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Jumping the tracks

SCHEEDER, RHOTEN AND OTHER ALUMNI
PROVE THEIR CAREER FLEXIBILITY



President David Roe as a brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force, one of his many careers. ▲

When students first arrive at Central, many are surprised at the “core requirements,” or general education classes, they must take in order to graduate. They wonder why someone who wants to be an accountant or social worker or teacher should study subjects that have nothing directly to do with those fields. Why should you study literature, religion, psychology, music, art or any other subject outside the major?

The cornerstone of Central’s liberal arts curriculum is the core, a combination of course and proficiency requirements, which ensure the education of our students is grounded in an understanding of human thought and experience — the Central experience.

A liberal arts education teaches you how to think. The world becomes understandable, to an extent, through a knowledge of a wide range of subjects. The more you learn, the more you can learn. Learning is never ending. Knowledge builds upon knowledge. Good learning habits can be transferred from one subject to another. A liberal arts education allows you to see things whole since life itself is a whole, not divided into majors. Most jobs and endeavors require more knowledge than that of one field.

It’s sometimes difficult to determine which path to take after graduating. You will see in this issue of the *Bulletin*, alumni who have traveled to unexpected places. While not an alum, I have taken several different career paths — from a military officer with excursions into academe and the civilian side of federal government, to an executive in the financial services industry, to college president and assistant football coach.

I believe much of my ability to meet the various challenges inherent in my multiple careers is the result of a very rigorous core curriculum I was required to take as an undergraduate. That led me to examine fairly closely Central’s core curriculum when I was considering it as an institution to which I could commit my talents, energy and passion. While Central’s core curriculum can be improved — a proposition the faculty currently is examining, it still provides our graduates a breadth of exposure to knowledge and perspectives that empowers them to choose almost any career path that excites them.

Although choosing a different path can make you feel uneasy and overwhelmed, perseverance and belief in yourself are keys for success. We encourage our Central students to envision themselves as launching a life-long journey and adventure from the foundation for life that is the Central experience. We urge them to look to the successes of our alumni as sources of inspiration and comfort. Just as you were prepared to meet the myriad of challenges life throws at you, so, too, will they be prepared. Furthermore, as alumni, you know your journey continues daily and the roads chosen often surprise you. You start in one place and end in another — because you can.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David H. Roe".

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▲ Keith Yanner recounts his days as a first amendment soldier.

I N T H I S I S S U E

Pods expand Central's notion of residential living



Construction began in fall 2004 for the new 48-bed addition of the 1203 Independence Residence Hall, "The Pods." Increasing enrollment and the desire to have semi-independent honor housing available for students made new housing a priority on campus, and led to the construction of the pods, which are two years old. The new addition will open this fall. Each of the six pods contains a common living area, four two-bed resident rooms, a kitchenette, laundry facility and bathrooms.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CENTRAL ROLLS ON

Central closed Phase I of *The Campaign for Central* June 30 and entered Phase II July 1. The quiet phase of the campaign began July 1, 1999, and the campaign went public April 25, 2003, with the goal to reach \$50 million by June 30, 2005. The final tally is \$52,555,286, surpassing the original goal. The college plans to raise another \$36 million dollars during Phase II over the next five years in four major focus areas. Phase II features on-

going Central Fund support, endowment growth and two important capital projects — replacement of the track and football field and construction of a new academic building to house the education and psychology departments. *Imagine*, the campaign newsletter, will track each of these projects over the next year.

For more information, contact the development office at 1-800-447-0287 or go to www.central.edu/development.

FACULTY IS RECOGNIZED BY PEERS

Three professors were inducted into Central's Heritage Club for 25 years of service at a faculty banquet in May: Mary Stark, associate professor of English; David Timmer, professor of religion and philosophy; and Louise Zaffiro, professor of chemistry.

Ray Martin, professor of music, retired after 40 years of teaching woodwind lessons, music history and literature courses.

Jann Freed '77, professor of business management, was awarded the newly created Mark '64 and Kay Kuyper De Cook '63 Endowed Chair in Leadership and Character Development.

Dr. John Wesselink Awards for Outstanding Performance are designed to recognize model performances of desirable behavior and reward tangible achievements of merit. Wesselink awards were



◀ Grace Luder '05 was surprised at the senior banquet May 13 when her father Lt. Col. Jim Luder showed up to give the invocation. Luder, who is stationed in Tikrit, Iraq, was given time off to attend his daughter's graduation.

presented to: Bob Maurer, associate professor of accounting, for community service; Lois De Haan Smith '68, associate professor of library science, for institutional service; Gabriel Espinosa '79, assistant professor of music, for professional growth and development; Wendy Weber, assistant professor of mathematics; and Jim Zaffiro, professor of political science, both for teaching.

Anya Butt, assistant professor of environmental studies, and David Purnell, assistant professor of English, received the (Don and Maxine) Huffman Award for Outstanding Support of International Education.

Louise Zaffiro earned the David Crichton Memorial Award, which honors the late David Crichton, professor of chemistry from 1955-81. The award recognizes a member of the faculty whose exemplary teaching and scholarship shape the intellectual development of Central students.

GRADUATION MOVES TO A.N. KUYPER STADIUM

May 15 commencement ceremonies were held outside for the first time since 1969. Steve Bell '59, professor of telecommunications at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and current Central College board of trustee member, was the commencement speaker in 1969 and this year, addressing the class of 2005 at A.N. Kuyper Stadium with his speech "Riding the Revolution: Attitude is Everything."

SCHIPPER RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

College football hall of famer Ron Schipper was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at commencement May 15.

"In a day when the evaluation of coaches focuses myopically on the number of victories, Ron Schipper matches the best of them," said President David Roe, reading from the board of trustees' citation. "But, he towers over them when measured for integrity, sportsmanship and a caring personality."

Schipper was named an associate professor emeritus of physical education after retiring in 1996. He piloted Central to 36 consecutive winning seasons and compiled a 287-67-3 career record for a lofty .808 winning percentage and the 12th-highest victory total in college football history. He also spent time as an administrator, instructor, academic department and division chair, and dean of men. Schipper and his wife Joyce live in Holland, Mich.

SURPRISE!

Grace Luder '05 was surprised by her father at the senior banquet May 13 when Lt. Col. Jim Luder, stationed in Tikrit, Iraq, arrived in Pella for his daughter's graduation. Luder has been with the Iowa National Guard as a chaplain stationed at Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa, for the past 16 years. He volunteered to be acti-

vated for full-time service June 2004 and was activated in September. He was deployed in January 2005 and returned to Iraq to complete his term following commencement.

SENIOR CLASS BEATS GOAL

The class of 2005 set goals of raising \$1,600 with 40 percent participation for a senior class gift of an informational kiosk located on Peace Mall near the London phone booth on campus. The class raised \$2,066 with almost 50 percent participation. Therefore, the president matched \$1,600 for exceeding the participation goal and Deanna VerSteeg '94 contributed \$3,200 for meeting the monetary goal.

VETS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

VETS, an organization started last October of veterans and non-veterans, will take a group of 33 individuals made up of veterans and their spouses to Washington, D.C., over Labor Day weekend.

Veteran Tim Bates '06 acted on the idea after he heard a World War II veteran give a speech about the WWII memorial and described what a moving experience it was for him. Bates and A.J. Christian '07 decided to help other veterans who didn't have the money or initiative to go alone. ■

ALUMNI

HAPPENINGS

And the Legacy continues.



▲ Central welcomed its newest alumni class at commencement May 15.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS, FALL 2005

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005	Quad Cities
Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005	Parents' Council
Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-18, 2005	Family Weekend
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005	Tailgater at Simpson
Friday-Sunday, Oct. 7-9, 2005	Homecoming
Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005	Central Service Day (<i>Des Moines, Pella, Dallas, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Washington, D.C.</i>)
Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005	Tailgater at Wartburg
November 2005	Ottumwa
November 2005	GOLD event

EXPANDED LEGACY PROGRAM AT CENTRAL COLLEGE

Children of alumni are special, and we want to show you how much we care.

The alumni office routinely sends baby bibs to children of alumni upon learning of family additions. Now, we'll wish children of alumni "Happy Birthday" at ages 5, 10, 15, 16 and 17. Seniors in high school receive a special mailing each fall.

College information and age-appropriate gifts like beach balls, Central College pennants, totes, lanyards and mouse pads will be sent during the birthday month of alumni children.

Do we know about all of your children? Do we have their birth dates on

file? Don't let them miss out on extra birthday wishes from the Central College alumni office, current legacy students and even President David Roe. Log onto the free alumni community www.central.edu/alumni/community/index.cfm or e-mail alumni@central.edu with updates or a request for community registration information.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED

Has a family member died? A Central alum, a parent, a sibling, a friend? We want to know. We consider ourselves to be one big Central College family, and we care about what's happening in your lives. To notify the alumni office of a

death, please e-mail alumni@central.edu or log onto our alumni community.

We also keep track of job changes, e-mail and address updates, family changes and additions, and additional degrees earned.

FAMILY WEEKEND IS COMING

We're doing Family Weekend like we've never done it before! Our new and improved, family-friendly schedule throws you right into the pulse of the campus.

Be a student again and attend selected classes Thursday and Friday. Party at

the barbecue Friday night and then participate or watch Family Coffeehuas — a talent and variety show brought to you by Central students, parents and family members.

On Saturday enjoy a tour of Pella, educational opportunities, faculty coffee time, and men's and women's soccer matches and a football game.

Check out www.central.edu/parents/familywkd.html for a full schedule of events. ■



▲ Family Weekend is Sept. 16-18. Join us for a tailgater under the big top before the big game against Coe College at 1 p.m.

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Van Genderen sweeps NCAA high jump titles



◀ Cale Van Genderen became the first Central athlete to sweep NCAA indoor and outdoor championships.

Senior Cale Van Genderen completed a national title sweep, capturing the NCAA Division III men's outdoor high jump title in Waverly, Iowa, May 27 after taking the NCAA indoor crown in Bloomington, Ill., March 11.

He became the first Dutch athlete to pull off the double triumph. He won the outdoor title with a leap of 6'11.5 while clearing 6'11 at the indoor finals. Earlier he set a new school outdoor record at 7'0.5.

It's the 24th individual NCAA Division III championship in Central his-

tory and the eighth in men's outdoor track and field.

Central had five other all-America honorees as the Dutch tied for 19th in the men's team standings while the women shared 52nd place. The Dutch made their eighth consecutive NCAA appearance in the men's 4 x 400-meter relay, and the team of junior D.J. Cobler, freshman Guy Dierikx, junior Kevin Pitz and junior Justin Koepp finished fifth in a season-best 3:12.49.

Sophomore Alicia Whisner earned all-America recognition for the second time

in the women's javelin, uncorking a toss of 139' on her final attempt to claim fifth place.

At the Iowa Conference meet the Central men tied for second place while the women were fourth.

Senior Mark Sanger took the hammer throw title, senior Brad Rose won the 110-meter hurdles and junior Cory Torkelson was the pole vault champ, while senior Angie Vander Leest was first in the women's high jump.

COCHRANE SECOND IN LEAGUE TENNIS TOURNEY

Junior Nick Cochrane capped a big year by placing second in the Iowa Conference men's tennis A flight singles championship.

Cochrane, 26-6, also teamed with senior Aaron Enderlin to take second in the league's A flight doubles. They were 19-12 on the year. Junior Ryan Dierks and senior Jason Ford were eliminated by Cochrane-Enderlin in the league semifinals, but rebounded to take third place.

Cochrane climbed into the final season Division III regional singles' rankings.

Central, 21-8 in dual matches, was third in the league team tourney.

BASEBALL TEAM CONTINUES CLIMB TO TOP

Continuing its impressive resurgence under second-year coach Adam Stevens,



Adam Stevens

Central posted its highest baseball season winning percentage in 15 years and its best Iowa Conference showing since 1985.

After a 0-6 Iowa Conference season start, the Dutch reeled off 10 straight league victories, tying for second in the league standings at 10-6 and finishing 21-16 overall. Stevens shared conference coach of the year honors.

Senior shortstop Steve Gebhart, senior outfielder/catcher Kody Wohlers and junior outfielder Shea Stamp were first-team all-Iowa Conference selections while catcher/outfielder Adam Duerfeldt and pitcher/outfielder Austin De Hoogh were second-team picks. Gebhart was also a first-team all-region selection and Duerfeldt was on the third team. Duerfeldt led the Dutch with a .407 average, while Stamp hit .405 and was hit by pitch a Division III-leading 23 times. Gebhart batted .380 with a team-high nine homers and 45 RBI. Freshman pitcher Brett Mahan led the league in earned run average, posting a 3-2 record with a 3.00 ERA while De Hoogh was 6-2.

SOFTBALL SQUAD SWINGS BIG BATS

Central built its national softball reputation on pitching, speed and defense, but the Dutch put up some uncharacteristic offensive numbers in 2005.

While posting a 28-12 record for their 20th consecutive 20-win season, the injury-plagued Dutch missed the NCAA

Division III tournament for the first time since 1985.

But sophomore designated player Tina Shimak shattered the school career home run record in just her second season with 13, including five this season. Sophomore shortstop Dawn Nissen batted a team-high .424 with 50 hits and 22 stolen bases while senior first baseman Anne Legg hit .392 and led the Iowa Conference with a .545 batting average in league games.

Freshman catcher Kelly Harris had a sparkling debut, batting .328, while throwing out 24 of 39 would-be base stealers and picking off a school-record 15 runners.

Senior pitcher Corrie Schmidt, 15-8, was 58-19 for her career and appeared in a record 113 games.

Seniors Schmidt, Legg, center fielder Bri Kuyper and left fielder Holly Edwards helped the Dutch post a 140-31-1 mark over four seasons with three Iowa Conference titles, three NCAA playoff berths and a national championship.

CENTRAL RETURNS TO NCAA GOLF TOURNEY

For the fifth straight year and the 26th time in the past 30 seasons, the Central men's golf team gained a berth in the NCAA Division III men's golf championships.

Playing in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., the 12th-ranked Dutch placed 19th in the elite 23-team field at 326-318-314-304 — 1262.

Seniors Nick Grossman and Jake Pearson wrapped up their collegiate careers, sharing 34th place.

The finish followed a disappointing Iowa Conference tourney in which the Dutch slipped to third place.

Grossman was third individually with Pearson seventh and sophomore Brett Meyer ninth.

DUERFELDT, FORD RECEIVE ACADEMIC HONORS

Central College junior baseball player Adam Duerfeldt and senior men's tennis player Jason Ford were named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America teams as selected by CoSIDA.

Duerfeldt, a catcher from Urbandale, Iowa, was a first-team choice for the baseball squad. He carries a 3.87 grade point average with a chemistry major. He was a second-team all-Iowa Conference pick and a third-team ABCA Division III all-Central Region choice.

Ford, from Granite Falls, Minn., was a third-team pick for the men's at-large team. He completed requirements for a bachelor's degree in just three years, yet carried a 3.97 GPA as a physics major. Ford posted an 18-9 record at number two singles, and was also an all-Iowa Conference team member.

Central student-athletes have received academic all-America recognition 40 times, including three times in 2004-05. ■

2005 CENTRAL DUTCH FOOTBALL

Sept. 3	Augustana (Ill.)	Rock Island, Ill.	Noon
Sept. 10	Bethel (Minn.)	St. Paul, Minn.	1 p.m.
Sept. 17	Coe	Pella	1 p.m.
	Family Weekend		
Sept. 24	Loras	Dubuque	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	Simpson	Indianola	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	Cornell	Pella	1 p.m.
	Homecoming		
Oct. 15	Luther	Pella	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	Dubuque	Dubuque	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	Wartburg	Waverly	1 p.m.
Nov. 12	Buena Vista	Pella	1 p.m.

www.central.edu/athletics





Jumping THE tracks

When college students declare a major, they look towards a journey on a chosen career path. In the past, teachers taught for 40 years and those in business retired with gold watches for their longevity with the company. Nowadays, it's more likely workers start in one direction, veer a different way or jump tracks altogether and change careers. Today's graduates may not have a linear career path throughout their lifetime. In fact, a person is likely to have several career changes during a lifetime, and many average five to seven.

In the future, many will manage careers differently, and the shift already has begun. For some, the model of workers climbing the corporate ladder rung by rung is over. An increasing number of people are disenchanted with the old model of staying in one career path, with one company, or on one corporate ladder. Many people want more flexibility in their career designs. Some will leap forward, backward, laterally or onto a completely whole new path. Job satisfaction, freedom and the chance to make a difference are driving people to look at different careers.

Going from a vocal music teacher to a dairy farmer seems like an unlikely jump. But that's just what Merici Halsey Sheeder '87 did — a complete career overhaul.

Sheeder landed a job as a vocal music teacher with the Guthrie Center school district after subbing and being an accompanist for three years. After teaching full time for 12 years, Sheeder left education last year to help her husband Russell operate Sheeder Cloverleaf Dairy, a milk processing plant on their farm northwest of Guthrie Center.

At a time when many teachers are leaving the profession, either retiring or entering another career field, Sheeder followed suit and drove down a different path — one she didn't always expect, but something she's always wanted, working side by side with her husband.

"Central didn't offer a dairy program," she joked.

Although Sheeder got out of the classroom, she found herself doing unconventional teaching.

"We have tour groups come through, and I find myself teaching students about how we process our milk and cream," she said.

Sheeder did, however, renew her teaching license in 2004 but doesn't see herself going back to the classroom. Last year, 23,000 Iowa teachers renewed licenses, about 5,000 less than the year before, according to the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners. The decline is attributed to retirement and related to teachers leaving the profession for numerous reasons.

PREVIOUS CAREERS

Most of Rev. Lee Kester's '47 peers stayed in the profession they first started but not Kester. He did the opposite and got out of the ministry at a time when it seemed most were going into it.

A business and economics major at Central, Kester attended New Brunswick Theological Seminary right after graduation. He was ordained as a Reformed Church

in America minister in 1951 and served churches in Montrose, N.Y., Bronxville, N.Y., and Oradell, N.J.

Kester opted for early retirement mainly because it was hard for the self-proclaimed liberal to go on serving a strong conservative community.

"I was active in opposing the Vietnam War," he said. "And my wife and I were active in the African-American community. I was a Democrat in a strong Republican community."

Serving on the council of churches, Kester went to a meeting where he was told by the person sitting next



Considering a change of professions or moving to another industry isn't all that uncommon. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports 67 percent of American workers want to change their professions.

"Central didn't offer a dairy program ..."

to him to not to sit on the right side of the table because those were his “enemies.” It was then Kester decided he needed to get out and told the man sitting next to him, who worked for Investors Diversified Services, he needed to find a new job.

“So the next day, I went with him and was hired at IDS as a financial planner,” said Kester. “I guess in a way, I was in the right spot at the right time, but I also was well-known in the community.”

Sue Meyer '86, a nationally-recognized public school teacher for 14 years transitioned to corporate marketing and event planning five years ago for Wellstream Events in Seattle, Wash. She enjoyed teaching but decided it was time for a change.

Before leaving teaching, Meyer took many factors into consideration including monetary compensation, work and life balance, educational standards and parental/societal expectations. The spring before Meyer left teaching, there were shootings at a school in Columbine, Colo.

“That incident didn’t have a direct impact on my decision to leave teaching, but it did heighten my awareness of the types of demands being placed on teachers,” said Meyer, who last taught at West Des Moines Valley High School. “One of the last in-service meetings I went to was on the topic of ‘how to treat gunshot wounds.’ I thought that was a good sign to see what other careers I might enjoy.”

Many mid-career professionals look for change when current jobs are no longer rewarding or challenging. After 10-15 years, most discover something is missing and they find themselves thinking about what they liked but didn’t pursue as a student.

“I was teaching literature full of adventures, personal challenges and life lessons,” she said. “I encouraged the students to go into the world and see what it had in store for them. At one point, I remember thinking I should practice what I was preaching. I loved teaching but also had a number of other interests and was curious how my skill set might translate into another career. I decided I would rather take a chance to see what happened rather than regret not ever testing my interests in another field.”

◀ Merici Halsey Sheeder '87 gave up teaching for dairy farming.

The demands of the classes Meyer taught made her realize it was time for a change. The excitement was fading, and she was close to burning out.

“I was teaching college prep English, which required countless hours of preparation as well as paper grading,” she said. “When I spent 40 hours of my winter break grading research papers, I knew something had to change. I was drained of energy, which was affecting my enthusiasm for the job.”

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With nearly two-thirds of the nation’s K-12 teachers expected to leave the profession over the next 10 years, America’s schools eagerly are searching for qualified professionals to fill their positions. Sarah Thomson Tappendorf '99 decided a couple years after leaving Central she wanted to do something to make more of a difference in the world, so she moved to education.

“I just felt what I was doing wasn’t going to make me happy down the road,” said Tappendorf who was a public relations/marketing coordinator for Shive-Hattery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. “I always had an interest in the field and took several elective courses in education at Central. Teaching is a very accommodating career to be in when you want to spend time with family. I also think growing up with my mom as a professor made a major impact on my decision to go into education.”

Tappendorf was happy with her job and enjoyed the people with whom she worked. In a time where people are always on the go and sometimes family gets shifted aside as a second priority, Tappendorf was fortunate enough to have a boss who believed there are more important things in life besides working.

“He allowed me to keep my family as my number one priority,” she said. “But I wanted something a bit more rewarding, so I turned to education.”

ECONOMICS

For many career changers, money is not the overriding objective, but it can factor into the decision-making process.

Going from public relations to teaching, Tappendorf saw a definite cut in pay.



▲ Jay Rhoten '98 traded in his suit and tie for firefighter garb in September 2004. Rhoten works 24-hour shifts in his new career but wouldn't trade it for anything.

"I was leaving a very stable job with a lot of growth potential to go back to school and then work in a field that paid much less," said Tappendorf. "When I got my first teaching job in Iowa, I had to alter my budget as my pay was significantly lower than what I had been making when I worked as a public relations/marketing coordinator. However, now that I am teaching in Indiana, the pay scale is much more competitive for teachers. Hopefully, Iowa will be increasing teachers' wages soon."

Meyer also took pay into consideration.

"It's no secret that teaching does not pay well," she said. "I would not have made my career change if I didn't think I could have improved my earnings."

One of the most unexpected things for Meyer was the fluctuations in the economy.

"My career change happened in 1999 during a very solid market," Meyer said.

But after the technology bubble burst and following the attacks Sept. 11, 2001, the nation's economy took a downward turn. Suddenly, there were a lot of talented, professional people all competing for a handful of good jobs.

"These were all unexpected changes in the country and the economy, and it did have an impact on me," said Meyer.

Jay Rhoten '98 took a significant pay cut when he changed careers from a sales representative for All-State Industries to a firefighter for the city of Des Moines, but money was never a real issue.

"It came down to happiness and taking on a career I could enjoy versus one I could tolerate," he said.

There are opportunities for Rhoten to make more money and move up within the fire department.

"There are numerous medic and rescue positions that include a move up

"It's a commonly heard phrase at the station ... 'I can't believe we get paid to do this!' It's a privilege to do this for a living."

the ladder as well as an increase in salary, not to mention lieutenant, captain, assistant chief and district chief positions as well," he said.

Kester's career change from the ministry was a lucrative move for him, and he was able to have a successful career with the IDS, now known as American Express.

"It was a good move for me and wasn't difficult at all," he said. "I was ready to get out and go back to what I knew I could [do]. With all my political views, it was just right to leave."

Kester was happy with the way the change occurred and that he was able to pursue other avenues, which ultimately led to a change in lifestyle, traveling quite a bit and being able to serve the community on a number of boards. The Kesters also were able to fund a Central scholarship in their family name.

"The move came at a very good time and I enjoyed my job," he said. "If I hadn't done it, I wouldn't be able to live the lifestyle I have now in retirement — not on a minister's salary."

DISENGAGEMENT

When workers feel and act with a strong sense of engagement, profits and opportunities are high. However, the trend shows a growing number of employees feel disengaged in their work. The absence of full-strength, enthusiastic dedication to work could cause challenging problems for corporate leadership in the years ahead. A survey by the Conference Board found 40 percent of workers feel disconnected from their employers and 25 percent are there just to earn a paycheck.

JOB SATISFACTION

The change for Rhoten boiled down to job satisfaction.

"Sure the sales thing was good money, but I got tired of the fact that I really didn't feel like I was helping anybody or really making a difference in anybody's life," said Rhoten. "It just wasn't something I personally wanted to do for the rest of my life. I guess I had higher expectations for what I wanted personally and emotionally from a career and I wasn't getting that."

As an outside sales representative for All-State Industries for four and a half years following graduation, Rhoten traveled quite a bit and was satisfied for the first two to three years, in part because he was working with other Central alumni. But things changed like they do at all corporations from time to time.

"I really didn't feel like I was benefiting anyone but myself working in that particular sales career," he said. "I'm appreciative for the experience, most of all because now I am where I want to be. I know what else is out there and don't have the desire to test those waters again."

PLAN OF ACTION

When Tappendorf contemplated a change in directions, she talked with friends who were teachers and her mother, a professor at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, and even observed her roommate's classroom before making the decision.

"I honestly knew once I allowed myself to consider the idea of going back to school, it was the right thing for me and was an easy decision in that regard," Tappendorf said. "Telling my dad on the other hand, was not so easy!"

Understandingly so, as Tappendorf was leaving a stable job to go back to school and enter a field quite saturated with people looking for work.

But for Tappendorf, as many other Central College graduates have found, going back to school isn't that difficult — even while working full time.

"I went to the University of Iowa and spoke with the education advisers to see what classes I needed," Tappendorf said. "Since I had taken several education courses as electives and had numerous courses from my communication degree, I was able to fulfill requirements to get my reading and language arts endorsements."

Tappendorf said being a student again was easier than expected because she was excited to start the process.

"I do think from my work experience, I had fine-tuned my time management skills and hadn't completely forgotten how to survive college students' hours, as I was once again staying up late to do homework," she said. "But this time around I was getting up early to go to work in addition to attending classes."

Meyer assessed her likes and dislikes, did research, looked at transferable skills and did some networking with friends and friends of friends before taking the plunge into a new career. She found time to do temporary work and try out certain jobs all while making some money. Meyer took it as an opportunity to make a fresh start and welcomed the chance to step back and see what she liked and didn't like about her previous career.

"Everyone changes careers for different reasons," she said. "Some have a clear vision of what they want to do and go directly to it. Others tend to be more muddled in their path — and there was nothing clear about the path I ended up taking. For me, the journey was part of the growth experience."

Sheeder and her husband did their homework, too, researching processing in Wisconsin and the Midwest before jumping into the dairy industry. She feels it was a good move for her family.

"When my husband started the dairy farm in 1997, we knew the path we were headed," said Sheeder. "And now we're both on that same path of thinking about the same things — I'm not thinking school when he's thinking cows. We look forward to working together every day. There are, of course, restless nights, and I worried about the new business but that goes along with any new adventure, and it's definitely worth it."

Sheeder is used to a structured schedule from teaching and with your own business, it never stops.

"You get into a new routine," she said. "The hours are longer certain days of the week but shorter on other days so I can catch my breath. I like being home and having the flexibility of setting our schedule. But, you can't call in sick; there's no time to be sick."

FINDING A JOB

Wanting to escape a field altogether is not unusual. Changing fields is usually about 500 times more difficult than finding a new job in the same field. Tappendorf was lucky.

"I did get a job right away and early in the summer for that matter," she said. "I felt like I had some time to get my classroom ready and figure out what I was doing before school started."

Meyer also felt lucky as she was able to find a job in event planning rather quickly.

"I found I had to alter my mindset as to what a 'job' or 'career' was, as I immediately got a job as a contractor for Microsoft," she said. "It was a good, full-time job, but different from the permanent position I was accustomed to having. As a contractor, I wasn't given the benefits package I had received as a teacher, nor did I have security in the length of my contract. If the company decided they wanted to cut the budget or my project, I could quickly become unemployed."

Rhoten's Central connections provided great references, which helped him land his job with the city of Des Moines. During the interview process, the fire department asked for three character references and all three of Rhoten's were from Central.

"I was told after finding out I was hired I had some of the best references they ever received and that really moved me up in the rankings," he said. "Thank goodness for my Central connections! They came through when I needed them the most."

LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

A liberal arts education aids in making a career change.

"Liberal arts courses tend to emphasize writing and communication across the curriculum, which are basic skills required in any career," said Meyer. "And when those skills are honed, they automatically set you apart from others. Having exposure to a wide variety of courses also allows a person to explore many interests and have an appreciation of multi-faceted careers. It helps you realize what other options are out there."

Additionally, similarities among numerous careers and liberal arts can help you see those connections and follow them from one career to another.

Rhoten's definition of a liberal arts graduate is a "well-rounded individual who can take on anything."

"I have preached to anyone who will listen the small college experience Central offers is the best thing you could give your child," he said. "It allows you to grow and become a confident person who knows how far you've come and then starts looking at how far you can go."

THE NEW BEGINNING

Career change should influence your life positively.

"I live my life looking forward, not backward," said Sheeder. "When people ask me, 'Don't you miss school?' all I can think is 'Why aren't they asking me if I like my new job?'"

"I learned I had been living my job and had been allowing little free time for myself. I now work to live, rather than live to work. My job is great and I enjoy it, but it isn't the only thing in my life. When people ask, 'How's your job?' my answer is often short and sweet. When people ask, 'How's life?' I have much more to share with them."



◀ Sarah Thompson Tappendorf '99 switched to teaching from public relations to make a difference in young peoples lives.

Sheeder likes being a dairy farmer/milk processor and has no regrets.

"My job is very rewarding," she said. "It's different from teaching. People come up to us all the time and tell us how much they like our milk in glass bottles. Some even shared 'goose-bump' stories about not being able to drink milk due to health issues but are brave enough to try it, and we're tickled they're able to drink milk again. It's rewarding to know you are making a difference."

Rhoten says having a new-found enthusiasm for work is an understatement.

"Every time I step into that station, it's an adrenaline rush," he said. "At any moment we could hear the tones come over the speakers and start dashing for the ambulance, pumper or ladder. It's a commonly heard phrase at the station for someone to say, 'I can't believe we get paid to do this!' It's a privilege to do this for a living."

Changing careers drastically has changed Rhoten's life.

"I finally get to do something I'm extremely proud of and I get to help people when they need it most," he said.

Rhoten and his co-workers spend a significant amount of time together as they work in 24-hour shifts with 48-hours off, something different from what most people experience in their careers.

"I spend the 24 hours in the station, working, cooking, sleeping, cleaning and working out with a core group of around five to six other firefighters and para-

medics," said Rhoten. "You trust these people with your life, whether it's at a fire or making an ambulance run. They truly become your second family."

Meyer feels she expanded and grew during her career-changing process, and it has been a learning process.

"Changing careers isn't easy," she said. "Especially when most of us identify ourselves so closely with our jobs. I'd always been a 'teacher' and was associated with all the connotations that went along with that. Once I was no longer a teacher, I had to decide who else or what else I was. I learned I had been living my job and had been allowing little free time for myself. I now work to live, rather than live to work. My job is great and I enjoy it, but it isn't the only thing in my life. When people ask, 'How's your job?' my answer is often short and sweet. When people ask, 'How's life?' I have much more to share with them."

Meyer has more confidence in her skills and has learned to embrace change.

"I'm not stuck in a rut — I'm able to learn new skills, meet new people, adapt to new work environments and corporate structures, command respect in the business world, and land on my feet in a tenuous economy. The career change forced me out of my comfort zone and I am pleased I was able to be successful." ■

EXTRA! EXTRA!

by Keith Yanner

PROFILE: AT A GLANCE

- Stringer for *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, 1978
- Intern with *United Press International-St. Louis*, spring 1979
- Bachelor's degree in journalism with minor in political science at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, June 1979
- Reporter for *Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat*, 1979-83
- General assignment reporter for *Kansas City Star*, 1982-83
- Editorial page editor, *News-Democrat*, 1983-86
- Fellowship for doctorate degree in political science at Washington University in St. Louis, 1986
- Part-time editorial writer for *News-Democrat*
- Field research for doctoral dissertation in Mexico City, 1989-90
- One-year appointment in political science at Central College, 1991
- Tenure-track appointment as assistant professor of political science at Central College, 1992
- Doctorate in political science from Washington University in St. Louis, 1992
- Associate professor of political science, 1997
- Professor of political science, 2005

My newspaper career began in 1978 with an 84-mile drive southeast of St. Louis to Dowell, Ill. (pop. 441), where Rudolf Wanderone lived at the corner of two dirt roads. What had to be the world's chubbiest pod of stray pets had taken over his yard. With no hint of aggression, dogs and cats lay down together or ambled past each other, wobbling. The reason was clear enough. Strewn on the lawn were boxes of fresh carry-out — fried chicken, ribs, burgers, pizzas, mashed potatoes and gravy. A new Cadillac was parked in the driveway with windows down and doors open. Wanderone called it the cats' "fort." Nature provided the clothing — Wanderone the food and shelter. These animals had no unmet need.

Though odd, Wanderone was not the only eccentric hayseed in southern Illinois. But the *St. Louis Globe Democrat* was paying a 19-year-old journalism student to interview him because Wanderone was better known as Minnesota Fats, the most famous pool hustler in America. He had just moved to Dowell, his wife's hometown, and was now a local story. That day, despite a reputation for orneriness, the fast-talking Fats successfully launched my journalism career.

That career lasted 13 years, ending after five years of graduate school and an

offer to teach political science at Central College in 1991 — quite a change but not a big surprise these days. Before retirement, the typical Central College graduate will change careers several times. To negotiate such uncertainty, students need a sincere curiosity for things outside themselves and good education. Without curiosity and education, work is drudgery, and work in an uncertain environment is unnerving. Without curiosity and education, everyone is Willy Loman, the famous protagonist in *Death of a Salesman*.

Although curiosity and education have helped me avoid death-of-a-salesman syndrome, they have not always been useful in keeping plain old death at bay. An assignment to hang glide for the first time at the bluffs above the Mississippi River near Fults, Ill., then write about it, was risky business. Even riskier was an interview with a losing major league baseball pitcher who gave up a walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning. That happened to me while interning for *United Press International-St. Louis* in 1979. The pitcher was the Cardinals' Pete Vuckovich, a large man with a temper. The homerun hitter was Gary Carter of the Montreal Expos. The pitch was a hanging curve ball. Question to Vuckovich after the game: "Can you

describe the curve ball that Carter hit out in the ninth?”

Vuckovich: “Do I know you? You’re a [expletive deleted] intern, aren’t you? What do you mean, ‘can I describe the curve ball’? The ball curved. That means it didn’t go straight.” He grabbed my T-shirt. “Tell your [expletive deleted] bosses not to send the B-Team to my locker anymore. Got that? You go tell those [expletive deleted] if they want me to describe that [expletive deleted] pitch, to come ask me themselves.”

How could a sane man walk away from a prospective career like this one? After the UPI internship, three newspaper jobs were in my future: feature writing at the *Belleville* (Ill.) *News-Democrat*, general assignment reporting at *The Kansas City Star* and editorial writing back at the *News-Democrat*. The *Star* job involved anything interesting or relevant in the city center — art exhibits, mysterious deaths, public health threats (you’d be surprised how relevant and interesting a millipede infestation can be), new faces on the local jazz scene, etc. One night at an upscale jazz club, a waiter set an entire booth on fire while trying to light a flaming dessert for a couple celebrating their anniversary. The club owner threatened to sue me if *The Star* printed anything. But the story, and the photos, of the blazing bananas Foster and frightened couple was too tempting. It ran the next day.

Still, the job in Belleville/East St. Louis provoked the most curiosity and led to graduate school and teaching political science. The *News-Democrat* is the paper of record in St. Clair and Madison counties, just across the Mississippi from St. Louis. This was home to the infamous downstate Daly (former Chicago mayor) political machine. That meant rampant corruption, nepotism, ties between local political hacks and organized crime. Additionally, racism and white flight from East St. Louis had created the most notorious ghetto in America at the time. Belleville and East St. Louis faced several serious moral, political and socioeconomic questions. Editorial writers

suggest answers to local questions. That was the fun and frustration of editing the *News-Democrat*’s editorial page.

Pointing out problems and suggesting solutions (like indicting the mayor of East St. Louis on corruption charges, for example) could create drama. In the early 1980s, the radios on all the city’s police cars broke from age and neglect. After having the city declared bankrupt, the mayor refused to fix the radios. Instead he ordered the cop cars parked and the patrols stopped. This was especially interesting given the car-jacking epidemic in East St. Louis. The mayor decided to solve the car-jacking problem by ordering all traffic lights to flash yellow — day and night. Through it all the mayor maintained his posse of city-paid bodyguards, who carried Uzis and did things like clear out men’s rooms in public places so the mayor could pee alone whenever he felt that special urge. You can imagine the commentary his “policies” drew. One day, after a police car radio was fixed, a patrolman recognized me speeding home down an East St. Louis thoroughfare. He pulled me over and with great joy tossed me into a holding cell with two ticked-off

hookers until my boss could pay the \$50 ticket.

Exposing problems and suggesting “solutions” in affluent but corrupt Belleville got the newspaper sued often for libel. Fortunately, the parent company of the *News-Democrat* could afford to appeal until the case reached a court with honest judges. Although every libel verdict against the paper was overturned, there are very few experiences as riveting as cross-examination by a smart attorney before a judge who owes his job to that same attorney.

What breeds political corruption? How does racism incite mass panic that depopulates and destroys a city? How do poor minority communities revive their abandoned economies? At some point such problems become crises. One wants to understand them more comprehensively because all the apparent local solutions no longer seem viable. At that point, the frustration of editorial writing overshadows the fun. In 1986, the offer of a fellowship to do a doctorate at Washington University in St. Louis seemed like a godsend. And here’s the key: You have to be prepared (accomplished and well-educated enough) to qualify for those opportunities long before they might arise.

In the early ’90s, daily newspapers were dying because of 24-hour cable, the Internet and satellite. Young reporters and editors could not expect to retire from their newspaper jobs anymore. However, the teaching position in political science at Central not only allowed me to pursue all the important political, economic and ethical questions that arose in my newspaper career, but also to explore them in greater depth and in collaboration with colleagues and students. Being in a position to have those kinds of opportunities when the time comes is essential to contentment with work. It’s either that or pray the ghost of Rudolf Wanderone leaves the Cadillac and carry-out on the lawn every morning. ■



ALUMNI NEWSNOTES

THE '40S

Mina Baker-Roelofs '41 of Pella received the 2005 Iowa Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Hall of Fame Award. The award was presented to Mina at a workshop at Iowa State University in June. She is past president of the association and served as delegate at many national meetings.

THE '50S

Jeannine Flint Burt '51 and husband Allen of Boring, Ore., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer with their family.

Edwin Mulder '51 was appointed interim president at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, N.J. During the span of his career, he served as the pastor of six churches and as general secretary and president of General Synod. Before his retirement, Edwin was a member of the pastoral staff at the Marble Collegiate Church in New York, N.Y. He continues to serve the church as a special project consultant.

Margie Kramer Harmelink '57 writes feature articles for the *Sioux City Journal*. Margie and husband **John Harmelink '56** live in Rock Valley, Iowa. John is a retired farmer and auctioneer.

Bob Morley '57 was awarded a master's degree in American history in May from George Mason University. Bob and wife Carolyn live in Clifton, Va.

Kent Simmelink '59 is a broker at Investors Realty-Simmelink Realty in New Bern, N.C.

THE '60S

For information about **Mark '64** and **Kay Kuyper De Cook '63** and **Janet Dykstra Logan '69** see the '70s decade.

Neal Busker '60 and wife Carolyn are retired and living in Venice, Fla. A scholarship was funded in his name at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary to honor his lifetime of ministry in the Reformed Church in America.

Wendell Roelofs '60 of Geneva, N.Y., is an entomologist at Cornell University. Wendell was the senior author of a study on the discovery of the German cockroach "love scent" that appeared in the Feb. 18 issue of *Science*. Roelofs confirmed the discovery of the bug's pheromone gland may

lead to a new weapon in controlling the population of the insect.

Marlynn May '61 directs the United States-Mexico border research initiative in his role as the associate director of the Mexican American and U.S. Latino Research Center at Texas A&M University. Marlynn and wife Barbara live in College Station.

Wilma Van Gilst Kaldenberg '62 of Lynnvile, Iowa, was recorded as a minister of gospel in the Society of Friends. She participated in mission trips to Texas and Mexico this spring. Wilma writes three weekly columns for the *Diamond Trail News*.

Davis Eidahl '63 was named the national boys' cross country coach of the year by the National High School Coaches Association. He has taught and coached at Pekin Community Schools in Packwood, Iowa, for the past 41 years. Davis and wife **Sandra Kleinendorst Eidahl '65** live in Richland. Sandra is a secretary and teacher's aide at Pekin Community Schools.

James Redeker '63 was named one of Pennsylvania's Super Lawyers in the June issue of *Philadelphia Magazine*. Prior to 2003, Jim was vice chairman of the law firm Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen in Philadelphia. He remains on the firm's executive committee and is chairman of its labor and employment law department. James and wife Nancy live in Gladwyne.

Jon Kuyper '64 is the director of performing arts and theatre at Augusta State University in Augusta, Ga., where he and wife Linda live.

Shirley Stewart Donovan '65 of Guthrie Center, Iowa, retired after 35 years of teaching, most recently at Panorama Elementary School where she taught music.

Alan Thornton '65 is the director of the New Jersey School Boards' Association Insurance Group in Burlington. Alan and wife Teri live in Mount Holly.

Ed Von Hoene '65 of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, manages new sales people and commercial accounts at Neighbor Insurance Services in Cedar Rapids.

Guy Blair '69 retired after 32 years as band director at Pella Community High School. Guy and wife **Jane Sandell Blair '69** live in Pella. Jane retired from teaching third grade at Lincoln Elementary School.

Calvin Williams '69 and wife **Irene Tenpas Williams '70** retired in June 2004 and relocated to the Adirondack Mountains near Plattsburgh, N.Y. The former science and art teachers recently celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary.

'70

Richard Gray '70 was selected as one of four recipients of the Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) World Community Award. A treatment coordinator for the United States Probation Department in Brooklyn, N.Y., Richard was recognized for creating and implementing an outpatient substance abuse program. Richard and wife Florence live in Highlands, N.J.

THE '70S

For information about **Irene Tenpas Williams '70**, see the '60s decade.

Don Logan '70 is a teacher and guidance counselor at Benton Community Schools. He teaches a college-level general psychology course sponsored by Kirkwood Community College and developmental psychology on Kirkwood's campus. Don and wife **Janet Dykstra Logan '69** live in Van Horne, Iowa. Janet teaches fourth grade at Benton Community Schools.

David VanderMeulen '70 accepted a new position as senior scientist at BioMimetic Pharmaceuticals, Inc. David and wife Carol live in Franklin, Tenn.

Donald Perry '71 of Hoover, Ala., is the senior vice president and systems manager at Compass Bank in Birmingham.

Dale Vande Haar '74 is the district coordinator of libraries and information services for the Des Moines Public Schools. He graduated with a doctorate in education from Kennedy-Western University in Agoura Hills, Calif. Dale and wife Susan live in Des Moines.

Kathleen Nelson Lamb '75 is a financial service representative at Susquehanna Bank. Katie and husband **Kenneth Lamb '72** live in Thomasville, Pa. Ken is a sales manager at First Capitol Wire and Cable.

Lonnie Powers '75 is the athletics director and head football coach at Knoxville Community High School. Lonnie and wife Jacqueline live in Iowa City, Iowa.

Robert Monroe '76 is vice president of operations at Hancock Fabrics in Tupelo, Miss., where he and wife **Julie Wellner Monroe '77** live. Julie teaches fourth grade at Saltillo Elementary Schools.

Jann Freed '77, professor of business management at Central College, is the first recipient

of the **Mark '64** and **Kay Kuyper De Cook '63** Endowed Chair in Leadership and Character Development. Jann and husband John Fisher live in Des Moines with their three sons.

John Stensrud '77 of Avondale, Ariz., is a pastor and served as chaplain in the Navy and Marine Corps. John and wife Aimee have two children.

Duane Gill '78 is the associate director for research on society and environment in the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University. Duane and wife Saeedeh live in Mississippi State with their two children.

Dave Helmick '79 is a litigation supervisor at American Century Casualty Company in Houston. Dave and wife Kelley live in Spring, Texas, with their four children.

THE '80S

Rae Hochmuth Rhoads '80 is a manager of Subway restaurants. Rae and husband Mitchell live in New Florence, Mo., with their three children.

Steve Soma '80 is vice president and office manager at First Gabrielson Agency Inc. Steve and wife Barbara live in Belmond, Iowa, with their two children.

Scot Werkmeister '80 is the area vice president of the Iowa/Nebraska/Minnesota SCI Funeral and Cemetery Inc., in Ames, Iowa, where he and wife Lori live.

Stanley Sturtz '81 is the director of marketing communications at Pella Corp. in Pella. Stan and wife Carma live in Newton, Iowa.

Susan Ridder Vossberg '81 received a master's degree in library and information science from Dominican University. She is a medical librarian at Abbott Northwest Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn. Susan and husband **Ralph Vossberg '81** live in New Brighton. Ralph is a behavior analyst at Anoka County Development Achievement in Blaine.

Karen Rod Andeweg '82 is the senior credit administration officer at Community State Bank in Ankeny. She chairs the Urbandale Community Action Council and is a member of Mensa, an intellectual exchange group. Karen and husband **Bob Andeweg '84** live in Urbandale with their two children. Bob is an intellectual property law team leader at Brown, Winick, Graves, Baskerville and Schoenebaum in Des Moines.

Jeff Bramble '83 is president of American Athletic, Inc. Jeff and wife Tracey live in Ames, Iowa.

Tom Clingan '83 was named partner at Precision Development Inc., which specializes in custom business software. Tom and wife Mary live in West Des Moines with their two daughters.



ALUMS RIDE THE STORM OUT

Penny Healy Sullivan '83 (second from left) and college friends **Jill Bredlow Cook '83** (right) and **Susan Walljasper Johnson '82** (left) met this summer at The Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake for a concert/post-concert reception featuring REO Speedwagon. The three life-long friends have been reuniting each year for more than 22 years. Penny is the prepress services director at Meredith Corp. in Des Moines. Penny and husband Kevin live in West Des Moines with their son. Jill teaches first grade at Bertha Godfrey Elementary. Jill and husband Steve live in Algona with their three daughters. Susan is a reimbursement manager at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines. Susan and husband Duane live in Carlisle with their three daughters. Pictured is Bruce Hall, bassist for REO Speedwagon.

William Dowell '83 of Chicago, Ill., is the assistant vice president of commercial segments division at Enterprise Segment Underwriting.

Linda Beohm Hanson '83 is president of Enterprise Bank and Trust in Overland Park, Kan. She's the first woman to be named president of the Kansas City region of Enterprise Financial Services Corp. Linda and husband **Bruce Hanson '82** live in Leawood with their four children. Bruce is the owner and president of Advantage Group in Leawood.

Greg Hartgraves '83 is a pharmaceutical chemist at Nastech Pharmaceuticals in Bothell, Wash. Greg and wife **Kathleen Irish Hartgraves '83** live in Bothell with their two children. Kathleen is the associate pastor at Seattle First United Methodist Church.

Masaharu Kishi '84 and wife Tomoko were married May 12, 2004. Masaharu is an advisory IT specialist with IBM Japan in Tokyo.

Gaye Muilenburg Meyer '84 is a payroll specialist for Engenio Inc. in Wichita, Kan. Gaye and husband Mark live in Haysville with their four children.

Karen Van Warmerdam '84 of Unteraegeri, Switzerland, is a coach, trainer and facilitator at Business and Personal Achievement Coaching.

Amy Hotaling Wittman '85 is deputy managing editor of *Defense News*, an international weekly

newspaper covering business and politics of defense for Army Times Publishing Co. Amy and husband Jack live in Burke, Va. Amy, a four-year cancer survivor, finished the 2004 Marine Corps Marathon last October, raising \$2,000 for Georgetown University's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. She will spend Labor Day weekend participating in the Virginia Beach Rock and Roll Half Marathon.

Sam Vande Weerd '86 is a financial consultant with U.S. Bancorp Investments and Insurance in Pella. Sam and wife **Jill Van Zee Vande Weerd '91** are the parents of three children. Jill is a realtor for First of Pella GMAC.

Maryam Varela '86 is the owner of El Mundo de las Emociones in Spain and the Dominican Republic, where she is an emotional intelligence training consultant.

Mary Whisenand '86 of Des Moines is the assistant vice president of Marsh in West Des Moines.

David Conrads '87 graduated in May from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary with a master's of divinity degree in educational ministries. He is the church planting resident at The Journey Church in Cedar Springs, Mich. Dave and wife Rebecca live in Grand Rapids with their two children.

Lisa Mikkelsen Craine '87 is a household manager and senior consultant for Southern

Stephen Fyfe '87 of Pella is an associate professor of computer science at Central College. Stephen was the visiting professor for the Yucatan program during the spring semester. He was joined in Mexico by wife **Lisa Thurman Fyfe '87** and their three daughters. Lisa participated in the program as a student.

Living At Home. Lisa and husband Donal live in Victoria, Minn., with their son.

Deborah Fairlamb '87 of Ridgewood, N.J., is the marketing manager of UBS in Weehawken.

Brian Fritz '87 is a branch manager for U.S. Bank. Brian lives in Topeka, Kan., with wife Laurie and their daughter.

Tracy Raw Potbury '88 graduated with honors in 2004 from the optical dispensing program at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. She is a dispensing optician at Visique Optometrists in Whanagaparaoa, New Zealand. Tracy and husband Phil live in Kaukapakapa with their two children.

Rick Ludwig '89 of Waukee, Iowa, designed a nationwide Christian talent search called Gifts for the King.

Greg Mihalovich '89 of Rockford, Minn., is a division controller at Temroc Metals in Hamel.

Gary Shaver '89 graduated in 2003 with a juris doctorate and a master's degree in international business from Seattle University. Gary is general manager at SunEarth Inc. in Fontana, Calif. Gary and wife **Chino Sato Shaver '92** live in Claremont.

THE '90S

For information about **Jill Van Zee Vande Weerd '91** and **Chino Sato Shaver '92**, see the '80s decade. For information about **Greg Clark '98**, see the '00s decade.

Andrew Shahriari '90 teaches music literature at Kent State University and co-authored *World Music: A Global Journey*, which will be released in November. Andrew and wife Christina traveled extensively during his research. They live in Stowe, Ohio, with their son.

David Slinker '90 is a DSL manager at Quest Communications. David and wife Heidi live in Des Moines with their two daughters.

Kerri Stover '90 of Ames is the associate director of admission at Iowa State University.

Clay Thompson '90 is the director of emerging markets at CAT Inc. in Beijing, China, where he lives with wife Amy Britt and their two children.

Annette Schaffer Zimmerman '90 is the elementary principal at Pickwick Elementary in Ottumwa, Iowa, where she and husband Jeff live with their three children.

Thomas Bendixen '91 is a center performance analyst at U.S. Cellular. Tom and wife Brandi live in Marion, Iowa, with their daughter.

Shelley Cranston '91 is a seventh and eighth grade resource teacher for Centerville Schools. She was recognized as a finalist for the teacher of the year award in her district and served as president of the Centerville Education Association. Shelley was a delegate at the National Education Associations' Representative Assembly in Washington, D.C.

Ginger Saur France '91 was named the Iowa State Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Junior Member. She is a member of the Hannah Caldwell Chapter in Davenport, where she serves as recording secretary and state genealogical records chairman. Ginger and husband David live in Bettendorf with their two sons.

Catherine Gulyas '91 and Robert Kolosky of Bowie, Md., were married April 20, 2001. In 2003, Catherine received a master's degree in international affairs from American University. Catherine is an analyst with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Robin Lage '91 and Charles Taylor of Urbandale were married May 7. Robin is assistant director of the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation.

Ricci Moore Luken '91 owns and operates Luken Advisors in Urbandale, Iowa. Ricci and husband **Robert Luken '90** live in Urbandale with their son. Robert is the director of human resources at ADP Inc.

Sandra Mercer '91 is the part-time chaplain at the University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz. She gained acting experience when she appeared in the passion play "Simon Peter" at the Tucson Convention Center. Since then, Sandra appeared as an extra in a commercial and movie.

Kristi Barten Siwajek '91 is the regional director for Asia at Children International in Kansas City, Mo. Kristi and husband Gary live in Sherrard, Ill., with their daughter.

Carrie Winterboer Wilkinson '91 is vice president of Keystone Savings Bank in Center Point, Iowa, where she and husband Joe live.

Steven Hoekstra '92 and Anne Hobson of Salina, Kan., were married May 21. Steve is an associate professor of psychology at Kansas Wesleyan University.

LaNita Matheney Keeton '92 teaches kindergarten at B.C. Berg Elementary. LaNita and husband Brian live in Newton, Iowa, with their children.

Jill Cryer Neuzil '92 teaches first and second grade at Hills Elementary School and was among the instructors who traveled to Baltimore, Md., to accept an award from Boyer Basic School Institute in Pennsylvania. The school was one of four recognized for its commitment to differentiated instruction. Jill and husband Terry live in Iowa City, Iowa.

Terri Glandon Petty '92 is the administrative manager for the developmental sales division at Musco Sports Lighting in Oskaloosa, Iowa. **Jeff Petty '90** is the head carpenter at Winegardener Construction in Pella. Terri and Jeff live in Knoxville with their two sons.

Julie Wilkening Wilber '92 and husband Scott operate Wilber's Northside Market, where they sell homegrown vegetables. During the off-season, she is a professional tax preparer. Julie and Scott live in Boone, Iowa, with their two children.

Tiffan Huebner Yamen '92, along with two other stillbirth mothers from the Des Moines area, volunteer their time to the stillbirth awareness and prenatal health education programs and established a stillbirth registry for Iowa. Tiffan traveled to Washington, D.C., to lobby for increased funding for stillbirth and SIDS research. She is the senior marketing consultant at Business Performance Group. Tiffan and husband Joe live in Waukee with their daughter.

Rebecca Zuber '92 of Brooklyn, N.Y., accepted a full-time position as a productions coordinator at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, a world-wide touring venue for non-profit performing arts companies.

Lisa Zobrist Dunkin '93 and husband Glen live in Arcadia, Colo. They are certified referring travel agents with YTB Travel and Cruises.

Robert Glasgow '93 of Salem, Ore., teaches Spanish and English as a second language in the Salem-Keizer School District.

Darian Hala '93 and Darcy Hilgendorf of Wes Des Moines were married Sept. 18, 2004. Darian is employed by The Principal Financial Group.

Kari Ringgenberg Pingel '91 was among 50 teachers nationwide who received the 2004 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. President George Bush presented an award to Kari at a ceremony held in Washington, D.C., this spring. She was recognized for the online NASA science unit "Reason for the Seasons." Kari teaches fifth grade at Jefferson Elementary in Pella where she and husband **Eric Pingel '92** live with their four children. Eric is the database technology coordinator at Pella Community Schools.

Dori Zegers Robinson '93 is the director of Park City and Provo Surgery Centers in Park City, Utah. Dori and husband Shawn live in Heber City with their two children.

Stephanie Waite Severson '93 is the owner and co-founder of Mix It Up Meals, a meal assembly kitchen, with three locations in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. Stephanie and husband Tom live in Lino Lakes with their three children.

Steve Charters '94 is the PGA golf professional at Twin Pines Golf Course in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Steve and wife **April Kirkpatrick Charters '96** live in Cedar Rapids with their three sons. April is a circulation resource specialist at Gazette Communications, Inc.

Christina Heintz deNeui '94 is the elementary principal at West Marshall Community School. Chris and husband Paul live in State Center, Iowa, with their two daughters.

Mike Farquhar '94 was promoted to general manager of the architect series at Pella Corp. Mike and wife **Wendi Olson Farquhar '95** live in Pella with their three children.

Maximilian Kogler '94 of New York, N.Y., is the managing principal at MM Capital.

John McKinney '94 is vice president and assistant general counsel at West Bank in West Des Moines. John and wife **Julie Hansen McKinney '95** live in Des Moines with their daughter. Julie is a registered nurse working in the surgical recovery unit at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

Jana Daberkow Rieker '94 is a sales executive for *Successful Farming* magazine at Meredith Corp. in Des Moines. She serves on the Emerging Leaders Group, Young Professional Connections Marketing and is president of the National Agri-Marketing Association in Iowa. Jana and husband Mike live in Clive with their two children.

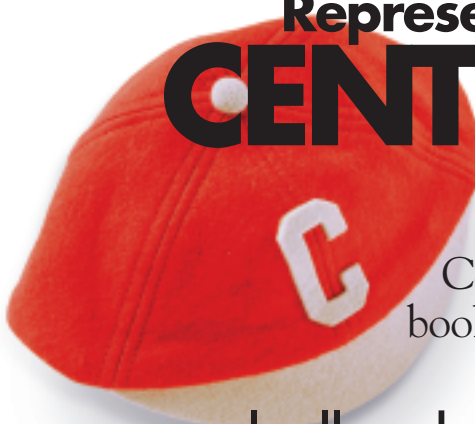
Deanna Ver Steeg '94 and Joseph Timmins of Chicago, Ill., were married May 16. Deanna is a corporate audit manager at S.C. Johnson and Sons, Inc.

Paula Wood '94 serves as a Spanish translator and community liaison for the West Liberty School District. Paula spent time in Guatemala, where she volunteered for a project helping refugees from the civil war return home. In 2002, Paula and husband Jose Mejila, a Guatemala native, returned to the United States.

Constonsa Sampson Alexander '95 received a master's degree in recreation from Aurora University. She is a recreation specialist for Palm Beach County. Constonsa and husband Jakobie live in Jupiter, Fla.

Kelly Schaumburg Bakke '95 is employed part time in the youth department of the Urbandale Library. Kelly and husband Jeff live in Urbandale, Iowa, with their daughter.

Mindy Ray Dean '95 received a specialist degree in education administration from William



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Woods College. She teaches middle school in Palmera, Mo., where she lives with husband John.

Melissa Shain Hurley '95 is a sales professional at Inland Homes. Melissa and husband Craig live in Land O'Lakes, Fla., with their son.

Tom Jansma '95 of New Concord, Ky., is an IT manager at Pella Corp. in Murray.

Brandee Marckmann '95 is a development associate at San Francisco State University. Brandee and husband Bill Mooney live in San Francisco, Calif.

Michael Miller '95 of Fairbanks received a master's degree in capital markets from University of Alaska in May. He's director of small business development at the university.

Jennifer Peacock Neifer '95 teaches Spanish at Walnut Ridge Baptist Academy. Jennifer and husband **Michael Neifer '97** live in Waterloo, Iowa, with their daughter. Michael is a production manager at The Radio Group.

Laura Richards '95 of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is the international programs and support services coordinator for Diamond V Inc.

Jonathan Rippentrop '95 joined the department of urology at Physicians' Clinic of Iowa in Cedar Rapids. Jonathan and wife **Betsy Brandl Rippentrop '94** live in Iowa City.

Sean Vogt '95 is the director of choral activities at Briar Cliff University. Sean and wife **Jennifer Ter Louw Vogt '94** live in Sioux City, Iowa.

Steve Brand '96 was named the West Central Conference girls' basketball coach of the year. Steve and wife **Robin Olhausen Brand '94** live in Guthrie Center, Iowa, with their four children. Steve teaches fifth and sixth grades and is the head varsity girls' basketball coach. Robin is the assistant girls' basketball coach and head volleyball coach at Guthrie Center High School.

Mary Hoover Bybee '96 was promoted to marketing officer at Iowa State Bank in West Des Moines. Mary and husband James live in Clive with their son.

Jeannette Juricic '96 is the management officer for the U.S. Department of State. Jeannette and husband Jorge Valencia Fritz are stationed in Chengdu, China, for the next three years.

Jennifer Beymer Hansen '96 is an accountant at Wells Fargo Financial in Des Moines. Jennifer and husband Steve live in Indianola with their two children.

Diane Dolby Harris '96 is a Latin America product specialist at Zetron Inc. in Redmond, Wash. Diane and husband Jim live in Bellevue.

Kara Kohler Hoogensen '96 is a business development officer at The Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. Kara and husband Stephen live in Des Moines with their two daughters.

Todd Jones '96 is a manufacturer's representative for commercial cooking equipment at Paragon Marketing in Lenexa, Kan. Todd and wife **Bonnie Klassen Jones '97** live in Parkville, Mo. Bonnie is a pediatrician at the Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

Gretchen Van Zee Lowe '96 owns and operates Creative Expressions by Gretchen. Gretchen and husband **Sean Lowe '96** live in Ankeny. Sean is a senior analyst at The Principal Financial Group in Des Moines.

Aaron Mager '96 was named the boys' basketball coach at Adel-DeSoto-Minburn High School. Aaron and wife **Heather Nordman Mager '98** live in Waukee, Iowa, with their son. Heather is a scientist at Terracon.

Rochelle Inman Miller '96 and husband Jason Davis are doctors in practice together at Quad City Family Physicians PC in Davenport, Iowa.

Amy Voigt Morrison '96 and husband Jeff live in Austin, Minn., with their son. In June 2004, Amy was promoted to manager of IT planning and strategy at Hormel Corporate Services LLC.

William Smock '96 is an account executive at Saxton Inc. William and wife Amber live in Aledo, Ill., with their daughter.



MARSHALL WEDS ZEGERS

Central alumni traveled from all over to join in celebrating the marriage of **Deidra Zegers '98** and **Jeff Marshall '95** in Newton, Iowa, on Oct. 2, 2004. Here they are pictured in front of the Newton Country Club.

First row (left to right): **Sue Newhouse Bramwell '96**, **Mike Bramwell '96**, **Chris Nelson '95**, **Melissa Gutshall Teggatz '98**, **Melodie Hoskey Easter '93**, **Nicole McMenamin Darling '98**, **Andi Danks '98** and **Alli Splittgerber Bogaard '98**.

Second row: **Jill Egan Birkenholtz '99**, **Eric Birkenholtz '98**, **Missy Kenton Kerrigan '97**, **Deidra Zegers '98**, **Jeff Marshall '95**, **Dori Zegers Robinson '93**, **Sarah Cannon Zanter '98** and **Jen Weber Evans '98**.

Third row: **Wendy Van Houten Dutler '97**, **C.W. Van Baale '97**, **Heather Burr Isaacson '97**, **Jenny Thomas Hemmes '97**, **Kristi Tryon Fuller '94**, **Brad Teggatz '95**, **Brad Fuller '92**, **Grant Manning '96**, **Terry Reeves '97** and **J.R. Eguia '98**.

Fourth row: **Chuck Wiebenga '93**, **Brandon Holton '95**, **Todd Pringle '96**, **Cristin Kline Pringle '97**, **Jason Hinnens '96**, **Dave Hemmes '97**, **John Sebetka '96**, **Rob Akers '97**, **Jon Eads '95**, **Brad Dutler '97**, **Ryan Suchomel '94** and **Chris Haeck '96**.

Stacey Sonnek Alberts '97 is a physical therapist at her clinic, Total Rehab-Orthopedic and Sport Specialist, in Grinnell, Iowa. Stacey and husband **Scott Alberts '96** live in Kellogg with their son. Scott is president of The Identity Group in Grinnell.

Jessica Olson Dzikonski '97 is a juvenile court officer for the Sixth Judicial District Juvenile Court Services in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Jessica and husband Craig live with their two children.

Joshua Engelbart '97 is an attorney at Buckley and Buckley, LLC in St. Louis, Mo. Joshua and wife Ann live in Ellisville.

Ryan Erickson '97 of Columbus, Ohio, is senior manager of brand and product development at Elmer's Products Inc.

Emily Freed '97 of Chicago, Ill., is an experienced hire recruiting lead at DiamondCluster International.

Gretchen Hansen Hunt '97 is the head volleyball coach at Bethel University and teaches in the health and physical education department.

Gretchen and husband Chris live in Minneapolis, Minn., with their son.

Jeff Krogmeier '97 and Stephanie Winslow of Woburn, Mass., were married Oct. 16, 2004. Jeff is employed by U.S. Genomics.

Kristi Leonard '97 of Forest City, Iowa, accepted the position of assistant professor of wellness and wellness director at Waldorf College. In July, she completed a second master's degree in community health education from the University of Northern Iowa. She attended and presented at the national American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention in Chicago, Ill., and the national wellness conference in Stevens Point, Wis.

Kirk Rathjen '97 was appointed senior contract underwriter with Merchants Bonding Co. in Des Moines. Kirk and wife **Ashley Calhoun Rathjen '97** live in Ankeny with their two sons. Ashley is a purchasing specialist at Perishable Distributors of Iowa.

Aaron Roerdink '97 received a doctorate degree in analytical chemistry from the University

of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2004. He is an analytical chemist at Cedarburg Pharmaceuticals in Grafton. Aaron and wife **Andrea Westra Roerdink '97** live in Shorewood with their daughter. Andrea is a pediatric/intensive care nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee.

Laura Appleby '98 and Brian Riniker were married Oct. 2, 2004. Laura is a senior consultant at Met Life in Denver. She attends graduate school at the University of Colorado. Laura and Brian live in Thornton.

Charlemagne Gililland Eekhoff '98 gives private string lessons through The Music Connection at Central College. Charlemagne and husband Daniel live in Otley, Iowa, with their daughter.

Chad Eisele '98 is a financial business specialist at Nationwide Agribusiness in Des Moines. Chad and wife Angie live in Ankeny.

Kelly Hannan '98 of Des Moines earned a master's degree from the University of Iowa in December. She is a finance manager at Becker Underwood in Ames.

Aaron Kuecker '98 is working toward a doctorate degree from St. Andrews, Scotland. Aaron and wife Kerri live in Holland, Mich., with their son.

Andria Macias-Castillo '98 received a master's in business administration from the University of Iowa in December. She is the director of United Way of San Antonio. Andria and husband Carlos live in Cibolo, Texas.

James Rotert '98 and Lisa Craig of Martin, S.D., were married June 19, 2004. James received a master's degree in school counseling from Chadron State College in 2003. He is the alter-



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF '99 REUNITE

A group from the class of 1999 gathered for Tulip Time and met at Maytag Student Center to kick off the weekend. The group meets every year for the tulip festival.

First row (left to right): **Katie Weeks Cook** with **Ian Cook**, **Jamie Hiscocks Cash** with **Brody Cash**, **Kristi Pieper Carlson** with **Maggie Rayburn**, **Julie Augspurger Rayburn** with **Macy Rayburn**, **Colby Carlson**, **Cooper Vos**, **Nikki Armstrong Carlson**, **Teresa Collier Cretin** with **Isaac Cretin**, **Kell Vos**.

Second row: **Julie Lambirth**, **Heather Spurlock**, **Sara Poppens Jacobson** and **Kaylin Vos**.

native academy director at Bennett County School District.

Aaron Russell '98 is an asset manager at Principal Real Estate Investors in Des Moines. Aaron and wife **Mandy Messerly Russell '98** live in Johnston. Mandy is a corporate recruiter for The Principal Financial Group.

John Bertrand '99 is an IT business consultant with Nationwide Insurance in Des Moines. John and wife Katie live in Urbandale with their son.

Chris Button '99 is a second year counseling psychology doctoral student at the University of Iowa. He is a research assistant at ACT in Iowa City, where he lives with wife **Katie Brees Button '02**. Katie teaches second grade at Keota Elementary School and is a volunteer track coach at Central College.

Shawn Callahan '99 of Kansas City, Mo., is a senior business analyst at Cerner Corp.

Tamera Cross Dann '99 received a master's degree in effective teaching, learning and leadership from Drake University in May. She teaches Spanish at Jordan Creek Elementary School in West Des Moines. Tamera and husband **Roger Dann '97** live in Des Moines. Roger is a quality control manager at Kemin Foods.

Cory Gilday '99 of Vancouver, Wash., received a master's degree in exercise science from California University of Pennsylvania in June. Cory is a strength and conditioning coach at Velocity Sports Performance.

Charles Graham '99 and Amy Swanson of Des Moines were married June 26, 2004. Charles is a graduate of Des Moines University. He is a physician assistant at Des Moines Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Jennifer Hall '99 is a homemaker and naturalist in Lovilia, Iowa.

Erica Mingst Imholz '99 is a registered nurse in the critical care unit at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. Erica and husband Jeff live in West Des Moines.

Lisa Kassel '99 and Christian Carreon of Arcadia, Calif., were married in September of 2004. Lisa is a product specialist for Ortho Biotech.

Stacy Dufalla Martinez '99 is an auditor at Hilton Garden Inn and Suites. Stacy and husband **Brian Martinez '97** live in White Bear Lake, Minn., with their two sons. Brian teaches at St. Paul Academy.

Mark Maurer '99 of San Diego, Calif., is the director at Silvaco Government Business Division.

Chad Myers '99 of Rochester, Minn., graduated from the police academy. He is a correctional officer at a juvenile detention center and a police officer with two other departments. Chad also owns and operates a woodworking and furniture restoration business.

Paul Nichols '99 received a master's in Latin American studies from the University of



LEIDEN REUNION

Former students who studied on Central's Leiden program during the spring semester of 2000 gathered for a mini reunion in April to reminisce about their time in Leiden.

First row (left to right): **McGan Kral Kempnich '01**; **Ellen Johnsen '01**; **Stacy Lorensen '01**; **Alex McCombs '01**; and **Casey Lord '00**, Simpson College.

Second row: **Megan Kaska '01**; **Laura Korpel '02**, East Stroudsburg University; **Scott Bell '01**; **Jacob Pedersen '01**; and **Derek Lord '00**, Simpson.

Connecticut in 2004. He is the assistant to the planning and development office for the Town of Ledyard. Paul lives in Groton.

Casey Quiggle '99 of San Ramon, Calif., received a certification in youth and family ministries from the Center for Youth and Family Ministries. He coaches at Capistrano Valley Christian Schools.

Kerry Maynard Vande Kieft '99 is a senior account representative at The Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. Kerry and husband **Joe Vande Kieft '99** live in Johnston, where Joe is a Web site designer for Advanced Technologies Group Inc. in West Des Moines.

Ross Vander Werf '99 plays bass with the band Wakefield out of Mechanicsville, Md. Since April, they have been on tour promoting their new album. Their current single "Come on Baby" is receiving radio play.

Susan Neifer Wees '99 is the director of marketing and public relations for the Des Moines Symphony. Susan and husband Doug live in Urbandale.

Woessner and Kluth. Ben and wife Jamie live in Minneapolis with their daughter.

Chanda Danley '00 and Pedro Lopez Moyano of León, Spain, were married April 2. Chanda teaches English and translates at Idimoas Milagros.

Sarah Pearson Gibson '00 of West Des Moines teaches third grade at Johnston Community Schools.

Brent Hanson '00 and Katie Schaefer of Eau Claire, Wis., were married Sept. 18, 2004. Brent is a business development manager for Agrifac Credit Acceptance LLC.

Brenda Johnson '00 and **Brad Steenhoek '01** were married March 24. Brenda is a financial accountant II at The Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. Brad is a sales manager at Rinker Materials Inc.

Andrew Olig '00 of Boston, Mass., is the regional marketing director at The Hartford.

Morgan Parker '00 is a financial consultant at Wells Fargo Financial in Des Moines. Morgan and wife **Jill Wesselink Parker '01** live in Pella with their son. Jill is a financial accountant at Pella Corp.

Emily Plum '00 begins work on a master's degree from Iowa State University this fall. Emily participated in Central College's Writers Reading program in March reading from *Water and Stone*, her self-illustrated book of Japanese poetry. She is working on two more books, *Driving to Mount Fuji* and *Wings Echoing*, a book about Mexico.

THE '00S

For information about **Katie Brees Button '02**, see the '90s decade.

Ben Armitage '00 received a juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota. He is a patent attorney at Schwegman, Lundberg,

Christopher (Kit) Strief '00 of Celebration, Fla., received a master's degree in sports administration from Wichita State University. Kit is an intern at Client Services and Promotions at Walt Disney World.

Kimberly Thompson '00 received a master's in English education from the University of Iowa. Kimberly teaches English at Indianola High School.

Jeana McKnight Clark '01 is the founder of Clark Translations, a German translation/interpretation company. She is the official translator for the Iowa Council for International Understanding. Jeana and husband **Greg Clark '98** live in Pella with their two children. Greg is a continuous improvement technician at Pella Corp.

Roger Dortch-Doan '01 received a master's degree in athletic training from Indiana State University. He is an assistant athletic trainer at DePauw University. Roger and wife Amy live in Greencastle with their daughter.

Brandon Eighmy '01 is assistant principal at Lawson Elementary School in Lawson, Mo. Brandon and wife **Veronica Myers Eighmy '00** live in Kearney. Veronica is an NICU nurse at Liberty Hospital.

Charles Fortin '01 is a marketing research analyst at Nationwide Insurance in Des Moines. Chuck and wife Kim live in Waukee.

Rachel Gans '01 of Berwyn, Ill., is an out of the darkness overnight coach for Event 360 in Chicago.

Chad Klein '01 is an optometry student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Chad and wife **Amanda Jens Klein '01** live in St. Louis. Mandy is a sales representative at Strauss Safe and Lock.

Betsy Loomans '01 and Christian Ezell of Des Moines were married March 19. Betsy is a campus staff worker for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Rachel Morris '01 of Alexandria, Va., is a senior analyst at Marsh USA in Washington, D.C.

Steve Perkins '01 graduated from Des Moines University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in May. He was this year's recipient of the Charles Reed Memorial Award for academic achievement. Steve and wife **Stefanie Bresnahan Perkins '02** live in Des Moines with their son. Steve is a family medicine resident at Broadlawns Medical Center. Stefanie is an instructor in the aquatics and wellness departments at the YMCA.

Justin Snyder '01 of Martinez, Ga., received a master's degree in regional planning/GIS from Eastern Michigan University. He is a planner for Columbia County in Evans.

Kristopher VanHouten '01 graduated in 2004 with a doctorate in physical therapy from Drake University. Kris is a doctor of physical therapy

at Soledad Orthopedic Physical Therapy in Soledad, Calif.

Stephanie Werner '01 and Gregg Edmonds of Spring, Texas, were married Feb. 12. Stephanie received a master's degree in occupational therapy from Rockhurst University in 2001. She is an occupational therapist at Cole Therapy Center in Houston.

John Brandt '02 and Jody Brevig of Glendale Heights, Ill., were married April 16. John is a physical therapist and athletic trainer at Athletico.

Kimberly Campbell '02 of Cerritos, Calif., received a master's degree in clinical psychology from Argosy University in June. Kimberly is an intern at Family Service of Long Beach while pursuing a doctorate degree.

Curtis Carroll '02 and wife **Sarah Murray Carroll '02** returned to Iowa after a six-month mission trip to PaPau, New Guinea.

Samantha Smith Clinkinbeard '02 received a master's degree in social psychology from the University of Nevada in May 2004. Samantha and husband **Justin Clinkinbeard '02** live in Reno.

Amy Diehm '02 of Des Moines is a resource teacher for Des Moines Public Schools.

Hilary Hekel '02 of Fort Drum, N.Y., is an Arabic linguist for the U.S. Army.

Stephanie Hess '02 is employed by the U.S. Navy in San Diego, Calif. Stephanie is the FUN/fit boss on board an aircraft carrier where she plans recreation events.

Gregg Hinders '02 is a personal banker at First State Bank in Parkersburg, Iowa, where he and wife **Krista Rankin Hinders '02** live. Krista is a sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Anthony Menning '02 of Northwood received a master's degree in industrial engineering from Iowa State University in May. Tony is a manufacturing engineer at Advanced Component Technologies Inc.

Jessica Criswell Owens '02 and husband **Will Owens '02** of Le Grand, Iowa, are youth leaders at Le Grand Friends Church. They toured the state this summer with Set Apart directing the theatrical production of "Who Am I?" Will is on the fitness staff at the YMCA in Marshalltown.

Terri Jo Paustian '02 and **Nathan Hansen '02** of Ames were married Aug. 14. Terri teaches second grade for the Gilbert Community Schools. Nate is attending Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He is employed at the National Animal Disease Center and Beef Teaching Farm in Ames.

Jennifer Richard Rathje '02 is an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics. Jen and husband **Jonathan Rathje '00** live in Ankeny, Iowa, with their son. Jon works with software development at Advanced Technologies Group Inc.

Reina Romero '02 teaches science at Pueblo South High School in Pueblo, Colo.

Nick Shutwell '02 and Melissa Hood of Coal Valley, Ill., were married July 31, 2004. Nick is working toward a master's degree in business administration from the University of Iowa. He is an e-business program manager at John Deere Health in Moline, Ill.

Justin Van Wyk '02 is a relationship manager at First Horizon Bank. Justin and wife **Jolene** live in West Des Moines with their son.

Corey Vorthmann '02 received a master's degree in education leadership from Northwest Missouri State University in April. Corey lives in St. Joseph, where he is a secondary instructional coach providing job-embedded individualized professional development for the four middle schools and three high schools in the school district.

Eric York '02 of Newton, Iowa, is the chief operating officer at Diesel Performance Systems, Inc. in St. Charles.

Serena Bracewell '03 of Corydon, Iowa, received a master's degree in public history from Wright State University. She is a curator's assistant at Prairie Trails Museum.

Clint Brown '03 has accepted the position of editor for the *Pella Chronicle*. He lives in Pella, where he is also an assistant coach with the Central College golf team.

Jennifer Buesch '03 of Washington, D.C., received a master's degree in developmental psychology from Gallaudet University in May. She remains at the university pursuing a doctorate degree specializing in psychology for the hearing impaired.

Matthew Den Hartog '03 is a sales associate at Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals in Des Moines. Matthew and wife **Amy Jones Den Hartog '04** live in Des Moines. Amy is a sales consultant at Jolesch Photography.

Ryan Faircloth '03 is a business support specialist for ING-Equitable Life in Des Moines. Ryan and wife **Nora Vander Broek Faircloth '04** live in West Des Moines. Nora owns and operates Nora Faircloth Massage Therapy in Urbandale.

Amie Gulick '03 of Houston, Texas, is the brand event representative with Black and Decker.

Jessica Heyer '03 of Ankeny, Iowa, teaches seventh grade language arts and reading at Parkview Middle School.

Clifford Houseman '03 of Woodward, Iowa, is a second year medical student at Des Moines University.

Jeremy Main '03 and **Trisha Blanchard '02** were married May 29, 2004, in Ames, Iowa. Over 70 alumni and current students attended the event. Jeremy is working toward a master's degree in urban affairs at St. Louis University and working part time for Jubilee Christian Development Corporation. Trish works full time as the execu-



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- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.* Attend class with your son or daughter; many faculty have opened their classes for your visit. (classes last 50 minutes)
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- 7:30 p.m. Family Coffeehaus, Grand Central Station

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The list of open classes will be updated at www.central.edu/parents through Friday, Sept. 16. Complete listings also will be available beginning Thursday, Sept. 15, at the information booth in Maytag Student Center.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

- 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Pella tours every half hour from Graham Conference Center parking lot
- Sibling admission tours
- Study abroad forums
- 9:30-11 a.m. Coffee time in Grand Central Station with faculty and staff
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Classes on a variety of topics
- 10:45 a.m. Women's soccer vs. Knox College (Ill.)
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tailgate party on lawn west of Weller Center
- 1 p.m. Football vs. Coe College
- 4:30 p.m. Men's soccer vs. Monmouth College (Ill.)
- 8:30 p.m. Mentalist Christopher Carter in Dowwstra Auditorium

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

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tive assistant at Fish Window Cleaning Services Inc. headquarters.

Heather Milburn '03 of Oskaloosa, Iowa, received a master's degree in clinical exercise science from the University of Kansas in May. She is the assistant athletic trainer at William Penn University.

Tyler Riker '03 of Ames, Iowa, is a technical support engineer at Palisade Systems.

Craig Schuring '03 is a fundraiser for Bethany Christian Services in Des Moines. Craig and wife **Jessica McCurren Schuring '04** live in Des Moines. Jessica is employed by Allied Insurance.

Zachary Thompson '03 received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Zachary is a systems engineer at Rockwell Collins.

Jennifer Van Utrecht '03 of Overland Park, Kan., teaches second grade at Cedar Hills Elementary School in the Blue Valley School District.

Elizabeth Van Winkle '03 of Brighton, Iowa, is a test scorer at Pearson Education in Iowa City.

Peter Wagner '03 accepted a position as a criminalist at the Division of Criminal Investigation in Ankeny, Iowa. He is involved with drug identification and investigation. Peter and wife **Raegan Schultz Wagner '04** live in Pleasant Hill. Raegan is an underwriter for Principal Life Insurance.

Michael Warden '03 is a software implementation specialist at Incode in Ames, Iowa. Michael and wife Olya live in Ankeny.

Sara Stigge Westerkamp '03 teaches kindergarten in the Ankeny Community School

District. Sara and husband **Barry Westerkamp '00** live in Newton, Iowa.

Krystle Bosch '04 teaches level one special education at Fort Dodge High School.

Rachel Celani '04 of Pella works in the infant house at Pella Community Daycare.

Jerilyn Crow '04 and **Klint Korver '04** of Pella were married Sept. 11, 2004. Jerilyn is employed by Goalsetter Systems, and Klint is employed by Marion County Bank.

Amanda Friederich '04 and **Lucas Nims '04** of Gothenburg, Neb., were married Jan. 7. Amanda teaches fifth grade at Dudley Elementary School.

Tara Hansen '04 of Santa Fe, N.M., received a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University of Northern Iowa in December.

Rebecca Hedges '04 of West Des Moines is a case manager for Easter Seals in Des Moines.

Andrew Heiting-Doane '04 received the Donald C. and Doris K. Byers Scholarship from Drake University Law School in Des Moines. He is a clerk at LaMarca and Landry P.C. Andrew and wife **Jana Heiting-Doane '04** live in Des Moines. Jana is a sales assistant and new account coordinator at Cintas Corp.

Blake Jones '04 is a sales associate at MidAmerican Aerospace, Ltd. Blake and wife **Jill Osheim Jones '05** live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Jill is an admission counselor at Mount Mercy College.

Derrick Livingston '04 and **Karie Rethmeier '05** of Des Moines were married April 29. Derrick is a financial services professional for New York Life.

Julie Maeder '04 and Jeremy Trichel of Stuart were married May 28. Julie is an accountant at Kiesling Associates in West Des Moines.

Gabe Martinez '04 and **Perla Garza '05** were married June 4. Gabe is an athletic trainer at the University of Oklahoma where the men's gymnastics team won the national title. Gabe and Perla live in Norman.

Jason Masters '04 of Norwalk is the annuity service consultant for ING Financial Services in Des Moines.

Matthew McCombs '04 of Coralville, Iowa, is the Internet operations manager at Deere Community Federated Credit Union in Cedar Rapids.

Rebecca Zemel Meisgeier '04 is the operations processor at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Rebecca and husband **Benjamin Meisgeier '04** live in Des Moines. Ben is employed at the IT customer support help desk at Maytag Corp. in Newton.

Jessica Riches '04 and **Tom Morrison '03** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married March 26. Jess is enrolled in the sign language program at Kirkwood Community College. Tom is a broadcast consultant at Decisionmark Corp.

Rebecca Schwendinger '04 and Justin Steinlage of Ames, Iowa, were married Jan. 1. **Jessica Thune '04** was maid of honor and **Cassandra DeHoedt '05** was a bridesmaid. Becky is a marketing assistant at Ames Community Bank.

Sara Tuttle '04 and **Nathan Spiegel '04** of Wildwood, Mo., were married Sept. 4, 2004. Nate is an investment representative at Edward Jones in St. Louis. Sara is a personal trainer at the Wellbridge Club and Spa in St. Louis.

Sarah Vander Linden '04 is working toward a master's degree in educational ministries at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill.

Megan Dickel Vande Voort '04 teaches elementary special education at Pella Christian Grade School. Megan and husband Shane live in Pella.

Sarah Wagner '04 of Des Moines was the recipient of the John Allen writing award for a paper she wrote while in Jim Zaffiro's American environmental politics class. Sarah is an account coordinator at Flynn Wright Ad Agency.

Lindsay Westre '04 of Hampton, Iowa, teaches fifth grade at Hampton-Dumont Community Schools.

ARRIVALS

Scott Catron and **Julie Slama '85**, daughter Abigail Anne, April 25.

Carol and **Matthew Schulte '86**, son Braden Roger, March 8.

Christopher and **Beverly Wheeldon Still '86**, son Martin George, Aug. 6, 2004.



RAUSCH WEDS LOGAN

Alicia Logan '04 and **Todd Rausch '04** of Clive, Iowa, were married Dec. 31, 2004, in Van Horne. Forty-two current students and alumni attended including Alicia's parents **Don '70** and **Jan Dykstra Logan '69**, sister **Emily Logan Rader '97** and brother-in-law **Ryan Rader '96**. Todd is employed by ING, and Alicia works at Wells Fargo.

Cathy and **Matt Diehl '87**, son Josiah Steven, Aug. 18, 2004.

Katie and **Allen Chism '89**, son Colton Gerald, Feb. 24, 2004.

Marty and **Kimberly Sleister Sullivan '89**, daughter Elizabeth Ann, Jan. 21.

Ryan Logan and **Tamre Sutphen '89**, son Nicholas David, April 14.

Kevin and **Michelle Milder Carew '90**, daughter Kayley Joanne, May 10, 2004.

Brandi and **Thomas Bendixen '91**, daughter Lauren Elizabeth, Nov. 29, 2004.

Gary and **Kristi Barten Siwajek '91**, daughter Audrey Anna, Feb. 27.

Bradley and **Debra Hopp Uitermarkt '92**, daughter Morgan Hope, March 21.

Kirk and **Sarah Abel Bailey '93**, son Kasen Roger, May 26, 2003.

Kurt and **Darci Wilson Belair '93**, daughter Keeley Marie, March 5.

Kara and **Kevin Hackert '93**, daughter Lilia Joy, May 12.

Christopher '93 and **Teresa McGovern Hulman '93**, son Calvin McGovern, Feb. 14, 2004.

William and **Laura Blake Ogle '93**, daughter Amanda Dean, Jan. 6.

David '93 and **Jennifer Vander Werf Van Gorp '95**, son Benjamin David, Feb. 28.

Mike '93 and **Myndi Amdor Van Voorst '95**, daughter Bailey Elaina, March 3, 2004.

Steve and **Jennifer Semler Walker '93**, son Jacob Richard, Jan. 1.

Tim and **Jamie Weld Champion '94**, son Luke Frederick, Feb. 5, 2004.

Steve '94 and **April Kirkpatrick Charters '96**, son Leighton Kirkpatrick, March 22.

John '94 and **Julie Hansen McKinney '95**, daughter Margaret Anne, Aug. 30, 2004.

Marcus and **Stephanie Stoehr Newsom '94**, son Asa Johann, Jan. 7.

Eric and **Abigail Kiple Payne '94**, daughter Mackenzie Niré, Feb. 15.

Brad '94 and **Anne Isaacson Rempe '95**, son Joseph Richard, March 1.

Jeff and **Kelly Schaumburg Bakke '95**, daughter Kylie Pearl, June 12, 2004.

Ron and **Denise Switzer Bily '95**, son Preston Joseph, Dec. 12, 2004.

Stephen and **Kara Bailey Groenewold '95**, daughter Ella Kathryn, Sept. 25, 2004.

Matt '95 and **Jan Sikkink Lindeman '94**, daughter Abbie Jean, April 13.

Shawn '95 and **Kristy Ellerman Runge '95**, son Gavin Nicholas, May 20.

Scott and **Alisa Dixon Buchli '96**, son Collin Scott, Sept. 23, 2004.

James and **Mary Hoover Bybee '96**, son Seth Jakob, March 22.

John '96 and **Duana Schmaltz Howard '96**, son Kellen Scott, June 23, 2004.

Jeff and **Amy Voigt Morrison '96**, son Cade Matthew, Dec. 5, 2004.

Paul '96 and **Amy Hoger Ramsey '96**, son Mason Thomas, May 12, 2004.

Brad and **Nancy Pauls Toberman '96**, daughter Josephine Diane, March 31.

Benjamin '97 and **Debra John Byers '98**, son Jackson Keith, June 8.

Tracy and **Amy Bartz Decker '97**, son Karter Edwin, July 9, 2004.

Tom and **Jennifer Foskett DiSessa '97**, son William Joseph, May 3.

Chris and **Gretchen Hansen Hunt '97**, son Nathan David, May 6.

Darren and **Heather Sandholm Kleis '97**, son Corbin Keith, March 30.

Brian '97 and **Stacy Dufalla Martinez '99**, son Elijah George, Oct. 28, 2004.

Benjamin and **Rebecca Koning Perry '97**, son Joshua Caleb, March 24.

Aaron '97 and **April Shirkey Six '96**, triplet sons Aden Aaron, Ajay Michael and Avery James, Feb. 25.

Sara and **David Anderson '98**, son Pierce Matthew, April 15.

Spencer and **Allison Splittgerber Bogaard '98**, daughter Emma Gene, Dec. 10, 2004.

Deborah and **Bob Bosch '98**, son Nathaniel Roger, Nov. 5, 2004.

Greg '98 and **Jeana McKnight Clark '01**, son Morgen Allen, Nov. 21, 2004.

Kent and **Sarah Holland De Jong '98**, twins, daughter Brooke Christine and son Carson LaMar, Jan. 12.

Daniel and **Charlemagne Gililland Eekhoff '98**, daughter Giovanna Lane, July 15, 2004.

Victor and **Jaime Rumpf Fageroos '98**, son Nathan Andrew, April 5.

Kenneth and **Kristie Zirbel Halander '98**, son Zackary Kirk Robert, Feb. 19.

Mark '98 and **Deanne Travis Sandbulte '99**, daughter Lydia Marguerite, April 21.

Jason '99 and **Jessica Winkowitsch Dagel '99**, daughter Annika Elyn, May 31.

Laney and **Nick Pacha '99**, daughter Landry Grace, April 27.

Justin and **Julie Augspurger Rayburn '99**, twin daughters Maggie Dale and Macy Tate, Dec. 25, 2004.

Hans and **Kate Carrero van Wijck '99**, daughter Nadia Marie Alida, May 16.

Shannon '00 and **Jeanna Redman Hoekstra '01**, son Hayden Cole, April 4.

Victor and **Jennifer Braaksma Norgaila '00**, son Finley Braak, April 23, 2004.

Morgan '00 and **Jill Wesselink Parker '01**, son Trevan William, Feb. 10.

Chase '00 and **Lisa Sadler Thornburgh '99**, son Mason Michael, March 25.

Michelle and **David Buzzard '01**, son Ryan Terry, March 12.

Joe and **Kari Roozeboom Flaherty '01**, son Karter, May 10.

Scott and **Rachel Swanson Hillestad '01**, daughter Lucy Allison, Feb. 16.

Jennifer and **Michael Vroegh '01**, son Hudson Ryne, May 5.

Jeremy and **Kara Elscott Bassett '02**, daughter Alyssa Rae, Sept. 22, 2004.

Nathan and **Penny Hammes Clarahan '02**, son Cole John, Dec. 6, 2004.

Erik '02 and **Emily Barnes Fisher '03**, son Ian Ambrose, March 12.

David '02 and **Brystal Jones Hopkins '02**, son Titus Mark, March 17, 2004.

Laura Peter '04 and **Kent Patterson '05**, son Kael Alan, April 13.

IN MEMORIAM

Herbert Van Wyk '32 of Holland, Pa., March 3.

Robert Baron '34 of Florence, Ky., June 3.

Lucille Dreckman Schalekamp '34 of Hudson, Wis., March 7.

Burton "Babe" Paullin '39 of Urbandale, Iowa, March 2.

Warner H. "Huck" Wagaman '40 of Grinnell, Iowa, May 22.

Mary Baron Rankin '42 of Dayton, Iowa, April 5.

Allen Slickers '43 of West Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 3, 2004.

Anna Clark Bosveld '44 of Pella, June 13.

Robert C. Van Vark '44 of Pella, April 16.

Thomas F. Steward '49 of Pella, June 2.

Henry Van Dyke '49 of Marion, Iowa, April 5.

Gordon K. Walker '50 of Hilton Head Island, S.C., May 5.

Antoinette Reynen Elbring '51 of Kahului, Hawaii, Dec. 20, 2004.

Betty Den Hartog Glewen '52 of Waupun, Wis., April 13.

Una Rae Breen Goul '53 of Des Moines, March 11.

Charlene Corzatt Tidwell '65 of Livingston, Ill., May 9.

Bruce Joslyn '70 of La Porte, Ind., May 7, 2003.

Jean Brown Caporizzo '71 of Stamford, Conn., March 7.

John A. Frahm '72 of Kingsford, Mich., May 4. ■

HOMECOMING 2005

HOMECOMING CENTRAL

Located in the Boat-Moore-Weller (BMW) Rooms of Maytag Student Center, this will be your location for all things Homecoming. Class message boards, memory books, registration information and event tickets will be available. Computers for checking e-mail and joining the online community will be accessible. Gathering space to visit with classmates, beverages and snacks — all here for you!

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

7th Annual Dan Hocker Memorial Golf Tournament. Details will be mailed to all past participants.

11 a.m.	Heritage Day Worship Service
Noon	Heritage Day Luncheon, by invitation only
1:30-6:30 p.m.	Alumni check in, Maytag Student Center, BMW Rooms
2 p.m.	Fireside chat with retired faculty and staff
3 p.m. & 4 p.m.	Classes on a variety of topics will be offered for all Homecoming participants
3-5 p.m.	Jolene De Boer DeJong '55 reception, Mills Gallery
6:30 p.m.	Alumni barbecue and social

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

8 a.m.-noon	Alumni check in, Maytag Student Center, BMW Rooms
8 a.m.	Dutch 5K Fun Run & Walk, Central Cross Country Course
9 a.m. & 10 a.m.	Classes on a variety of topics will be offered for all Homecoming participants
10:30 a.m.	Family Olympics
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Information booth open, outside Weller Center
11:30 a.m.	Tailgate under the Big Tent
noon-4 p.m.	Alumni check in, east of Kuyper Stadium
1 p.m.	Football — Central vs. Cornell
5 p.m.	All-alumni reception and dinner — Presentation of 2005 Alumni Awards
7:30 p.m.	Class reunion gatherings

SUNDAY, OCT. 9

11 a.m.	Final Farewell Brunch
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For current details, go to www.central.edu/alumni/homecoming.html.

Letter to Central College



To all members of the Central College family:

I am both deeply honored and humbled by the honorary degree I received at Central's commencement ceremonies in May.

For some reason, in the world of football coaching, certain members of the profession have been labeled "coaching geniuses." Bill Walsh was referred to as an offensive genius because of his NFL success with the West Coast offense. More recently, Bill Belichick has been called a defensive genius because of the success of the New England Patriots.

I am not a genius. But it does not take

a genius to know who really deserves credit for this honorary degree. This is an honor that should be shared by hundreds of people. First, and most important on that list, is my family. My wife Joyce and our children and grandchildren allowed me to share my time with so many fantastic young people and were always there ready to help.

I was privileged to work with a large number of phenomenal coaches and staff members like Gert Beintema, Larry Happel and John Roslien. The Central faculty and administration were generous with their support, as were the parents, Central alumni and community.

Finally, there were the hundreds of student-athletes who allowed me to work with them on a daily basis. They were the joy of my life on the practice field, in meetings, on Saturday afternoons and in their daily walks. They continue to be the joy of my life today.

Thank you is hardly enough. All of you have blessed my life, and I share this honor with each one of you.

Sincerely,
Ron Schipper
Holland, Mich.

TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL

Central held graduation May 15 at A.N. Kuyper Stadium with guest speaker and board of trustee member Steve Bell '59 addressing the Class of 2005. Bell spoke at Central's first outdoor commencement ceremony to the Class of 1969 in West Market Park.

From Bell's speech, "Riding the Revolution: Attitude is Everything":

"... Your generation is living in a very different world from most of our previous human experience. For centuries one generation followed another with very little change. It was only a few hundred years ago that history truly began to accelerate.

"Yet now the revolution in technology (especially communication) is changing everything ... sometimes at warp speed. In some cases, the jobs graduates aspired to when I began teaching just 14 years ago no longer exist or have gone overseas.

"The experts say YOU are likely to have eight jobs over your career and change professions at least once.

"The good news is we have never had so much information available.



The bad news is it has never been so difficult to determine and evaluate the actual sources and reliability of that information.

"... Some of our most successful graduates were not the smartest or most talented students. But because they saw opportunity where others saw danger, (and because they saw an opportunity to serve where others saw only self-interest), their careers have been successful and rewarding.

"... The truth is, there is no alter-

native to riding the revolution. Personally and professionally, socially and politically, you will face unprecedented challenges and change.

"... And this footnote — many of us are here today because we believe the broad, liberal arts education you received at Central, in a nurturing environment inspired by the Christian tradition, can help point the way.

"Class of 2005, congratulations and God speed."

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