Connection and Cultivation: The Alumni Ambassador Network
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n this issue of the Ball State Alumnus, we are pleased to share stories that speak to Ball State’s dedication to offering a creative environment where students are experiencing immersive, real-life learning in settings with creative, innovative faculty. The advertising program, offered through the Department of Journalism, is producing students who are entering the professional ranks, equipped with experience to put theory into practice to tackle whatever the industry expects of them. The secret to the program’s success includes outstanding facilities, experienced faculty, and stellar students. Read our College Close-up, beginning on page 14.

Leading-edge technology is changing the way the human body is analyzed, and Ball State is equipped with a biomechanics laboratory that provides clinical services as well as enabling academic research. Our story about the university’s collaboration with Midwest Health Strategies that is exposing students to the most current techniques begins on page 9.

Other stories of student success, campus progress, and alumni involvement are also within this month’s magazine. In our lead story, we introduce you to a few of the Alumni Association’s ambassadors, alumni in specific geographic locations who assist with coordination of activities throughout the country. See page 19 to learn how ambassadors are helping the university tell our exciting Ball State story.

A chance encounter in Iraq brought three former cadets, who had trained together in Ball State’s ROTC program more than 15 years ago, back into contact. The three are currently serving in different parts of Baghdad. Their story, one that speaks to patriotism and the importance of camaraderie, begins on page 3.

As our military operations continue today and many serve to protect and defend the country, what a privilege it was for me to have had the chance in June to travel east, where our nation’s history begins and where one can manage, in a single day, to see some high points of 400 years, with stops in Jamestown, Yorktown, Williamsburg, and Norfolk.

Though I have visited these places before, there was particular significance this year to walking through the Jamestown site during festivities that mark the 400th anniversary of the founding of the first permanent English settlement in North America. The historic triangle of Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg reveals history and centuries intertwined.

Throughout the 17th century, Jamestown was the capital of the Virginia Colony. The colony’s government moved from Jamestown to Middle Plantation (later called Williamsburg), a fortified location approximately equidistant from the James and York rivers, in 1699, and Jamestown lost prominence.

The years to follow would bring war and other struggles to the territory, and particular locations serve as reminders today of survival and stamina of the forefathers. Eighteenth-century Yorktown is probably most well-known as the site where, surrounded by a superior force of French and American troops, General Charles Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington in 1781. But Yorktown also figured prominently in the Civil War following the seven-month siege of the city.

A few miles away, Norfolk has a long history as a military and transportation port. A strategic harbor since the early 1600s, today Norfolk serves as the distinguished residence for the battleship U.S.S. Wisconsin, which was first commissioned in 1943 and played a significant role in Pacific operations during World War II, in Korea in the 1950s, and again in 1990, when the ship was deployed for operations in the Persian Gulf. Since December 2000, the ship has been docked in Norfolk, but stands ready in the event it should be needed to join in the fight for freedom.

As we celebrate another Independence Day, it is fitting to acknowledge those who serve in the military, and to recall the strength and spirit that comes from challenge and endurance. That has been our country’s hallmark through the ages.

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Ball State Alumni Joe Fonderoli, ’06; Brandon Schlarb, ’06; Andy Schwartz, ’04; Kurt Humphrey, ’79; Suz White, ’99; Bob Parenteau, ’95MA97, who work for the Indianapolis Colts organization, celebrate the 2007 Super Bowl win with the Lombardi Trophy at a ring ceremony in June. We invite you to submit your favorite Ball State-related photo taken at or showing your Ball State pride. Send your full-color picture with complete description and attribution to: Editor, Ball State Alumnus, Ball State University Alumni Association, Muncie, IN 47306.

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American writer and Nobel Prize winner Pearl S. Buck once said, “One faces the future with one’s past.” As the executive director of your Alumni Association, I hold great optimism for the future as I review the past accomplishments of the Ball State University Alumni Association.

The BSUAA continually strives to engage alumni through activities, programming, events, and services. More than 200 alumni events were conducted both on- and off-campus in 2006, and we are on track to host more in 2007. Not only are events coordinated by our local chapters, constituent groups, and professional societies, but also regional events, reunions, football pre-game rallies, and Homecoming Week activities are hosted by the Alumni Association. These events would not be as successful without the dedication of our alumni volunteer leaders, many of whom are involved through alumni chapters, societies, and our alumni ambassadors program.

The Alumni Association has a long tradition of recognizing successful alumni and promising students through several award and scholarship programs. Current annual honors include the Graduate of the Last Decade Award, the Benny Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award. In addition, Coach-of-the-Year awards are given to Indiana alumni coaches in each of the 19 IHSAA-sanctioned sports. Scholarship programs such as the Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship, the Cardinal Alumni Recruitment Team Scholarship, the Robert E. Linson Alumni Association Scholarship, the Oliver C. Bumb Cardinal Corps Scholarship, and the Ray Ashley Scholarship offer financial assistance to more than 50 BSU students each year. In 2007, the Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship surpassed the $1 million mark in total amount awarded since the scholarship was established in 1983.

Offering alumni services is an additional way the BSUAA strives to provide for the needs of our alumni base. Many alumni take advantage of the Alumni ID Card, not only as an additional identification card, but also as a discount card at many Muncie-area merchants. Additional services include insurance programs, the BSUAA affinity credit card, and the Cardinal Pride license plate. In 2006, more than 15,000 alumni participated in those three programs alone.

Communication is a key ingredient to alumni involvement. In addition to event-specific notices sent regionally, the bi-monthly Alumnus magazine is mailed to all alumni households, an average circulation of more than 141,000 alumni in 2006, to keep you in close contact with the happenings at your alma mater.

Alumni new media services, initiated recently, is our vision for future interaction with alumni. We will continue to enhance our electronic communication efforts, increasing circulation of our monthly e-newsletter and other e-mail notices. Currently, 37,878 individual alumni receive News from the Cardinals’ Nest monthly via e-mail. During the past year more than 4,000 requests from alumni were made to the BSUAA general e-mail address: alumni1@bsu.edu and 332 push e-mails announcing events and programs were sent to 934,286 alumni for calendar year 2006.

I am very proud of the accomplishments of your Alumni Association and extend thanks to the many dedicated alumni who have given their time and talents, reaching out to make our events, programs, and services successful. With tribute to our extraordinary past, we look forward to a bright future as we build upon our foundation.

Edwin D. Shipley, ’68MA71, Executive Director
Ball State University Alumni Association
I am proud to report that Ball State University and the ROTC program continue to carry their fair share of the burden in our nation’s War on Terror,” wrote Major Mike Ogden in an e-mail this spring to the Alumni Association. Ogden, a 1992 Ball State graduate who is serving a 15-month tour in Iraq, continued: “Major Miles Townsend and Major Bob Horney graduated in 1992 and 1993, respectively, and together we continue to serve our nation with the skills and education we received as students and cadets at Ball State.”

A chance encounter brought the three former cadets, who had trained together in Ball State’s ROTC program 15 years ago, back into contact. Now, all three are serving in different parts of the Baghdad area, within an hour of each other.

Townsend says this is the first time all three men have been in touch since 1992, the year Townsend and Ogden graduated. Townsend and Ogden had connected once before, in 1997, while both were at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

“The last time Mike and I ran into each other was at Fort Bragg, where my home station is currently, in 1997. I was in the Special Forces qualification course and Mike was flying with the 1-17 Cav, [Ogden is a helicopter pilot],” Townsend recalls. “Prior to that we had not seen each other since 1992. Bob [Horney] and I have not seen each other since ’92.”

Townsend explains how the three met at Ball State.

“My third year of ROTC I was a non-contracted cadet, simply meaning I had not indicated a commitment to become an Army officer. I was offered the opportunity to attend basic airborne school at Fort Benning, Georgia and jumped at the chance, no pun intended,” Townsend says. “I was hooked. [Eventually, I was offered] a desk position. Mike Ogden was the cadet
battalion commander and I was his S3/XO (battalion executive officer and operations officer) our senior year. Before that, I was the cadet ranger company commander/company first sergeant. Bob Horney took over my position as I moved up.”

Townsend praises the training he received through Ball State’s ROTC program. “The impact of that time really solidified my intent to serve in the military,” he says. “I got into the program my junior year and extended my time to five years in order to earn my commission as a second lieutenant. I had some incredible mentors while in the program.”

He describes his current job as a “planner, coordinator, synchronizer, and executor of logistics support for an airborne brigade combat team (BCT) of about 3,500 paratroopers.” In his second rotation in Iraq, Townsend, who departed for this tour 24 hours before his tenth wedding anniversary, arrived in Iraq in December 2006 and expects to be there 12-15 months.

To bring some normalcy to their lives, the troops attempt to engage in some activity that remind them of home. Townsend was recently involved in a special dinner detail that would help raise morale and quality of life for paratroopers. They called it Operation T-Bone.

“Our COPs (forward combat outposts) were not getting hot meals,” Townsend explains. “The welders in my battalion fabricated a grill that we inserted on a trailer that would make any tailgater jealous. Once we had the equipment squared away, we scheduled [food] runs to them.”

Townsend was one of the coordinators. “We ordered [and cooked] steaks, and had drinks, chips, and corn on the cob,” he says, calling the operation a “big success.”

A clear high point for any soldier is to spend time with family during leave. In March of this year, Ogden was granted a two-week R&R and met his wife and sons in Hawaii. “We had been apart for nearly six months and shortly after I returned to Baghdad, we received news of our tour extension to 15 months,” Ogden says. “The sadness felt from the extension was quickly overcome by the news that my wife was expecting our third child.”

Ogden says he will not likely be home in time for the birth of the child, but says, as military families have done for many generations, he and his family will continue to sacrifice and serve.

Townsend echoes the sentiment, and admits to missing family and home. But he speaks about the success of the United States since being in Iraq. “There is no greater sense of self worth than serving in something far larger than oneself. Time extensions of service are insignificant to the things that we are accomplishing for the benefit of democracy, liberty, and the destruction of terrorism,” Townsend says.

The men feel a tremendous sense of duty, patriotism, and obligation to defend the freedom that they and their families enjoy. Both have military backgrounds. Ogden’s father was a Green Beret in Viet Nam and his brother was in the first Desert Storm. Townsend also comes from a line of veterans, his grandfather serving in WWII and his father in Viet Nam.

“There is no greater honor than to be part of America’s Honor Guard, the 82nd Airborne,” Townsend says. “We have defended freedom since WWI and the unit’s inception. We spearheaded the invasion of Normandy, so fighting for freedom is nothing new to this division or for me, since this is my second tour.”

Stateside, families wait, wonder, and anticipate their contact and correspondence with their loved ones. Tiffani and Mike Ogden met while they were students at Ball State. Tiffani graduated in 1994. She remains upbeat as she maintains a home in Colorado and takes care of sons Alex, age three, and Drew, who is 19 months. She is excited as

Officers Mike Daniels and Shawn Ransford meet with Major Miles Townsend (middle) before he leaves for a combat logistics patrol.
she talks about their third child, who is expected in December.

The most difficult part of her job as a mother, Tiffani says, is “explaining to the kids why Daddy sleeps at work.”

She draws her strength from church, her friends, the Family Readiness Group—a support group for the unit, and family. “My mother-in-law dealt with her husband in Viet Nam, so she’s a great resource, as well,” Tiffani acknowledges.

“I e-mail Mike daily and we can talk frequently,” she says, adding that she takes pride in maintaining the family unit and giving her husband moral support while he defends the country.

Meanwhile, Townsend’s mother Sarah and his sister Nancy Printz speak as representatives of the support group for Townsend. His youngest sister, Printz says that “overall, the war is more personal and meaningful” with a family member in the midst of the war zone.

When Townsend was leaving for Iraq for his first tour, her initial reaction was fear for his safety. “I still hold the fear, but I also realize that it is his job to protect the U.S. and defend the liberties of others when our country asks him to do it,” Printz says. “I have confidence in his ability and the knowledge that he loves his job and believes very much in his purpose there.”

During the interview process for this story, Townsend and Ogden have been able to communicate their messages freely. Meanwhile, no word comes from Horney. Ogden writes: “I wanted to let you know that Bob [Horney] recently returned from his R&R and his unit is going through a very difficult time right now. It may take him awhile to get the time to write.”

Horney is with coalition and Iraqi forces that have captured a wanted insurgent during combat operations near the Karkh Oil Facility, northeast of Lutifiyah, Iraq June 1. A news release records the occurrence: “Soldiers of B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 15th Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 10th Mountain Division and the 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division detained the wanted insurgent and other suspected insurgents as part of Operation Eagle Sweep.”

Horney, the 2nd BCT chief of current operations, is quoted: “We have been in this area before, but we wanted to go back and do a follow-up to make sure insurgents weren’t hiding caches in a previously cleared area.”

The searches resulted in four military-aged males being questioned, one of whom was a wanted insurgent.

“The operation was a success,” Horney continues. “Finding the wanted insurgents will help keep others safe.”

Although they place themselves in harm’s way every day, the men continue to declare their pride and their will to serve. Their thoughts are not of themselves. Rather, they express concern as fathers, sons, and husbands and wish for heightened awareness of everyone who remains home in the United States.

Townsend’s wife Shannon and daughters, six-year-old Ana and eight-year-old Loren, are at home in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

“I miss the opportunity to play with our kids and animals, the practices for school programs, gymnastics, and other endeavors,” Townsend says. “I miss working in my yard, grass, trees, and maintaining the house, which can provide a significant level of stress for Shannon.”

“I would ask fellow Americans to step outside of their comfort zone and to seek out those who serve in the military,” he continues. “Families that are left behind during deployments are the most vulnerable. Water lines break, kids get sick, and the list goes on, and one of the partners is not there to pick up the slack. When spouses are separated from home and support structures, the smallest thing can seem insurmountable.”

Ogden concurs. “This is an incredibly difficult war, and genuine support from those back home gives us more strength than anyone could possibly imagine,” he says. “I want to thank you for thinking of our families. I’m convinced they have the most difficult role of all in this war.”

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would likely not have been a success.

A few days later, we had the time to talk again. This time, Bob said: “You are not going to believe who else I ran into. I came across the name Miles Townsend in an e-mail directory and there was a phone number posted with it. I called, and sure enough it was Miles. He is working just north of Baghdad.”

What another great surprise. The last time the three of us were together was on the BSU campus more than 15 years ago. It didn’t surprise me at all to hear the two of them were still wearing the uniform and serving our country more than four years into this difficult and demanding war.

They were the two most dedicated cadets I knew: Up routinely before dawn, keeping themselves in peak physical condition, awake well into the night, committed to leading other cadets, and exceeding the academic standards required to achieve their commission.

Don’t get me wrong. We were often up late at night doing those things most college kids do long after the sun goes down. We just had a higher price to pay than most the following morning.

—Mike Ogden, ’92
The Ball State University Alumni Association has a new program to welcome newborns into the Cardinal family. In partnership with the Ball State Federal Credit Union (BSFCU), the Alumni Association administers the program.

“Born to be a Cardinal” is designed for babies from birth to 12 months, who are the children or grandchildren of Ball State alumni.

The program was established as an alumni service to recognize the university’s newest legacies, honor alumni families, and promote pride in Ball State. It provides the family a mechanism to save for college through the BSFCU.

Cost of basic enrollment is $15.00. New members in the basic plan will receive a Ball State bib, a magnetic photo frame, and a $10.00 custodial account opened in the child’s name at the BSFCU.

“Born to be a Cardinal” membership includes a Ball State bib, a magnetic photo frame, and a $10.00 custodial account through the Ball State Federal Credit Union.

The enrollment form is available through the Alumni Association Web site, www.bsu.edu/alumni.

Introducing our new members

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of the Ball State Natural Resources Club are invited to attend.

**Nursing:** The Nursing summer annual Pinning Ceremony will be Friday, July 20, at the Student Center. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Music Lounge. The Nursing Alumni Society’s board of directors will meet Tuesday, August 28, at the Alumni Center. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**Alumni chapters plan summer outings, fall meetings**

Events from parades and concerts to baseball and golf outings fill the summer schedules for alumni chapters, while board meetings are scheduled for fall.

**Adams-Wells:** The Adams-Wells Alumni Chapter board of directors will meet Thursday, September 6, in Decatur at 6:00 p.m.

The chapter will participate in the Bluffton Street Fair Parade Tuesday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m.

**Greater Indianapolis:** The Greater Indianapolis Area Alumni Chapter will host a cocktail tasting event Thursday, July 26, at the Rathskeller ballroom in Indianapolis. The two-hour event will begin at 6:30 p.m. **Steph Meyers,** ’91MA92, is in charge of the event.

The chapter will sponsor a Mardi Gras Party on the Prairie Saturday, August 11, at Conner Prairie in Fishers. A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. **Julie Bradshaw,** ’80, is in charge of the event.

Saturday, September 15, the chapter will host its annual Hoosier Park horse racing event in Anderson. A buffet dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. The race will begin at 6:10 p.m. **Jason Blythe,** ’93, is coordinating the outing.

A brochure with information and registration forms for all outings will be mailed to alumni in the Greater Indianapolis area.

The board’s next meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m., in Indianapolis.

**Michiana:** The Michiana Alumni Chapter board of directors will meet to
Sylvia Abrell acknowledges Carol Koss for her service on the 1957 nursing reunion committee, April 28. Twenty-four alumni were in attendance for the reunion.

Graduating students enjoy the Senior Congrats Party, May 4, at the Alumni Center. More than 700 new graduates, guests, and friends attended the annual event.

The chapter will sponsor a golf and dinner outing, Tuesday, July 24, at Bent Oak Golf Club. Stephanie Markley, '90, and Robert Woods, '65EdD90, will coordinate the event.

Monday, July 30, the chapter will host a Baseball Outing at Coveleski Stadium at 6:00 p.m. in South Bend. Wes Steffen, '00, is coordinating the outing.

The board will meet Tuesday, August 21, at 6:00 p.m.

The chapter will host its annual Elkhart County Fair Outing Saturday, July 21, in Goshen. The outing will include a picnic and a concert with Loverboy. Kristy Ambrosen, '94, is in charge.

In Memoriam: Ben Ervin

Ben Ervin, '42MA48EdD66, died June 15 in Muncie. He was assistant dean emeritus of Ball State's graduate school and professor emeritus. He was employed at Ball State from 1956-85.

Ervin was past president of Ball State University Alumni Association, a position he held in 1950. His other educational affiliations included Cardinal Varsity Club, Theta Chi Fraternity, and Phi Delta Kappa. Ervin also served in the South Pacific during WWII in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He started his teaching career at New Castle High School, then taught at Anderson High School, and was dean of men at the University School of Indiana University. He also served as principal at Crown Point High School.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Martha, MA43; two sons, Jon, MBA76, (wife, Marsha); and Mark, '81MA85, (wife, Molly); four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be directed to The Cardinal Varsity Club, Ball State University Foundation, P.O. Box 672, Muncie, IN 47308.

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SUMMER GOLF OUTINGS

Eastern Indiana Golf and Dinner Outing
Tuesday, July 10, Winchester Golf Club, Winchester
Contact: Ric Study, '76, (765) 584-0252
Tim Passmore, '82MA92, (765) 584-1355

Sigma Phi Epsilon Golf and Dinner Outing
Friday, July 13, Wildcat Creek Golf Course, Kokomo
Contact: Don Park, '61MA63, (765) 286-0539

Northeastern Indiana Golf and Dinner Outing
Wednesday, July 18, Cherry Hill Golf Course, Fort Wayne
Contact: Matt Momper, '83, (260) 432-7543

Michiana Alumni Chapter Golf and Dinner Outing
Tuesday, July 24, Bent Oak Golf Club, Elkhart
Contact: Stephanie Markley, '90, (574) 848-5016
Robert Woods, '65EdD90, (574) 293-2091

Cardinal Football Alliance Alumni Society
Ray Louthen Memorial Golf Outing
Friday, July 27, Muncie Elks, Muncie
Contact: Alumni Association, 1-888-1-GO-4BSU or alumni1@bsu.edu
A slight hint of chlorine from a physical therapy pool elsewhere in the building blends with a clean, antiseptic scent, which greets patients as they arrive at the Motion Analysis and Therapy Complex in Muncie. As they enter the facility, patrons see a waiting room to their left. To the right, down a short hallway, is a room lined with treadmills, balance balls, and other physical therapy apparati. A door on the opposite side of the room leads into the year-old biomechanics laboratory.

The lab is equipped with state-of-the-art, 3-D motion-capture technology. It is the same technology used to create video games and multi-million dollar movie animations, but Ball State faculty and staff are not developing these elements of entertainment. Instead, they, in partnership with Midwest HealthStrategies, utilize motion-capture technology to provide clinical and sports services as well as to conduct academic research.

“[The biomechanics laboratory] not only provides rehabilitative services, but also a venue for research conducted in partnership with the doctors,” says Marilyn Buck, associate provost and dean of University College.

Eric Dugan, director of the lab, explains how the motion-capture technology functions. Pea-sized spheres, covered in reflective tape, are placed on a patient with double-sided tape. Each sphere is programmed into a computer. High-speed strobing LED lights are mounted on each of ten Vicon MX cameras, which encircle the room. The cameras look for the contrast in light caused by the reflection of the LED lights bouncing off the reflectors. Data is transmitted to the computer, which renders a 3-D, stick model of the human body as analyzed.

State-of-the-art technology is changing the way the human body is analyzed.
patient’s motion, and also quantifies the data into charts.

“This [technology] allows us to stop movement, rotate the model, zoom in, zoom out, and quantify it to look at specific joint angles,” Dugan says.

The model and charts are analyzed and interpreted by biomechanics specialists, physical therapists, and orthopedic surgeons to obtain further understanding of the patient’s condition.

According to Dugan, the technology is not meant to replace common methods of diagnosis.

“Some people think that this computer is a turn-key method. You walk across the stage and the computer spits out the answer,” Dugan says. Instead, he says, motion-analysis technology should supplement MRIs, X-rays, and doctors’ examinations.

Those at the facility conduct mostly lower-body analysis, predominately “gait analysis,” or the evaluation of how a patient walks, says Dugan, adding that because it is more time-consuming and complex, upper-body analysis is less common in the kind of environment that exists at the Motion Analysis and Therapy Complex.

“We don’t do as many upper body analyses. [That procedure] is a little bit more complicated, and takes probably 25 percent more time than our lower body, gait analysis,” Dugan explains.

Along with gait analysis, the biomechanics laboratory provides sports services, including golf-swing analysis, and works with patients struggling with injuries or diseases, such as stroke, cerebral palsy, and recurring stress fractures.

Josh Weindhandl, a second-year biomechanics graduate student, says motion-capture technology is especially helpful in tracking the progress of a patient’s recovery, because it allows for a comparison of pre- and post-surgery conditions.

Weindhandl is one of six graduate students working in the lab and helping with the day-to-day activities. Undergraduate biomechanics students also help in the lab through internships. Dugan says the students benefit through the practical training.

“This is an operating business, so students are exposed to the day-to-day procedures, protocols, and methods used,” Dugan says. “They have on-the-job experience when they go out and apply for positions.”

Prior to the facility’s opening in May 2006, students conducted research and analyzed patients at Central Indiana Orthopedics (CIO) in Muncie. Wienhandl says students previously had to assemble the motion-capture equipment at CIO, collect their data, disassemble the equipment, and return to campus to analyze data. The current procedure is more efficient.

“When [the biomechanics lab] first started, [professors and students] used digital video cameras and would have to manually go back through each frame,” Wienhandl explains. “With this new program, it automatically does that.”

According to Dugan, older motion-analysis technology methods took up to ten days to construct a model, or 3-D graphic of the data, but the new technology creates a model in the time it takes for a patient to walk across a room.

The facility is the first of its kind to be independent of a research hospital complex and in a metropolitan area. Dugan explains the benefits for both Midwest HealthStrategies and Ball State.

“What makes this partnership special is that it allows us to utilize each other’s strengths,” he says.

He adds that Ball State brings the technical expertise while Midwest HealthStrategies contributes the off-campus location, community presence, marketing, connections, and clinical expertise.

Chris Robinson, assistant director of operations for Midwest HealthStrategies, concurs with Dugan and calls the unique partnership a “win-win” situation.

“Midwest HealthStrategies brings the clinical and medical expertise and Ball State brings the biomechanical expertise,” Robinson says. “It’s a true collaboration, and it has been nothing but positive.”

The partnership also has garnered notice from other professionals in the field.

Buck explains. “Several doctors, from both within and outside of Indiana, have visited the facility because of the partnership and the capabilities that are provided due to the partnership.”

Dugan concludes that the collaborative interaction between Ball State and Midwest HealthStrategies allows for the facility to be able to do not only clinical and sports service, but also to conduct research.

“That collaboration and the scope of what we do in the lab is what truly sets us apart,” he says. “And I don’t know of any other places that are doing what we do, the way we do it.”

Photos for this feature are courtesy of the Biomechanics Laboratory and Cardinal Health Systems.
Learning Center receives international recertification

Ball State’s Learning Center has received international recertification from the College Reading and Learning Association.

The center was recertified for three years in recognition of its three-level tutor education, which includes regular, advanced, and master training. Tutors are required to have ten hours of basic training, 25 hours of individual meetings with clients, and a combination of online training, videos, evaluations, and several in-service programs. Additional specialized tutor training is conducted in the areas of core curriculum, writing, math, and study strategies.

University College’s Learning Center is designed to enhance the academic success of Ball State students by providing free peer tutoring, supplemental instruction, and workshops covering a variety of academic issues. During the 2005-06 academic year, the Learning Center served more than 4,000 students.

Ball State’s Learning Center has been recognized in the past as a national leader in the field of learning assistance. It was the first center in the nation to receive certification for its tutoring program from the National Association of Developmental Education.

The Learning Center also is one of the largest employers of students on campus, hiring 175 tutors, supplemental instruction leaders, and student assistants.

Trustees approve budget, tuition rates

Ball State’s Board of Trustees has approved tuition and fee rates for the next two years and a 2007-08 budget that includes funding for strategic plan initiatives, as well as salary increases for employees.

The $279 million budget was reviewed by the university’s Board of Trustees during a May meeting on campus and reflects a 2.8 percent increase in state appropriations, a 4.9 percent increase in student fees, and an average four percent raise for employees.

The university’s new budget directs at least $3.5 million to key components of the strategic plan, including raising international enrollment; increasing library holdings; heightening Ball State’s profile with the Indianapolis Center; improving gender equity within the athletics program; and raising admission standards.

During the meeting, the board approved student fee increases for academic years 2007-08 and 2008-09, as well as for the five- and ten-week summer terms in 2009.

Tuition for in-state students will rise by 4.9 percent in each of the next two years. For Indiana residents who enrolled before summer 2003, tuition will be $2,734 per semester for 2007-08 and $2,868 per semester for 2008-09, increases of $129 and $134, respectively, from current terms. Tuition for in-state students enrolled after summer 2003 will be $3,336 per semester for 2007-08 and $3,500 per semester for 2008-09, increases of $156 and $164, respectively. Tuition for non-Indiana students will increase by six percent annually during the same two-year period.

In the summer of 2009, in-state students will pay $3,640 per semester, which is a four percent increase, and out-of-state students will pay $9,966 per semester, which is a six percent increase.

In other business, the trustees approved: tenure for 31 faculty members, nine promotions from associate professor to professor, and 16 promotions from assistant professor to associate professor; renewal of the university’s employment health care plan, group life accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and long-term and short-term insurance plans; and an agreement with the Ball State University Foundation for management of gifts to the university.

in other NEWS

Ball State to produce documentary about National Road

A Ball State telecommunications professor will coordinate a student team in an immersive learning experience to produce a documentary about the Indiana portion of the National Road.

Nancy Carlson, MBA84, chairman of the Department of Telecommunications, and her students will create Stories along the National Road. The documentary will focus on the Indiana segment of the nation’s first federally funded highway, which was commissioned in 1806 by President Thomas Jefferson. The National Road runs from Cumberland, MD, to Vandalia, IL.

The project is funded through a $120,818 National Scenic Byways Grant from the Federal Highway Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Carlson and her students will focus on telling stories about people who have lived near the Indiana segment, located near IN-40, which stretches 156 miles from Richmond to Terre Haute. This is Carlson’s third documentary. Previously, she was the executive producer of Gene Stratton-Porter: Voice of the Limberlost, in 1996 and Ed Ball’s Century in 2000.

The documentary will not only be used in linear form, as in a public television program, but the stories also will be used in visitor centers, touch-screen kiosks, museums, and schools.

The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2009. Shooting and editing...
the documentary will serve as an educational vehicle for both undergraduates and graduate students in the telecommunications department.

**Ball State approves two charter schools**

In June, Ball State approved two new charter schools to open in the fall of 2008: Anderson Preparatory Academy in the Anderson area and the Dr. Robert H. Faulkner Academy in Marion.

Anderson Preparatory Academy will open in the fall of 2008, and will serve students in grades 6-8, with an approved enrollment of 200 students. It will add one grade every year until grades 6-12 are served, growing to maximum of 500 students in 2012. The school will be affiliated with the Civil Air Patrol and will uphold a strong disciplinary environment. Students will be expected to wear uniforms. An exact location for the school has not yet been determined.

The Dr. Robert H. Faulkner Academy, in Marion, will open in the fall of 2008, and will serve students in grades K-5, with an approved enrollment of 158 students. It will grow to 220 K-7 students by 2012.

The Office of Charter Schools has another proposal review cycle scheduled for this fall and expects more organizing groups to seek charters during that period.

**EFT initiates Adopt-a-School program for 2007-08 year**

Ball State’s Electronic Field Trip (EFT) program has initiated an Adopt-a-School opportunity for the 2007-08 year. Individuals who adopt schools connect students with Web sites, curricula, webisodes, and live broadcasts from a variety of national venues.

The award-winning EFT Series is an interactive, live educational experience, and functions in partnership with many of the country’s leading national museums, parks, and historic institutions. Together, these organizations have developed a digital classroom that enhances learning through dynamic Web site and broadcast programs.

Educational materials are developed in association with each of Ball State’s highly-credentialed national partner organizations and crafted to meet the highest academic standards. After weeks of classroom preparation time, participants tune in to the EFT, a live broadcast that links students and teachers around the country with knowledgeable experts on site. Throughout each 60-minute presentation, viewers explore unusual artifacts, talk with scientists and experts, and witness experiments.

The EFT program was recognized with a 2007 TechPoint Mira Award in the category of “Education Contribution to Technology-Department/Program/Team” during TechPoint’s eighth annual Mira Awards gala in May.

The program beat two other finalists, Purdue University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, in being recognized for its innovative use of technology to further learning and educational achievement. Five other Ball State programs and projects also were nominees in the same category.

Created by Teachers College and supported by Best Buy Children’s Foundation, the program also has received eight Telly Awards for its programming in the past two years.

To learn more about electronic field trips or how to adopt a school, visit www.bsu.edu/efl, or call (866) 279-8716.

**College of Architecture names new dean**

Guillermo Vasquez de Velasco will become dean of Ball State’s College of Architecture and Planning, effective August 1.

Currently executive associate dean and director of outreach at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX, Vasquez de Velasco moved to Texas A&M in 1995 as an assistant professor of architecture after six years with Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands.

Vasquez de Velasco earned his bachelor’s degree in architecture and urban planning from Universidad Ricardo Palma in Lima, Peru, his master’s degree in architecture from the University of Toronto (Canada), and his doctoral degree in architecture from Delft University of Technology.

**Marilyn Buck promoted to new position**

Marilyn Buck, associate dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Technology at Ball State, has been named associate provost and dean of University College.

As associate provost, Buck will oversee undergraduate education, plan and implement new undergraduate programs, and represent Academic Affairs in all university-wide curriculum considerations.

As dean of University College, she will have administrative responsibility for all units of the college.

Buck received her bachelor’s degree from Iowa State University, her master’s degree from the University of Utah and her doctorate from Brigham Young University in 1989.
**IPR News staff collects 19 journalism awards**

Indiana Public Radio (IPR) News, Ball State’s public radio service, recently won 13 awards from the Associated Press and another six from the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

For the fifth consecutive year, senior news correspondent **Brian Beaver, ’83**, won the Associated Press’ best reporter award. In addition, Beaver received Associated Press awards in eight categories: first place, Best Spot News for “Pendleton Hazmat Spill”; first place, Best Feature for “Worldchangers Visit Muncie”; first place, Best News Series for “Delaware County Smoking Ban”; first place, Best Use of Sound for “Worldchangers Visit Muncie”; second place, Best Enterprise Story for “Police Dog Stabbed”; second place, Best Continuous Story for “Delaware County Smoking Ban”; second place, Best News Series for “Taylor Crash”; and second place, Best Use of Sound for “Yorktown Band to NYC”.

For the 25th time in his 15-year career, **Stan Sollars, ’78MA80**, IPR’s senior producer, was honored by the Associated Press. This time, Sollars was presented the Best Newscast/Long Form Award for *Morning Edition*, the National Public Radio (NPR) show he hosts locally.

Marcus Jackman received an honorable mention in the best newscast/short form category for *All Things Considered*, an NPR show he hosts locally.

The Associated Press awarded IPR’s news team first place in the best community impact category for the station’s coverage of election day problems. In addition, the news team placed second in the best news operation category.

The SPJ awards included four first-place, one second-place, and one third. Beaver collected four honors, Sollars received one, and the IPR news staff received one.

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**On-Air Indiana Public Radio hosts Marcus Jackman, Stan Sollars, and Brian Beaver have received multiple journalism awards.**
Advertising is an idea business, from pitching new products to promoting events to planning strategies for effective communication. The best in the business are those who thrive on creative ideas, a diversity of experience, and teamwork.

According to advertising sequence coordinator Michael Hanley, students who graduate from Ball State’s advertising program are equipped with experience of putting theory into practice to tackle whatever the industry expects of them. He explains the program’s secret.

“We’re always focusing on real life,” Hanley says. “That’s the key to our success. Agencies know that when they have a student from Ball State, they’re ready to hit the ground running.”

Chris Campbell, who graduated two years ago, is employed by advertising powerhouse Carmichael Lynch, and works with automotive empire Porsche.

“I think [Ball State] is ahead of the curve, even compared to where I work,” he says. “[My Ball State experience] kind of gave me the upper hand.”

Campbell believes his strong affiliation with Ball State’s chapter of the American Advertising Federation (AAF), coupled with the strength of his coursework, has been a major contributor to his success.

Serving as president of AAF his senior year, Campbell competed with his chapter at the regional level for three years and at the national level for two years. AAF competition consists of creating a campaign for a selected national company and competing against universities from around the nation.

“[AAF] forced me to learn beyond the classroom, but with the support of my professors,” Campbell says. “It allowed me real-world experience to get myself in front of actual clients.”

Campbell also speaks highly of his in-class preparation.

“My professors had real-world experience,” he says, “They weren’t just academics—they were my coaches.”

Mark Dominiak, a 1983 graduate, agrees that Ball State’s advertising training provides students with an excellent background. After years of working in the corporate ranks, Dominiak now devotes some time to his alma mater, sharing his expertise in the classroom.

Dominiak says one of his goals as an instructor is to educate students about what to expect when they embark upon their careers, from the mundane to the unforeseen.

Dominiak was working with Boeing as a client in September 2001 when the attack on the World Trade Center occurred. He says the experience tested not only his ability to use what he had learned, but also how to deal with situations for which no one could prepare him.

“You get a lot of training in the media world to handle crises,” Dominiak says. “But sometimes training can’t ready you for reality. You never know when something like [September 11] can affect you. You’ve got a job to do, and you have to separate it from every other human instinct you have as a person.”

According to Dominiak, the industry is undergoing an enormous shift in who holds power. He says media
outlets like MySpace and blogs are emerging over companies that follow the traditional newspaper/magazine/television school of advertising, and he explains that Ball State graduates continue to have an edge.

“There's a tremendous amount of relevance from these students who have a pulse on what's happening,” Dominiak says. “The university is prepping people to step out into that role.”

Their strong curricular experience, coupled with an aggressive internship program, helps students build resumes that move them into positions with top companies, and extracurricular involvement helps. Senior Jessica Dinkelman's impressive work has gained her recognition.

The AAF selected Dinkelman as one of the 50 Most Promising Minority Students for 2007. Both Dinkelman and fellow advertising senior Glenise Rice were chosen to participate in the 2007 Multicultural Advertising Internship Program, sponsored by the American Association of Advertising Agencies.

Dinkelman's internship has led her to New York this summer to work for Euro RSCG. The company boasts such clientele as Heineken, Jaguar, Pfizer, and Louis Vuitton.

She says her time at the university and her involvement in AAF and other advertising organizations were integral in helping her land her internship. “I'm a big believer that you get out of things what you put into them,” she says, “and those [Ball State] experiences are really what sets us apart.”

Dinkelman was part of Ball State's AAF chapter presentation team that finished third in their district at the 2007 AAF National Student Advertising Competition. The team has consistently placed in the top three for the past five years.

Dinkelman says this year's campaign company, Coca-Cola, praised Ball State's plan as both cohesive and innovative, effectively exploring uses for new media.

Dinkelman, Hanley, and others contend that a nurturing element of the program is Ball State's dedication to providing students with leading-edge technology and tools.

Department of Journalism chairman, Marilyn Weaver, agrees and explains that Ball State is on the advertising map because of its facilities, its professors, and its driven and enthusiastic students.

The university has invested in the program, Weaver says, demonstrated only in part through space and equipment that is second to none.

The department likes to hire individuals who have practiced in the profession, Weaver adds, because, “These are the people who know what it takes to survive in the business.”

She continues: “When I see presentations from our AAF, the sophistication and the professionalism they have amazes me—the way they can anticipate questions, the way they handle themselves, their depth of understanding.

“We're preparing the leaders of tomorrow,” she concludes.

Campbell believes students at Ball State have all the tools at hand to succeed. They only need to access them. Successful students have to be involved, keep up with current events, and be resourceful, he says. “They need to pick up a newspaper, utilize their professors, and get involved in AAF.

“It's not about just going to class,” Campbell adds, “and luckily, Ball State doesn't encourage just that.”
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The Ohio River Teaching American History Project grew from a personal interest and the long-term stewardship of Madison, Indiana for historic structures and passionate preservation by both business and residents. The old town along the Ohio River was at one time the largest community in Indiana, with corresponding economic and political might. It is one of the largest historic districts in the United States to be named a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Across many years I visited Madison, frequently as an Indianapolis elementary school teacher with a group of interested fourth- or fifth-grade students in tow. Using those experiences as a college professor, I wrote an article about using the built environment as a method of gathering historical information from field trips for elementary students. An editor wanted photos to accompany the article and during the photo shoot in Madison, representatives of both Historic Madison, Inc. and the Madison Consolidated School District expressed interest in working with the Ball State University Department of History to help teachers interpret the built environment with their students. That conversation grew into a collaborative partnership that provides teacher in-service for elementary and secondary educators. This collaboration takes information and experiences to the teachers and allows them to adapt it to meet their needs in their classrooms.

The Ohio River Teaching American History Project helps teachers of American History principally in grades five, eight, and eleven—the grades in which American History are taught formally in the Indiana Department of Education Standards. Across three years the fellows cover all of the American History Standards for fifth, eighth, and eleventh grades prescribed by the Indiana Department of Education.

In Madison and the surrounding counties of Indiana, the Ohio River Teaching American History Project Fellows improve student understanding and achievement in American
History. Across a period of three years, teachers participate in two one-week summer seminars each summer and leave school four days for one-day workshops. As a result of these events, fellows bring information back to the students in their classrooms from field trips, guest speakers, teacher readings, and direct experiences. Further, the fellows use primary and secondary sources, direct enrichment experiences, and deep content knowledge in their in-service.

Many areas of Indiana have significant populations of rural poverty, high drop-out rates, and high levels of special education. These populations need to be served by high-quality teachers who have specialized knowledge in the field of American History. Regardless of socio-economic, drop-out, or special education status, these students grow into our neighbors and community members. They need to know their rights and responsibilities under representative government. Even if they fail every test that No Child Left Behind tosses their direction, they are still citizens, and it is imperative that they understand their connection to the American experience.

To help all students understand how American history ties into their community along the Ohio River Valley, the project created a DVD to explain local connections to national trends. The Ohio River Valley Teaching American History Project staff made copies available of this DVD to every school along the Ohio River and other selected schools in Indiana. Staff members interviewed local river residents, historians, and community members to document stories about western migration down the Ohio, architecture, industry, responses to slavery and the Civil War, and the impact of the Twentieth Century.

Each of these short segments is to be used with students to help them understand more about national trends in their community. Each video supports Indiana Department of Education standards for social studies instruction.

Based on their in-service experience, fellows create materials they can use with their students as part of their curriculum, and the fellows share these materials with their peers. They present teacher workshops to share information, and they post their work on the project Web site so that other teachers can use their materials. They demonstrate classroom improvement through pre-test and post-test experiences with a university evaluator. Through the fellows’ contact with their students, the fellows make a difference in improving the student achievement of American History instruction and learning.

Over time all good things come to an end, but hopefully the Ohio River Teaching American History Project will leave a legacy in the communities which it serves. It has created a network of fellows who can depend on each other for sharing information and ideas between high, middle, and elementary schools. It has connected these fellows with content experts from historical preservation groups, museums, and historical sites. It has connected the fellows to Ball State professors, and even though the official program will eventually disband, the network of collaborative interactions will continue.

In the short term teachers will continue to be invited to participate in the Ohio River Teaching American History Project for the next two years. In the longer run the members of the Ball State University Department of History will continue to look for additional opportunities to collaborate with the citizens and cultural institutions of Indiana.

For three years Ball State will have a presence on the Ohio River, and through this presence fellows get graduate credit to renew their teacher certification. Ball State makes people-to-people connections through face-to-face interactions in other parts of the state, in addition to Delaware County. Other communities, in addition to Muncie, get to meet guest Ball State professors and work with them to enrich classroom and community projects.

Ball State is making a difference for the people of our state. Even along the Ohio River, Ball State works through education and service to enrich the lives of citizens in the Hoosier state.

Ronald V. Morris is associate professor of history, preparing elementary and early childhood social studies teachers, in the Department of History at Ball State. The Ohio River Teaching American History Project is an interactive partnership between the Department of History, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, Historic Madison, Inc., and Madison Consolidated School District. The project is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.
In 1988, the Ball State Alumni Association established a program designed to reach geographic areas where there were large concentrations of alumni and there was a desire to establish a Ball State presence. The goal was to find individuals in areas across the country who would volunteer to represent Ball State and serve as an extension of the university.

Under the leadership of Ed Shipley, executive director, and the coordination of Ernie Krug, director of alumni activities, seeds were planted for the Alumni Ambassador program. Within a year it had expanded to a system of 25 alumni volunteers from areas including Chicago, Phoenix, various regions of Florida, and throughout Indiana. Today, 46 ambassadors are positioned in 19 states that extend as far north and west as Alaska and as far east as Massachusetts.

Krug explains the rationale for the program. “The ambassador program grew out of a need for representation in geographic areas where there wasn’t a formal network in place,” he says. “We had clusters of alumni around the country we wanted to be able to at least have a contact with the university. Forming the ambassador program became a great stepping stone to achieving that.”

The ambassador program is part of an alumni organizational network that also includes professional societies, constituent societies, and alumni chapters. Societies and chapters have well-defined roles. Each group functions with its own constitution and bylaws and a board of directors meets regularly to plan a series of annual events and programs that engage alumni.

Professional societies are groups that connect to their alumni through an academic department or college, while constituent societies are organizations...
I’ve helped host dinners for alumni and retired faculty living full- or part-time in our area, which includes Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Naples, and Port Charlotte. We’ve also hosted several presidential receptions over the years.”
—Jim Jackson, ’72MAE74Eds82

University officials took the opportunity to visit New York City after September 11, 2001. The trip included an alumni reception and a visit to Ground Zero.

with common special interests.
Meanwhile, each of Ball State’s four Indiana chapters serves a geographic area that represents more than 500 alumni. All are fully sanctioned and supported by the Alumni Association.

While the ambassador program is not as formally structured, it is no less integral to the overall vitality of alumni programming. Ambassadors fill a certain niche, and are called upon to assist Ball State in a variety of ways.

“Alumni Ambassadors are very important to us,” Shipley says. “They’re resource people. They assist with a multitude of assignments for the university as a whole—with admissions, development, and Career Services, for example—and they also coordinate social and educational events for the Alumni Association. Ambassadors, likewise, serve as liaisons for the university and the Alumni Association to alumni in their respective geographic area.”

Tom Andrews has been an ambassador since the program’s inception. He views the role as an important extension of the Alumni Association.

“The mission and goals of the Ball State Alumni Association can only be achieved with a network of volunteers in all geographic regions where clusters of alumni reside,” Andrews says. “An alumni ambassador is the designated alumni volunteer representing Ball State in a specific geographic area.”

Andrews agrees that ambassadors serve as liaisons between the university and alumni, and emphasizes the advantage of having alumni representatives-in-residence.

“Some of the most important aspects of the program are to act as a coordinator or host for social, educational, and business functions that are Alumni Association-sponsored events in the area,” Andrews says, adding, “By living in the area, the ambassador also can provide local knowledge of the area and serve as a set of eyes and ears for the university.”

A general guideline for naming an ambassador is that 300 or more alumni must live in the designated vicinity. Once a locale is identified as an area that could benefit from having an alumni ambassador, there are certain criteria that help the Alumni Association select the representative, according to Shipley. “A potential candidate must be an alumnus, have an interest and enthusiasm for the university, have the time and willingness to accept a variety of assignments, be an active donor, and
live in the area for longer than six months,” he says.
Shipley adds that an additional, though obvious, prerequisite is that the individual be positive about his or her alma mater, and he suggests that, often, the more effective alumni volunteers are those who were involved on campus as students.
Laura Cain, who graduated in 1986, serves as the ambassador for Cass County, Indiana. She began her attachment to her alma mater as a student. “I was a charter member of StART (Student Alumni Relations Team) in college and worked in the alumni office. When the Association asked me to be an ambassador, I did not hesitate,” Cain says. “I have long believed in the importance of staying connected to the university and supporting its efforts. Having a chance to meet more people and to reacquaint myself with some people via our activities has been gratifying.”
Melissa Ransdell, 1988 graduate, coordinates events in the Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida area. She echoes Cain’s sentiment. “My husband Jeff and I had a great experience at Ball State, so it’s always fun to get together with other Ball State grads and it’s a great way to keep current with all the changes on campus,” Ransdell says, mentioning the variety of events she has hosted. “We’ve done everything from a pizza party to dinner at a nice restaurant.”

Jim Jackson, who received his bachelor’s degree in 1972, has been an ambassador since the program’s inception. As he moved from his home in northern Indiana to Florida, he agreed to continue to be an ambassador.
“I’ve been the southwest Florida ambassador for 19 years, and I was Kosciusko County ambassador when we lived in Warsaw,” Jackson says. “I’ve helped host dinners for alumni and retired faculty living full- or part-time in our area, which includes Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Naples, and Port Charlotte. We’ve also hosted several presidential receptions over the years.”
Washington DC area alumni rallied for the Cardinals at a pre-game reception when Ball State men’s basketball team played at Georgetown in 2006.

One of the earliest roles for ambassadors was to assist in the university’s recruitment process, an activity that continues today. The Association works with the Office of Admissions to staff receptions for prospective students in Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois.

“In the beginning] we made sure we had alumni ambassadors everyplace we thought there would be admissions receptions,” says Krug. The ambassador coordinates volunteers who staff registration tables at the receptions, which provide an opportunity for alumni to share first-hand accounts and information about Ball State to prospective students in their community.

According to Krug, an important aspect of that role is getting someone who, “in every case, can represent Ball State on a very personal level to family, friends, and to people who sometimes don’t know a lot about the university.”

Ed Sitar, a 1994 graduate and now the Chicago-area ambassador, worked first as a volunteer with the admissions receptions. His affinity for the university is evident. “I absolutely love Ball State,” Sitar says. “I love the campus, the College of Architecture and Planning, and being involved with the Alumni Association, and I want others to gain the same valuable experiences that I did.”

Geographic social events can range from baseball games, picnics, and golf outings to receptions, dinners, and special recognition programs. Some events are conducted to support specific university functions, while others are planned around scheduled attractions in a particular city, such as professional sporting events, theater shows, or musical concerts.

“[I still love being involved despite living four hours away from campus. I love the campus, the College of Architecture and Planning, and being involved with the BSUAA.”

—Ed Sitar, III, ’94

2007 ALUMNI AMBASSADORS

AK North Pole
   AK Anchorage
   AK Juneau
   AK Sitka
   AK Juneau

AZ Phoenix
   AZ Tucson
   AZ Flagstaff

CO Denver
   CO Fort Collins
   CO Longmont
   CO Colorado Springs
   CO Lafayette

FL Fort Myers/Naples
   FL Orlando
   FL Tampa/St. Petersburg

GA Atlanta
   GA Savannah

IL Chicago
   IL Naperville
   IL Aurora

IN Blackford Co.
   IN Boone Co.
   IN Cass Co.
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Sitar coordinates annual Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox outings, both of which have become annual events. This year’s White Sox outing is Saturday, August 11, and Sitar says, besides the social aspect, “the event offers an opportunity to network with other Chicago-area alumni, as well as gain updates about campus and the university.

The Association hosts an annual golf and dinner outing in Kokomo, driven by volunteer alumnus Craig Dunn. “The Kokomo event is an excellent example of an activity that incorporates more volunteers to plan and conduct,” Shipley says.

Marilyn Skinner, the Kokomo-area ambassador, along with Dunn and Ron Barsh, plan the outing. While Dunn and Barsh handle the sporting event, Skinner, who does not play golf, generates interest in the dinner portion. “I write a letter to other women in Howard County and ask them to support the event by coming to the dinner,” she says. “Each year we get a few more non-golfers attending the dinner.”

Ball State sporting events are optimal occasions for alumni to gather for a casual event in Ball State’s name and nationally-televised games present opportunities for simultaneous outings. When the Cardinals have participated in NCAA basketball tournaments or football bowl games, gatherings dubbed “watch parties” have been hosted by as many as 19 ambassadors across the country.

Ambassadors also rally alumni support when men’s basketball and football teams play in their geographic region. Pre-game festivities are routinely hosted when Ball State athletic teams travel to such places as Iowa, Boston, Auburn, and Washington D.C.

In conjunction with promoting Ball State’s “Education Redefined” platform, the university and the Alumni Association are engaged with ambassadors to facilitate a multi-city tour to formally introduce alumni to the university’s 2007-2012 strategic plan. University President Jo Ann M. Gora and other university officials are traveling to cities across the country to take the Ball State message to alumni. Through the president’s remarks and a brief DVD presentation, participants receive a first-hand view of campus updates and current programs. The tour has visited Phoenix, Santa Fe, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and Anderson. Presentations will continue this fall when, among other locales, the university will make the Education Redefined presentation during a pre-game rally in Annapolis, Maryland, in conjunction with Ball State’s football game against Navy.

The largest multi-city series the Alumni Association has undertaken,
What I love about Ball State is its personal touch. Even though it has grown through the years, it still remains friendly and caring to its students and its alumni. “As a student I was a member of Delta Zeta sorority and was very active in campus events,” she says. “And, as an alumna I was on the Alumni Council and was president of the Alumni Association.” Skinner served as president of the Association in 1982.

“I had always enjoyed my time as an Alumni Council member and thought [being an ambassador] would be another way for me to keep actively in touch with Ball State and [its] graduates,” she continues.

When she has returned for visits to campus, Skinner says she has been able “to learn more about what has happened in terms of buildings, programs, and staff. She is impressed with the university’s current direction. “I love the enthusiasm of President Gora and the class she brings to the university. The new marketing idea, ‘Education Redefined,’ really shows off the university’s offerings and its students. It is a first-class university where one can receive a first-class education.”

Skinner concludes: “I love the beauty of the campus and I appreciate the art and culture it brings to the state—especially the central area of the state. And, of course, I love it because it is my alma mater.”

Photos in this feature were provided by individual ambassadors and The Alumni Association.
**Ball State Athletics hires Hershman, promotes Comer**

Troy Hershman, MA92, has been named assistant athletics trainer and Shawn Comer, ’92, has been promoted to associate athletics trainer for Ball State. Hershman joins the Ball State staff after working four years as a clinical assistant at Central Indiana Orthopedics (CIO). Prior to his work at CIO, he served as an athletic trainer at Indiana State from 1998-2003 and worked at Saint Joseph’s College from 1995-98. Hershman was a graduate assistant at the University of Utah from 1993-95, while earning his master’s degree in sports management.

Comer, who served as assistant athletics trainer at Ball State for ten years, is a 1990 graduate of Central Michigan. Before joining the staff at Ball State, Comer worked for Butler University from 1992-93 and at St. Joseph’s College from 1993-96.

**Lehe, Williams receive First Team All-MAC distinction**

Women’s indoor track senior Rose Lehe (Wolcott/Tri-County H.S.) and junior Amber Williams (Ft. Wayne/Concordia Lutheran H.S.) have been named to the first team All-Mid-American Conference, while Terri Abraham (Decatur, IL/Argenta-Oreana) received second-team honors.

Lehe, also awarded Academic All-MAC honors, recorded a first-place finish in the 3000-meter steeplechase at the MAC Championship in May. Lehe finished in 10:46.87, her fastest time of the season.

Amber Williams was named the Most Valuable Performer at the MAC Championship for her performance in the 100-meter dash, 100-meter hurdles, 200-meter dash, and in the 4x100 relay. Williams set two MAC Championship records. She placed first in the 100-meter dash, clocking in at 11.54. She also took first place in the 100-meter hurdles, with a time of 13.32. Williams placed second in the 200-meter dash, finishing in 23.83.

Williams advanced to the USA Track and Field Championship in June, after a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles at the regional in May. Abraham was second in the long jump at the conference championship, tying her personal season-best jump, with a distance of 19-11.50.

**Yancey earns Academic All-MAC honors**

Senior Taylor Yancey (Avon/Avon H.S.) has been named to the 2007 Academic All-MAC Women’s Softball team.

Majoring in speech pathology, Yancey has a 3.51 grade point average. Yancey hit .273 for the Cardinals including five doubles, five triples, eight home runs, 23 runs batted in, and 24 stolen bases. She led the team and the MAC with 42 runs scored. Yancey’s total is a new single-season Ball State record. She also set the single-season home run record with eight. She is tied for second on the career home run list with 12.

Other accomplishments include leading the MAC with five triples, placing second in total bases with 84, and finishing third in the conference in stolen bases with 24.

**Peniata joins women’s volleyball coaching staff**

Marci Peniata, who spent the past four seasons as a member of the Minnesota women’s volleyball team, has been named assistant coach for the Ball State women’s volleyball team.

Peniata, who finished her four-year career at Minnesota in 2006, ranked second on the school’s all-time career digs list at 1,401. After collecting the seventh-best single-season dig total in school history last season (532), Peniata earned recognition on the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America Honorable Mention team and was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year.

A First-Team All-Big Ten honoree, Peniata helped guide the Golden Gophers to a 26-8 overall record in 2006, including a 17-3 Big Ten ledger, which placed Minnesota second in the conference. Peniata is a native of Plymouth, MN.
Twins select Heyne; DeGeeter receives MAC honors

Ball State junior closer Kyle Heyne (Coldwater, OH/Coldwater H.S.) was selected by the Minnesota Twins in the 27th round of the 2007 Major League Baseball draft. He was the 842nd overall selection.

Teammate Ryan DeGeeter (Warsaw/Warsaw H.S.), senior, has earned Academic All-Mid-American Conference honors for the second straight season.

Heyne has one year of eligibility remaining at Ball State. He could choose to sign a contract with the Twins or return to school for one more season as a fifth year senior.

Through three collegiate seasons, Heyne accumulated 24 saves to tie him for first place on the Ball State career saves list.

The right-hander saved ten of the Cardinals’ 20 victories in 2007 to go along with a 5-3 record in starting roles. Heyne also led Ball State in appearances with 26, and his 2.31 ERA was the second-lowest on the team.

Heyne’s selection marks the 12th consecutive year the Cardinals have had at least one player chosen in the draft. He became the 44th player in Ball State history to be drafted, but just the second to be selected by the Twins, following Jason Paul, ’02MS04, who was a 49th-round selection by Minnesota in the 2001 draft.

DeGeeter is an exercise science major, who owns a 3.77 grade-point average.

The senior pitcher led Ball State with 78 innings pitched in 2007. He finished his senior campaign with a 5-6 record and a 5.65 ERA.
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e-mail: alumni1@bsu.edu on the Web: www.bsu.edu/alumni.
Ball State will celebrate Homecoming 2007 with a week of festivities, that will culminate Saturday, October 13. The theme this year is “Roll Out The Red.”

Brian Geiselhart, senior from Langhorne, PA, is general chairman of the Homecoming Steering Committee. Other committee members, their hometowns, class years, and chairmanships, include: Megan Burkett, Crawfordsville, sophomore, residence halls; Mary Ann Clark, Aurora, IL, junior, special events; Jenna Dock, Anderson, senior, Talent Search; David Downing, Lafayette, senior, special events and broadcast liaison; Chelsey Everhart, Anaheim Hills, CA, junior, awards and judges; Alexandra Garritano, Lowell, junior, special events; Kimberley Jackson, Fishers, senior, publicity; Asher Lisec, Fairfield, OH, senior, parade; Natalie Nauman, Marion, senior, faculty/staff and athletics liaison; Jen Nietupski, Michigan City, senior, special assistant and involvement; Loren Ray, Indianapolis, junior, student organizations; Arica Thiel, Butler, junior, executive assistant; Lindsey Thompson, Hope, senior, royalty; Mia Trimboli, Mishawaka, junior, sponsorships and promotions; and Jon Weaver, Goshen, senior, Air Jam.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS DINNER—6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall, Alumni Center. The Alumni Association will showcase 2007 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, Benny Award, GOLD Award, and the Linson Scholarship. Finalists from the annual Talent Search will provide entertainment. Cost is $30.00.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
ALL-ALUMNI COFFEE HOUR—9:00 a.m. Tent at McKinley and University. Visit with alumni before the parade.

HOMECOMING PARADE—9:30 a.m. More than 100 units will take part in this year’s parade, including BSU student groups, high school bands, and community organizations. The parade will start from Muncie Central High School.

PRE-GAME ALL-ALUMNI BUFFET LUNCHEON—11:30 a.m. Alumni Center and surrounding tents. All alumni are welcome to a buffet luncheon featuring a visit from the BSU cheerleaders and Charlie Cardinal. Special space will be reserved for alumni group gatherings. Cost is $12.00. Children 8 and under are free. Advanced reservations are required.

FOOTBALL GAME—2:00 p.m., Scheumann Stadium. Cheer the Cardinals to victory over the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. For game-only ticket information, call the athletics ticket office, (765) 285-1474; toll free, 1-888-BSU-TICKET. Reserved seating tickets are $15.00.

GROUP GATHERINGS—Attend the pre-game luncheon, game, and post-game celebration at the Alumni Center, and receive a parking pass, all for $24.00. Banners will mark reserved tables, and nametags will be provided for Alpha Chi Omega, Black Alumni Society, Half-Century Club members, and Theta Chi.

SPECIAL CLASS REUNIONS FOR CLASSES OF 1967 AND 1982—A special reunion package includes the Friday night Alumni Awards Dinner, Saturday’s pre-game buffet luncheon, a general admission football ticket, post-game celebration, and a parking pass, for $35.00 per person ($72.00 value). For Saturday events only, the cost is $24.00 each ($42.00 value).

POST-GAME CELEBRATION—Alumni Center. After a victory against the Hilltoppers, join alumni and friends for food, music, and a cash bar. (Complimentary drinks are included with the all-day package price.)
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Packages below are reserved for groups only.

(Choose desired group)

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  (graduates from 1957 and earlier)
- Theta Chi  
- Class of 1967  
- Class of 1982

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Choose from one of two alumni group packages.

**Package #1** includes Friday night dinner, Saturday pre-game buffet, parking pass, game ticket, and refreshments for post-game celebration. Reservations, $35.00 each ($72.00 value).

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All costs include tax and gratuity.

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Orders must be accompanied by this form, payment, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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In our May issue we featured a roster of firms that have Ball State graduates as founders or major officers in their companies and more than ten percent of Ball State graduates as employees. Companies who have responded since May are included this issue. The Alumnus staff thanks everyone who participated.


A.E.D. Motorsport Products, Indianapolis
www.aedmotorsport.com
BSU Founder: P. Alan Lowe, ’85, president; founded in 1995
Total number of employees: 11
Total number of BSU employees: 3
Company overview: a leading distributor of fabrication metals with a focus on the motorsport industry

Eastern Engineering, Muncie, Indianapolis, and Fort Wayne
www.eastengineering.com
BSU Founder: N/A; Mark Langdon, ’96, president; Dawn Langdon, ’96, treasurer; founded in 1972
Total number of employees: 40
Total number of BSU employees: 8
Company overview: full-service reprographics firm specializing in large format, black and white and color printing

Kovert Hawkins Architects, Inc., Jeff eronville and Louisville, KY
www.kovarthawkins.com
BSU Founders: Hal E. Kovert, ’76; principal; John A. Hawkins, ’82, principal; founded in 1985
Total number of employees: 12
Total number of BSU employees: 7
Company overview: architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, and interior design firm

Perkins VonDeylen Architects, Indianapolis
www.PVandA.com
BSU Founder: Scott Perkins, ’90, co-founder; Craig VonDeylen, ’90, co-founder; founded in 2000
Total number of employees: 5
Total number of BSU employees: 5
Company overview: architecture firm specializing in housing and mixed-use urban/redevelopment projects

Praxis Consulting, Muncie
www.praxisconsulting.com
BSU Founder: N/A; Shane Copley, ’04, investigation manager; Josh Kemmerling, ’03, research manager; Chad Martin, ’05, client business manager; Adam Smith, ’05, audit manager; Colby Zepik, ’01, recovery manager; founded in 1997
Total number of employees: 45
Total number of BSU employees: 29
Company overview: service provider specializing in subrogation benchmarking, outsourcing, and closed-file reviews, enhancing the recognition and recovery results of U.S. auto insurers, self-insured, and municipalities

Ritz Charles Inc., Carmel and Overland Park, KS
www.ritzcharles.com
BSU Founder: Charles Lazzara, ’74, president; founded in 1985
Total number of employees: 150 (IN), 120 (KS)
Total number of BSU employees: 35 (IN)
Company overview: Event facility and catering company

Schmidt Associates, Indianapolis
www.schmidt-arch.com
BSU Founder: N/A; Anna Marie Burrell, ’93, principal; Ronald W. Fisher, ’79, director of operations/principal; Sarah K. Hempstead, ’98, principal; Kevin D. Shelley, ’90, principal; Mary Ellen Wolf, ’87, principal; founded in 1976
Total number of employees: 98
Total number of BSU employees: 30
Company overview: architecture and design firm

Synthesis Incorporated, Indianapolis
www.synthinc.com
BSU Founder: Jenelle L. Smagala, ’87, president; founded in 1998
Total number of employees: 15
Total number of BSU employees: 7
Company overview: architecture and landscape architecture design firm, specializing in health care, higher education, life sciences, civic/community, and parks and recreation

Al Lowe is joined by David Gordon at A.E.D. Motorsport Products, headquartered in Indianapolis. Lowe is the company’s founder.
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In Memoriam
Elizabeth (Grace) Hutchins, ’25, Muncie, April 8.

1930s

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Freida M. (Herrin) Alfrey, ’36MA65, Hartford City, April 3.
James C. Fidler, ’36, Kyle, TX, April 28.
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1940s

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Marguerite F. (Pratt) Hedges, ’40, Monroe, April 17.
Clyde E. Rush, ’40, Amarillo, TX, May 29.
Robert N. Bussard, ’41, Fort Wayne, March 29.
Lloyd D. Frazer, ’41MA50, Ocala, FL, April 8.
Jane (Harris) Miller, ’41, Chico, CA, May 5.
Esther Ann (Arnott) Silden, ’41, Charlotte, NC, April 19.
Charlotte V. (Bakes) Baird, ’42, Ladoga, April 19.
Dorothy L. (Smith) Kimmel, ’42, Williamsburg, NY, May 19.
Betty R. (Hiat) Bounakes, ’43, Portsmouth, RI, April 30.
William E. (Schneider) Guillaume, ’43, Fort Wayne, May 21.
Marjorie J. (Bowyer) Swanson, ’45, Anderson, April 5.
Max L. Hunt, ’46, Hobe Sound, FL, April 19.
Alverissa C. (Faupel) Miller, ’47, Chesterton, May 8.
Homer E. Morris, ’47MAE51, South Bend, April 17.
James W. Stone, ’47MAE56, Battle Creek, MI, April 16.
Joe Harvey, ’48MA56, Sun City, AZ, March 21.

HIGHLIGHT

by Katherine Tryon

Paul Gipe

Since graduating from Ball State with a degree in natural resources, Paul Gipe, ’73, has dedicated his time and effort to promoting renewable energy. Over the past decade, his work in the field has garnered him much attention.

In 1998, The American Wind Energy Association named Gipe “Man of the Year” and the World Renewable Energy Congress presented him with one of their highest honors, naming him “a pioneer in renewable energy.”

Gipe’s interest in the environment began during his college days at Ball State and grew through his involvement with ENACT, Ball State’s first environmental organization.

The organization petitioned for the banning of phosphate detergent sales by the Indiana Legislature and also contributed to a seven-year effort to regulate coal strip mining in the U.S.

“I was a radical at Ball State and I’m still a radical,” says Gipe, adding that after graduating he wanted to continue to make a difference.

Evelyn L. (Davis) King, ’48, Muncie, May 14.
Ruth S. (Stohler) Stanley, ’48MA57, Richmond, May 16.
Gladys C. Leas, ’49MA59, Hudson, April 5.
Raymond E. Tanner, ’49, Moreno Valley, CA, April 1.

1950s

News
John F. Clouse, ’58MA60, and his wife Evelyn, Muncie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, June 1.

In Memoriam
Dale E. Graham, ’50HHD87, Columbia City, May 11. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1982.
Norman W. Campbell, ’51, Freeport, IL, April 30.

Norman E. Crum, ’52MA56, Richmond, March 30. He was a former member of the Alumni Council.
Marion E. Buzzard, ’53MA60, Berne, February 21.
Kenneth A. Grant, ’53, Swansea, IL, April 18.
James E. Walker, ’53MAE70, Indianapolis, February 22.
Belouah M. Frogge, ’54MA61, Muncie, April 2.
Adrienne (Witkowski) Shelton, ’57MA60, Corpus Christi, TX, May 1.
Dorothea M. (Dietz) Hamilton, ’58MA65, Selma, May 7.
1960s

News
Judy K. (Musser) Fendel, ’62, New Palestine, has retired from Community Hospitals as a registered nurse.
Richard D. Hibschman, ’62, Kansas City, MO, retired as head of Pembroke Hill School. He was honored with an endowment fund created in his name.
Nancy L. (Stine) Waits, ’62MA77EdD88, Bonita Springs, FL, has retired as administrator of Bradner Health Care in Marion.
Daniel M. Sherry, ’63, Brentwood, TN, has retired as a fish and wildlife biologist from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. He continues to perform as a musician/vocalist with a night club band.
Anna V. Liechty, ’68, and her brother, Paul S. Liechty, MASA1EDS69, are living in a retirement center in Berne. Anna is 91 and Paul is 89 years old.
Jeanne H. (DeWitt) Sheridan, ’68MA69, Fort Wayne, was recently appointed director of secondary education for the Education Department at the University of St. Francis.
Charlotte A. (Pace) Wilkens, ’68, Stevensville, MI, retired this spring after 39 years as a teacher and counselor with Benton Harbor area schools.
Mary K. (Plummer) Thies, ’69MAE71, Mishawaka, retired after 38 years of teaching in the Elkhart Community Schools.

In Memoriam
Genevra E. (Kelley) Kaiser, ’60, Bourbon, April 27.
Earl M. Lees, ’60, Peru, May 16.
Robert A. Chezem, ’61, Muncie, May 1.
Charles D. Stevens, ’61MA71, Hagerstown, April 2.
Ronald L. Beasley, ’62, Syracuse, April 15.
Larry B. Stuber, ’62MA68, Chesterton, April 16.
Edward S. Talley, ’64, Bloomington, May 19.
Anne E. (Sikes) Clark, MA65, Indianapolis, May 8.
Sharen S. (Tyner) Duncan, ’65, Tipton, April 14.
Lois J. (Venard) LaGue, ’65MA69, Crawfordsville, May 3.
Sharon L. (Pearl) Moon, ’66, Indianapolis, April 19.
Jeanette (Cox) Reynolds, ’66MA69, Muncie, April 17.
Soﬁa P. (Nunez) Rodriguez, MA66, San Antonio, TX, April 3.
Harry F. Baney, ’67, South Bend, April 11.
Ralph J. Coleson, MA67, Grove City, OH, May 19.
Elizabeth A. (Forsythe) Huntzinger, MA67, Indianapolis, March 27.
Billy J. Upchurch, MA67, Richmond, May 17.
Josephine H. (Ruddell) Leden, ’68, Connerville, April 22.
Gloria J. (Alhardt) Brown, ’69MAE74, Phoenix, AZ, May 27.

1970s

News
Mary K. (Kirkpatrick) House, ’70, Muncie, works for Muncie Surgical Associates, Inc. as a registered nurse.
Niel C. Ellerbrook, ’70, Evansville, has been elected to the board of the American Gas Foundation. He is a former recipient of the Ball State Distinguished Alumni Award.
Edwin M. Shafer, ’70, Apison, TN, is vice president for development at Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America.
Susan E. (Cookerly) Armor, ’72, Franklin, is a special projects coordinator and a clinical nurse for the Cancer Care Center of Johnson Memorial Hospital.
Kevin D. Walter, ’72MAE77, North Manchester, retired from Manchester Junior High School in May. David taught Language Arts for 35 years and also served as a coach.
David L. Gregory, ’73MA78, Morocco and Kathy M. (Niedzielski) Gregory, ’72MAE75, retired this spring from North Newton School Corporation. David taught 31 years, and Kathy taught 33 years.
Teresa A. (Moeller) Bavender, ’74, Lodi, CA, is a registered nurse for the California Nurses Association.
Randall A. Condra, ’74, Columbus, OH, will have a solo exhibit of his watercolors at the Worthington Community Center in July and August. The exhibit is entitled, “Geometric Impressions.”
Susan K. (Galvin) Newbold, ’75, Franklin, TN, has been promoted to associate professor for the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Susan received Ball State’s Outstanding Nursing Alumni Award in 1995.
Deborah A. (Sawyer) Gaughan, ’75, Carmel, has joined BKO, LLP, a CPA and advisory ﬁrm, as a supervisor in tax services.
Kimberly (Parks) Poppa, ’76, Skaneateles, NY, recently received the 2007 Distinguished Service Award from the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of New York, NY.
Heidi (Reiter) Cissel, ’78, Calabassas, CA, was soprano soloist for the “Miss Americana” mass in Carnegie Hall in 2006.
Douglas J. Glansenapp, ’79, Milwaukee, WI, was named the 2006 Outstanding Biology Teacher for Wisconsin. He teaches at Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School.

Marriages
Dena (Mentis), ’73, to George Kouremetis, San Francisco, September 10, 2005. Dena has been named director of sales training for The Advantage Group, located in Sacramento. The couple resides in Folsom, CA.
Alyce A. (Carl), ’76, to Allen Rios, December 30, 2006. Alyce is a special education teacher for Hillsborough County Schools. The couple resides in Lithia, FL.

In Memoriam
Richard E. Stucky, MA74, Monroe, February 5.
Marvin A. Beck, ’73, Carlsbad, NM, January 26.
Gorman L. Miller, EdD73, Danville, PA, April 9.
Marilyn C. (Carter) Opel, MAE73, Fountain Hills, AZ, April 24.
Stephen L. Borden, ’74, Indianapolis, April 22.
Bruce S. Stephens-Hotopp, MA74, Indianapolis, May 21.
Kirby N. Bartlett, ’75, Coram, MT, April 27.
Marjorie L. (Ferguson) Smith, ’75MA84, Clarksburg, April 16.
Coleen R. (McLaughlin) DeCamp, ’77, Mount Vernon, April 18.
Vicki J. Luhren, ’77MAE82, Aurora, April 8.
Anthony J. Prosen, PhD77, Muncie, April 16.
Shirley J. (Koreva) Hollenback, MAE79, Brunswick, ME, April 11.

1980s

News
Thomas M. McLaughlin, Jr., ’80MA81, Burlington, WI, has joined Case Construction Equipment as communications manager.
Gina M. (Spradlin) Smith, ’80, Leesburg, was recently promoted to implementation administrator at HP5, headquartered in Middleville, MI.
John O. Sheller, ’81, Prospect, KY, is an attorney with Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC.
James F. Ziegler, ’83, Rochester, is the recipient of the 2006 High Miller award and was designated one of the top five professional drivers for Hoosier Transit, Inc./Elkhart.
Richard W. Chance, ’84, Greenwood, is a healthcare consultant at BSA LifeStructures.
Susan J. Wilden, ’84, Noblesville, works as a freelance photographer for SPMSportsInc.com.
Jerrold T. Parsey, ’84, Raleigh, NC, recently accepted the position of director of architecture for Starwood Vacation Ownership, Inc., Orlando, FL.
Richard J. Ruppert, BAR86, Indianapolis,
has been promoted to associate in the K-12 education studio at CSO Architects, Indianapolis.

R. Randall Schumacher, ’86BAR86, Fishers, has been promoted to principal in the higher education studio at CSO Architects, Indianapolis.

Robert R. Webb, ’86, Orlando, FL, has been promoted to branch manager at Florida Lift Systems.


Lewis H. Strouse, DA87, Pittsburgh, PA, has received the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, District 1, “Citation of Excellence” award for teaching in higher education. He is associate chairman of music education at Carnegie Mellon University.

Gregory J. Hill, ’89BAR89, Levering, MI, is an architectural designer with N.J. White Associates in Petoskey, MI.

In Memoriam
David M. Kirch, MBA80, Indianapolis, April 3.
William A. Spurgeon, ’83, Muncie, April 4.

News
Shelly A. (Spier) Goethals, ’92, New Carlisle, graduated in May from the University of Notre Dame with a master of business administration degree.

Troy C. Hershman, ’92, Muncie, is assistant athletic trainer at Ball State.

Joseph E. Nealon, ’93, Hopkinton, MA, is a legal analyst for the morning show on WCRN 830 AM radio.

Shawn M. Pala, MS93, Indianapolis, owns and operates a private chiropractic practice in Noblesville.

Ann T. Zimmerman, ’94, Fishers, has been promoted to associate in the corporate commercial studio of CSO Architects, Indianapolis.

Jason E. Bruce, ’95BAR95, Fishers, has joined CSO Architects, Indianapolis, as a project architect/manager in the K-12 education studio.

David J. Deer, ’95, Indianapolis, has begun a new job with Stanley Security Solutions, Inc. His wife, Andrea J. (Hancock) Deer, ’95, has completed a scrapbooking line. She is a product designer for Scrappin’! Sports and More.

James S. Defalque, ’96BAR96, Carmel, is a project architect with CSO Architects.

Bryan L. Bain, ’97MA99, Oshkosh, WI, has been elected to a second two-year term on the Oshkosh Common Council.

Dana N. Mull, ’98, Atlanta, GA, is an account manager for the Microsoft Corporation, Atlanta.

Gregory S. Smith, ’99MA06, Osceola, has been named defensive coordinator of the football team at Mishawaka High School.

Marriages
Shelley A. (Beber), ’95, to Scott Kinder, Woonsocket, RI, May 5. Shelley is employed by Heritage of Rhode Island. They reside in Woonsocket, RI.

Lisa A. (Choinacky), ’97, to Josh Parks, Austin, TX, November 26, 2006. Lisa works for Women and Their Work: Artspace.


1990s

Celebrate the summer by wearing Ball State apparel on your vacation and enter our “Take Ball State with You” contest for a chance to have your photo published in the September issue of the Alumnus. E-mail photos to alumni1@bsu.edu or mail them to Ball State University, Alumni Association, Muncie, IN 47306-0075.

“Take Ball State with You” Rules:
1. Entries must be received by Wednesday, August 1 to be considered for publication.
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Brenda R. (Eckstein) Moster,
Moren,
Celeste A. (Sutton) Stanley,
Roseville, MN, is an interior designer at Vivid
Meredith E. (Williamson) Echols,
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Donald H. Dailey,

Michelle R. (Steele) Wente,
for Conseco.
January 3.
Trevor E. Bergum,

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an agent with Shelter Insurance in Anderson.

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2000s
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News

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communications specialist for the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

Raun A. Love, ’05BAR05, Indianapolis, has been promoted to associate in the K-12 education studio of CSO Architects.

Zachary M. Florent, ’06, Fort Wayne, is a teacher/trainer of English and information communication technology in the Philippines for the United States Peace Corps.

Jillynn M. Guth, ’06, Chesterton, has joined CSO Architects as a graduate architect in the commercial studio.

Sheana M. Knighton, ’06, Frederick, MD, is communications assistant for the talent agency, Creative Artists Agency.

**Marriages**

Jill E. (Jones), ’00, to Matthew Wichman, April 21. Jill is a special education teacher in Anderson. They live in Indianapolis.

Emily M. (Scheiman), ’00, to Jeffrey Pass, May 12. Emily is a nurse for Clarian Health Partners. They live in Fishers.

Ryan C. Childers, ’01MS02, to Kira K. Hallgren, September 2, 2006.

Sara A. (Balduini), ’02, to Michael Dill, October 19, 2006. Sara is a dental hygienist for Burkhart Family Dentistry. The couple resides in Mishawaka.

Matthew K. Deitchley, ’02, to Andrea Alabaugh, September 23, 2006. Matthew is executive producer for the morning show at WNDU-TV. The couple resides in South Bend.

Audrey L. (Huston), ’02, to Richard Fireline, Jr., February 23. Audrey is a special needs teacher in Syracuse. The couple resides in Elkhart.

Angela K. (Garlinger), ’02, to Ben Eberhart, April 21. She teaches kindergarten for Washington Township Schools. The couple resides in Fishers.


Kara L. (VanLue), ’02, to Trent Mamazza, December 30, 2006. Kara is a teacher for New Prairie United School Corporation. They reside in New Carlisle.

Janelle M. (Cipriano), ’03, to Brian Rebel, April 20. The couple resides in Naperville, IL.

Amber L. (Penrod), ’03MA05, to Kevin Stautamoyer, May 5. Amber is a fitness program director. They live in Muncie.

Jessica S. (Williams), ’03, to Travis R. Scott, ’03, November 4, 2006. The couple lives in Indianapolis.

Courtney L. (Cauble), ’04, to Christopher Cheever, May 12. Courtney is a product marketing analyst at Conesco Insurance, Indianapolis. They live in Carmel.

Michael J. Gant, ’04, to Jennifer J. Weaver, April 14. Michael works for the J.H. Bennett Co. They live in Fort Wayne.

Shannon B. (Joyce), ’05, to Joe Buckner, March 24. The couple resides in Cincinnati, OH.

Marisa A. (Schiere), ’05, to Christopher Bland, April 28. Marissa is a preschool teacher at Huffer Memorial Children’s Center. The couple resides in Muncie.

Heather M. (Snyder), ’05, to Trent B. Pell, ’05, September 23, 2006. Heather works for the Sincerus Bronze Art Center. Trent is a

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**Upcoming Events**

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**September**

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Web: http://www.bsu.edu/alumni
geographic systems specialist for the Madison County Council of Government. The couple resides in Osceola.

Lindsay J. (Spaulding), ’05, to Christopher G. Jones, May 19. Lindsay is a reporter for the Hendricks County Flyer in Avon. The couple resides in Mooresville.

Ashley A. (Stites), ’05, to Trent Terry, April 7. Ashley is assistant principal for De-Soto County Schools. They live in Bradenton, FL.


Kari E. (Jones), ’06, to Nicholas J. Gayes, ’03, May 12. Kari works at Fairytale Brownies, Phoenix, AZ. Nick is lead sports designer at the East Valley Tribune, Mesa, AZ. They live in Chandler, AZ.

Holly A. (Samuels), ’06, to Gregory Allen, May 19. Holly is a news reporter at Red River Broadcasting KVRR-AM.

Austin C. Summers, ’06, to Shannon M. Wright, June 2. Austin works for Safe Auto Insurance. They reside in Columbus, OH.


Cristen E. (Houghton), ’07, to Andrew J. Cassler, June 2. They reside in Elkhart.

New Additions

Erica D. (Showalter) Hoke, ’00, and Jeffrey D. Hoke, ’94, Charlotte, NC, a son, April 27. Jeff is a materials manager for GE. Erica is a self-employed graphic designer.

Dawn M. (Wasielewski) Lue Pann, ’00, and her husband Damien, Orlando, FL, a daughter, April 6.

Jeremy M. Decker, ’01, and his wife Amanda, Noblesville, a son, March 16.

Brian L. Shrieve, ’01, and his wife Brooke, Muncie, a daughter, May 29.

Amanda E. (Terrell) Suhan, ’01, and her husband Matt, Middletown, MI, a son, May 4.


Maya L. (Crevenos) Laurent, ’02, and Patrick R. Laurent, ’00, Westfield, a son, February 7.

Meredith (Wenzel) Miller, ’02, and her husband Matthew, Westfield, a son, April 10.

Renee K. (Planck) Sills, ’02, and Drew A. Sills, ’01, Evansville, a daughter, December 1, 2006.

Kristen L. (Tette), ’02, and Ryan T. Meier, ’04, Fishers, a son, November 22, 2006.

In Memoriam


Elizabeth A. Burgess, ’05, Baxter, TN, May 5.

Friends and Faculty

Margaret Bumb, Muncie, died May 27. Bumb, wife of the late Oliver Bumb, was actively involved in Ball State organizations and activities, including serving as president of the BSU Women’s Club and on the selection committee for Cardinal Corps. She also was a valued volunteer in the Muncie community. She is survived by three children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.
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<td>Women’s Tiger Mountain full zip fleece. In red with “Ball State” embroidered on front and “Alumni” and Cardinal logo embroidered on back (F1). (M, L, XL)</td>
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Alumni Mike and Tiffani Ogden, and their sons, enjoy a brief family reunion in Honolulu, Hawaii in March. A chance encounter recently brought Mike Ogden and two Ball State friends, Miles Townsend and Robert Horney, together in Iraq. All three are Army majors on tours of duty there. Read their story on page 3.