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## The Green Issue



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Jessica Hagelgans (09)

### Green is the color

Students traveled to Belize and Guatemala in January and learned about ecological preservation. This spider monkey was in the Belize Zoo in Belize City.

See pages 2 and 7.



### Homecoming is coming

The second annual Celebration Dinner for alumni and friends is planned for Friday, October 17.

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### Keeping in Touch

The class of 1967 celebrated their 40th class reunion during Homecoming 2007. For this year's reunion coordinators and more alumni news

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Heather J. Ciras

*The campus of Eastern Nazarene College is a registered arboretum, named after the late Dr. Vernon Babcock, former biology professor. Seeing it come back to life after a long winter is beautiful.*

W H E R E I N T H E W O R L D H A V E Y O U B E E N ? \*



*Biology  
professor Dr. J.  
Philip McLaren  
led a group  
of students  
to Belize and  
Guatemala  
over J-term.  
Trips like this,  
coupled with  
the college's  
environmental  
science program,  
teach students  
to be good  
stewards of  
God's creation.*

Paul Haynes (08)

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*But be always growing  
in the grace  
and knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ.  
  
To Him be all glory,  
both now  
and to the day  
of Eternity!*

II Peter 3:18



Lea Plante

## The GREEN SCENE

*ENC is constantly growing in exciting ways*

By Corlis McGee

 In many parts of the world, the lush outdoors constantly remain just that: flourishing, verdant, and green. But here in Boston, where winter seems to claim everything but the pine trees from October through February, the spring greening of nature is a yearly symbol of rebirth and growth

I spent my childhood in one of those more temperate places: North Carolina. I recently had the chance to travel back there to visit with a group of ENC alumni, and was flooded with warm memories of my childhood, and thoroughly enjoyed the warm temperature! The group of ENC graduates shared with me the enormous growth that has occurred in their lives and I shared with them the progress at ENC.

It dawned on me while I was there that while the weather is nice, a Boston spring is cause for real celebration! Students start to play football on the lawn in front of the Dugout again, and fill the campus with real energy. Therefore, this spring issue of *The Christian Scholar* is not homage to the annual process of the greening outside, but rather the growth on campus. For instance, Randall Stephens, assistant professor of history, just published with the prestigious Harvard University Press. The Office of Institutional Advancement is working hard to continue their big projects for improving students' quality of life on campus. And we have had several new staff members join us: in January, Corey MacPherson started as chaplain and Jan Weisen as Vice President of Finance.

Some of the most recent growth on campus is actually tied directly to the environment: there are several key people and groups working to make the campus more "green," or environmentally friendly. Jonathan Twining, assistant professor of biology, and Stacey Barker, associate professor of social work, respectively advise the student groups Eco Serve and Students for Social Justice that have been ushering important changes to the campus. (See page 7.) While the ENC campus has always been ecologically beautiful (it is a registered arboretum!), it is important as stewards of this Earth to also be ecologically responsible. ENC takes this responsibility seriously.

We also take seriously our commitment to constant growth; it's a process that never ends. With the growth already occurring here, I'm excited to see where this process takes us.

Spring should always be a time to reflect on growth as Easter celebrations center on the greatest rebirth of all. This year Easter happens very early; in fact by the time you get this issue of *The Christian Scholar*, Easter will have come and gone. But let us spend this spring rejoicing in Him who makes our lives, and the life of ENC, not only fulfilling, but more importantly, possible.



Dana Parker



## NEWS BRIEFS Spring 2008

Despite an early-season injury, **Luc Jasmin (08)** earned his 1,000th point as a Crusader on February 16, 2008. Jasmin, a senior elementary education major and three-year captain for the Crusaders, is the first male player in a decade to achieve this milestone, picking up where 1998 graduate Scott Madden, now Marshfield (Mass.) High School Boys' Varsity Coach, left off. After sitting out the first part of the season because of a leg injury, the hard work Jasmin exemplified his first three years carried him through. Jasmin averaged 13.8 points per game upon his return, helping him join "the cloud of witnesses" that hangs on the 1,000 Point Banner over ENC's Lahue Physical Education Center basketball court. The banner starts with the first 1,000 pointer, **Ray Baltz (65)**, and continues with now assistant coach **Gerry Whetstone (75)**. Jasmin becomes the 28th Men's Crusader player to reach this summit.



In January, members of the **Students for Social Justice** club, other students from various majors, and faculty members **Stacey Barker** and **Paul Bowen** participated in the Faith and Development Conference at Calvin College. At the conference, whose theme was "Fruit that Lasts" (John 15:5), students attended plenary sessions with speakers from organizations including the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Partners in Health, and Food for the Hungry International. Each presenter spoke on the Christian calling to help establish sustainable means in international development. Breakout sessions, table topic discussions, panel discussions, a Broken Bread Meal, and a Fair Trade Fair were some of the events in which students participated.



courtesy photo

Brickley's Career Services and the Student Development Office recently held the **First Annual Career Week**, February 25 to 29. Events included "ENC's What Not to Wear" fashion show, with student and guest models, including chaplain Corey MacPherson and President Corlis McGee. Other events included "Resumania," where students' resumes were reviewed, a "Budget 101" workshop by psychology professor Dick Fish, and a "Christian Calling/Vocation" presentation by religion professor Jeff Barker. The highlight was an internship and job fair. Participating companies included: Boston Cares, Peace Corps, Rockland Trust Bank, South Shore Mental Health, State Street Corp., and the YMCA of Quincy. "We are excited that we had such a great turnout for these events for the first year and we plan to grow Career Week for next year," said Krista Bogertman, assistant director of career services.

The Brickley Career Connection Program assists students in getting in touch with alumni/ae from ENC who are working in a field of interest. The center also posts part-time and full-time job listings for students who are looking for a job. If you would like to participate in this program or know of job opportunities, contact counseling and career services at 617-745-3892.

## Faculty/Staff News

### Chemistry professor published in prestigious journal

Research by **Lowell H. Hall (59)**, professor of chemistry at Eastern Nazarene College, was recently published in the journal *Chemistry and Biodiversity*. The research work was carried out in collaboration with **Boris Spasov (03)**, who received degrees in chemistry, biology, and business from ENC.

Their work is of interest to the pharmaceutical and food industries. They dealt with the biological effect of a series of dipeptides, which are small molecules consisting of two amino acids. One data set involves biological data for the inhibition of the dipeptides against Angiotensin Converting Enzyme, known as ACE. The other data set involved the bitter-tasting effect of the dipeptides and is of interest to the food industry. "We hope to extend this type of modeling on peptides to other pharmacological classes of drugs and drug candidates based on peptides and peptidomimetics," said Hall.

The paper appears in a special edition of the *Chemistry and Biodiversity* journal devoted to research carried out by scientists associated with the Virginia Commonwealth Center for the Study of Biological Complexity. Hall is an external fellow of the center.

### Music professor featured in the *Boston Globe*

When ENC music professor **Delvyn Case** decided to write an opera about religious tolerance, he chose a rather unlikely source of inspiration: *The Prioress's Tale*, one of Chaucer's famed *Canterbury Tales* that features decidedly anti-Semitic overtones. However, the local community responded favorably to the potentially controversial topic, and Case was positively featured in the prestigious newspapers *The Boston Globe* and *The Patriot Ledger*. The *Globe* article was titled "His opera is built on reconciling keys and cultures", and can be found in the News section on the main ENC webpage, [www.enc.edu](http://www.enc.edu).

### New Vice President for Finance announced

**Jan Weisen** was recently appointed as Vice President for Finance. Jan has served ENC as assistant professor in the business department since January 2006. Along with teaching courses in marketing, global management, managerial accounting, money and banking, he has served as the business club advisor and worked with the development office to plan the Warren Business Forum. Jan earned a bachelor of arts in business administration with a marketing major and an economics minor from Eastern Washington University in 1976 and a master's in hospital and health-care administration from the University of Iowa in 1982. He attended Northwest Nazarene University from 1971 to 1973 and enrolled in additional courses within the Commercial Art Program at Spokane Community College in 1974. From 1982 to 1991 Jan served on the administrative staff at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash. managing a \$13 million budget as director of the emergency department, the trauma center and heartlifte, and the air ambulance service.



Anne Reilly (08)

### History professor published by Harvard University Press

In December, Harvard University Press published **Randall J. Stephens**'s book, *The Fire Spreads: Holiness and Pentecostalism in the American South*. The press nominated it for the 2008 Grawemeyer Award in religion. Stephens is an assistant professor of history at Eastern Nazarene College, an editor of the *Journal of Southern Religion*, and an assistant editor of *Historically Speaking*, a historical journal published by Boston University. His well-written and carefully researched *The Fire Spreads* shows that early southern Pentecostal converts challenged an array of traditional beliefs and southern conventions. At the same time they are typically the most conservative of Christians. Stephens was recently selected as a 2007-2009 Young Scholar of American Religion at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. He is currently co-authoring a book on contemporary American evangelicalism with ENC physics professor Karl Giberson. Harvard University Press will publish it as well.

# ENC is giving out green

*In February, ENC poured a significant amount of money into all categories of scholarships – academic, merit, and need – while also increasing the total available to children of missionaries and pastors. For more information about our growing scholarships or our general admissions process visit [www.enc.edu/undergrad](http://www.enc.edu/undergrad).*

## Enrollment Visit Dates

**Festival of Life 2008**  
March 27-29, 2008

**ENCounter Weekend**  
April 24-25, 2008

**VIP Orientation I**  
June 20-21, 2008

**VIP Orientation II**  
July 18-19, 2008

**Festival of Life**  
March 19-21, 2009

Call 1-800-88-ENC-88 or visit [www.enc.edu](http://www.enc.edu) for more information or to register.





*Top: Rev. Victor Price addressed graduates and their families, friends, and guests.  
Second from top: A master's candidate gets hooded.*

*Third from top: Roses were presented to female graduates by the Division of Adult and Graduate Studies.*

*Bottom: The ENC Gospel Choir performed at the commencement service.*

## Dimensions of success

by Rev. Victor Price

*The following are several excerpts from the Rev. Victor Price's graduation commencement address on February 3, 2008.*

**I**t is said that Mozart was a cheerful person and not very responsible with money. Beethoven, on the other hand, was moody, ill tempered, and handled business very well. Mozart's music writing was neat and his composition was almost always completed in his head before he ever wrote it down. Beethoven's music writing was sloppy and he was always making corrections.

Beethoven published his first symphony when he was 30. Mozart had already written almost 40 symphonies when he was the same age.

Mozart married, had children, died penniless at 35, and was buried in an unmarked grave. Beethoven never married nor had children. He died when he was 56. His funeral was attended by thousands of people.

Was Mozart successful? To what extent was Beethoven successful? Success must be viewed, assessed and evaluated from the three dimensions of the human existence: the inward dimension (self-realization), the outward dimension (social responsibility), and the upward dimension (spiritual royalty).

### The Inward Dimension ■ Self-Realization

This dimension addresses the question: "Who am I and what do I have in my hand?"

Success must be measured not by comparison but by content, not by how much you have acquired but by how much you have achieved. Ask yourself: Am I doing my best with what I have? This is a sobering question.

### The Outward Dimension ■ Social Responsibility

We are recipients of a legacy and receivers of lineage. Regardless of what we think of our ancestors, we are byproducts of a genetic pool that spans the generations of time before us. We are perpetuating life through the act of mentoring and modeling, with the consciousness of being in the gap between the past and the future, the yesterday and tomorrow.

Success must not be measured by how independent I am, but how interdependent I have become. It is how well I have adjusted to my environment, to my history. It is how well the contents of my life relate to the context within which I live. We are successful when we have done our best with what we have.

### The Upward Dimension ■ Spiritual Royalty

This is the dimension of accountability.

Ownership – All the resources and those that use them are God's property.

Stewardship – We are meant to work together with God and give an account of how we use the resources entrusted to us.

Royalty – We are accountable to God for the use of God's property.

When you have succeeded in the inward dimension you are doing your best. When you have succeeded in the outward dimension you are investing in others. When you have succeeded in the upward dimension you are a faithful steward. To hear God say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," means you have truly succeeded – and that, no one can take away from you.

Rev. Victor Price is the senior pastor at Second Church in Dorchester. He graduated from Caribbean Nazarene Theological College with a minister's diploma. After pastoring in St. Lucia and St. Vincent, he received a bachelor's and master's degree in religion from ENC. In 1994 he graduated from Boston University with a masters degree in social ethics and, in 2000, earned a post-graduate certificate in child and adolescent psychotherapy. In 2002, he earned a doctor of ministry degree at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with concentration on spiritual renewal in the family of God. In 2004, Rev. Price graduated from Simmons College with a master's in social work degree and a certificate in urban leadership in clinical social work. He is also a licensed social worker in Massachusetts.

## ENC@Work



### On the frontlines of the biofuel debate

*An ENC alumnus stays positive despite questions about biofuel*

By Heather J. Ciras

Biofuels – or fuel alternatives made from natural products such as soybean oil – are being touted as the wave of the future. The fuels made from crops, unlike the fossil fuels we currently use, are renewable and burning them is more carbon efficient. But can biofuel live up to its green hype?

ENC alumnus Chris Wilson thinks so. In fact, one of the major projects he is currently working on as an environmental consultant has him, among many other things, helping to start biodiesel production in places such as Honduras and Belize.

This process of creating biodiesel harvests African palm seeds and crushes them into vegetable oil. Fuel producers make the oil less acidic by adding lye, and then part of it can be used for fuel. The byproduct is glycerin, which is used for soap.

"There's really no waste," said Wilson, who works with farmers who own thousands of acres of land, trying to get them to produce crops that can yield fuel.

Many want the United States to switch to biofuels because it could decrease the country's dependency on foreign oil, as well as pump money into the flagging rural economy. But there's also a very green edge to the movement: Biofuels have been touted as carbon-neutral, as they only

release carbon that had previously been absorbed from nature, rather than unlocking carbon that's been stored inside fossil fuels.

But others aren't so sure about biofuel's carbon neutrality, and it's because of the way they are being produced. In February, the journal *Science* published two studies that state biofuel may not be as green as previously thought.



One study found that clearing land to plant these crops is releasing more carbon into the air than is saved by using the resulting biofuel, *The Los Angeles Times* reported. The second study found that converting existing farmland from producing food to producing

fuel increases greenhouse emissions as well. Even though those lands aren't being cleared, the food is being produced elsewhere, often on land that is being cleared.

But it doesn't have to be this way, said Wilson.



The company that he works for, East Bay Group in Florida, has recently been talking to orange grove farmers in their area whose crops were destroyed by orange canker 10 years ago. Much of the land still lies fallow. If they planted crops for biodiesel, such as the African palm,

they would be using a space that was previously useless. Wilson believes that this model – where unused land is repurposed – would "produce a net carbon loss for releases into the atmosphere."

"Yes, people are cutting down rain forests to keep up with demand. Yes, food prices will be on the rise with biofuel productions. But there are still alternatives."



*Top left: Alumnus Chris Wilson and his wife Nicole*

*Top right: Wilson performing a waterside assessment of a large ocean front land tract in Belize.*

*Bottom left: Wilson at work*

*Bottom right: Wilson taking water samples*

## Save the Date

The 2nd Annual



# Homecoming 2008

## Celebrate the ExperiENCE!

Dinner Friday, October 17

6:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Braintree

Reservations required. Sign up by September 22  
by email at [alumni@enc.edu](mailto:alumni@enc.edu) or call 1.800.RING.ENC.

# It ain't easy being green

**ENC forms a recycling committee to create an eco-friendly campus**

by Ardit Eyring

*Being green isn't just a trend – it's a lifestyle. As a community of Christians that aims to leave this world a better place than we found it, ENC is making strides to become more environmentally friendly. We're trying to make recycling on campus simple and effective so it becomes second nature to be stewards of God's Creation.*

**A**s it turns out, this eco-consciousness has been around the campus of ENC longer than most think, but it's had varying success. In years past, attempts have been made to be watchful of how we used our resources. Dr. Verner Babcock, a former biology professor for whom the Babcock Arboretum is named, worked diligently to compost waste among other environmental solutions for the institution. Col. Lawson Saunders, former pastor and ENC custodian for whom the coffee house is named, collected aluminum cans donating the cash received to the agape fund. Others have set out to recycle paper products with varying degrees of accomplishment. But sadly, as these people have passed away or relocated, many of their efforts have fallen by the wayside.

Today we live in an era of "An Inconvenient Truth", where more attention is focused on how we dispose of our trash and expendable commodities. Working toward becoming a "green" campus has become a new goal for a growing number in the college community. Our goal is not to merely be fashionable, but to truly demonstrate stewardship to God by protecting the Earth He has given us.

This past summer a community forum was held to discuss what could be done to increase recycling. Out of this meeting came a committee to develop a campus-

*"Our goal is not to merely be fashionable, but to truly demonstrate stewardship to God by protecting the Earth He has given us."*

wide recycling program. Social work professor Stacey Barker heads the committee comprised of several faculty and staff members as well as interested students from the Students for Social Justice and Eco Serve clubs. (See sidebar.) The overall initiative has been named the Go! Green! Campaign, with the ad hoc group called the Go! Green! Task Force.

Within a few months, the campus began to recycle white paper and cardboard. The white paper is put into recycling containers for collection by housekeeping. Cardboard is taken to a specific dumpster behind the student center. People on campus can also recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans: A collection box in the student center lobby is emptied periodically by students of the Eco Serve club.

The Go! Green! Task Force is obviously interested in developing a plan of action, but also how to monitor the implemented programs, and therefore the group meets regularly with student government representatives and administrators. A timeline has been mapped out in hopes that we can have an action plan ready for fall 2008.

There are many hurdles to jump when moving to a green way of disposing waste. It takes dedication and manpower. Also – recycling isn't cheap. The committee is investigating grant options to try and get financial assistance. As these plans are formalized and plans for future instruction become necessary, another community forum will be organized. Watch for more information as we get closer to becoming ecologically sound.

The committee is open to additional ideas and support of interested parties. Please contact Prof. Stacey Barker at stacey.l.barker@enc.edu with your suggestions and comments.

*Wish you could join the Recycling Initiative? You can – by investing in ENC and designating the funds to the Recycling Initiative. Please use the enclosed card and envelope to become our partner! The return on your investment will make a lasting differENCe!!*

## Social justice starts with a garden

By Greg Lanham (08)

Community gardens aren't exactly the first campaigns that one might connect with social justice, but that was the first campaign of ENC's new group, Students for Social Justice. The group, led by social work professor Stacy Barker, promotes compassion for others, global awareness, and activism against injustice. They therefore felt it important to bring attention to the food we eat.

Unfortunately much of the food we consume today is grown on environmentally unsustainable mega farms that employ near slave labor in the United States and developing nations. Community gardening responds to this injustice: It not only creates local biodiversity, but also decreases our need on the foods grown at mega farms.

The garden was located near the Brickley Center and will find a new home in the spring.



courtesy Aaron Domina

*For 24 straight days last summer, ENC biology professor Aaron Domina, hiked the Long Trail, which extends approximately 270 miles through Vermont from the Massachusetts border to Canada. Half the time he hiked alone; during the other half he was joined by friends who brought supplies, allowing him to remain on the trail the entire time.*

*Along the way he saw spectacular scenery; met interesting people; spotted snakes, peregrine falcons, and moose; stepped on a rabbit; ate plenty of blueberries; swam in mountain ponds and rivers; and was serenaded by a pack of high-school girls who were backpacking during summer camp. There was also plenty of time for reflection.*

*This picture of Domina and ENC student Kurtis Biggs – who joined him for three days – was taken atop Vermont's highest peak, Mt. Mansfield. Domina highly recommends this trip for anyone who would like adventure during their summer break and he would gladly provide advice to anyone who would like to do so.*

## Bringing eco-appreciation, preservation to campus

By Sara Oliver (10)

Eco Serve is a club/ministry that aims to educate and involve the ENC community to environmental issues, ways to live "green," and eco-appreciation through activities like hiking and rafting. With advisor Jonathan Twining, they are studying Matthew Sleeth's book about stewardship of the Earth, *Serve God, Save the Planet*. You might have seen the Eco serve club at the 2007 Homecoming, where they sold organic, pesticide-free candied apples that were picked and candied by members of the group. The money received from the apples went to several organizations working to preserve the rainforests. Prof. Twining's organization, MARA International, matched the money that was raised. They plan to make a major difference, a green difference, on campus by spurring thought and respect of our eco-system.



*Professor Jonathan Twining addressed chapel with Adi, a royal python borrowed from the Mass. Audubon Society. In his talk, Twining talked not only about his love for nature, but how he serves God as he cares for creation. Twining has a royal python (Ironhide) and California king snake (Elvis) at home. In Shrader, the biology department has a corn snake (Izzy), a bearded dragon lizard (Eragon), a tarantula (Chili), Madagascar hissing cockroaches, and red-bellied newts. None of them were able to make it to chapel.*

Heather J. Ciras

## Making a difference on and off the court

**ENC coach Carroll Bradley is honored by past players**

by Heather J. Ciras and James Cameron



**Carroll and Doris Bradley were honored by ENC when he first retired in 1970.**

Talk to anyone who played under Carroll Bradley during the 29 years he coached ENC men's basketball and they'll assert that he made a huge impact on them.

They may, however, have a hard time expressing exactly what he did to make such a difference in their lives. Maybe it's because Bradley was constantly working to help them in so many different ways; maybe it was because he did so much that no one can put their finger on just one essential thing. But one thing is for sure – he made a huge impact.

"Coach Bradley's strength was his ability to allow each of us to be exactly who we were as players," said Ray Baltz (65). "Brad was also a very important Christian role model for us to emulate."

Because of this and the many inexpressible things Bradley did at ENC, Baltz and others came together almost a year ago to establish a scholarship fund in honor of Bradley and his wife, Doris, who mentored basketball players alongside her husband. (For instance, Doris often invited players over for ice cream after games, a rare treat in the 1950's.)

Bradley's work with ENC athletes began in 1948 as a student. He came to ENC during an interesting point in Crusader history – before intercollegiate athletics. He was a student athletic trainer and helped organize the baseball, basketball, and touch football society teams that played against each other on campus. In 1949, the first intercollegiate basketball team was formed, and Bradley served as a player-coach. They played only one game a year in 1949 and 1950 against Gordon College.

By 1953, Bradley had graduated from ENC; received his master's in physical education; and returned to ENC as director of athletics, head residence counselor for men, and physical education instructor. Three years later, ENC began playing games against other Christian schools in the area – and they went undefeated. They didn't have a losing season for the next 9 years. However it wasn't always about basketball.

"I thank God that Brad was more interested in my soul than my basketball abilities," said Jim Paynter (63). "He was always a wonderful Christian witness and I thank him for that."

He is not the only one who feels that way. Throughout the course of Bradley's tenure at ENC – from 1953 to 1970 and again from 1982 to 1994 – Presidents Mann and Nease, trustees, and the student council all honored Bradley in various ways. This most recent group of alumni creating a Bradley scholarship – spearheaded by a group of ENC basketball players from the '50s and '60s – honors him by giving the gift he gave them: a rich ENC experience on and off the court.

"Not only did Brad teach us how to play the game," said Merritt Mann (59), "he taught us teamwork and how to win like Christian gentlemen."

## C.S. Lewis lion's tale coming to ENC



The Communication Arts Department is excited to present *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* performed by Friends of the Groom Christian Theatre Company (FOG). Acted by just two players, this is an adaptation of the C.S. Lewis classic story about the struggle of good versus evil. Adults will appreciate the artistry and versatility of the actors; children will delight as the story springs to life.

**Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 26 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. • Cove Fine Arts Center  
General admission \$10 • Children and students \$5 • ENC students, faculty, and staff \$5**

As an added bonus, FOG company members will lead several workshops for ENC students on Saturday morning. These will be of special interest to students interested in theatre, Christian education, youth ministry, and drama ministry.

For more information about the performances or workshops call the ENC box office at 617-745-3715.



## Power of family and faith

**ENC performance showed how a family survived after the Holocaust**

By Sara Miller (10) and Amanda Egolf (09)

The Communication Arts Department presented *A Shayna Maidel*, a play about the importance of family and faith during turbulent times, on February 28, 29, and March 1. Honored by the American Theater Critics Association the year it was released, Barbara Lebow's *A Shayna Maidel* is a haunting story of a young Jewish woman who survives a Nazi concentration camp and joins the remnants of her family in New York.

"This is a powerful, poignant play; with themes that can, and should, speak to everyone," said director Michael Ballard, an associate communication arts professor.

Set in 1946, the play features a Jewish family that was nearly decimated after the Nazi invasion of Poland during World War II. The story is not about the cruelty of the Holocaust, but instead about the family restoring what is left of their lives after the war.

"Family is stronger than the greatest evil and atrocity that fallen humanity can devise," said Ballard. "The story we will tell is finally about hope; about life conquering death; about a family rising, with God's help, from the ashes of utter decimation to step into their future, bravely clinging to one another's hands."

The production team of *A Shayna Maidel* included ENC adjunct professor Corey Gilliam as the light designer and Ballard as the scene designer. ENC sophomore Joy Steinwedell was the stage manager. The costume designer was guest artist Jenna Lourenco.



# alum News

## 1950's

**Evelyn (Blake, 54) Thompson** contributed 22 articles to a Rhode Island Baptist Monthly Newspaper last year about her late husband's 34 years of pastoral ministry and had an article printed in the November 2007 Standard. At the 2007 District Assembly she was presented with the Faithful Servant Award. In December 2007 she retired after 26 years in charge of the Rhode Island Jewish Community Center Senior Mealsite Program. She remains busy in the Providence, RI First Church of the Nazarene.

## 1960's

**Lawrence J. Klumas (60)** of Thayne, WY retired from USAF in 1987. He retired from Occidental College in 2004 and he married his second wife on May 7, 2005.

**Dan (63) and Carolyn (61) Brewer** retired from active missionary service Feb. 5, 2007 and moved to Radford, VA in April 2007. They have held faith promise services and district tours for missions, and supplied the pulpit in Seven Mile Ford and in Floyd, VA. Dan taught a course "Living Christ" and preached in the nearest Nazarene Church in Christiansburg, where the couple attends. Dan and Carolyn have had visits this past year from all of their children and their families, and other family members and friends.

**Janice (Comrie, 66) McCament** has achieved a retirement dream with the publication of her first children's book in 2007. The book, titled 'Ole Paint Rocks', is a result of a story that Janice told her children at Christmas time for many years. The underlying theme of the book is restoration and it was released on September 11. The book may be purchased at Barnes and Noble Bookstores and is available on order at many other bookstores.

## 1970's

**David Restrick (73)** is currently working as a Nazarene missionary in Maputo, Mozambique.

## 1980's

**Rich Thompson (85)** has been recently named vice president of marketing and business development for the Prevea Partners Health System, a leading consumer healthcare system in Wisconsin. Prior to this appointment he served as seniors marketing manager for the Teflon® consumer brand for DuPont for several years and held senior level marketing at Newell Rubbermaid. His work has been recognized by the American Marketing Association and named by Advertising Age magazine as one of the top 100 marketers in the U.S.

**Todd Struble (88)** has been appointed as the Senior Pastor of Highlands United Methodist Church in Highlands, NC. Highlands UMC employs three full-time ordained pastors and is a church ministering to nearly 1000 members and friends. Highlands UMC is actively involved in operating a food pantry, an annual mission to Bolivia, and many ecumenical activities. Todd and his wife, Diane, have eight children and enjoy hiking, canoeing, and visiting the many waterfalls in this mountain community.

**Cindy Pellicane (89)** was awarded Teacher of the Year for Hugo Owens Middle School in Chesapeake, VA. This is Cindy's 18th year teaching. She currently teaches 7th grade math and is the math department chairperson.

## 1990's

**J.J. Shimko (94)** and his wife Vicki announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Daniel Shimko, born on Dec. 11. Jonathan Daniel joins siblings Makenzie, and Caleb,

3, at the family's residence in Floyds Knobs, IN.

**Tammy Kim (Wilber 94)** received a Ph.D. in education from Capella University on March 1, 2008. She is currently managing the IT training program at Biogen Idec in Cambridge, MA.

**José Delgado (96)** was nominated by the Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) for Best Music Director for Parade by SpeakEasy Stage. Delgado is a Boston-based music director, private voice teacher, composer/arranger, and freelance performer throughout New England, and also on faculty at Emerson College (chorus/theory). He has also served as the director of ENC's Gospel Choir, as well as helping with music ensembles and theatre productions.

**Lea (Nagle, 97) and Dereck Plante (97)** are proud to announce the birth of their son Alan Emmanuel Plante. Alan was born on Dec. 30. Alan joins his parents and big sister Ruth on Cape Cod, where Dereck is currently working as an engineer at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

## 2000's

**Brian Deschaine (00)** earned his master's degree in Christian education/health and physical education from Baptist Bible College (PA) in May 2007. In August, Brian and his wife **Kylene (Rarig, 01)** moved to Upper Marlboro, MD to join the faculty and staff at Clinton Christian School. Brian currently teaches health and physical education and Kylene works in the registrar's office.

**Heidi Shea (01)** graduated in December with her master's of science in occupational therapy. She passed the licensure exam and now works at a large trauma hospital in Hershey, PA.

**Angela Ennis (02) and Andy Fey (03)** are engaged and planning an August 2008 wedding in Nashua, NH.

**Jonathan H. Kim (04)** was promoted as 2nd lieutenant in the army on July 30 and has been assigned to reserve component as an army chaplain candidate. He is now residing in Kansas City, MO and is attending Bible College and Theological Seminary, pursuing an M.Div.

**Marvelyn McFarlane (07)** was nominated by the Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) for Best Supporting Actress in a Drama. She was recognized for her role as Frieda in *The Bluest Eye* presented by Company One.



## In Memory

**Geraldine R. Babcock (33)** passed away Nov. 20, 2007. Geraldine lived in Wollaston for more than 60 years and was an active member of the Wollaston Church of the Nazarene. She volunteered for many ENC committees and events, and worked at the Dugout. She was an assistant teacher for St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church Daycare Center. She was married to the late Dr. William J. Verner Babcock, ENC professor emeritus and former chairman of biology. She is survived by her children.

**Helen Theresa Marta Freese (47)** passed away November 27, 2007. Helen taught elementary education for 30 years in Prince George's County, MD. She belonged to the Melwood Church of the Nazarene and was a Sunday School teacher. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Paul, and her children. Services were held at Melwood Church of the Nazarene. Rev. John Nielson officiated.

**J.C. Dixon (47)** passed away on November 26. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. J.C. worked for American Bridge Company, Cities Service Oil Company Research and Development Laboratory, Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, and Grede Foundries, Milwaukee, WI. He retired in 1979. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and his three children.

**Robert E. Mortensen (48)** passed away Nov. 29, 2007. He was a baritone on a scholarship at ENC when he

met his wife Grace, a member of a gospel quartet. They traveled and shared sermons and music with those they met. Robert started many ministries and churches and, in 1956, he started the Bayshore Community Church in St. Petersburg. He is the author of the poem *We Are Not Alone* and more than 1,526,000 copies of the poem have been distributed. Robert's wife, Grace, passed away in the mid 1980s and he is survived by his son, Geren W. Mortensen, and daughter, Sharon E. Meece.

**Cloyce C. Cunningham (51)** passed away June 11, 2007. Services were held at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, KS, and in Wenatchee, WA.

Cloyce pastored churches in New England, New York, Florida, Indiana, and Washington. He is survived by his wife, Elaine (52); son, John (76); and daughter, Ruth Leslie.

**Rev. Robert H. Spear Jr. (51)** passed away Nov. 7, 2007. Spear received degrees from Olivet University and spent time studying at ENC, Stetson University, and Florida Southern College. He served in World War II and in the Army Medical Corps. Spear pastored several churches and served as district superintendent of Southern Florida from 1973 to 2000.

His first wife, Frances, is deceased and he is survived by his wife of 15 years, Norma White Spear; as well as sons, Jim and Bob; daughter, Joy Wilson; stepson, Eddie White; stepdaughter, Sherri Barnhart; 10 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. A memorial service was held December 6, in Nashville.

**John C. Kuhn (55)** passed away Oct. 9, 2007. Services were held at First Church of the Nazarene, Washington. John was a minister in the Church of the Nazarene for 37 years and was an ordained elder in the church. His first wife, Ferne Dillon, is deceased. His wife, Doris Tenny, whom he married in June of 2000, survives him.

**Barbara Finch (60)** passed away on Feb. 25. Finch was registrar emerita. She retired from ENC in 1991 and moved to Kansas City to be closer to her family. Barbara loved ENC and continued to show that interest throughout her life.

**David R. Day (69)** passed away Nov. 7. Services were held at Covenant Congregational Church in Quincy, MA. David worked for the North Atlantic Region National Park Service as a Human Resource Specialist and retired in March 2007. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Linda.

**Rev. Ron Grabke, Sr. (88)** passed away recently from a heart attack. Grabke is survived by wife Martha, former ENC Bursar, son Ron Jr., daughter Rachel Hallenbeck, and several grandchildren. The funeral service was held on Jan. 24 at the Boylston Church.

**Tim Davis**, former ENC employee, passed away Jan. 10, 2008 after a brief illness. He was employed by UPMC as a marketing director, autism research, and as a licensed agent with AFLAC. He was very involved with his church, Victory Christian Center, where he helped with the music ministry and photography. Tim resided in New Castle, PA.

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The Class of 1977 celebrated their 30th reunion at Homecoming 2007. For details about the Homecoming 2008 Celebration Dinner see page 6.

## Reunion Coordinators

### Homecoming 2008

1958 • Chuck Gailey • [gaileys@juno.com](mailto:gaileys@juno.com)

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1993 • Stacey Barker • [Stacey.I.barker@enc.edu](mailto:Stacey.I.barker@enc.edu)

1998 • Joy and Jeff Scott • [joy\\_jeff@yahoo.com](mailto:joy_jeff@yahoo.com)

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## "Every Class a Scholarship" Firsts

"Every Class a Scholarship" (ECAS) is a movement to have every graduated class endow a scholarship, and therefore provide a new set of students the opportunity to attend ENC. ECAS officially started at Homecoming in 2002, but a couple of classes were dedicated to creating student scholarships long before then. Once ECAS began, many other classes started to raise funds – some rather quickly!

### Want to Make a Difference?

Do you have a desire to impact our world in a powerful, life-changing way? You can by investing in our students through the ENC Fund.

The ENC Fund assists students who are being shaped into global Christians – Christians who will make a difference.

Our goal this year is \$215,000. Please help us achieve this significant milestone!

#### Ways to give to the ENC Fund:

- Mail a check to the Office of Development
- Credit card by phone at 866-480-2291
- Online giving via [www.enc.edu](http://www.enc.edu)

#### ENC Fund Status:

Total Received 7/1/07 - 2/29/08: \$112,359.32  
vs

Total Received 7/1/06 - 2/28/07: \$87,461.00

How it works: Once a class hits \$10,000 it is considered "endowed." The money is placed in the college's investment portfolio. After a year ENC is then able to award scholarships out of the investment earnings. This way, the money is always growing more money. And with more money in the account, there's more that can be given out to students!

Within the last six years, we have raised more than a half million dollars! ECAS has exploded with donations – here are some of the interesting firsts:

- 1944 • First to reach \$50,000
- 1955 • First to endow a scholarship within the year prior to their 50th reunion
- 1957 • First to pledge \$100,000
- 1968 • First in the 1960's to hit \$10,000
- 1982 • First class to reach endowment after ECAS started
- 1986 • Quickest to endow a scholarship – it took a mere few months!
- 1992 • First in the 1990's to reach endowed status
- 2004 • First class in 2000's to hit \$8,000. They're so close to being endowed!
- 2004-05 • First school year that an ECAS scholarship was awarded

And we're still waiting on more firsts: first million dollars raised, first class to hit \$100,000, first class to endow 10 scholarships! Help us achieve these goals by donating to Every Class a Scholarship!



The class of 1992 met at homecoming 2007 to celebrate their 15th reunion.  
See page 9 for Homecoming 2008's reunion coordinator list.

## EVERY CLASS A

# Scholarship

### In a class of their own

Class of 1957 • \$70,035.27  
Class of 1944 • \$56,426.69  
Class of 1953 • \$27,751.00  
Class of 1966 • \$25,302.14

### Setting the pace

Class of 1968 • \$23,818.74  
Class of 1959 • \$21,991.17  
Class of 1965 • \$19,302.64  
Class of 1955 • \$17,064.00  
Class of 1982 • \$16,896.20  
Class of 1986 • \$16,406.29  
Class of 1954 • \$15,623.00  
Class of 1956 • \$14,853.00  
Class of 1964 • \$12,380.48  
Class of 1962 • \$12,175.82  
Class of 1992 • \$11,902.00  
Class of 1958 • \$11,376.00  
Class of 1949 • \$10,626.00  
Class of 1967 • \$10,235.00

### Pressing forward

Class of 1999 • \$9,150.65  
Class of 1972 • \$8,865.90  
Class of 2004 • \$8,411.51  
Class of 1978 • \$7,900.00  
Class of 1960 • \$6,685.00  
Class of 1961 • \$6,310.00  
Class of 1951 • \$6,050.00  
Class of 2003 • \$5,862.67  
Class of 1993 • \$5,850.00  
Class of 2007 • \$5,708.55  
Class of 1977 • \$5,572.60  
Class of 1990 • \$5,234.00

### Gaining momentum

Class of 1975 • \$4,576.90  
Class of 1969 • \$4,513.80  
Class of 2005 • \$4,364.30  
Class of 2006 • \$4,349.23  
Class of 1973 • \$4,110.00  
Class of 2001 • \$4,086.55  
Class of 1989 • \$3,951.00  
Class of 1963 • \$3,910.00  
Class of 1979 • \$3,890.00  
Class of 1991 • \$3,551.31  
Class of 1976 • \$3,500.00  
Class of 1995 • \$3,475.00  
Class of 1981 • \$3,103.48  
Class of 1996 • \$2,521.00

### Making progress

Class of 1980 • \$1,926.00  
Class of 1950 • \$1,750.00  
Class of 1970 • \$1,650.00  
Class of 1974 • \$1,385.00  
Class of 2000 • \$1,379.99  
Class of 1985 • \$1,295.00  
Class of 1983 • \$1,248.50  
Class of 1942 • \$1,100.00  
Class of 1971 • \$1,056.00

### Getting started

Class of 1947 • \$925.00  
Class of 1948 • \$925.00  
Class of 1952 • \$775.00  
Class of 1997 • \$625.00  
Class of 1946 • \$500.00  
Class of 1998 • \$477.00  
Class of 2002 • \$325.00  
Class of 1941 • \$300.00  
Class of 1987 • \$296.00  
Class of 1994 • \$200.00  
Class of 1988 • \$125.00  
Class of 1943 • \$100.00  
Class of 1984 • \$100.00

**Total • \$548,132.38\***

\*as of February 29, 2008



## Meet Corey MacPherson

**Major:** Business

**Graduation Year:** 1996

**Current Position:** ENC's New Chaplain

*Corey MacPherson didn't know it 12 years ago when he graduated from ENC, but he would later become a symbol of growth at the school that fostered so much growth in him. That day has now come: Beginning in January, MacPherson became the full-time director of spiritual development and chaplain at ENC. He replaced interim chaplain Lora Wooster, who graciously and successfully guided students through the search for a full-time chaplain.*

*He opened the spring semester with a chapel talk, announcing his intentions to focus on relationship building at ENC.*

*"True dialogue can only truly happen if we have love and respect for one another," he said in his message that focused on 1 John 4. "Relationships are required for everything in life. Relationship is required for salvation."*

*He brings with him not only his wife, Edie, and two young children, Katherine and Logan, but also an excitement to serve the ENC community. It was ENC that prepared him for his years at Nazarene Theological Seminary – where he graduated with a master's in divinity – his work at Stoneybrook University in New York, and his church plant in Long Island that he has been leading for the past eight years. It seems only fitting that he was led back to the place where his journey began.*

*"This college has made a concentrated effort to invest in the spiritual life of the campus and primarily for the students," said MacPherson as he sat down with student reporter Caren Kamel (10) and discussed coming back and moving forward.*

**Q:** As an ENC alum, what inspired you to come back?

**A:** I never thought I would come, not because I didn't want to, but I was pastoring at the time. Then last year one of the professors told me that he submitted my name for this submission to the search committee. I appreciated it, but I couldn't leave the church at the time. I got an e-mail from Dr. McGee; she encouraged me to go through the process, and so I did. It was a gradual process of the Lord leading us here. We, my family and I, are very confident that this is where God is leading us.

**Q:** So now that you're back have you spent any time reminiscing about your time as a student and who helped you while you were here?

**A:** Yes! One positive influence was the president of ENC at the time, Kent R. Hill. He was influential in giving advice while I was a business major and felt a call to ministry. He was influential in encouraging me and helping me decide to go to seminary. There was also a small group of guys that met our junior and senior year. Though I did not realize it at that time, that group was very helpful in my spiritual life. I needed that group for where I was in life at that time.

**Q:** What have you been doing in the time between seminary and now?

**A:** I pastored North Shore Church of the Nazarene in Long Island, N.Y. I was the founding pastor and I began it eight years ago with a Bible study in our home. That was the first thing I did after I left seminary.

**Q:** What motivated you to start a church?

**A:** One of the reasons why I wanted to start a church in New York was because I wanted to be in a college town to hopefully have a college ministry. I was involved in the campus – whether it was panel discussions, forums, or interfaith dialogue. I've always had a passion to be involved in a college setting. All of those experiences working at Stony Brook University have prepared me for Eastern Nazarene College. I didn't see it then, but I do see it now.

**Q:** You have huge shoes to fill here at ENC. What are your immediate plans for ENC's spiritual growth?

**A:** First I need to get to know the community more and the students more. That is the highest priority, to build relationships. Yet there are a few things that I know will be a priority for me. One is small groups programs; put more time and energy in that. I want to continue in some of the great work that's already being done, such as the mission

trips; all those will continue to be high priorities.

The office of spiritual development is always developing. The college has made a concentrated effort to invest in the spiritual life of the campus and primarily for the students. That was an encouraging sign to me to take the job.

**Q:** You previously mentioned how students' faith will be shaken while at school. How will you help guide them and lead them in their spiritual journey?

**A:** We are all in different places on our spiritual journey and part of me getting to know the community and students is to meet students where they are in their spiritual life. How to do that will be different for each student and unique in many ways. But my goal is to meet students wherever they are in their spiritual life. Whether it's questioning their upbringing or questioning how their friends practice their faith, we are all in different places. The best place for that to happen is chapel and a lot of that will be centered around who we have speaking. It's where we all come together; we all come from different places and worship as one community. I'm sure the Lord will minister to us all in chapel.

Caren Kamel (10)



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