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Bye Bye Birdie

The 29-member cast of ENC's fall musical brought the doo-wop culture of the 1950s (and screaming teenage fans) to the stage.

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Relationships, accomplishments, partnerships

Alicia Thatcher and family celebrated her induction into the Bradley Hall of Fame along with 700 alumni, friends and guests of the college at the annual Celebration Dinner.

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Dedication to Ruth Cameron

On October 20 President McGee and Dr. Timothy Wooster officiated at the renaming of the Mann Student Center auditorium in honor of Dr. Ruth Cameron.

See photos online at www.enc.edu/Homecoming

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ENC community supports disaster relief efforts

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy's devastation, the ENC community, led by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, stepped up to assist with relief efforts in partnership with Nazarene Disaster Response. During chapel on November 9, the college collected supplies and monetary donations, and with the assistance of the Wollaston, Bethel, and South Weymouth Nazarene churches and a Mid-Atlantic District church, more than \$1,800 was raised to purchase blankets, bleach, water and non-perishable food to send to the NDR warehouse in Bronx, NY.

"I was greatly encouraged by the immediate response from students, churches, staff and faculty to do anything they could to help those affected by the storm," said Chaplain and Vice President for Spiritual Development Corey MacPherson. "With so many of us having family and friends from the New York/New Jersey area, this project was especially important to our community."

If you are interested in helping those affected by the storm, please visit the Nazarene Disaster Response website at <http://ncmusacan.nazarene.org/NDR/tabid/665/Default.html>.



Jamie Brown, Corey MacPherson (96), Nancy Detwiler (63), Mike Kennedy (11) and Jennie Williams load a rental truck with items donated by students, faculty and staff for those affected by superstorm Sandy.

Scenes from Yesteryear



Tasker coordinates donation of Boston Chapel Collection to ENC Archives

For the past 18th months, Reverend Jim Tasker has carefully collected oral history, photographs and videos of the Boston Chapel project supported by ENC in the 1950s and 1960s. Boston Chapel was a mission and Sunday School program in South Boston as part of the New England District Urban Project. Many students and pastors donated time, energy and funds to minister to the urban communities of Boston. These photos are part of what Reverend Tasker has passed along to the ENC Archives.

If you have any photographs or memories of participating in the Boston Chapel ministry, please email archives@enc.edu with the subject line "Boston Chapel" so that we can further complete the snapshot of this moment in ENC's history.



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Dr. Corlis McGee, President

“It’s fascinating to consider that more than 2,000 years later, storytelling is as important to our culture today as it was in Jesus’ time.”

Telling Stories

It was such a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet with so many alumni at our recent Homecoming gathering. Each year when Homecoming rolls around, I so enjoy the chance to hear former students, faculty and staff sharing stories – some humorous, some poignant, many of them inspiring – of their days at Eastern Nazarene College and all that has happened in their lives in the years since. And each year, I’m reminded once again of the power that storytelling continues to hold in our lives and our culture.

The art of storytelling is almost as old as the earth itself. Long before mankind possessed the tools or intellectual capacity to put pen to paper, our ancestors shared stories around the fire, passing down tales and legends orally, from generation to generation. For early communities lacking in formal education, storytelling was the primary method of imparting knowledge. Is it any wonder, therefore, that when Jesus began his ministry, he often used parables to communicate his most important lessons?

It’s fascinating to consider that more than 2,000 years later, storytelling is as important to our culture today as it was in Jesus’ time. This issue of *The Christian Scholar*, in particular, illustrates that sharing stories is innately part of who we are as human beings. Whether it’s swapping memories at Homecoming (see page 6) or reminiscing on the road (Stories on the Sojourn, page 8) or starting a business, as alumna **Liz Barnard (08)** has, designed specifically to tell people’s stories on t-shirts and other products (page 5), there is something inherently human about this fundamental need to connect through the spoken or written word.

Oh, it’s true we have made many technological advancements that allow us to share our stories in ways our ancestors could never have imagined! From movies and videos to iPods, tablets and text messages – or even a t-shirt! – we now can share stories in more ways, in more places and far more quickly than ever before. What has not changed, however, is the desire to form an emotional and spiritual connection through our stories, or our desire as Christians to fulfill our great commission to tell the greatest story of all:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

*“Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace,
goodwill toward men!”*

As you celebrate this holy season, I pray you have the opportunity to share this story with someone in desperate need of its message, and that the joy of Christmas remains in your heart all year round.

Blessings,

Corlis McGee

Corlis McGee

President McGee named honorary ENC alumna

President Corlis McGee’s many contributions to Eastern Nazarene College were recognized at the Homecoming Celebration Dinner, when Dr. McGee was officially named an Honorary Alumna of the college.

Alumni Association President **Janelle (Nielson, 93) Beiler** presented Dr. McGee with an award recognizing her new status as an alumna and honoring her “service, dedication and faithfulness to the mission of ENC.”

Vice President for Institutional Advancement **Scott Turcott (82)** offered highlights from some of the many areas in which ENC has advanced during Dr. McGee’s tenure, including financial leadership, enrollment and the development of key partnerships in the community.

“It’s amazing what one person’s leadership can do for others, as Dr. McGee’s leadership has done for us at ENC,” he said. “She became an ENC alum tonight because she represents the very best of ENC alumni when they invest in the college.”

Alumni Association president Janelle (Nielson, 93) Beiler welcomes the association’s newest alumna, President Corlis McGee.



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News Briefs

New programs, recruitment efforts boost enrollment

Eastern Nazarene College began the 2012-2013 academic year with increases in both its traditional undergraduate and Adult and Graduate Studies enrollment, boosting the college's total enrollment to its highest level in more than a decade.

Traditional undergraduate enrollment increased 5.6 percent over 2011, while enrollment in the Adult and Graduate Studies division nearly doubled due to the creation of two new programs: a master's degree program in Higher Education Administration and a bachelor's degree program in Early Childhood Education. Together, the two divisions bring ENC's total enrollment for 2012 to 1,459 students – its highest level since 1999.

"We're very encouraged by the steady growth we've seen in the admission of undergraduate freshmen as well as transfer students," said President **Corlis McGee**, who noted that ENC also saw a 10 percent increase over last year in both the number of applications and admitted students. "We've also witnessed a significant increase in our student retention rate, which is tremendously gratifying."

Dr. McGee said the dramatic increase in the Adult and Graduate Studies enrollment as a result of the two new programs reflects ENC's well-established reputation of serving the needs of adult students. "We've been offering convenient adult education programs that enable adult students to balance work and family responsibilities for 20 years," she said, "so creating these new degree programs was a natural fit for us."

Dr. McGee also noted that a new state program encourages the increase in bachelor's degree programs for Early Childhood Education. "The creation of the Early Childhood degree program was really an innovative response to addressing the need for such a program within the community."

ENC, South Shore Christian Academy Launch Pre-Matriculation Credit Program

South Shore Christian Academy students who complete a new advanced biology course are now able to earn up to eight credit hours of college credit from Eastern Nazarene College, thanks to a new Pre-Matriculation Credit Program between the two institutions.

Through the program, SSCA students may enroll in the college-level biology course if they meet certain academic prerequisites. The course, which is taught on SSCA's Weymouth, MA campus, meets four days a week for one hour, plus two additional hours of laboratory time, with some labs held on the ENC campus. Students who pass the spring and fall semesters of the course with a grade of C or better will receive four credit hours per semester, for a total of up to eight credit hours, from Eastern Nazarene College.

"We are pleased to be able to offer South Shore Christian Academy students this opportunity to get a head start on their college course work," said **Dr. Timothy Wooster**, academic dean and provost. "ENC and South Shore Christian Academy share a common goal of offering students an academically rigorous education within a spiritually fulfilling Christian environment, and this Pre-Matriculation Credit Program will enable SSCA students to complete challenging, college-level coursework while still in high school."

Jill (Chandler, 85) Stiles, teacher and chair of South Shore Christian Academy's Science Department, said, "We are excited about this partnership between two institutions each possessing very strong science departments. The transferable credits offered through participation in this program provide a greater opportunity than the AP Exam did for our high school students to earn college credit."

SSCA Director of Academic Affairs Kristen Jones agreed. "We look forward to continuing our partnership with ENC not only in the area of biology, but expanding it to other disciplines in the near future," Jones said.

Faculty/Staff News



Thomas Harrison new director of Pre-Law program

Thomas Harrison has joined Eastern Nazarene College as director of the Pre-Law program.

In addition to teaching courses, Harrison will oversee the growth of the program, advise students regarding law careers and work to expand the college's pre-law and business internship opportunities.

"Thomas Harrison has been practicing business, real estate and banking law in the Boston area for more than 25 years," Academic Dean and Provost **Dr. Timothy Wooster** said. "We are pleased to welcome an attorney of his caliber and integrity to the Eastern Nazarene College faculty."

Harrison assumes leadership of the Pre-Law program following the successful 15-year tenure of **Dr. Donald Yerxa**, who served ENC as a history professor and administrator for more than 30 years before retiring and being named professor emeritus in 2009.

"I am absolutely delighted to be handing over the reins of the Pre-Law program to Thomas Harrison," Yerxa said. "Tom holds two law degrees and brings decades of experience to this assignment. I look forward to working with him to ensure a smooth transition."

Yerxa noted that preparing students for law school has been an academic strength of the college. Since the early 1980s, more than 100 ENC graduates have become lawyers, several of them attending the nation's leading law schools.

Harrison is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University (BA, 1977), Villanova University (MPA, 1983), Suffolk University Law School (JD, 1986) and Boston University School of Law (LLM in Banking and Commercial Law, 1992). In addition to teaching courses at both ENC and BU, he has served on ENC's Pre-Law Advisory Council for more than a decade.

Groundbreaking treatment for blindness presented by alum



Groundbreaking new treatments for childhood blindness were the focus of a recent campus presentation by ENC Trustee **Daniel Chung (85)**.

Presented in Shrader Lecture Hall, Chung's presentation – titled "And the Blind Will See" – offered information on gene therapy clinical trials related to Leber Congenital Amaurosis (LCA), an autosomal recessive disease that causes blindness by affecting the retina. The disease often first appears in children from 5 to 7 years of age; currently, there are 3,000 cases of LCA in the United States alone, with no treatment or cure available.

Chung's presentation discussed clinical trials being conducted by the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania and University of Pennsylvania. Through the trials, patients receive an injection in one eye; results have been promising, with some patients regaining vision. Should the clinical trial continue to be successful and pass FDA regulations, the gene therapy could be the first to be approved in the United States.

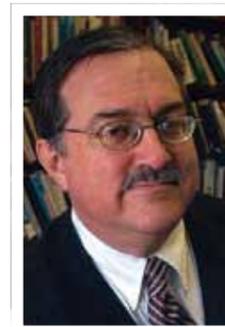
To test how well the gene therapy had worked, Chung created an obstacle course to test how well patients could now see after receiving the treatment.

Presentation attendees also had an opportunity to learn more about how such trials are conducted. The first stage of testing, known as the pre-clinical stages, involved treating dogs with LCA. An injection was given to one of two dogs. Results were visibly favorable to the dog given the treatment, while the other still could not see. With success in the pre-clinical stages, the team looked toward proceeding to the clinical trials.

To conduct the clinical trial, the study needed to gain approval from a number of organizations, including the FDA. After seven years, the gene therapy was approved to enter the clinical stages, and in 2008 the first patient was treated. Tests are conducted pre- and post-treatment to determine the success of the gene therapy.

Chung concluded his presentation by suggesting that this treatment not only has the potential to be the first approved gene therapy treatment in the United States, but also offers hope for those diagnosed with LCA and other visual genetic disorders.

Wilfred McClay lectures on American Christian history



"The Persistence of Guilt and the Imperilment of Progress" was the topic of ENC's annual Donald S. Metz Lecture in American Christian History.

This year's Metz Lecture was presented Oct. 19 by historian Wilfred McClay, a professor of history at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he holds the university's SunTrust Bank Chair of Excellence in Humanities. Dr. McClay's book, *The Masterless: Self and Society in Modern America*, won the 1995 Merle Curti Award as the best book in American intellectual history from the Organization of American Historians. His other books include *The Student's Guide to U.S. History* and the co-edited volume *Religion Returns to the Public Square: Faith and Policy in America*.

The Donald S. Metz Lecture is presented by the ENC History Department.

Red Carpet Days @ ENC

Prospective students and parents are invited to Red Carpet Days - a first-hand experience of collegiate life on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College.

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Changing the world...with 26 Letters



Twenty-six. The number of letters in the English alphabet. But to an ENC alumna, 26 Letters has become the driving force behind her desire to make a positive impact on the world by telling people's stories.

About a year after she graduated from ENC with a degree in Business Management, **Liz Barnard (08)** moved to Nashville, TN. "I fell in love with the city, Southern hospitality and the constant stream of music on every corner," said Barnard, who works in the Admissions department at the Art Institute of Tennessee.

Last year Barnard's friend, Kristen Pope, approached her with the idea of creating a way to tell a person's story that would give back to non-profit organizations. The two recruited a third friend, Catherine Stein, and soon 26 Letters, LLC was formed.

"Twenty-six letters is a (limited liability company), but our business plan makes us

more like a non-profit," Barnard said. "When we started this, our intention was never to make a profit; we all felt that we should give as much as we can to the organizations we partner with, which is currently 60 percent of our net sales. Right now, anything we take in goes right back into developing new products."

Here's how it works. Barnard and her partners identify a local non-profit, then find the story of a person who has been affected by that organization in some way. The trio then creates a product inspired by that person's story. Sixty percent of that product's sales are then donated back to the non-profit.

"We believe that telling a person's story gives them dignity, highlights their humanity, and validates who they are as a person, not defined by their struggles or triumphs," Barnard said. "It puts a human element behind the causes or issues we see every day. I think once we do that, we are able to see that we're not so different."

The company's "Free Spirit" necklace, for example, was inspired by a young woman named Tara.

"She struggled with an eating disorder, but found freedom and hope at Mercy Ministries, a free, faith-based residential program that serves young women who face a combination of life-controlling issues," Barnard said. "We've had the opportunity to volunteer at the home and spend time with these girls, and realized that we all struggle with many of the same driving forces behind their addictions."

"After hearing Tara's story, we knew we wanted to create a product that we could share with the world to remind us that no matter what traps you, there is freedom."

The company has also produced a "Stories to Tell" branded t-shirt, the proceeds from which to date were donated to the Nashville Adult Literacy Coalition and Oasis Center.

"Everyone's life is a story, and we hope to love people and support the work of incredible non-profits through 26 Letters" said Pope, Barnard's partner. "We're really excited about the launch of 26 Letters and the adventure ahead."

Barnard agreed, and hopes that the company can make a positive impact on her new home city of Nashville. "We are all in love with this city, and wanted to find a way to make a difference, big or small," she said. "Each of us has an overwhelming – and maybe somewhat irrational – ambition to change the world, so hopefully this is just the beginning."



courtesy photos

Above left: The company's "Stories to Tell" branded t-shirt benefits adult literacy. Above: The "Free Spirit" necklace reminds us that no matter what traps you, there is freedom.

Read stories or find out more at www.26-letters.org or at facebook.com/26LettersOrg.

Germantown program highlights ENC, YMCA partnership



courtesy photo

Each Tuesday afternoon, a bus pulls up to the gates of ENC and students file off, eager to learn and have fun.

These students are a bit younger, however, than the traditional ENC undergraduate. About 10 years younger, in fact: The children are all students in grades 3 to 5 who participate in ENC's educational partnership program with the South Shore YMCA's Germantown Neighborhood Center. Through this partnership, 30 to 40 children from Quincy's Germantown neighborhood come to campus one afternoon each week for a variety of academic and extracurricular activities.

"The kids arrive at the front gate about 3 p.m. and from there, they split into three groups," said **Renee Carpenter**, a sophomore who volunteers with the program. "Each of the groups goes to a different station for about 45 minutes and then switches to another station."

The three stations include Homework, Team Building Activities and Music. "In Homework, ENC students offer help with the kids homework or other schoolwork that they may need help with. And in Team Building, the kids do exactly that: They play fun games that help them to learn to work together and respect each other."

Music is one of the most popular activities, Carpenter noted. "Student **Chris James** conducts the Music component of the program, and he does a wonderful job with the kids," she said. "He has different musical topics or

units that incorporate fun activities for them. For example, one unit was on beat and rhythm, and they would play a game to emphasize what they had learned."

Another Music unit was built around the theme of the Stomp percussion group. "The kids formed groups and had to come up with their own Stomp routine using brooms and trashcans and such," she said. "They also put together acts for a talent show and performed for the group. This is one component the kids really look forward to!" For the ENC students who volunteer with the program, it's rewarding to watch the children grow both academically and socially as a result of the program.

"There are so many kids who just need a little encouragement so that they don't give up or get distracted from a homework assignment, and then they are determined to finish," she said. "Or when they try to set a good example for their classmates, and you can see they are determined not to follow the crowd, and they make the right choice."

The Germantown children become quite attached to their ENC mentors, Carpenter noted. "Consistency is something that is really important to these kids," she said. "They love having the staff and volunteers hang out with them, so when one of us is missing, even if it is just for a day, it's a pretty big deal to the kids who attend."

Paul Gorman, president of the South Shore YMCA, noted that ENC students also volunteer at the Y's Germantown Neighborhood Center facility.

"ENC and the YMCA work so well together to develop students for the benefit of the community," he said in an interview taped for ENC's Homecoming Celebration dinner. "To be a real partner to the students is very exciting for all of us."

For Carpenter, her experiences volunteering with the Germantown program have reinforced her desire to make helping children her life's work.

"This is what I want to do for the rest of my life," she said. "I want to provide kids with a safe, Christian environment in which they can grow socially, academically and spiritually."



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The annual Homecoming Celebration Dinner offered alumni and friends from around the country – and around the world – the opportunity to renew old friendships and celebrate the evening’s theme of “relationships, accomplishments and partnerships.”

“Part of our very rich legacy is the fact that deep bonds of friendship and relationship become very much a part of the college experience,” said **Dick Pritchard (67)**, who once again served as the evening’s master of ceremonies. “Those relationships only deepen throughout the years that follow – and the foundation for those relationships is our oneness in Christ.”

Vice President for Institutional Advancement **Scott Turcott (82)**, offered a special welcome to the oldest alumna in attendance – **Katherine (Brown, 34) Mann**, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday – and the alumnus who traveled the farthest to attend: **John Minoru Mori (56)**, who came from Japan.

In addition to honoring the recipients of this year’s Alumni Awards, the dinner offered an opportunity to update alumni and friends on the college’s recent fundraising accomplishments, including the announcement that two \$25,000 gifts resulted in the Bradley Scholarship being endowed at the \$100,000

level. The Class of 1957 was recognized for starting a second endowed scholarship after their first scholarship reached \$100,000. Also honored were the Class of 2009 – ENC’s first class to have fully endowed a \$10,000 scholarship upon graduation – and ENC’s newest alumni year, the Class of 2012, which repeated that accomplishment.

A special highlight was the announcement that ENC’s decade-old Every Class A Scholarship (ECAS) initiative had surpassed the \$1 million mark. Pritchard credited the success of ECAS to the efforts of **Ruth Ann (Stetson, 65) Ayres**, who spearheaded the drive from its earliest days.

“Here’s an alum who had a vision and a passion to make that happen,” Pritchard said. “And over a decade, some significant things happened.”

Ayres agreed. “It’s pretty significant that we’ve come this far in just 10 years,” she said. “We knew this moment would be coming, when we hit the \$1 million mark. But our goal has always been for every single class to leave this kind of legacy to ENC.”

“It’s a legacy that will never be thrown in a closet or struck by lightning or thrown away because it’s not useful anymore,” she continued. “This is a legacy that will continue to grow and have great meaning to students as they receive these awards.”



Ruth Ann Ayres presents ENC with a check for over \$1,000,000 - money raised for the ECAS program over the past 10 years.



Left to right: Alumnus of the Year William Wilhoyte (62); Keith Hevenor (87) accepting an Achievement Award for David Aaserud (87); Achievement Award winner Carol (Riedel, 82) Lopinski.

Alumnus of the Year: Dr. William P. Wilhoyte (62)

Alumni Achievement Awards: Carol (Riedel, 82) Lopinski;
Dr. David J. Aaserud (87); W. Scott Macpherson III (82)

Emerging Leader Awards: Dr. Robert C. Gailey (92); Samuel Jean (92)

Lifetime Service Awards: Dr. Roger Mann (34); Dr. James Cameron (51);
Rev. John Minoru Mori (56); Beatrice (Wycoff, 57) Wenger;
Rev. Fred Wenger (57)

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President McGee and recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. Jim Cameron (50), Alison Wells accepts on behalf of her grandfather, Roger Mann (34), Rev. John Minoru Mori (56), Beatrice (Wycoff, 57) Wenger, and Fred Wenger (57).



Carroll F. Bradley Hall of Fame Inductees: the 1999-2000 Women's Basketball team and the 1958-1959 Men's Basketball team with President McGee and Dr. Nancy Detwiler.

Athletics Hall of Fame inducts two basketball teams

Since 2009, Homecoming has been the venue for welcoming new inductees into ENC's Carroll F. Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame.

This year's induction ceremony marked a first, however: the induction of two entire ENC teams into the Hall of Fame, along with two individual standout athletes.

Entering the Hall of Fame this year were the storied Men's Basketball team of 1958-59 and the Women's Basketball Team of 1999-2000 – the first ENC athletics team to make it to an NCAA Division III championship tournament. Individual athletes inducted included **Alicia Thatcher (87)** –

a volleyball and basketball star during her ENC years – and **Lloyd Shannon (68)**, who played baseball, basketball and soccer.

"I came (to ENC) as a 17-year-old country boy serving myself and loving sports," Shannon said. "I left ENC five years later serving the Lord, and I haven't stopped."

ENC congratulates the newest members of the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame. For detailed biographies of this year's inductees, visit <http://www1.enc.edu/Alumni-Relations/Carroll-F--Bradley-Athletics-Hall-of-Fame/Carroll-F--Bradley-Hall-of-Fame-Inductees/>.



Left to right: Carroll F. Bradley Hall of Fame Inductees Alicia "Pebbles" Thatcher (87), Athletic Director Nancy (Baird, 63) Detwiler, President Corlis McGee, and Lloyd Shannon (68).

LEADing to success

The success of ENC's LEAD Program for adult students was also recognized at the Celebration Dinner. **Wayne Dunlop**, the program's original director, recalled that the college's faculty was initially wary about adding adult students to ENC's traditional student body.

"There was fear that the character of the college would not be honored," he said. "But from the moment we took ownership, we vowed that we would offer solid academic programs as well as a transformative program that would change people's lives. And we saw many examples over the years of that happening."

One such person was Dr. **William Driscoll (00)**, a LEAD graduate himself and the program's current director. At the Celebration Dinner, Driscoll recalled hearing a radio ad for the LEAD program and attending an information session to see if it would support his desire for a mid-life career change. He went on to receive his bachelor's degree through the program, followed by graduate and doctoral degrees at Boston universities.

"When I tell my story to (prospective students) today, they're amazed that I was in their seat only 15 years ago, and that all the possibilities are out there for them," Driscoll said.

Patricia Ryan (04, 06, 08) was a receptionist at Salem Radio Boston when she entered the LEAD Program. As Ryan attained her associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees through the program, she was steadily promoted to her current position as general manager of four Boston radio stations.

"None of that could have happened first without God – to God goes the glory – and my experience with ENC," Ryan said in a videotaped interview.



Wayne Dunlop

Productive partnerships

The Celebration Dinner also provided an opportunity to present ENC's renewed effort to form partnerships that enrich the community while supporting the mission and goals of the college.

"ENC's vision for developing partnerships is actually essential for us to become the dynamic institution that we dream of being," President **Corlis McGee** said.

Among the partnerships highlighted was ENC's collaboration with **Marjorie Nunes**, owner of four Kiddie Kampus early childhood centers. Nunes came to ENC with the idea of creating a new LEAD program funded by state grants that would help early childhood teachers attain their bachelor's degrees. The new Early Childhood Education (ECE) program now enrolls nearly 600 students.

Eastern Nazarene has also expanded its partnership with the South Shore YMCA so that students can benefit from the Y's athletic facilities while also enjoying volunteer opportunities at Y programs, including the Germantown Neighborhood Center (see story on page 5).

"ENC is developing new leaders with an emphasis on giving back to society and humanity," South Shore YMCA CEO Paul Gorman said in a videotaped message. "By letting us be a part of that by engaging students, faculty and staff here at the YMCA and to be a real partner for the students, is a win-win situation."



Left to right: Ray Nunes; Marjorie Nunes, ENC partner, student and president of Kiddie Kampus; Bill Driscoll (00), Director of AGS (LEAD).

ENC's expanded partnership with the South Shore YMCA also drew praise from **Neil Nicoll (68)**, CEO of the national YMCA of the USA.

"ENC and the YMCA share a common heritage," Nicoll said. "Our Christian heritage, our Christian mission, infuse everything we do. It's wonderful to know that the two organizations closest to my heart are a part of this common mission to build the capacity of young people."



Dr. McGee presents Dr. Rob Gailey (93) and Samuel Jean (93) with Emerging Leader awards.



A Cappella Choir closes the evening leading the room in singing the Alma Mater, directed by Dr. Timothy Shetler.



Gospel Choir, directed by Michael Payne, opens the program with Jacob LaVasseur (13) interpreting in American Sign Language.

Stories on the Sojourn

By Scott Turcott, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

All three of these folks have supported ENC in many ways and created a powerful legacy that will live on for generations to come."

As I began to think about writing this edition of *Stories on the Sojourn*, the term that kept coming to mind is legacy. That led me to the words of the Steve Green chorus, *Find Us Faithful*, "O may those who come behind us find us faithful." Part of our mission in the advancement office at ENC is to preserve the legacy of the college. In an effort to do that, we are deliberate about learning about the stories of our alumni. It is a great privilege to meet with alumni and friends of ENC who have done so much to make their alma mater proud.

As I write, I'm at 40,000 feet over North Carolina, returning from a trip to Florida. Last week I was in North Carolina, where I visited with **Elizabeth** (she prefers Betty) (**Kauffman**) **Hartz**. It was fun to hear stories of her time at ENC. She graduated in 1942 with folks like **Winnie (Gould) Jones** and **Carl Crouthamel**. She is the daughter of **Elmer and Henrietta Kauffman** as well as the sibling of **Alvin Kauffman (39)**, **Abbie Jean (Kauffman, 42) Delp**, and **Elmer Kauffman (44)**. She showed me a copy of the Christmas ENC Fund mailer from last year and asked if I knew who had designed the windows that were on the cover. Fortunately I did, because they were designed by her brother, Alvin. Her brother had been my professor for two courses at ENC. I received an A in one and my worst grade in college (B-) in the other. There were many valuable lessons about the subject matter, but more importantly life, in both classes. Many students were impacted by the teaching of Alvin Kauffman, and ENC continues to be blessed by the rich legacy of the Kauffman family.

While in Florida, I enjoyed visiting with several alumni. I had lunch with **Carl Hanks (43)** in the quaint little town of Monticello that reminded me of Mayberry. It felt like Sheriff Taylor or Aunt Bea might walk around the corner at any moment. He shared some stories of his time at ENC and fellow alumni, including **Ellen Rittenburg-Follett (41)**, and **Winnifred (Gould, 42) Jones**. Carl has a wonderful, gracious spirit. What I remember most about our time together is that Carl knew everyone we crossed paths with. We walked a block and a half from where we parked to the restaurant

where we had lunch. We passed at least half a dozen people on the way and Carl knew them all, as well as the dozen or so folks who were in the restaurant. Each person he introduced me to had a warm smile when they saw Carl. It was obvious that Carl loves people, and they in turn love him. Many asked how he was doing after the recent passing of his wife **Mary Elizabeth (Harris, 46) Hanks**. She went home to be with the Lord after battling Alzheimer's for more than 10 years. People's concern for him was genuine and I'm sure reflected concern he had expressed for them or their friends and loved ones over the years. You see, Carl was a pastor in that little town of 2,500 for more than 20 years. It was obvious that Carl has been a great ambassador for the Kingdom.

On a trip to Indiana earlier in the year, I had the opportunity to visit **Virginia "Ginny" (Oldham, 44) Lind**. Ginny is a delightful woman who now lives in a retirement community in Elkhart, IN. Full of life and energy, Ginny always has a sparkle in her eye. On my first visit, she gave me such an excellent tour of the entire facility that I thought she was part of the sales team. As we moved from place to place, everyone we encountered seemed to know her. She greeted them with a warm smile, which was promptly returned. On one of our visits she introduced me to the chaplain of the community, who commented about what a great source of encouragement Ginny was to the people of the community. I also

learned that she had a positive influence on many at ENC when she served as a full-time volunteer in the late 1980s and early 1990s. **Merritt Mann (59)**, **Janie Graves (72)**, and **Karl Vandervort (85)** all have a sparkle in their eye when they share stories of how Ginny impacted them when she was on campus. They all speak of her commitment to excellence, passion for life and compassion for people.

All three of these folks have supported ENC in many ways and created a powerful legacy that will live on for generations to come. The people with whom they have crossed paths have all known that at least one person truly cared for them. All three have lived a life of giving rather than taking. In the words of an Old Testament professor/friend of mine, they "live in the circle of 'I owe' rather than the circle of 'I own.'"

A while back someone asked me, "What do you want your legacy to be?" Since my oldest son and his wife made my wife and me grandparents a few weeks ago, I have begun to think seriously about that question. As I reflected on my visits with these wonderful ENC alumni, I think I found at least part of my answer. I think if I could leave behind a community of people who felt like I really cared about them, that would be a great start. To paraphrase again from Steve Green, perhaps the greatest legacy we can leave to those who follow is a heritage of faithfulness, passed on through a godly life.

Bechard (14) Contributes to "RoboBees" Project at Harvard University



Sarah Good (09)

Left: Michael Bechard (14) studies how mobility affects communication signals as part of the RoboBees project at Harvard University's Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program.

Above: Bechard tests out his flying "bee" around Harvard Yard.

By Sarah Good (09)

Several science students have received opportunities at Harvard University and other Ivy League schools over the past few years through the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program. During the summer of 2012, **Michael Bechard (14)**, an electrical engineering major from Queensbury, NY, worked at Harvard on the Micro Air Vehicles Project, also known as "RoboBees."

According to Harvard University's website, the goal of the project is to create "coordinated agile robotic insects" to perform a number of tasks such as field pollination, traffic monitoring, military surveillance, weather mapping, and much more.

The project consists of three portions: the Body, developing how the "bee" will fly; the Brain, creating the sensory area of the robot to send and receive communication; and the Colony, how the bees will react together in a "swarm." Bechard worked in the Colony

division, working specifically on communication between a bee and the ground computer, researching and developing how the signal would be impacted in flight as different bees are flying at different speeds.

"My favorite part of the summer was being able to work as part of a larger team," said Bechard. "I was able to get a first hand view of who was working on different aspects of the RoboBees project, and how my contribution would fit in."

After working on the computer chips and implementing them into a much larger version of a bee, Bechard flew the bee around Harvard courtyards, using a tablet as a controller. He tested the signal strength between the bee and a stationary receiver as the bee flew at different speeds and distances.

"It's a really unique experience in that you get an awesome project that's specialized in your field," Bechard said of Harvard's REU program. "But you also attend seminars on writing and grad school...and you get to meet people from all over."

Bechard recognizes that he is a small part of a bigger picture – a "piece of the puzzle" – but the experience is once-in-a-lifetime. "Maybe someday, we'll have drones of bees flying around and pollinating fields, and I get to say 'I was a part of that.'"

To learn more about the RoboBees project, visit <http://robobees.seas.harvard.edu>. To see Bechard's "bee" in flight around Harvard Yard, watch the video at www1.enc.edu/academics/physics-engineering/.

Bye Bye Birdie captures the optimism, innocence of the 1950s

"What's the story,
morning glory?

What's the tale,
nightingale?"

"The Telephone Hour" shows that no matter how much some things change, they still remain the same (like teens and phones).

On set from left to right:
Katie Smith (14),
Kayla Rearick (16),
Lisabeth Almeida (15),
Amy Wetzel (15),
Stephanie Schoonmaker (16)

On stage from left to right:
Philip Rha (14),
Chelsea Duncan (13),
Sammie Jones (13),
Sydney Karr (14),
Erin Shalvey (15),
Malcolm Carvalho (14),
Dan LaBossiere (13),
Emma Thies (15)



Pompadours, pony tails and poodle skirts returned to the ENC campus, when the Theatre Department transported audiences back to the 1950s with its fall production of *Bye Bye Birdie*.

Presented in the Cove Fine Arts Center, the popular musical captured the optimism, enthusiasm and innocence of America during the post-war period.

"*Bye Bye Birdie* is one of the most captivating musical shows of our time," said Director and Producer **Tara Brooke Watkins (02)**. "It's a satire on American life that's done with the fondest affection."

Set in 1958, the Tony Award-winning musical tells the story of rock and roll idol Conrad Birdie – an Elvis-type singer who has just been drafted into the U.S. Army. As part of a publicity stunt, Conrad travels to a small town in Ohio to offer "one last kiss" to his biggest fan on the popular *Ed Sullivan Show*.

Watkins noted that the production featured the largest cast of any ENC show in several years, with more than 35 students participating on stage. Set design was also an important part of the production, with designer **Michael W. Ballard's** set featuring colors and shapes evocative of the 1950s.

Right: Senior biology major Athena Horton is delightful as Rosie in her first production at ENC. Jon Cahill (14) (Albert Peterson) is a three-year veteran of ENC shows. Below: Theatre arts major Michaelin Andrea Thomas (14) nearly steals the show as Mae Peterson.

"Our idea conceptually was to evoke the 1950s at every turn and with every dance move," Watkins said. "Cast members were stretched to learn various types of 1950s dances. They even cut and restyled their hair to reflect the slicked-back hairdos and bouncy pony tails of the period!"

Many of *Bye Bye Birdie's* musical numbers, she added, have become musical theater standards.

"Songs like *Put on a Happy Face*, *A Lot of Livin' to Do* and *Kids* give insight into the everyday life that is very much a part of us all," Watkins said.



Paige Wetzel (13) as Kim MacAfee and Bethany Hawk (13) as Mrs. MacAfee learn that Kim was chosen to be the girl given a kiss by Conrad Birdie.



Colin Sebastian (13) (Mr. MacAfee) tries to enjoy his breakfast routine despite a disruptive house guest: Conrad Birdie.

Tara Brooke Watkins photos (02)

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Christina Posick (08) recently celebrated her three-year anniversary as a member of the U.S. Army. She graduated from Office Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA and is now a second lieutenant currently stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. She spent a one-year deployment in Afghanistan and will begin a second deployment to Korea in July 2013.



John Reilly (76) earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in May 2012. His pastoral research project focused on "The Pastor as a Self-differentiated Leader Nurtured by a Confluence of Grace through the Wesleyan Spiritual Disciplines." John and his wife **Debbie (Kitchen, 77)** have been married for 34 years. He is in his 14th year as senior pastor of the Keene, NH Church of the Nazarene, and Debbie continues to teach special education in the Keene Public Schools. Their children, **Heather (03)** and **Christopher (09)** are both graduates of ENC.

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Update: ENC Learning Commons

Student services in the ENC Learning Commons continue to expand with the inclusion of the Center of Academic Success (CAS), whose offices moved to the ground floor of Nease Library in August, 2012. The new space includes two offices, a secure testing area, and space for tutoring to take place on a regular basis. A generous donor helped create a reception area for CAS and the Instructional Resource Center.

The space "further enhances the mission of the Learning Commons to provide areas for group interaction, where students can work together and build academic relationships," elaborated **Susan Watkins**, Director of Library and Information Services. **Eric Clark**, Director of CAS concurred. "We don't want the need for academic help to be a barrier to students. Creating more comfortable spaces increases the opportunity for peer-to-peer interactions as well as teacher-to-student."

More improvements to the ground floor are in the works during Christmas break, with a grand opening reception planned for the beginning of the spring semester.

In Memory

Mary Elizabeth (Harris, 46) Hanks passed away September 4, 2012 in Monticello, FL. A registered nurse, she and her husband **Carl Hanks (43)** moved to Monticello in 1986 when he was appointed pastor of the First United Methodist Church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, nine grandchildren and a niece and nephew.

Rev. Walter E. Mullen (59) passed away July 13, 2012 at the age of 88. A native of Nova Scotia, he left school at the age of 12 to go to work before serving as a mechanic in the Canadian Air Force during World War II. In 1947, he was called to become a preacher, and he earned his high school equivalency before receiving degrees in Literature and Theology from Eastern Nazarene. While at ENC, he met his future wife, **Mary Lou (Wheeler, 59)**, and together they had four children. As a minister for the Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Mullen pastored numerous churches in Canada and Maine. He cared for his wife for many years prior to her death shortly after the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He is survived by three sons, four grandchildren, two brothers, three sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Stella Hult (69) passed away June 28, 2012 in Sun City, AZ. Born to Norwegian homesteaders in North Dakota, she attended Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, where she met her husband Bertil Hult, former pastor of Quincy's Faith Lutheran Church. After various ministry assignments around the country, the Hults settled in Quincy, where she taught fourth grade in the Quincy Public Schools. The Hults lived in Quincy for 32 years before retiring to Arizona. Preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Mrs. Hult is survived by four children, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two sisters.

Charles E. Wohlander (79) passed away unexpectedly July 16, 2012 at the age of 66. Born in Boston, he grew up in Holbrook, MA, graduating from Holbrook High School in 1964. He received a degree in Economics from ENC and worked at the Stop & Shop Supermarket in Braintree for 20 years. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Braintree, where he was a member of the Bible Study group. He is survived by three brothers, a niece and a nephew.



Former Board of Trustees member **John Wilmer "J.W." Lambert** passed away October 14, 2012 at the age of 94. An ordained minister, he served as pastor for seven churches throughout Ohio, Iowa, Texas, California and Idaho. He also served as district superintendent for Dakota, Upstate New York and South Central Ohio. In 1981, ENC awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity. He and his wife, Evaleen, were married for 71 years before she passed away in January. Rev. Lambert is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

Former Business Department Chair **Howard A. Williams** passed away October 20, 2012 at the age of 87. A graduate of the University of North Carolina and Harvard Business School, he worked for 25 years for New England Mutual Life Insurance. He is survived by his wife, Frankie, as well as his children and grandchildren.

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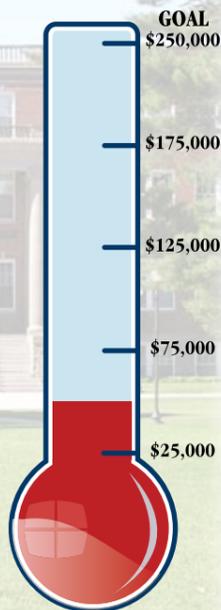
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Meet Kurt Heckman

Town: Hagerstown, MD

Graduation Year: 1984

Major: Math

Q: What is your current title/occupation and what are your major duties/responsibilities in this role?

A: I am currently the president and CEO of vCalc LLC. It is a new company that builds engineering software. Our first product is scheduled for release in March 2013.

Q: How did you reach this point in your career?

A: Prior to vCalc, I was president, CEO and co-founder of Sycamore.US from 1996 until November of 2010, when we sold Sycamore to KEYW Corp (NASDAQ:KEYW). At the time of sale, Sycamore provided engineering and technical services to the U.S. Intelligence and Aerospace communities. Among other services, we build mission planning and command and control systems for satellites, many in orbit today. The sale of Sycamore provided the means for me to shift gears. I was able to take a year off and focus on some long delayed personal and business goals. The product ideas of vCalc emerged while I was pursuing these interests. I needed time to think without the daily distractions of managing 155 employees deployed at dozens of facilities around the world.

Q: Are there any projects, assignments or accomplishments during your career that were particularly meaningful to you?

A: There are two. The first happened not long after I graduated from ENC. I was working on a satellite project as a systems engineer on a large mission planning system. The satellite was scheduled to be launched in only a few months, and the telemetry processing system was not providing nearly enough analysis capability for engineers on the ground to sift through the massive amount of data that the satellite was transmitting. If the satellite experienced any problems, and they all do, the absence of quick analysis tools could mean the loss of an important satellite that cost billions. As I sat in a large briefing on the problem, I realized that a new piece of software (SAS) was loaded on the mainframe, and that it could provide a tremendous amount of analysis reports and graphics with only a little programming. Even though I was just a kid compared to the rest of the rocket scientists in the room, I dared to raise my hand to interject. The head of the meeting was a colonel. I saw him see me, and I saw him hesitate. No doubt he was thinking, "I really can't be bothered now by some rookie." But he did ask me what I wanted, and in front of 150 engineers, I briefly told him about SAS and what I could do to help. At the end of the meeting, I had a small team assigned to me. In a day we had results, and six weeks before the launch the ground crew had a full chest of analysis tools. The customer was so pleased that they invited me to meet the shuttle astronauts. At the end of the mission, the astronauts sent a Mission Patch to me that they took on the shuttle. It's pretty cool having a cloth patch that traveled nearly 3 million miles in only a few days. I was nowhere near the smartest guy, nor the hardest working. But even then, I knew that God had laid a path for me to learn something on one job to prepare me for the next.

The second was as president of Sycamore. For the first few years, everyone at Sycamore was a high-tech engineer. But then we had the opportunity to work on a job that required cable technicians. These men and women are hardworking and skilled, but at that time, typically worked for companies that provided no benefits, no paid vacation or sick time, no holidays and no health insurance. At Sycamore, we had great benefits. We had substantial paid time off; we paid 100 percent of medical and life insurance, and we did a ton of other things, including taking the entire company and spouses on a Disney Cruise.

My partner, Jim, and I started Sycamore with a desire to serve God in business. We named the company Sycamore because Zacchaeus went up a sycamore as a dishonest business man and came down an honest businessman. So, when it was suggested that we create a division with fewer or perhaps no benefits for this cable crew, and make more profit, Jim and I immediately dismissed that notion. We had moral and spiritual reasons for this decision, but we also realized that providing good benefits was also good business. We had almost no attrition, and recruiting was much easier with good benefits and a growing reputation. But that wasn't the particularly meaningful thing. That came about a year later when I was in a meeting with some of the owners of my competitors. One notoriously greedy owner was there and during the meeting he complained about weak profits and looked at me with daggers in his eyes and said, "Well, now my expenses are high because I have to provide benefits to my cable techs." That was the moment. These other guys were losing employees and had to stem the flow by providing benefits too. Sycamore's decision to provide benefits to our techs caused a change in the industry, and that crusty old man's employees were receiving benefits because Jim and I obeyed God. That was awesome.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

A: My new job is different; I don't interact with so many people. But when I do, that's my favorite part. When the product goes live, things will change. We are endeavoring to create a low-cost engineering product that should benefit the global market. If that proves true, and we see that we've made a real impact, that will be wonderful.

Q: How did your ENC education prepare you for your chosen field?

A: This is easy. At ENC:

a) I got closer to God at a time when many young people lose their faith.

b) I met and married a beautiful girl who also loves God – **Karen (Shuck, 84)** – and I have been married since the summer of our junior year. We have five children and three grandsons, and are very happy.

c) I learned about my field (math, physics and computer science), but I also learned about the things that fill the rest of life with interesting, meaningful and insightful pleasure. Beside my bed, you will not find many math/science books. But it's overflowing with history, geography, archaeology, political science, philosophy and religion books. I'm convinced this is as important to success as any technical achievements. I've found that good workers know their field. But great workers know their field and how to communicate it to others and can place the importance of what they are doing in the greater context of life on Earth.



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