ 30 wins were the most by a Viterbo volleyball team since the 1990 team won 32 matches.

Along with the vault in team success came a number of individual honors as well. Seniors Stef Hemauer, Andrea Hughes, and Chelsea Muckenhirn and junior Tiaré Hurst all received First-Team MCC awards. Junior Alicia Hynek received honorable mention all-conference honors, and Hemauer was also named MCC Libero of the Year.

Hughes, Muckenhirn, and Micaela Bjerke also made their mark in the school record books. In a midseason match against Upper Iowa, Hughes broke the school record for blocks, surpassing the old mark of 402 set by Terri Wiesner, who played from 1987-89. In that same match, Muckenhirn broke the school record of 455 games played, a mark formerly held by Carly Chenoweth, who played for the V-Hawks from 2002-05. Bjerke also broke one of Chenoweth’s records. With 1,016 assists, Bjerke set the new single-season record for assists.

The season was also particularly noteworthy for four seniors who saw the program go from more than 30 losses in their freshman year to 30 wins in their senior year. Hemauer, Hughes, Muckenhirn, and Allie Loomis all were there when the team struggled mightily and also played a huge role in the program’s turnaround.
An Olympic-Sized Career

Given that Nicki Robinson spent almost every day of her four years at Viterbo University practicing or playing one sport or another, it’s little surprise her first job after graduation is working with athletes. Robinson was the rare three-sport athlete at Viterbo, participating in volleyball, basketball, and softball. She graduated in 2004 with a business degree, and after earning a master’s degree in sports administration from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Robinson was hired in January 2006 to work at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Robinson actually started working at the training center in the fall of 2005 as an intern. Upon completing the internship, she was hired at the center as an operations specialist. She was quickly promoted to the position of Programs Coordinator in March 2006, and three months later was promoted again to her current position of assistant manager of operations.

In her current role, Robinson’s responsibilities include hiring an intern each semester, overseeing the center’s resident athlete program, coordinating scholarship programs for resident athletes who attend college while training at the center, and housing residents and short-term camps on a monthly basis.

“The funny part of my job is that there really is no such thing as a typical day,” she says. “I have the common everyday things I do like check emails and voice messages, along with updating the housing map and attending meetings.

“However, each day brings something new. On a weekly basis, I easily meet with 5-10 athletes to talk about various topics, ranging from their training and practice schedule to educational questions.”

Robinson also attends resident practices at least twice a month in order to see coaches and athletes face-to-face, and she also does a lot of training of interns. “Each day brings something a bit different from the day before,” she says.

As a three-sport college athlete, Robinson participated in volleyball and softball all four years at Viterbo and also played basketball her sophomore and senior years. Needless to say, she was one busy student at Viterbo, but it also helped her learn some important skills she’s already applying to the working world.

“For me, I think having such a busy schedule during college forced me to develop multi-tasking skills, as well as some organizational skills,” Robinson says. “In addition, having had both coaching and playing experience at Viterbo has really helped me when it comes to relating to the athletes and coaches here at the training center.”

Robinson also says that her time as a V-Hawk has helped make her the person she is today.

“Being a student and an athlete at Viterbo definitely helped get me to where I am today,” she says. “There are numerous people in the Viterbo community that have helped me achieve success, whether it be in the classroom, on the court or field, professionally, or even in life in
general. Viterbo has that rare feature of being such a close-knit community, which I feel really helps in allowing students to succeed.”

Robinson says that though she misses her family and friends in Wisconsin, she enjoys living in Colorado. Depending on who the U.S. Olympic Committee sends to Beijing, she may have the chance to attend the Beijing Summer Olympics in 2008, and she says with the Pan American Games in July 2007 and the Summer Olympics the next year, she can’t think of a more fun and exciting place to be.

On Course for the Future

Pictured: Athletics Director Barry Fried fields questions at a press conference announcing the creation of Viterbo’s men’s and women’s golf program.

Upon his arrival in July, Viterbo President Rick Artman expressed his desire to expand the athletics program. In November, Viterbo University Athletics Director Barry Fried announced the addition of varsity men’s and women’s golf teams in time for the 2007-08 school year.

“Adding golf has been a vision of mine for some time now and to finally have it happen is very rewarding,” commented Fried, who indicated the La Crosse Country Club would be home to the V-Hawks. “I believe that Viterbo will now be a great option for prospective students who want to continue their golf career in college.”

Men’s and women’s golf will become the eighth and ninth varsity sports at Viterbo. They will join men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s basketball, baseball, volleyball, and softball. Golf is a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championship sport that runs in the fall and spring months. Currently, there are 165 men’s teams and 125 women’s in the NAIA. The conference and regional tournaments are in the fall season while the national championships are in mid-May. Like Viterbo’s other sports, the golf teams will be a part of the Midwest Classic Conference (MCC). Currently seven schools sponsor men’s golf and six sponsor women’s golf.

In related news, the athletics department also announced the new Jack Knothe Family Scholarship, which will benefit a golfer on the men’s and women’s team each year. The scholarship is named in honor of the late Jack Knothe, who was an avid golfer and a prominent member of the community.

“Golf was an important part of Jack’s life,” said his widow Eileen Knothe. “And as a family, we are delighted to help launch the Viterbo men’s and women’s program by creating the scholarship in his name.”
RECOMMENDED READS

*The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. “Winner of the 2002 Booker Prize, this brilliant novel is highly imaginative and simply a delight to read. In this masterful story, we join 16-year-old Pi Patel as he and his ‘companions’ struggle to survive aboard a lifeboat in a story combining survival with adventure.”

- *Father Tom O’Neill*, vice president for mission and ministry

*A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation* by Catherine Allgor. “Allgor’s biography shows how Dolley’s charisma, political savvy, and social skills complemented her husband’s qualities and influenced a new government in a new capital.”

- *Nancy Steinhoff*, assistant director of the library and instruction and reference librarian

*The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai. “Set in the 1980s in northeastern India, this book tackles the issues of loss, cultural identity, nationhood, modernization, and class. This provoking, beautifully written book is a thoughtful study of families and how individuals cope with loss.”

- *Glena Temple*, associate professor of biology

*The Fellowship: The Untold Story of Frank Lloyd Wright & The Taliesin Fellowship* by Roger Friedland and Harold Zellman. “This new biography provides exhaustive research, provocative revelations, and an extraordinary inquiry into one of the most remarkable, troubled, creative, and mystical minds of 20th century America.”

- *Rev. Bill Reese*, assistant professor of religious studies and philosophy
ALUMNI NOW

Go Brewers

Viterbo University was one of eight Wisconsin private colleges that gathered at Miller Park on a beautiful July afternoon as part of “Private College Night at the Milwaukee Brewers,” sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Twenty-five Viterbo alumni, staff, and friends braved the heat and enjoyed a Brewers’ victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Pictured: Susan (Solberg) Napier ’82, got quite a surprise while she was enjoying the tailgate party. She had been chosen out of all the attendees to “steal third base.”

Rubicon by Tom Holland. “Rubicon brilliantly captures the drama and historical lessons that permeate 1st century B.C. and the collapse of Rome’s republican governing order. The republic was transformed into a new imperial institution that continued for five more centuries.”

- Keith Knutson, assistant professor of history

The Historian by Elizabeth Kostova. “Full of mystery and suspense, the novel tracks three historians, in three different time periods, who find documentation that Dracula is still alive. The suspense artfully builds as they attempt to track his movements through the political upheavals of the Eastern Block.”

- Susan Cosby Ronnenberg, assistant professor of English

My Personal Best: Life Lessons from an All-American Journey by John Wooden, with Steve Jamison. “John Wooden is a legend in American sports history. In this book, he summarizes his upbringing, his time in college, his family life, and his career, but the best parts are when he delves into his philosophy on life.”

- Bobbi Vandenberg, women’s bask
Between the top and bottom of the fifth inning, Susan ran out onto the field, took the base, and got to take it home as a souvenir.

Master of Arts in Education Class of 2006

The Viterbo Alumni Association welcomed over 500 new members with the commencement ceremony for the Master of Arts in Education program in July. The graduates spent a week on campus to present their research and participate in professional reading book discussions, followed by the commencement ceremony. The Class of 2006 is the largest graduating class for the program to date.

Alumni Cup Game

The annual Wells Fargo Alumni Cup basketball games between Viterbo and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse were played in November in the Varsity Athletics Center. Although UW-L won both the men’s and women’s games, Viterbo did come away with one trophy. Scott Arenz ’90 won the half time free throw contest, keeping the trophy at Viterbo for one more year.

November Remembrance

Over 900 submissions were received for the annual November Remembrance via mail, email, or the alumni Web page. Submitted names were remembered in prayer throughout the month at San Damiano Chapel.

Pirate Queen Trip

Nearly 140 people attended a matinee performance of the world-premiere musical, The Pirate Queen, in November. The musical, which is scheduled to open on Broadway in April, features Linda Balgord ’82 as Queen Elizabeth I. Balgord led a question-and-answer session for the Viterbo crowd after the performance.
Viterbo Night in Des Moines

Alumni mingled with faculty and current students of the Master of Arts in Education program at Viterbo Night in Des Moines in September.  
*Pictured L to R: Gary Klein, vice president for institutional advancement, Maureen Becker '69, and Denise Wood '06 at Viterbo Night in Des Moines.*

Loggers Game

Viterbo alumni, employees, and friends cheered on the La Crosse Loggers at the annual Viterbo Night at the Loggers in August.  
*Pictured with Viterbo President Rick Artman are (from left to right): Tammy Mathison '93, Jeannie Schmidt '94, Kathleen Schoen '94, and Heather Erickson '93.*

Student Leader Recognition Awards

The Viterbo University Alumni Association Board recognized 15 students at the annual Student Leader Recognition held in conjunction with the November board meeting at the Waterfront restaurant in downtown La Crosse. The students recognized are each leaders of a campus organization and were nominated by their organization’s advisor.
Visiting Madison

Alumni, parents, and friends gathered at Hawks’ Landing Country Club in Verona in October to meet President Artman and hear the latest news from Viterbo. The event was hosted by Jeff ’93 and Stephany Rogness.

Pictured: Juan Jimenez ’01, ’06 (left) and Joe Brunner ’06.

Athletics Online Directory

Attention former athletes: the athletics department has an online directory where you can look up former teammates and friends. If you were involved in athletics during your time at Viterbo, you are welcome to register. Go to https://www.viterbo.edu/secure.aspx?ekfrm=17884 to look for your name and to register. While you’re online, take time to register for the Viterbo University online community at www.alumniconnections.com/viterbo. Here you can connect with friends and former classmates and receive news and updates about Viterbo.

New Board Members

Two new members have joined the Viterbo University Alumni Association Board. Kim Hendricks ’01 and Ryan Lium ’95 began their first term in September and were officially inducted into the board at the November Thanks for Giving Dinner. Welcome, Kim and Ryan.

Pictured L to R: Student leader Natalie Marx, Kim Hendricks ’01, Wayne Wagner ’92, and Ryan Lium ’95.
School of Business Alumni Panel

Three alumni from the Dahl School of Business shared their career experiences with nearly 40 current business students during a panel discussion in October. Steve Berg '96 of Pepsi-Cola Bottling of La Crosse, Sue Kammel '98 of State Bank Financial, and Marv Spielman '83 of Wisconsin Public Radio answered questions and offered advice to the students about career opportunities and getting started in the business world. This is the third year for the panel, which is designed to help students connect with alumni in their profession.

Alumni Children’s Christmas Party

Over 300 children and adults attended this year’s Alumni Children’s Christmas Party in December. Participants enjoyed a wide variety of activities, including face painting, storytelling, coloring and crafts, and even a visit from Santa Claus. Music was provided by the 9th Street Singers, and nearly 20 volunteers from the Alumni Association Board and Student Alumni Ambassadors pitched in to help make this year’s party a success.

CLASS NOTES

1960
Barbara Minczewski, D. Min., ’65 is director of Catechesis/Evangelization for the Diocese of Saginaw. She is also chair-elect of the National Advisory Committee on Adult Religious Education for the USCCB Committee on Catechesis.
Mary (Tan) Fong ’67 retired from Applera Corporation, Applied Bio Systems, Foster City, Calif.

1970
Ellen (Bilstein) Haneline ’70 completed her doctorate in higher education administration at Capella University in Minneapolis.
Barbara (Dombek) Steponkus ’70 was elected to the National Board of Directors for the National Association of Tax Professionals.
Patricia (Klimesh) Stellflue ’71 celebrated the birth of her first granddaughter, Presley Sienna Stellflue, Sept. 14, 2006.
Victoria VonArx, Ph.D., ’71 received her Doctor of Philosophy from City University in New York on Aug. 1, 2006.


Nancy (Bina) Adams ’78, ’04 married Edward Pilmonas on April 11, 2006. Nancy received her master’s degree from Viterbo University and is currently teaching at Logan Middle School, La Crosse.

Cynthia (Carlisle) Anderson ’79 has been accepted as a member of the National Honor Roll’s Outstanding American Teachers for 2005-06. Anderson teaches family and consumer education in the Boscobel (Wis.) School District.

1980

Jane Kirschling ’80 has been named dean and professor of nursing at the University of Kentucky, College of Nursing. She and her husband Bob Flick relocated from Maine to Lexington, Ky., in August 2006.

Pam (Dorshorst) Epple ’82 was promoted to quality and regulatory specialist for the Wisconsin Donor Network (WDN) at Froedtert Hospital. WDN is the designated Organ Procurement Organization for Southeastern Wisconsin.

Sheila (Heinrichs) Jessen ’82 received the Excellence in Nursing Award from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tomah. Sheila received a $500 honorarium.

Michele (Kieffer) Clark ’84 and family moved to Montana. Michele is a pastoral associate in liturgy, music, and faith formation at the Church of Our Lady of Mercy in Eureka, Mont.

Debbie (Whitrock) ’84 and Jay Keil celebrated the birth of a son, David Jay, on Feb. 6, 2006. He joins adopted brother Zachary.

Virginia (Janssen) Trzebiatowski ’85 completed the Family Nurse Practitioner Program and received a Master of Science in Nursing degree in May 2006 from Concordia University.

Kay (Wittmershaus) Zibrowski ’85 received a promotion and is now manager of nursing staff development at Gundersen Lutheran, La Crosse.

Faye and Derrick George ’88 celebrated the birth of a son, Hadley Harris, on April 2, 2006.

Anne (Pitsch) ’88 and Roberto Santiago celebrated the birth of a daughter, Madalena, on Dec. 30, 2005. She joins brother Xavier, 3. Pictured: Xavier and Madalena Santiago.

Cathy (Cook) ’89 and Mark Buttell celebrated the birth of a son, Connor, on Feb. 17, 2006. He joins sisters, Claire, 4, and Rose, 2½.

Lt. Cmdr. Terri (Pollock) Kinsey ’89 was recently promoted to commander in the United States Navy.

Doug Moore ’89 was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award and is a member of Task Force 134. He is also eligible for the Global War on Terrorism Medal.

Christopher Parr ’89 and Alison Relyea-Parr celebrated the birth of a daughter, Ava Rose, on Sept. 22, 2004.

1990

Joanne (Justmann) ’90 and Brent Hoag celebrated the birth of a son, Wesley David, on May 2, 2006. He joins twin siblings, Emma and Ethan, 7, and sister Carmen, 6.
Toni Kettner ’90 received her Master of Health Service Administration degree from the University of Arizona in September 2006.

Cynthia (Strong) ’90 and Scott LeBuis celebrated the birth of a son, Alex Leo, born June 9, 2006. He joins sister Emily, 2½.

Jan (Schaaf) ’90 and Mark Mailloux celebrated the birth of a daughter, Gemma Maria, Aug. 24, 2006. She joins brothers, Dominic and Gabriel.


Scott Baeseman ’91 and Don Smith, Jr. celebrated the adoption of a daughter, Margaret Rachel Ar’Ree Baeseman-Smith “Mimi.” She joins sister Stella, 5. Scott was recently award the Yvonne Banks Caring Teacher Award at Lake Forest (Ill.) Country Day School where he is the choral director. The award is given annually to a teacher at the school who demonstrates care, concern, and outstanding teaching both inside and outside of the classroom.

Stacy (Brown) ’91 and Jeffrey Best relocated to Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa.

Amy Johnson-Pierce ’91 and Tim Pierce celebrated the adoption of a daughter, Isabella Ana Marie, on July 10, 2006. Isabella was born on April 15, 2006 in Bogota, Colombia. She joins sister Elizabeth, 6.

Jane (Eckendorf) ’91 and Scott Krueger ’95 celebrated the birth of a son, Owen, on Feb. 7, 2006. He joins brother Liam, 2.

Dawn (Holdt) ’92 and Patrick Kiffmeyer celebrated the birth of a son, Kyle, on April 3, 2006. He joins siblings, Nicholas and Lilly.

Jeanna (Robinson) ’93, ’01 and Craig Kunce ’04 celebrated the birth of a son, Alexander James, on May 23, 2006. Alexander is the grandson of Jane (Buchmann) Robinson ’67.

Keri (Ress) ’93 and Joe McCormick celebrated the birth of a son, Evan Patrick, on March 12, 2006. He joins sisters, Madi, 6, and Kylie, 3.

Carol (Heimerdinger) ’93 and Thomas Puent celebrated the birth of a daughter, Anna Christine, on April 2, 2006. Carol earned a Master of Arts in Education degree in May 2005.

Stephany and Jeff Rogness ’93 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Sydney, in March 2006. Nicole R. (Kowalski) Greener ’94 received the Teacher of the Year award for grades 6-12 at La Crescent (Minn.) Middle School. Nicole is also the recipient of a Japan Fulbright Memorial Foundation Scholarship and traveled to Japan in June 2006 to learn about Japanese culture and education.

Pearl Paulson ’94 has been retired from elementary teaching for the past year.

Brenda Peterson ’94 has accepted a new position with the ELCA Board of Pensions, working in learning and development in Minneapolis.

Jodie (Devine) ’95 and Charles Fitzgerald celebrated the birth of a daughter, Isabella Claire, on April 3, 2006. She joins brother Carter.

Katherine (Ritter) ’95 and Jon Heiderscheit celebrated the birth of a daughter, Kate Elizabeth, on March 8, 2006. She joins sisters, Lara and Abby.

Jody (Lewis) ’96 and Stuart Davis celebrated the birth of a daughter, Laura Renee, on Oct. 9, 2006. She joins siblings, Kailee, Justin, and Leah.
Katherine Caldwell and Aaron Engbreth ’96 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Cora Violet, on Oct. 18, 2006. She joins sister Daphne.

Judy (Lang) Garfield ’96 gave a seminar on the Seven Dimensions of Wellness for hospice staff and volunteers at the Northwoods Conference Center in Cable, Wis., on Oct. 13, 2006.

Lisa (Weis) ’96 and Rick Jacobs celebrated the birth of a son, Erick David, on May 9, 2006.

Becki (Reed) ’96 and Eric Kiesau celebrated the birth of a daughter, Alexandra, on Oct. 1, 2006. She joins brother Thomas.

Francesca (Von Arx) ’96 and David Ortmeier celebrated the adoption of David Kun Kim, born on Aug. 9, 2005. They are expecting another child in June. Pictured: David, Francesca, and David Kun Kim Ortmeier.

Michelle (Matiak) ’96 and Brad Servais celebrated the birth of a son, Jackson Donald, on October 15, 2006.

Jennifer (Waddell) ’97 and husband Donald Black celebrated the birth of a daughter, Faith Fleurette, on June 9, 2006. She joins brother Alex, 1.

Teresa (Sheahan) ’97 and James Field celebrated the birth of a daughter, Isabelle Jean, on Aug. 6, 2006. She joins brothers, Adam and Conner.


Danielle (Klingbeil) ’97 and Scott Krueger celebrated the adoption of a daughter, Jazmine, in August 2006. She joins brother Joseph.

Debbra (Krueck) Lord ’97 is working at Franciscan Skemp/ Mayo Health in the audiology department.

Jaine (Jessesski) ’97 and Michael McCormick ’95 celebrated the birth of a son, Brandon James, on July 13, 2006. He joins siblings, Carson, Jaclyn, and Dylan.

Michelle (Glenna) ’97 and John Rein celebrated the birth of a son, Michael Paul, on Feb 15, 2006. Michael joins brother JT, 2½.

Emily (Jones) ’97 and Shawn Sackman ’99 celebrated the birth of a son, Cullen, on Sept. 15, 2006. He joins sister Allison.


Amanda (Sprehn) ’98 and Nathan Byom celebrated the birth of a daughter, Ilee Clara, on Aug. 29, 2006.

Rose and Jeff Danielson ’98 celebrated the birth of a son, Jacob Geraci, on Dec. 4, 2006. He joins brother Joshua.

Nicole (Craney) ’98 and Terry Hendrikse celebrated the birth of a son, Alecston, on June 21, 2006. He joins siblings, Aiden, Madelyn, and Mackena.


Susan (Kammel) ’98 married Scott Horne on Dec. 29, 2006 in La Crosse.

Kelly (Weinberger) ’98 married Mike Jakes ’03 on Sept. 15, 2006 in La Crosse.

Jennifer (Olson) ’98 and Brian Pederson celebrated the birth of a daughter, Amelia Ellen, on April 6, 2006.

Sarah (Nielsen) ’98 and Scott Riess celebrated the birth of a daughter, Anna, on March 27, 2006.
Moua Vue '98 was named Outstanding Woman of the Year at the YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women in La Crosse. Vue is a registered dietitian working in the nutrition division of the La Crosse County Health Department.

Nancyanne (Ziegeweid) '98 and Paul Winey celebrated the birth of a daughter, Zoa, on Feb. 3, 2006.

Brooke Bauer Anderson '99 and Derek Anderson celebrated the birth of a son, Graydon George, on Feb. 4, 2006.

Jason Bailey '99 was married on May 6, 2006.

Jodie (Mickelson) '99 and Steve Brawthen celebrated the birth of a daughter, Maya Claire, on Sept. 2, 2006. She joins siblings, Jacob and Taryn.

Susan (Czapiewski) '99 and Timothy Hoke celebrated the birth of a son, Henry James, on June 22, 2006.

Kistine (Hilbert) Johnson '99 accepted the position of nurse administrator in the department of nursing at Rochester Methodist Hospital, Rochester, Minn. She provides nursing leadership for the Surgical II Division, which includes the patient care areas of surgical gynecology, urology, otorhinolaryngology, ophthalmology, outpatient/AM admit, plastics and general surgery.

Melissa (Tricker) '99 married Craig Klar on Sept. 16, 2006 at the Norskedalen Nature Heritage Center in Coon Valley, Wis.


Karla (Hammes) '99 and Shane Lawrence celebrated the birth of a son, Zavier Thomas, on Dec. 22, 2005.


Adam Neuman '99 received his Master of Business Administration degree from Capella University in February 2006.

Tamara (Topel) '99 and Kevin Orzech celebrated the birth of twin daughters, Savanna and Caina, on April 17, 2006.

Chastity (Madejski) '99 and Brett Ridout celebrated the birth of a daughter, Reese Marianne, on Sept. 20, 2005.

Corissa (Smith) '99 and Jason Schirmacher celebrated the birth of a daughter, Gwenyth Eleanor, on Nov. 26, 2005. She joins brother Jaegar, 16 months.

SuAnn and Matthew Solverson '99 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Abigial, on June 27, 2006.

Amy (Hurt) '99 and Doug Spadoni celebrated the birth of a daughter, Scout Charlotte, on July 11, 2006. She joins brother Jack, 21 months.

Sharon (Dolsey) '99 and Shane West celebrated the birth of a daughter, Natalie Karyn, on Dec. 11, 2005. She joins brother Nicholas, 3.

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Sarah (Pavela) '00 and Ted Bauer celebrated the birth of a son, Nicholas. He joins brother Johnny.

Colleen Boiling '00 graduated in April 2006 from Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bloomington, Minn., with a doctorate degree in chiropractic and is now working at Draeger Chiropractic and Laser Center.
Heather (Fee) Ladwig ’00 has accepted the position of human resources director for Hawkins, Ash, Bap tie. She obtained the Professional in Human Resources designation and is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management. Ladwig has returned to her hometown of Onalaska, Wis. **Pictured: Heather Ladwig.**

Lisa (Fritz) ’00 and Andrew LaLuzerne celebrated the birth of a daughter, Isabelle Sophia, on Nov. 19, 2005. Julianne and Michael Manock ’00 celebrated the birth of a son, Colton Allen, on May 1, 2006. He joins brother Hunter Michael, 3.

Dana (Bell) ’00 and Tom McCauley celebrated the birth of a son, Wyatt Daniel, on May 25, 2006. He joins brothers, Izaak, 4, and Grant, 2.

Amy Mertins ’00 received Teacher of the Year recognition at the Fourth Annual Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators (MMABSE) Teacher of the Year Recognition Gala on May 5, 2006. She currently teaches fifth grade for Milwaukee Public Schools.

Kelly Ann (Behrens) ’00 married Matthew D. Pistilli on April 22, 2006 in Lafayette, Ind.

Adam Schellinger ’00, graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry in July 2006. Adam accepted a position in research and development at Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago.

Jennifer Olson ’00 married Mark Verheyen on June 17, 2006 in Port Washington, Wis.


Susan (Lundquist) ’01 and Christopher Baldwin celebrated the birth of a son, James, on May 18, 2006. **Pictured: James Baldwin.**

Kathryn (Cullen) ’01 and Brad Burrs celebrate the birth of a son, Brett, on Aug. 18, 2006.

Cory Chapman ’01 was named Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) 2006 Women’s Soccer Coach of the Year. He coaches at Simpson College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Chapman led Simpson to its best conference record (7-0-1) since 2001. It was just the eighth unbeaten season in the Iowa conference women’s soccer history. Simpson had five players on the All-Conference Team, four of them First Team members.

Ann Marie (Franz) Dahl ’01 graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic and has opened her own practice in Maine at the Holland Chiropractic Wellness Center. Ann Marie and Alf-Harald celebrated the birth of their son, Thomas Benjamin, on June 12, 2006.

Sarah (Rahn) ’01 married Tom Fecht on July 8, 2006 in La Crosse.

Susan M. Fisher ’01 was sworn in by the Wisconsin State Bar on Oct. 5, 2006. Susan is now eligible to practice law in the state of Wisconsin.

Lawrence Klotz ’01 was awarded Teacher of the Year for 2005-06. He teaches ninth grade social studies at Fond du Lac (Wis.) High School.

Kristen Tews married Brian Konkol ’01 on Sept. 23, 2006 in Waupaca, Wis.

Nancy L. (Trautwein) ’01 and Brandon Krueger celebrated the birth of a daughter, Jillian, on Oct. 14, 2005.

Angela (Nofsinger) ’01 married Josh Leisso on April 22, 2006.
Angela (Sippel) ’01 and Michael Samosorn celebrated the birth of a daughter, Raina Tai, on Sept. 5, 2006. Angela is finishing her duties with the Army Nurse Corps as the community health nurse at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Hillary (Laurent) Schellinger ’01 graduated from Argosy University with a Master of Science in Professional Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy degree in June 2006.

Tara (Sime) ’01 and Thomas Wateski celebrated the birth of a son, Caleb Thomas, on July 22, 2006.

Kristin (Schmidt) Wisnefske ’01 received her Master of Science in Nursing degree in May 2006 from Edgewood College.

Lisa (Heim) ’02 and Clinton Kanieski ’01 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Hope Ashley, on April 11, 2006. She joins sister Faith.

Heather (Patzman) ’02 and Travis Brown ’02 were married on Sept. 9, 2006 in Burnsville, Minn.

Jacquelyn (Carlson) ’02 married Justin Geiger on Oct. 29, 2005.

Kristin (Krocker) ’02 and Brian Johnson were married on Aug. 19, 2006 at Christ the King Chapel in La Crosse.

Mary Ann Liefke ’02 celebrated the birth of a granddaughter, Sara Kalyn, on Sept. 16, 2006.

Nikkole (Koenig) ’02 married John Mareel on May 13, 2006.

Carol (Uerling) ’02 and Eric Miller celebrated the birth of a son, Alex James, on April 26, 2006. He joins brother Zachary, 6.

Shannon (Berns) ’02 and Robert Monosmith celebrated the birth of a daughter, Leah, on Sept. 15, 2006.

Rebecca (Gerson) Palbicki ’02 accepted a position as director of operations for La Crosse County for Lori Knapp, Inc.

Heather (Gago) ’02 and Josh Prohaska celebrated the birth of a son, Dane Michael, on Oct. 27, 2006.

Kerrie (Shingledecker) ’02 married Matthew Rausch on Oct. 8, 2005 and they welcomed their first child, Quinn Matthew, on May 3, 2006.

Jared Schulze ’02 was married on Sept. 3, 2006.

Angela (Deppiesse) ’02 married Ben Surratt in Portland, Ore. They had a Hollywood themed wedding. Pictured: Angela and Scott Surratt.

Betsy (Reinhardt) ’02 and Joe Wolf celebrated the birth of a daughter, Caroline Nicole, on Oct. 12, 2006. She joins sister Kylie.

Tina (Gross) ’03 and Tom Brooks celebrated the birth of a son, Gabriel Oren, on May 17, 2006.

Marita (Hoeger) ’03 married Robert Conley on Aug. 19, 2006 in Chicago.

Kevin DeWan ’03 accepted a position as assistant music director at the Church of St. Rita in Cottage Grove, Minn.

Tara (Daley) ’03 and Bryan Hansen celebrated the birth of a daughter, Peyton, on Aug. 31, 2006. She joins sister Reese.

Emily (Weihing) ’03 and Gary Herritz celebrated the birth of a daughter, Emmalynn Josette, on Aug. 3, 2006.

Deb Hether ’03 completed her Master of Science degree in College Student Development and Administration and has accepted a position with Western Technical College as a tech prep curriculum specialist. Deb has been with Western for the past five years.
Kelly (Seiler) Hirschuber '03 is married and working at the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare.

Heather (Peterson) '03 married Bob Pederson in August 2005 on Lake Michigan. They celebrated the birth of a daughter, Camryn Makenzie, on June 19, 2006.

Amy Prill '03 married Jared Perry on Sept. 16, 2006 in La Crosse.

Rebecca (Loofboro) '03 married Benjamin Smerud on Sept. 23, 2006 in La Crosse.

Aimee (Krake) '03 and Mike Solheim celebrated the adoption of a daughter, Molly Yiyu, on Jan. 1, 2006. Molly is from China.

Bridget (Garry) '04 and Brian Dickinson celebrated the birth of a daughter, Nora Rose, on Oct. 25, 2006. She joins brother Sam, 15 months.  
Pictured: Nora Rose and Sam Dickinson.

Gretchen (Hundt) '04 married Jay Heilman on Dec. 31, 2005 in La Crosse.

Robin (Haltorp) '04 and Paul Hoffman celebrated the birth of a son, Logan Paul, on Feb. 23, 2006.

Shannon (Loomis) '04 and Phillip Klar '04 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Mary, on July 1, 2006. She joins brother Riley.

Julie (Schultz) '04 and James Lenz celebrated the birth of a daughter, Jacey Lynn, on June 30, 2006.

Claire (Bischel) '04 and Brian Moore '04 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Lillian Joan, on Feb. 16, 2006.

Melissa (Brabender) '04 married Kent Roe on Oct. 1, 2005 in Clear Lake, Wis. The maid of honor was Jacinda Grefe '03. Stacey Scott '03 was a bridesmaid.

Tina (Meyers) '04 married Christopher Ruyle on May 27, 2006 at St. Pius V in Cannon Falls, Minn.

Jackie (Lindbeck) '05 and Derek Gintner celebrated the birth of a daughter, Brailyn, on Aug. 26, 2006.

Anne Jude '05 is working at the Walnut Street Theatre as a stage management apprentice in Philadelphia.

Tanika (Skeen) '05 and Kevin Patrick celebrated the birth of a son, Kai Tyrall, on July 15, 2006.

Tara Marx '05 and Jamie Prestwood celebrated the birth of a daughter, Rylee Savannah, on July 20, 2006.

Nicole (Tamminen) '05 and Christopher Schabow '05 were married on July 15, 2006 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Michele (Anderegg) '05 and Cory Stuhr celebrated the birth of a daughter, Joelah Anabele, on June 19, 2006. She joins brother Jamin.

Elizabeth (Emerson) '05 and Doug Wood celebrated the birth of a daughter, Kirsten Wood, on June 2, 2006. She joins sister Macey.

Erin Bailey '06 serves as principal of St. Paul School in Mosinee, Wis.

Paula (Colucci) '06 and Thomas Beaumont celebrated the birth of twin sons, Henry and William, on April 26, 2006. They join brother Sam.

Heidi (Jensen) '06 and Trevor Bohland celebrated the birth of a son, Jackson Charles, on Sept. 30, 2006.

Stephanie (Rees) '04 and Robert Campbell '06 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Rees Katheryn, on Sept. 6, 2006.
Mia Chmiel ’06 and her husband celebrated the birth of a son, Gavin, on Sept. 27, 2006.

Nicole Eckland ’06 is teaching literature at the Baldwin-Woodville Area School District in Baldwin, Wis.

Joe Kerrigan ’06 accepted a position as a security counselor at the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter, Minn.

Kari (Schwitz) ’06 and Casey Klug celebrated the birth of a daughter, Camryn Ellen, on May 8, 2006.

Laurie Olk ’06 was awarded the Art Educators of Iowa Distinguished Service Award in 2006-07.

Chelsea (Bassett) ’06 married Joshua Panter on Aug.13, 2006.

Jaime and Michael Reider ’06 celebrated the birth of a son, Michael Jr., on April 27, 2006.

Michele (Polzin) ’06 and James Sasse celebrated the birth of a daughter, Nicole, on June 6, 2006. She joins sister Carolyn.

Theresa (Oerichbauer) ’06 and Dean Spoehr celebrated the birth of a son, Liam, on May 28, 2006.

Brian Windhorst ’06 was married on June 17, 2006 in Atlantic, Iowa.

In Memoriam

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.

Hilary Hughes, May 16, 2006, brother of Gladys Hughes, FSPA ’47.


Genelda Maier, FSPA ’52, Nov. 26, 2006.


Catherine Bilderback, July 7, 2006, sister of Rosalia Bauer, FSPA ’56.


Diane Partipilo, April 11, 2006, daughter of Carmen (Salas) Cupello ’57.

Viola Kueter, Sept. 10, 2006, mother of Jeanette (Kueter) Booth ’60, Marcelline (Kueter) Schmieder ’63, Evelyn (Kueter) Mullen ’65, Beverly Oberfoell ’71-’73, Barbara (Kueter) Zupancich ’71, and Rosemarie (Kueter) Harrison ’76.

Audrey Smith, June 6, 2006, sister of Joyce Blum, FSPA ’63.

Vernon Blum, Dec. 2, 2006, brother of Joyce Blum FSPA ’63.

Lea Henkes, FSPA ’64, July 17, 2006.


Frances Shakal, Aug. 6, 2006, mother of Betty Shakal, FSPA ’65.

Erwin A. Burand, June 26, 2006, father of Ruth “Rusty” (Burand) Faas ’66.

Martha Kundinger, Nov. 16, 2006, mother of Dorothy Ann Kundinger, FSPA ’66, sister of Georgia Hammell, FSPA ’53, and grandmother of Sarah Pohlman ’03.


Sandra (Reget) Holter ’70, Nov. 3, 2006.
Caroline (Schissel) Lechtenberg, Jan. 17, 2006, mother of Mary Lou (Lechtenberg) Jenks '70.

Bertha Strigel, March 27, 2006, mother of Betty Jane (Strigel) Bialk '71.


Ken Berger, Nov. 24, 2006, brother of Sharon Berger, FSPA '72.


Ellsworth “Elsie” B. Klug, Nov. 6, 2006, father of Roberta (Klug) Galer '72.

Everett A. “Louie” Kampa, April 9, 2006, father of Kristine (Kampa) Hesch '72, Mary (Kampa) Kulas '73, and Nancy (Kampa) Flury '75.


Robert Claussen, Sept. 13, 2006, father of Deborah (Claussen) Morrow '73.

Eleanor Marie Hammell, March 6, 2006, mother of Joan (Hammell) Pohlman '73.

Susan Masewicz '74, June 12, 2006, sister-in-law of Jennifer (Manske) Masewicz '98.

Dominica Chenn, FSPA '75, April 27, 2006.

Kathleen (Stanek) Hynek '75, Dec. 12, 2006.

Gerald Stoflet, Nov. 24, 2005, and Betty Stoflet, Dec. 9, 2005 parents of Jean (Stoflet) Rosandich '75.

Gladys Rachel (Severson) Gallup, Feb. 27, 2006, mother of Clark Gallup '76.


Audrey Theodora (Anderson) Medinger, May 29, 2006, sister of Linda (Medinger) Bechly '77 and Sonja Sue (Medinger) Olson, '01.


Myra Jeanette Raaum, April 2, 2006, daughter of Gloria (Raaum) Stascavage '77.

Jeffrey Todd Antone, June 2, 2006, son of Betty Antone '79.

Hannah Naiman, March 8, 2005, daughter of Paula (Naiman) Gray '79.

Lorraine F. Gay, June 9, 2006, mother of Florence (Gay) Aliesch '81.


Viola Eppe, September 2005, mother-in-law of Pam (Dorshorst) Eppe '82.

Clara Dorshorst, December 2005, grandmother of Pam (Dorshorst) Eppe '82.


Jeanette Carol Matzke, June 30, 2006, mother-in-law of Kathleen “Katy” (Johnson) Matzke '84.

Patrick C. Muldoon, Aug. 31, 2006, father of Colleen Muldoon-Lemmens '86.

Willard Donskey, April 19, 2006, father of Diane (Donskey) Hefle '87.


Virgil Earl Radloff, May 1, 2006, father of Linda (Radloff) Couch '89.

Larry F. Miller, May 5, 2006, father of Michele (Miller) Lemke '89.


A FINAL WORD

One Hundred Eighty Days, but Who’s Counting?

by Rick Artman

All cultures have a distinct view of time, a valuable perspective I learned early in my professional career as international student advisor at the University of Miami, Fla. Americans have a particular fascination, almost an obsession, with time. We mark it regularly—shopping days remaining before Christmas; even the president’s ratings after 100 days. That president, not this one! Well, lo and behold, the Strides editor does want something on THIS president, at the 180-day mark. In higher education, it’s not common to check the polls to see how one is doing—people will tell you, or if a president is really out of the loop, word spreads quickly through the campus and there is a secret meeting of the faculty.

I was eager to comply with the request to pen some thoughts after six months on the job, until I was told the section for my essay is entitled, “Final Word”! Was there a meeting of the faculty?

It is with pleasure that I offer my early observations and my thoughts for Viterbo’s future. The pace has been frenetic, though I expected such and was prepared for the demands on time and energy, having served as president at Siena Heights University for the preceding 12 years. The Presidential Transition Team has served Joan and me extremely well. In the early months, the team members organized campus tours, scheduled meetings with key constituents, provided a resource list of community services, and shed insight on the 225 pages of responses to the “new president’s questionnaire” that was available online to faculty and staff.

The transition with Chancellor Medland has been a smooth one; and I am grateful to Bill and all of the other presidential predecessors who have shaped the direction of Viterbo during their tenure. I have by now met most of our trustees and I can assure you these women and
men are dedicated to our mission and to their fiduciary responsibilities—and they donate significant time and financial support toward the betterment of the university.

Meeting many of our Franciscan sisters has been utter joy. While my journey continues in understanding better Franciscan spirituality, getting to know the members of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration is a CliffsNotes primer to the values and spirit of Francis and Clare.

By all accounts, the university is financially stronger than any previous point in its history. Viterbo faculty and staff are exceptionally dedicated to teaching and serving students. Facilities are in excellent condition, even though several improvements are on my horizon. Community leaders hold Viterbo in high regard and our graduates are respected for their competence, ethics, and values.

A broad strategic plan was developed during the past two years, given the name: University of Opportunity. My immediate task is to define this more carefully and to set the institutional priorities for the next 3-5 years. I'm fond of the University of Opportunity banner—and after listening and observing, I have appended to it: “hope and help.” Viterbo presents an opportunity for students of all ages to realize their hopes and dreams. Yet, many institutions of higher education present opportunities. Viterbo’s distinctiveness lies within its total commitment to help our students manifest their aspirations.

Some preliminary thoughts about how we can expand opportunities and provide greater help include:

- Growing the full-time undergraduate enrolment, from 1,400 to 2,000. Adding intercollegiate sports to our minimal number of seven sports is one growth strategy.
- Fostering curricular innovation, such as offering five-year programs that conclude with a master’s degree, e.g., business and dietetics.
- Increasing international experiences and summer research opportunities.
- Employing new technology and applications for enhanced learning, distance education, and faster service.
- Upgrading and/or building new facilities: nursing, residence halls, and outdoor athletics complex.
- Introducing doctoral education to our portfolio of degrees, in ethical leadership and in nursing.

I am convinced Viterbo has significant momentum and strengths. We need to lead with those strengths and focus our attention and resources on a short set of priorities. Within these first six months I've tried to absorb Viterbo’s history and values; to know faculty, staff, and students; to meet key benefactors; and to capture the best we do. I’m feeling ready to launch—after all, a ship in harbor is safe, but that’s not what a ship is made for.

Thank you for your expressions of welcome and best wishes. Joan and I look forward to meeting you in the months ahead.