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*Introducing the first in a series of collectable  
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**Feature Story: Homecoming 2006** OK EVERYBODY, ON 3, SAY MUSKIES! LAKELAND AND MISSION HOUSE GRADUATES DODGED THE RAINDROPS FOR A GROUP PHOTO DURING HALFTIME OF THE HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME.

Many years ago, hiking in a series of canyons in western Nebraska, I virtually collided with a pair of coyotes. Moving in opposite directions on a narrow path, we had reached the crest of a steep rise at the same time. We stood there frozen, not 10 feet apart, staring wide-eyed at each other while we tried to work out who was the predator and who the prey.

The incident is a rather close parallel to what it feels like to walk into a required freshman class for the first time in more than two decades. Neither I nor my freshman students are entirely comfortable with the situation at first, and it probably doesn't help that the arrangement of the classroom puts me between them and the door.

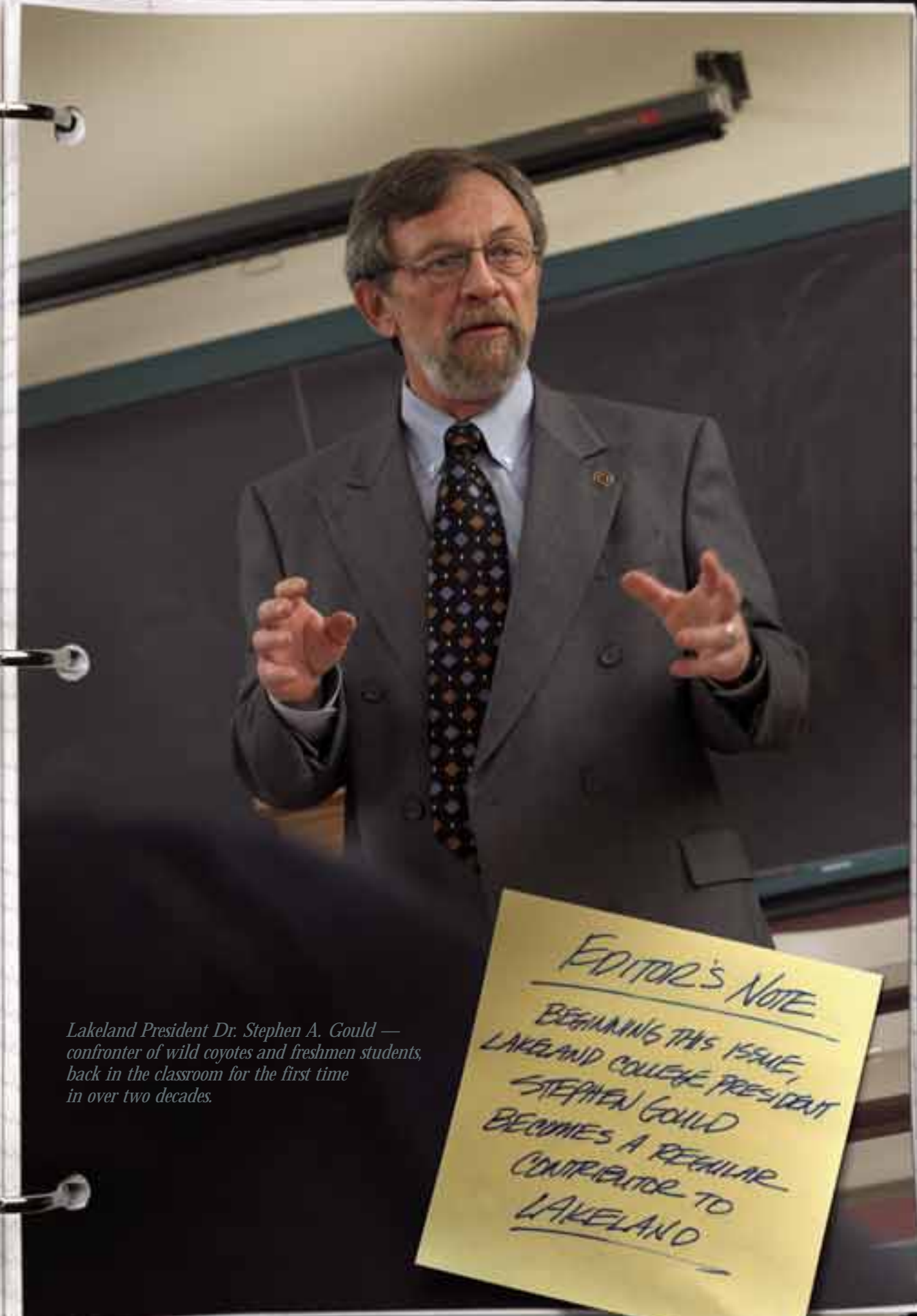
I am teaching a course this term, not because I have finally figured out that faculty have more fun than presidents (I've known that for some time), but because I want to earn a voice in an important and exciting discussion about how we might improve the learning experience at Lakeland. That is, as you might imagine, an ongoing discussion here, but recently it has been especially focused on the freshman year, the pivotal year in the learning careers of most college students. Before I can take my seat at the table, however, I am going to have to remember how difficult it is to teach first-semester freshmen.

My recollections become clearer with every class. I have drawn a good group of students. We struggle sometimes to communicate. They often allude to films and television programs I have never heard of. My analogies are sometimes equally baffling to them. They are overwhelmingly passive learners, able and willing to learn whatever answers I prefer, while what I am trying to teach is a certain skepticism about answers and a deep appreciation for good questions. They have trouble uncovering just what it is I expect; I have trouble determining how much I dare demand.

Virtually every class, though, has its brighter moments. A marvelously perceptive comment sparks a lively discussion. One of the shy ones finally takes a deep breath and dives into the conversation. Late at night in my study, I read a student paper so well done that I clap my hands in delight. I realize what I am remembering now about teaching freshmen is not how difficult it is, but how rejuvenating it is.

Teaching and learning are fundamentally optimistic vocations. Learners learn in the belief that their efforts will make for them better, more fulfilling lives. Teachers teach out of a deep faith in the transformative power of knowledge, skills and abilities. In a world that too often provides mostly dreary news, a classroom is a good space to be in.

The stand-off on the ridge in western Nebraska ended when the two coyotes turned and ambled down the path in the direction from which they had come. They were neither frightened nor totally unconcerned, turning occasionally to see if I was following them. I did follow, as I will follow these dozen freshmen as they make their way through their four years here, until they, like my two coyotes, leave the path and venture forth to fulfill their promise in their own ways. I doubt, though, that I'll have any more trouble recalling our time together than I have in remembering that brief encounter many years ago in Nebraska, for they have made a deep and lasting impression on me.



EDITOR'S NOTE  
BEGINNING THIS ISSUE,  
LAKELAND COLLEGE PRESIDENT  
STEPHEN GOULD  
BECOMES A REGULAR  
CONTRIBUTOR TO  
LAKELAND

*Lakeland President Dr. Stephen A. Gould —  
confronter of wild coyotes and freshmen students,  
back in the classroom for the first time  
in over two decades.*



# SUPER

## ACCOUNTANTS

*It's not that hard to count beans. The method you used to count those beans, the reason you used that method vs. other methods, the manner in which you counted those beans and the impact those beans have on the people you're doing the counting for, that can be hard.*

*But that's not counting beans. That's accounting. And you're about to meet some pretty amazing Accounting Beings.*

*Cory Nickel '04 and Melissa Neeb '04  
both employed by Schenck Business Solutions,  
and their mentor Rick Gaumer,*



Lakeland's accounting program has exploded over the last several years, establishing itself as one of the biggest and the best among Wisconsin's colleges and universities. And since accounting is an exact science, the proof lies in the numbers.

The 2005 Reports and Commentary on the 2004 CPA Examination, released in March of this year, said Lakeland's accounting program was one of the best in the nation. The report, produced by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, shows the performance of candidates taking the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examination. Lakeland had 21 students sit for the CPA exam in 2004, and Lakeland was ranked in the top 10 in five of the report's 24 undergraduate assessment categories among the 2,000 colleges and universities in the nation whose graduates are eligible to sit for the four-part CPA Exam. Lakeland was ranked:

- ☛ No. 1 in the nation in pass rates on three of the four parts of the exam (29 percent).
- ☛ No. 2 in the nation for first-time candidates passing exactly three parts of the exam.
- ☛ No. 4 in the nation for all candidates at a college or university passing at least three parts of the exam (first-time test-takers and repeat testers).
- ☛ No. 6 in the nation for first-time candidates passing at least three parts of the exam.
- ☛ No. 9 in the nation for first-time candidates passing at least one part of the exam.

Lakeland had the highest pass rate of all public and private colleges and universities in Wisconsin on the Regulation section of the exam, which focuses on tax accounting and business law topics. No other private college in Wisconsin was listed in any categories in the report.

Interest in Lakeland's accounting program is at an all-time high. The college has one of the largest accounting programs in the state with just under 700 students enrolled, and for the last several years has been graduating between 150-180 accounting majors a year, the most of any state college or university.

The timing of Lakeland's surge could not be better for graduates of the program – or for the industry as a whole. High-profile accounting scandals earlier this decade led to tougher federal regulations like the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, but have left U.S. companies and accounting firms scrambling for talent in the midst of a shortage of qualified accountants. That thin talent pool has reached global proportions as most large, organized countries are also suffering to find adequate help.

The baccalaureate accounting degree is offered to students at Lakeland's main campus in Sheboygan County, and at each of the seven Kellett School Centers of Adult Education around Wisconsin. The accounting degree is also available through Lakeland College Online and through Lakeland's BlendEd delivery method, which gives students the option of taking courses in the traditional classroom or online. Lakeland's graduates have gone on to become leaders in the industry.

- ☛ Robert Keebler '82 is a partner with Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP, and is a nationally recognized expert on family wealth preservation and retirement planning.
- ☛ Nancy Cherney '88 is one of three female senior partners with Schenck Business Solutions who pioneered a model for a small business center that opened the door to a larger client base.
- ☛ Dale Kooyenga '00 is senior associate at Klynveld, Peat, Marwick, Goerdeler's (KPMG) Milwaukee office, the first of assistant accounting professor Rick Gaumer's students to land a role with a "Big Four" firm since he returned to the college in a full-time faculty role.

Lakeland's business division has produced accountants for decades, but the college formally created an accounting major in 1981 after the Wisconsin Department of Regulations and Licensing changed CPA rules allowing graduates of non-state schools with accredited degrees to sit for the CPA exam in 1980. To this day, the road to a degree still begins for many students with J. Garland Schilcutt's principles of accounting course.

"Having Professor Schilcutt for that first accounting class was wonderful because it was such a good foundation," Keebler said. "The on-campus program, I perceive as a very strong program. We're just thrilled with Steve Bigge (a 2001 Lakeland graduate and senior accountant at VK)."

Schilcutt said the creation of what would become the Kellett School of Adult Education helped make accounting one of Lakeland's most popular majors, and the program took major steps forward when Gaumer joined Lakeland's faculty in a full-time role in 1999. "No one had been able to spend the time to develop it and teach the courses we needed and make all the contacts," Schilcutt said.

"When I was a CFO, I hired accountants that needed a good deal of training in our industry," Gaumer said. "Our students can immediately plug into that industry without so much up-front training. That should make our students more employable."

Over the years, Schilcutt said some have suggested that accounting does not fit the mold that a traditional liberal arts college should follow. He points to things like the business protocol class, which is required of all business majors and teaches the fine art of business etiquette, and the leadership, ethics and decision making class. "I don't think liberal arts is a subject but it's a matter of the way you approach learning something," Schilcutt said. "Our students have to be concerned about the way they approach other people. A business has to contribute to the welfare of its employees and the community, and contribute to cultural activities."

Consider how some clients who had their taxes prepared free of charge the last two springs by Lakeland students volunteering with the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program reacted when they got news of their return – many paid in cookies, smiles and hugs. "Our students are learning what social service to the community can do for them personally," Gaumer said. "There is this stereotype of accountants that they keep to themselves and do their work and they're introverted. I think this program has helped our students come off as compassionate, more caring and sensitive to other people's needs. We're taking some introverted and quiet kids and helping them be more outgoing and confident and more pleased with themselves. I don't know how else you teach that in the classroom – you can't. Those are the positives of this program that were unintended when it was set up and they are perhaps the most important aspects of our work there now."

Bigge recalls working through problems and ledger entries in class, but Gaumer and other Lakeland faculty members pushed him to explain his work so students could understand the 'why' behind the numbers. "I delve into everything and look for the deeper reason behind things," said Bigge, who lays out business plans for clients, coordinates client projects and creates statistical and economic models as needed. "Most of the courses I had at Lakeland forced me to think on that level. All these classes forced you to use reason skills, abstract skills. Everything I am dealing with here now is what I learned at Lakeland."

All of the extra attention and accolades have left many folks feeling pretty proud, most notably Schilcutt, an accounting major himself who came to Lakeland in 1958, and has seen one of his former pupils help craft one of his favorite subjects into one of the region's top programs. "I'm pleased, tickled to death that it is where it is and with the recognition we are getting," Schilcutt said.

In Gaumer's eyes, the success of Lakeland's accounting program is just one more way the college is being a valuable, active partner in the broader community. "When I was a student, there was sort of a we-they relationship between Lakeland students and the local community," Gaumer said. "We drove into Sheboygan, played in the Armory and got back in our cars and came back out here. Now, I run into people that are pleased we're doing their taxes and saving them money and getting them credits that were lost before."

"I think Lakeland is regarded as an essential friend of Sheboygan County, and Lakeland needs Sheboygan County to do this type of work. Our students are learning by getting a hands-on experience and the local community is getting a benefit." ☺

### Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program

*The past two tax seasons, Lakeland has operated a Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site at the Sheboygan Salvation Army. The VITA program is provided under special oversight of the IRS to encourage and enable low-income (under \$40,000) taxpayers free income tax return preparation and access to low income tax credits. This past spring, Lakeland students prepared and filed 350 returns that helped taxpayers collect \$463,073 in refunds, more than doubling last year's totals of 143 returns and \$196,058 in refunds. Students volunteered their time from Jan. 26 through April 8, at the Salvation Army. "Think for a moment about the impact of bringing nearly half a million dollars back into the pockets of low income taxpayers," said Rick Gaumer, assistant professor of accounting at Lakeland. There were 70 total volunteers involved in VITA, and M&I Bank was onsite to provide immediate opening of a bank account for direct deposit purposes, and Ross Inc provided free use of a copier.*

# THE FORCE

IS STRONG WITH THIS ONE

*In many ways, this is a love story. Rick Gaumer '74 was introduced to three of the most important things in his life during his time at Lakeland College: his wife (the former Paula Remsynder '73 MC'06), his profession (accounting) and his true calling (molding Lakeland students into accountants who want to make a difference in the lives of the people around them and the communities in which they live). Lakeland's associate professor of accounting is a mentor, a molder, a matchmaker.*

"He has such a good relationship with his students," said Randy Olm, a senior partner with Schenck Business Solutions and executive officer of Schenck's Sheboygan and Manitowoc offices.

"These kids I have hired all have a great deal of respect for him. That's why I love working with him – he really knows his students and you can't get that at the big schools. He knows their backgrounds, he knows their individual strengths and weaknesses. He's been a great mentor and influencer. When you come out with his endorsement, it's a pretty good endorsement."

"He wants to know who you are and what's going on in your life," said Melissa Neeb '04. "His passion is the students and their success and that's evident in the way he teaches."

Armed with three decades of working in the "real world," Gaumer returned to his alma mater as a full-time faculty member in 1999 and has led a movement that's taken Lakeland's accounting program to a whole new level. Not bad for an imposing basketball player from Washington, Ill., who was lured to Lakeland by legendary basketball coach Duane "Moose" Woltzen and ever since has called this area his home. 📍



Gaumer remembers vividly the December night in 1969 when Woltzen came to Washington to scout a player from their opposition that evening, and he ended up inviting Gaumer for a campus visit. Gaumer had hopes of playing college basketball, but marginal high school grades were limiting his options.

J. Garland Schilcutt, one of Gaumer's former teachers and now his supervisor as chair of Lakeland's business division, remembers Gaumer as a solid, methodical student who got good grades and didn't seem to need a lot of extra assistance.

"He was one of them damn jocks," Schilcutt said, laughing.

Gaumer names Schilcutt as one of the true positive influences during his days as an undergraduate, along with fellow faculty members Linda Tolman and Dick Leach and football coach John Thome. They all helped him graduate with a degree in business administration, and he landed a position at Kohler Co. as a tax analyst. Appropriately, Gaumer's first job out of Lakeland is held today by Becky Neeb '03, one of his students who Kohler hired on his recommendation.

Gaumer earned a master's degree in management with a major in accounting from UW-Milwaukee in 1979, and his career took off. He stayed with Kohler until 1985, working as a senior accounting analyst and manager of tech services accounting. He went to Screen Process Specialists in Plymouth for four years working as corporate controller and operations manager. He finished his pre-Lakeland teaching career as a vice president and chief financial officer with Strategic Data Systems, Inc., from 1989-97 and vice president of support services with INSpire Insurance Solutions, Inc., from 1997-99.

Gaumer first taught for Lakeland in the early 1980s, including a full-time assignment for a year when Kohler gave him a leave of absence between assignments. It was enough to tell him that, eventually, he wanted to return to Lakeland's classrooms.

"I had been a CFO for almost 10 years (by 1999) and that's almost the pinnacle of the accounting profession," Gaumer said. "I felt I had run my course and done about all I could do in private industry. A lot of the baby boomers in the late 1990s felt the same way, felt a bit burned out."

He brought to Lakeland and his students the "grooming and training" of over a decade with Kohler, as well as direct experience in the types of careers that his students are entering now.

Large businesses, small businesses, industries of all types, strategic planning, capital planning – been there, done that.

"He came here, I think, with a stated mission or goal that he wanted to help create a program that's got meat to it, that's at a respected level," Olm said. "He has the credentials to back that up."

When business employers in the region are looking for talent – especially accounting talent – they're calling Gaumer for leads. Those connections are invaluable to the college and its students, Schilcutt said. "Rick brings in a long period of success in business with experience in high level positions," Schilcutt said. "He has experience, 20-plus years of real experience at all levels and in varying kinds of businesses. It's what many of us don't have, including me. He also brings the contacts he made in business situations.

"But you also can't overlook that he has a genuine interest in young people. What he's wanted to do all along was come here and teach. He has volunteered to spend time with students. It's not in his contract to go to the Kellett Centers and sell the program, but that's what he's doing."

The Internal Revenue Service noted that dedication when it recognized Lakeland this fall for the remarkable growth in its Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program. "The key to a free income tax site is 90 percent based on the site coordinator," said Mark Laing, a tax specialist with the IRS. "If the site coordinator believes in it and puts their heart and soul into it, you're going to get good results. I put 90 percent of that on Rick Gaumer. I just can't say enough about what he's done."

His students also notice. "He's always involved with activities outside the classroom and he encourages you to get involved," said Melissa Neeb '04, a senior accountant with Schenck Business Solutions. "He doesn't just care about how you're doing in the classroom; he cares about your success after graduation when you enter the work world. He goes the extra mile to help you."

Steve Bigge '01, a senior accountant with Virchow, Krause & Co., LLP, is five years removed from graduation and as a technical college transfer only spent two years at Lakeland, but Gaumer's impact is lasting. "He had an excellent approach to how he taught. He embodied reasoning and explaining in detail how things work. He's definitely brought that program to an A1 level where it can go toe-to-toe with other accounting programs in the state." ☆



# ACCOUNTING TITANS

KEEBLER IS A GIANT IN THE BUSINESS  
AS IS HIS ASSOCIATE, MR. BIGGE

If Lakeland College had an accounting Hall of Fame, Robert Keebler '82 would certainly be in the inaugural class.

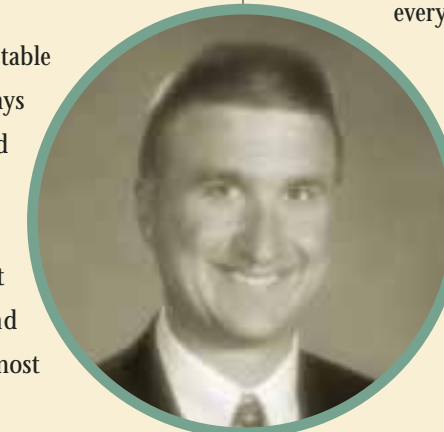
Listing all of the professional accomplishments of this partner with accounting industry heavyweight Virchow, Krause & Co., LLP, would take too much space, but here are two to consider: CPA Magazine has listed him on its 100 Most Influential CPAs in 2004 and 2005, and he is a national expert on family wealth preservation and retirement distribution planning who is frequently quoted in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Worth and Forbes.

What's the secret to his success? This sounds simple, but Keebler's impressive career has taught him the value of being able to think, and he got off to a good start at Lakeland, which he says challenged him to look at things differently.

"The biggest thing graduates bring to the table is thinking skills," Keebler said. "You're always moving from situation to situation here. We need some good thinkers, and that's what Steve is."

That's Steve, as in Steve Bigge, Lakeland Class of 2001. Bigge is a senior accountant at VK, working under Keebler – a Lakeland connection thriving at one of accounting's most prestigious firms.

"Bob took over right from where (Lakeland accounting professor) Rick (Gaumer) left off," Bigge said. "He's taken me to another level, and while Rick molded me, Bob has molded me further. He challenges me from an analytical and reasoning standpoint which is not really a big change for me."



"It's been very enjoyable since I've been here. We have talked many times about how Rick, in the back of his mind, he knew we would be a good match. He does an excellent job of knowing who to match with whom."

Bigge, who started at VK the summer after graduating, was among the first Lakeland students to sit for the CPA after taking Lakeland's Preparation for Practice as a CPA course. He recorded the third highest score in the state the year he passed the exam.

"I have always enjoyed working with numbers, and I enjoy it more now than ever," said Bigge, who transferred to Lakeland from Fox Valley Technical College after a stint in the Air Force. "I've always been the analytical type. I'm always meandering from point to point and I want to know everything about everything."

Keebler, a frequent speaker at major national conferences, author and co-author of books on the Roth IRA and editor-in-chief of the Journal of Retirement Planning, came to Lakeland from a small suburban Chicago Catholic high school to major in business. The college added accounting as a major the summer between his freshman and sophomore year.

"I was very happy they did that," said Keebler, who has been with VK since 1992. "I started taking some economics classes and saw that accounting would work out for me. I don't know how I would have done at a bigger school with classes of 500 people. It's hard to say if my success has been nature, nurture or just plain luck. I'm sure it's a combination of all of those." ☆

Top: Robert Keebler; Bottom: Steve Bigge. Both are accounting Jedi Masters and former Lakeland students.

# THE SCHENCK CONNECTION

MEANWHILE, BACK AT ACCOUNTING HEADQUARTERS, FORMER LAKELAND STUDENTS ARE HELPING TO SAVE THE DAY.

Take a closer look at any successful sports program, and you will likely find a farm system or a feeder program. It's a chance to grow your own talent, and make sure the skills you need to be successful are being taught in a way that's going to help you prosper.

If you study the roster of talent at Schenck Business Solutions, you'll quickly discover that Schenck has found a pipeline for talent in Lakeland College's accounting department. There are over 20 Lakeland graduates working for Schenck in everything from leadership roles to entry-level positions.

"We've been really fortunate," said Randy Olm, CPA, a partner with Schenck and the executive officer of the Sheboygan and Manitowoc offices.

"With the shortage of accounting students out there, the demographics in the profession are awful. There are a lot of practitioners like me in the 50-plus age category who will retire in the next 10 years.

"The challenge with bigger schools is they all have relationships with the 'Big Four' and they tend to suggest to their students that that's the work experience they need. If a professor tells you to work for one of the 'Big Four' and you're from the big city, why consider Sheboygan? We hope our relationship with Lakeland will help strengthen the accounting program and allow it to produce solid accounting talent and provide opportunities for those graduates who want to practice public accounting outside of Milwaukee."

Nancy Cherney '89, a graduate of Lakeland's Kellett School of Adult Education, is one of three female senior partners with Schenck and works in the Green Bay office. When smaller businesses in the area felt that Schenck was too big or expensive to hire, Cherney pioneered a small business center that's running in Green Bay and recently opened in Sheboygan.

Robert Templin '86 is a senior consultant in health care services, and Laurie McNicoll '99 manages one of Schenck's technology departments that serves clients with more sophisticated software needs.

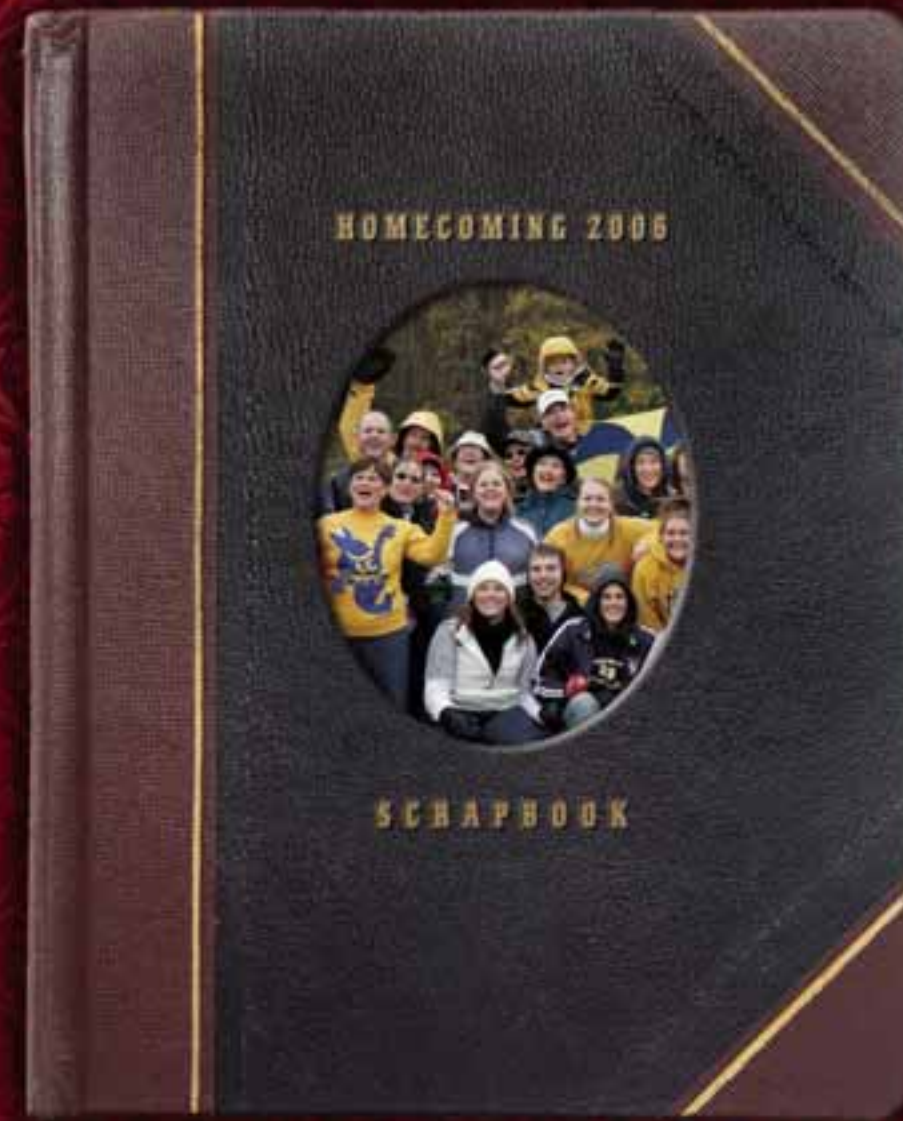


Several Lakeland graduates have gotten their start with Schenck as interns, another way that Schenck and Lakeland are partnering to benefit students and the profession. Melissa Neeb '04, a senior accountant in Sheboygan, followed in the footsteps of her mother, aunt and uncle when she chose the accounting profession. She interned at Schenck in the spring semester of 2004, completed Lakeland's Preparation for Practice as a CPA and passed the CPA exam that fall and started full time in December.

Christy Jaeger, currently a junior accounting major, is now in her second year as a Schenck intern. Olm said interns start as juniors and work 15-20 hours a week preparing tax returns, then return as seniors and works 40 hours a week with the goal of being hired when they graduate. "By the time they actually graduate they are truly seasoned professionals who have worked parts of two tax seasons," Olm said. "In public accounting, we measure tax seasons like stripes in the military."

New Lakeland graduates bring a solid background in basic accounting and most have a good work ethic, Olm said. "While accounting theory is important, you still have to be able to do the work," Olm said. "The Lakeland program is broad enough that students get tax exposure as well as business and computer exposure. I avoid students that drop a tougher course when they think it will bring down their grade point average, as well as students who don't work off campus or don't get involved in extracurriculars like athletics or organizations.

"Taking only 12 credits with no off campus job is called a vacation. When they come here and we ask them to work a 60-hour week during tax season they can't handle it. The students we have interned and hired from Lakeland are very focused and hard-working individuals. They have fit into our practice very nicely and have great potential to someday become partners in our organization." ☺



*Over 1,000 people were on Lakeland's campus the weekend of Oct. 20-22 as the college celebrated Homecoming 2006 in grand style.*

*The Schenck Business Solutions connection. Pictured from left to right: Sarah Bell '92, Jodi Sommer '02, Melissa Neeb '04, Kelly Kraemer '03, Jan Belitz (current student), Lacey Silbernagel '04, Debbie Horn '94. Not pictured: Cassandra Friese '05, Mary Berg '95, Jennifer Spicer '98 and Cory Nickel '04.*



*• What a great looking group of alumni before Saturday's banquet*



*Shirley Keith and Patricia Abbott '56 and Robert and Margy Amy '56 '58 leading the alumni parade*



*Lakeland's president, Steve Parish, shaking hands with John Channing '56*



*It was so wonderful to see Dick Henschel '62 and former OLC Advisor Roger Leger '56 '58 again*

What a great weekend! Homecoming 2006 was a wonderful success as the campus was crawling with people enjoying themselves and sharing stories about the days of old. The weekend included activities from Friday afternoon through Sunday, and the four reunion classes – 1956, 1966, 1981 and 1996 – were all represented and enjoyed several new activities.

An alumni career expo/majors market gave current Lakeland students a chance to meet and network with alumni. Saturday morning got started with the 5K Cheese Bowl run/walk, the women's basketball and baseball programs both had alumni games and over 30 alums enjoyed the tour of Grether Woods led by Lakeland science faculty member Kathy Rath Marr '76. At the end of the tour, Lakeland's Zeta Chi fraternity re-dedicated the Friendship Bridge located in the woods.

A pre-football game tailgate followed with great food and entertainment by the Unities dance team, the Lakeland band and cheer team. Alumni filled the football stands as the Muskies took on rival Concordia, Wis.

Two former Lakeland employees were named Honorary Alumni by the Lakeland College Alumni Association at Saturday night's Alumni Banquet, and three Lakeland graduates were honored at Friday night's Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet.

Dave Lauer, Lakeland's longtime campus minister who retired this past May, and Karen Kampmann, longtime assistant to current Lakeland President Stephen Gould, who retired this past September, were both named Honorary Lakeland Alumni.

Lauer came to Lakeland in 1968, and for 38 years served as Lakeland's campus minister. He and his wife, Lynne, a Lakeland faculty member who also retired after last school year, has officiated over numerous faculty, staff and alumni weddings and baptized numerous children over faculty, staff and alumni in Lakeland's Ley Chapel.

The Lauers lived from 1968-99 on Lakeland's Prof Row, moving to nearby Elkhart Lake where they live today. Their three children – Jonathan, Ethan and Elizabeth – were all born and raised during their time at Lakeland.

Lauer was presented the award by C.E. "Kip" Bedore '77, who spent more than his share of time in the Chapel in the 1970s with many other Lakeland students playing music for Lauer's services.



Kampmann spent 30 years working at Lakeland, beginning as a part-time employee and completing her career as administrative assistant to the president. She occupied nine different office spaces during her tenure. She saw and participated in plenty of Lakeland history during those three decades. She did the paperwork for the first student in the college's adult learning program over 25 years ago and managed the Lifelong Learning (now the Kellett School) Bookstore in the early 1990s.

Kampmann was presented the award by Gould, who she worked alongside during most of her tenure at Lakeland.

Karen (Kuck) Dobias '83 and Dan Sikma '87, both former Lakeland basketball stand-outs, were inducted into the Lakeland Athletic Hall of Fame. Jay Chrystowski '69 was given the Hall of Fame Service Award. Lakeland's Hall of Fame now stands at 129 members.

Dobias was a four-year starter for the

women's basketball team, serving as team captain her sophomore, junior and senior seasons and playing center, forward and guard during her career. She won the T.W. Hoernemann Award in 1983, led the team in steals as a freshman, sophomore and junior. Her father, grandfather, grandmother and an aunt are all Lakeland graduates. She was inducted by Patricia Koslowski-Konetzke, a 1986 graduate who Dobias inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2004.

Sikma was named MVP of the men's basketball team as a sophomore, junior and senior and also earned all-conference honors those three seasons. He was team captain as a senior, when he averaged 20.6 points and grabbed 252 rebounds. He also played baseball in 1984 and 1985. He was inducted by former teammate and 1989 Lakeland graduate Tim Reil, who said the two have remained good friends for over two decades.

Chrystowski was planning on playing three sports at Lakeland,

but saw his playing career cut short by a pair of knee injuries. He served as an athletic trainer for former coaches Moose Woltzen and John Thome in the late 1960s and was always around the athletic program. His biggest contributions have come since graduation as this Indiana resident has been instrumental in helping Lakeland recruit numerous student-athletes (including several Hall of Famers and All-Americans) from Indiana and opening his home to Lakeland staff on the road for recruiting or playing host to teams playing in the area.

A Service of Worship & Remembrance, led by new Lakeland campus chaplain Kelly Stone, was held Sunday morning in the Ley Chapel to remember the 52 Lakeland alumni and friends who died this past year. Janet Herrick and the Lakeland Concert Choir, accompanied by Arthur Johnson, filled the chapel with music as a perfect ending to the successful weekend. ☐

# ALMA MATTERS

## 1941

**Harold Auler** of Asheboro, N.C., is returning to Honduras where he was first a missionary's son and later on staff for 20 years. This fall, he and his wife plan on attending the 85th anniversary of the founding of the mission by his parents in 1921. "My years at Mission House College, now Lakeland, were some of the most memorable of my life. I have encouraged others over the years and they attended Lakeland."

## 1948

**William Huenemann** of Fort Wayne, Ind., was recognized by the Indiana-Kentucky Conference last spring for 55 years of ordained ministry in the United Church of Christ.

## 1949

**Walter Waeckerle** of Rhinelander, died in September. He was ordained in 1949 and served Wisconsin congregations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the United Church of Christ.

## 1957

**Robert R. Platz** of Bowling Green, Ohio, and his wife, Alyce, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer in Howard Grove with friends and relatives. He is retired.

*E-mail: rplatz@wcnet.org*

## 1959

**Milton Kading** of Beaver Dam, died in July. After farming for over 20 years, he graduated from Mission House Seminary in 1959 and served churches in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

## 1964

**Obid Hofland** of Cottage Grove, Minn., retired after 38 years in the ordained ministry, the last 15 years as pastor of Cottage Grove United Church of Christ. He served churches in Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri as well as serving on Conference Staff for the Wisconsin Conference and the Connecticut Conference, UCC.

## 1965

**Richard Preuhs** of Eagle River, was a recipient of a 2006 Von Dutch Cruelworld Custom Cycle at the recent rally at Sturgis, S.D. It was presented by the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce-Sturgis Foundation, which provides support to community and youth organizations. He is the owner of Country Stores of Eagle River, Inc. He is married to the former **Debra Duchow** ('74).

## 1966

**Barbara (Fisk) Hauge-Belaen** of Tampa, Fla., is an educational consultant to private schools. She is looking forward to the birth of her first grandchild this fall.

*E-mail: bj104@tampabay.rr.com*

**Ron Scheele** of Houston, Texas, is a physicist/radiation safety officer with Memorial Hermann Healthcare System.

## 1969

**Robert Jevarjian** of Milford, Conn., is a sales rep for Old Republic National Title Insurance Co. He and his wife, Kathy, have five children, Carrie Tait, Lauren Bailey, Rob Jevarjian, and twins Dana and Chris Jevarjian.

*E-mail: rjevarjian@oldrepublictitle.com/ct*

## 1970

**Nancy (Swain) Jones** of Plainfield, N.J., is a literacy teacher/coach. She and her husband, **Louis** ('69), are the parents of two children: Heather and Leland.

*E-mail: nanjay@aol.com*

**Dave Pierce** of Festus, Mo., is the undergraduate sport management coordinator at Missouri Baptist University of St. Louis. He is also the vice president for sports travel for Business & Leisure Holidays Travel in Honolulu, Hawaii. In the summer months, he is a professional golf instructor for Pro Am Golf Center. He "retired" from Maryville University of St. Louis in 2002 as director of athletics having spent over 30 years in higher education. He and his wife Carolyn have two children.

*E-mail: david@bnlh.com*

**Susan Zurbuchen** of Indianapolis, Ind., married **Mike Jacobs** ('70) in June.

## 1971

**Gordon Sheridan** of Kilmarnock, Va., recently retired after serving as vice president of Johnson's Florist and Garden Centers for the last 40 years. He and his wife, Martha, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this year. They recently moved to the Chesapeake Bay area and are filling their time with kayaking and golf.

## 1972

**James Kiel** of Elkhart Lake, has retired from full-time teaching at Elkhart Lake, and is teaching part time at Lakeshore Technical College.

**Vicky (Cox) Rossi** of New Rochelle, N.Y., is a high school special education teacher. She would like to locate her classmates from 1971 and 1972.

*E-mail: vicky13@yahoo.com*

## 1975

**Barbara (Stovall) Williams** of Chicago, just became a Training Director with Protravel, an exciting new home-based travel agency. "I own my own franchise and as a Training Director, I share this opportunity with others and help them to start earning lucrative commissions on the travel they book for family and friends. I also teach new owners how to build teams and get paid huge bonuses for their efforts."

*Website:*

*www.protravelnetwork.com/triunetravel*

*E-mail: emoers@wowway.com*

## 1980

**Wayne Johnston** of Ripon, is the new director of information systems at Ripon Medical Center. In addition, Wayne is a self-employed computer consultant with Integrity Technology, LLC. He is married to the former **Sonia Eckert** ('80).

*E-mail: wdjohnston@charter.net*

**1982**

**Pam Rohde** of Oshkosh, has been a program specialist at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh for the past 17 years.

**1983**

**Donna Felch** of Palatine, Ill., joined the Female Health Company, based in Chicago, IL, as vice president and chief financial officer in February.  
*E-mail: dfelch@femalehealthcompany.com*

**1988**

**Pamela (Krahn) Ralston** married Maurice Ralston in September in Elizabeth, Ill. She is a medical technologist at Rockford Memorial Hospital. The couple built a new home in Roscoe, Ill.

**1993**

**Jason Weiss** has been working as an equity research analyst with Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee for the past year. He lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their

**Emily Draper-Riley** married Michael Riley in July. They honeymooned in Indianapolis at GenCon, an international gaming convention. They are enjoying participating in the local shire (Turm an dem See) of the Society for Creative Anachronism, a medieval recreation group. She is a customer sales coordinator for Bemis Manufacturing. They live in Sheboygan.  
*E-mail: whtvenus@charter.net*

**Nicole Kuplic** of Sheboygan Falls, and her husband, Paul, recently celebrated the birth of their fourth child and second daughter, Tessa Elizabeth. She is welcomed by big brothers Max and Addison, and big sister Gabrielle. Nicole is a sixth grade teacher in the Cedar Grove-Belgium School District.  
*E-mail: nkuplic@charter.net*

**1996**

**Kim (Kieliszewski) Wagner** and her husband, Todd, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Kylie Elizabeth, in June. Kim is a middle school teacher in Elkhart Lake.

**1997**

**Jennifer Hintz-Krueger** of Franklin, is teaching sixth grade at McKinley Middle School in Kenosha. She is entering her sixth season as head track coach, and she is continuing her education at McPherson College after earning her master's in education in 2004 from National Louis University. She is the mother of Megan (8) and Ashley (7).

**1999**

**Scott Runkel** of Burlington, and his wife, Christine, celebrated the birth of their new baby boy, Gabriel John Robert, in August. Scott is a territory manager with River City Millwork.  
*E-mail: srunkel@wi.rr.com*

**Scott Weir** and **Katrina Schuh** ('06) were married in July. The wedding took place in Kiel and was officiated by retired Lakeland campus minister David Lauer. The couple lives in New Holstein.

**2000**

**Heidi Halverson** was recently promoted to central division learning and development at HSBC Bank in

two daughters, Annabelle and Elisabeth, in Waukesha.

**1995**

**Valerie (Johnson) Botdorf** and her husband, **Lijah Botdorf** ('95), celebrated the birth of their daughter, Kaliea, in June. She joins her older brother and three older sisters at home in Sheboygan.

Last summer, a group of 1976 graduates and former suitemates got together at Barbara DuVall's Briar Rose Alpaca Farm in Pennsylvania for what's becoming a semi-annual reunion. They swam, they reminisced and they spent an afternoon at Longwood Gardens in Delaware.



Picture in the front row, from left: Rebecca (Wierwille) Miller, Nancy (Levenhagen) Zancig, Barbara (Reed) Duvall; back row, from left: Faye (Klemme) Koger, Georgia (Collis) Roros, Nancy Cortez.

**Elizabeth Hammann** of East Rutherford, N.J., is working at Polo Ralph Lauren as the manager of store operations and new store development.

**1987**

**Deborah Lee** of Stoughton, was recently promoted to human resources director of Stoughton Trailers, Inc.

Nashville, Tenn. She has worked at HSBC since 2003.

**Deanne Hauch** of Milwaukee, is an athletic trainer at Columbia-St. Mary.

**Kelly Kaludis** recently accepted a position as director of human resources at the Churchill Hotel, a Crestline Hotel property, in Washington D.C. She is engaged to be married in August of 2007.

**Jim Parfitt** of De Pere, has joined ACME Television of Wisconsin (WIWB, Green Bay) as business manager. WIWB was the WB network affiliate and is now with the CW network. Parfitt has over 15 years of accounting experience and 10 years of advertising agency experience, most recently with The Karma Group in Green Bay as finance manager/network administrator.

**Brenda Schram** was married to Nick Grams in September. They reside in Omro.

**2001**

**Scott Beaver** married Amy Ekhoft in July. The couple resides in Elkhorn. Scott is employed by United Heartland as a workers compensation underwriter.

## 2006-2007 ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12.9.06 Breakfast with Santa, Main campus
- 12.16.06 Breakfast with Santa, Milwaukee Center
- 1.7.07 "Cats" performance at the Overture Center, Madison
- 1.16.07 Dinner with the President at Fire Lake Restaurant, Minneapolis
- 1.18.07 Dinner with the President at Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids
- 2.9.07 Alumni Reception and Gaelic Storm performance, Main campus
- 2.25.07 Alumni & Friends Gathering, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 3.9.07 Alumni & Friends Gathering, Naples, Fla.
- 3.27.07 Manitowoc Maritime Museum, Manitowoc
- 4.21.07 Lakeland College's First "Alumni College", Main campus
- 6.3.07 "Lion King" performance at Fox Cities Performing Art Center, Appleton
- 6.15.07 20th Anniversary Blasters Golf Tournament, Sheboygan Falls

Events and dates are subject to change. For more information contact Beth Borgen, Director of Alumni Relations, at 920.565.1295 or borgenbm@lakeland.edu



Sarah Buechel, Lana Neuman and Megan Maas – three members of the Class of 2006 – were among over 150 alumni who marched across the football field and gathered for the all alumni photo during Homecoming weekend.

**Steven Philipps** of Ada, died in September. He worked for over 20 years at Kohler Co. and was very active in the community.

**2002**

**Elizabeth Florian** of Milwaukee, earned her master's degree in composition and rhetoric from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2005, and is currently studying in the doctoral program. She presented versions of her master's project, "Christine dePisan and the Quarrel of the Rose," at conferences in Chicago and Houghton, Mich.  
*E-mail: sflorian@uwm.edu*

**2003**

**Phil Gerbyshak** of Milwaukee, is a speaker and author of the recently-published "10 Ways to Make It Great," his first self-improvement book. He also has a website filled with articles, <http://makeitgreat.org>, and he publishes a weekly newsletter.  
*E-mail: makeitgreat@gmail.com*

**Luke Pfeifer** and **Monica Hetzel** ('05) are engaged to be married. Luke is the front office manager at Lake Lawn Resort. Monica is currently golf shop supervisor at Lake Lawn Resort, but later this fall will become Golf Sales Manager. They live in Janesville.

**Steve Vollmer** of Madison, was recently named editorial art director at In Business magazine in Madison.

**Tiana Williams** of Las Vegas, had been working for Wells Fargo Financial as a credit manager, but was recently hired at the Riviera hotel/casino as the assistant manager of food and

beverage. Her singing career is also doing well. She recorded a single R&B song called "Twinkle Twinkle," and is doing background for a band that has performed in a few casinos.  
*E-mail: tianam3@yahoo.com*

**2004**

**Dean Ziegler** lives with his wife **Bonnie (Zimmermann)** ('02) in Howards Grove. He is a credit analyst at Associated Bank in Sheboygan.

**2005**

**Matthew Fors** recently wrote and sold his first full-length screenplay titled "Sofia". He will obtain a master's degree in exercise science from Northern Michigan University in 2007. In the fall of 2007, he plans on attending Goddard College in the M.F.A. Creative Writing program with a screenwriting emphasis.  
*E-mail: worldmusicman2002@yahoo.com*

**Andy Nourse** of Sheboygan, is warranty administrator with the Manitowoc Company. His wife, Jacquie, is a stay-at-home mom, and their daughter started kindergarten this year.

**Katherine Trieloff** moved to Baraboo in August to serve as the director of youth and family ministry of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Baraboo.  
*E-mail: ktrieloff@yahoo.com*

**2006**

**Dana LePage** of Sheboygan, is an environmental field technician at Cardinal Environmental.  
*E-mail: daner28@hotmail.com*

# BLOWN AWAY

*The emotional story of hard-working alumnus and the indomitable spirit of an amazing city.*

It looked like a scene out of a television show – and goodness knows Steve Warnecke '87 has seen his share of those.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Warnecke was sent to New Orleans as the interim general manager of WHNO-TV 20, a station owned by LeSEA Broadcasting, a Christian television network based in South Bend, Ind., with over 40 affiliate stations in a number of U.S. markets.

Inbetween hiring new staff – about 80 percent of the station's employees left following Katrina – Warnecke drove around the city to get a better feel for extent of the devastation. "They stacked all flooded-out cars under elevated bridges because there was nowhere to put them," said Warnecke, who works as general manager for programming for all of LeSEA's stations, and lives in Chesapeake, Va., with his wife, Jill, and their four boys, Aaron, Seth, Shaun and Kevin.

He saw the numbers spray painted on buildings left by the search and rescue teams noting who was found and the number dead. Everywhere were piles of rubbish. He has toured Southern Lebanon and seen the devastation that war can bring – New Orleans had that same feel. "This was not bombs, but it looked like a war zone," Warnecke said. "The media focused mainly on the Ninth Ward due to the poverty there, but the middle class neighborhoods of the Lakeview section and the wealthy gated communities were equally damaged. This was something that didn't discriminate."

Each LeSEA station has its own GM, but when the New Orleans GM left the station due to post-Katrina burnout, Warnecke was tapped to step in and get the station back on its feet. He traveled to New Orleans twice a month for a week at a time, hiring everyone from office and production managers to an advertising sales staff. Warnecke is still searching for a full-time general manager, more sales staff and another master control operator, and he continues to manage the station by phone and e-mail and one of his office managers takes care of day-to-day management needs.

"It was challenging for the residents of New Orleans, but I had it quite easy by comparison" Warnecke said. "I stayed at one of the hotels, while thousands lived in 10 by 20 foot FEMA trailers. And I was only staying there 4-5 days at a time. I visited one of the hospitals there when a friend became ill, and the nursing staff told me of 80-hour work weeks, terribly short on help.

"There was one group of people in New Orleans that said 'I've got

to leave, I've had it, I can't live here any more.' Another set were New Orleans natives who over a 5- to 10-year period had moved away, and when Katrina happened they had a desire to go back and help rebuild their beloved city. A good portion of the people we hired were looking to get back."

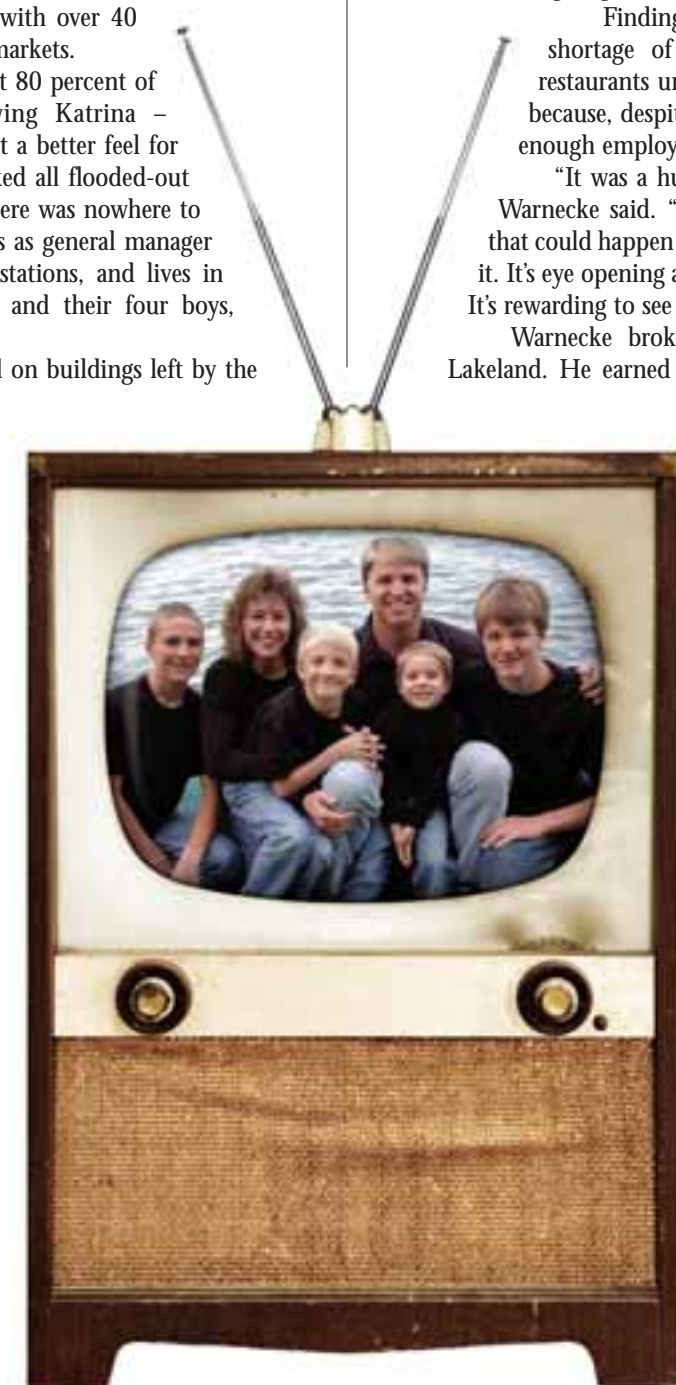
Finding anyone to work was tough due to the shortage of people. Warnecke recalled fast food restaurants unharmed by Katrina but unable to open because, despite offering \$11 an hour, they didn't have enough employees.

"It was a humbling experience, I'm grateful for it," Warnecke said. "We live near the coast in Virginia and that could happen here, but you pretend not to think about it. It's eye opening and it shows you what's really important. It's rewarding to see people persevere through tough times."

Warnecke broke into television shortly after leaving Lakeland. He earned a master's degree in public policy and international studies from Regent University, and was motivated to work overseas, which he fulfilled by spending a decade with the Christian Broadcasting Network. Work took him to about 30 countries in Europe, the Middle East and Asia, placing children's animated programming on foreign networks. Today, Warnecke buys family entertainment for LeSEA's stations, programs like "The Andy Griffith Show," "Bonanza" and "Happy Days." He also buys sports programming like NFL games and Wimbledon Tennis for LeSEA's TV station in Israel, Middle East Television. "I've stayed with it this long because it's always good to do what you love," he said.

Warnecke's ties to Lakeland run deep. His father, Wayne, was in charge of Lakeland's business operations for decades until his recent retirement, and the family lived on Prof Row for a couple of years when he was younger. He recalls fondly his classes with Bob Cedar, Abe Qastin, Jim Kudek and J. Garland Schilcutt, and the bond he developed with Rev. Dave Lauer, who coached him in tennis for two years.

He also met his wife, former Lakeland student Jill Wojtowski, at Lakeland. She was a junior transfer, they met at a fraternity party and he went on a double date with Jill and her boyfriend. Steve obviously made a good impression – 18 months later they were married. "When I come back to visit and see what's happening with all the building and the enrollment it's tremendous to see the growth," Warnecke said. ☺



# scene on campus

## Lakeland sets eighth straight enrollment record

There are some sure signs of fall at Lakeland College: the temperatures start slowly falling, the athletic fields are alive with activity and the college is celebrating an enrollment record.

Lakeland's enrollment for the 2006-07 school year is 935 full-time students, the eighth straight year the 145-year-old college has achieved record student totals.

The 935 total is a 2.2 percent increase over last fall's total of 915, which was Lakeland's previous record. The total is fueled by an incoming class of 321 high school graduates and transfer students. Those students join 614 students returning from last year, a number in large part the result of a 7 percent increase in retention of the college's freshmen class.

This past school year, Lakeland opened its ninth on-campus residence hall, along with a fitness center as part of a dramatic expansion of the Todd Wehr Athletic Center. The college also welcomed eight new faces to its faculty lineup this fall, and they are helping Lakeland add depth to several major areas of study.

Approximately 90 percent of Lakeland's incoming class is from Wisconsin, while the remaining domestic students are from six other states.

Lakeland's incoming class includes 33 international students (nearly 10.3 percent of the total) from 11 different countries, a number achieved in the face of tougher federal requirements for international students.

## IRS recognizes Lakeland's free tax assistance program

Lakeland has been recognized for helping put more money in the pockets of local residents. The Internal Revenue Service came to campus in late September to give Lakeland an award for the college's version of the IRS's Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

This past spring, Lakeland accounting students and other volunteers prepared and electronically filed returns for taxpayers in the area through the VITA program, an IRS program that allows low-income taxpayers to file free returns and take advantage of low income tax credits. It's the second year of Lakeland's participating in the program.

Lakeland students prepared and filed 350 returns this year that helped taxpayers collect \$463,073 in refunds, more than doubling last year's totals of 143 returns and \$196,058 in refunds. Students volunteered their time from Jan. 26 through April 8, working at the Salvation Army in Sheboygan. The average total refund was \$1,395 with a federal average of \$925 and a state average of \$470.

## Lakeland launches new Alumni Scholarship referral program

Lakeland has launched a new scholarship program that allows Lakeland and Mission House alumni to help prospective new Lakeland students get a jump start on paying for their education.

Any students accepted by the college into the full-time traditional program at Lakeland's main campus who have been officially referred by Lakeland or Mission House alumni will receive a renewable \$1,000

## Lakeland College Alumni Scholarship.

Alumni simply need to fill out a form, available on Lakeland's website, and encourage the student to fill out a Lakeland Application for Admission. The form can be found at [www.lakeland.edu/alumni/Alumni\\_referrals.asp](http://www.lakeland.edu/alumni/Alumni_referrals.asp). For more information, you can contact the Lakeland College Admissions Office at (800) 242-3347.

## Lakeland, FVTC celebrate 25-year partnership

Lakeland and Fox Valley Technical College celebrated the 25th anniversary of their educational partnership in September at an open house at the Kellett Center in Neenah.

Not only do the two schools share space at the Kellett Center, but FVTC students can realize a generous credit transfer when they pursue their bachelor's degree at Lakeland. For many Fox Valley area students over the last quarter center, this partnership has made the dream of earning a bachelor's degree a reality.

The Kellett Center houses Lakeland College's Fox Cities Center, part of the Kellett School of Adult Education, which focuses on convenience for the returning adult student. FVTC associate degree graduates may enter Lakeland's programs in Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Hospitality Management, Marketing and Specialized Administration with junior standing.

## International magazine features Lakeland College Japan

Lakeland's two-year campus in Tokyo, Japan, was the subject of an article in the fall issue of IENetworker: The International Education Magazine.

IENetworker is a bi-annual print magazine published by the Institute of

International Education, an independent non-profit organization founded in 1919 that administers over 200 programs serving more than 20,000 individuals each year.

The article traces Lakeland's history in Japan, and notes that last December the Japanese education ministry officially recognized LCJ as a "Foreign University, Japan Campus," the first American private college to receive such recognition for an undergraduate program. That status allows students to transfer LCJ credits to Japanese universities.

Lakeland, which formed its Tokyo campus in 1990, joins Temple University as the only two American schools offering undergraduate education in Japan.

## Changing of the guard in president's office

Ann Flad-Jesion was named to the new position of assistant to the president at Lakeland College in September.

Flad-Jesion replaced Karen Kampmann, whose retirement as administrative assistant to the president this fall closed out her 30-year career at Lakeland.

In this new role, Flad-Jesion will work directly with members of the Lakeland Board of Trustees and the college's major donors, and serve on Lakeland's Executive Council in addition to working closely with Gould on a daily basis.

Flad-Jesion joined Lakeland's staff in January as manager of advancement services. She will continue to work directly with the college's advancement staff, serving as a liaison between that team and the president's office.

## Chapel service focuses on HIV/AIDS pandemic

Creating awareness of the global HIV/AIDS pandemic was the goal of a

worship service at Lakeland's Ley Chapel this fall. Lakeland students and faculty were joined by a group from the Sheboygan County AIDS Task Force for a service organized by Lakeland's new chaplain, Kelly Stone.

"I thought it was a great way to create awareness and make chapel more engaging for students by getting them involved," said Stone, who invited a group of students from Malawi, Africa, to begin the service by singing "Mbuye Wanga Ndikalingiriratu" ("How Great Thou Art"), in their native tongue, Chichewa.

Stone told the worshippers gathered that "the world's problems are our problems," and she called on members of the Lakeland and greater Sheboygan community to come together and provide support to those struggling with the disease by wearing the international symbol for AIDS – a red ribbon. Stone passed around red ribbons in offering baskets to all those attending the service and asked them to pin them on one another.



Explorer Eric Larsen (fourth from right) took time out of his trip to Lakeland College to visit with a class of freshmen taught by his friend and Lakeland faculty member Meg Albrinck.

## Great Lakes Writers Festival celebrates the written word

The Great Lakes Writers Festival, Lakeland College's annual celebration of the written word, brought two talented writers to campus in November.

This two-day event featured several

readings and workshops with guest authors Marilyn L. Taylor and Sebastian Matthews, along with members of the Lakeland faculty. Hosted by Karl Elder, Lakeland's Fessler Professor of Creative Writing, the GLWF provides both seasoned and emerging writers the opportunity to talk with peers, to discuss their work and to learn from the pros in workshops.

For more information about the annual Festival, and writing contest, visit their website, [www.greatlakeswritersfestival.org](http://www.greatlakeswritersfestival.org).

## Historic explorer shares story at Lakeland

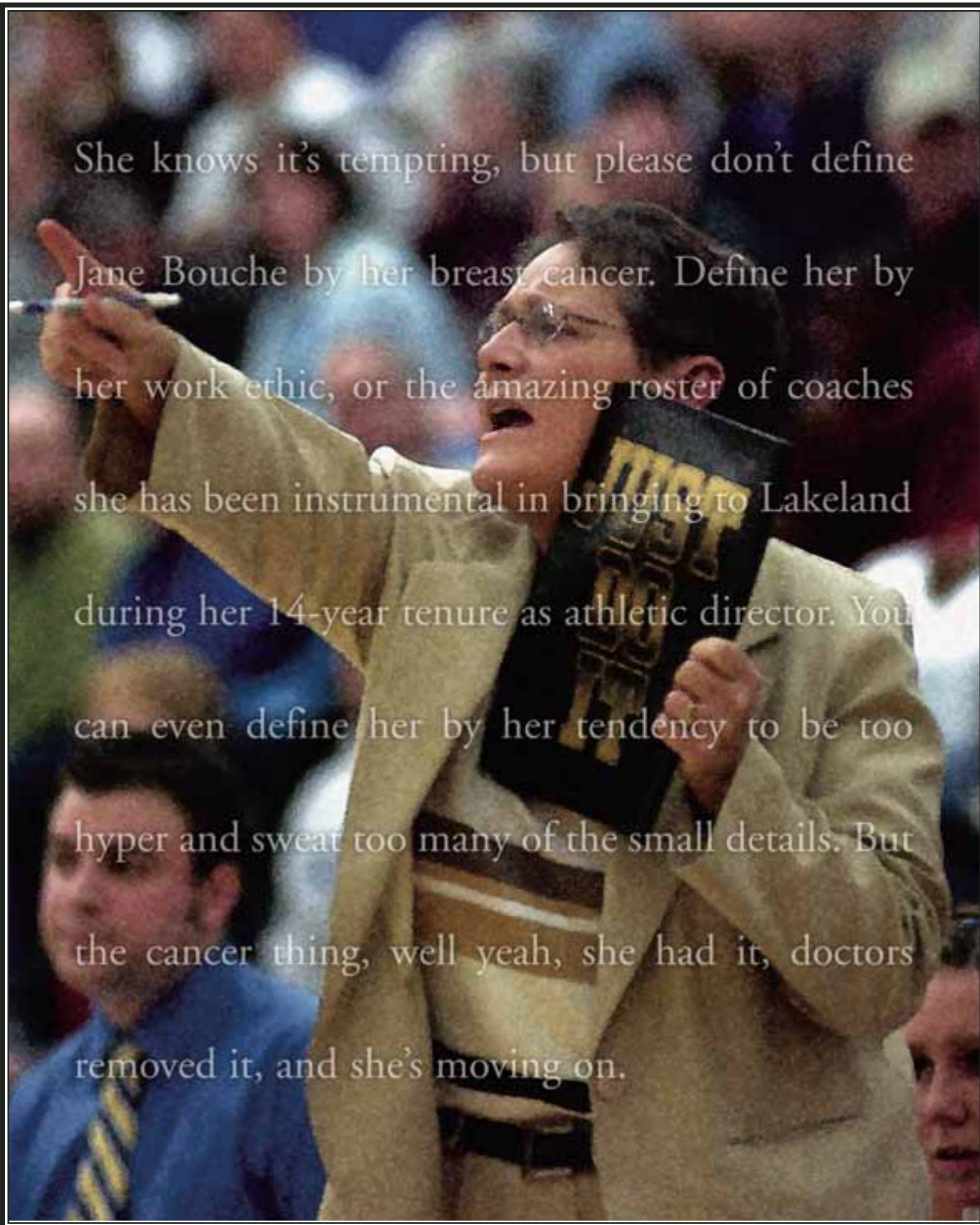
A Wisconsin native that made exploring history shared his amazing tale at Lakeland at the end of November. Eric Larsen, a native of Cedarburg, joined Lonnie Dupre on July 1, 2006, to become the first people in the world to travel to the North Pole in summer.

On May 1, 2006, the pair started at the Arctic Ocean, departing from northern Canada, for an expedition to the North Pole in summer. Larsen's Lakeland presentation spanned the entire journey: training trips, a failed 2005 crossing attempt and the successful summer 2006 expedition to the North Pole and back.

It's a story that's been covered by many national TV outlets, including "The Jay Leno Show." Larsen discussed the importance of team work, problem solving, setting goals and overcoming fear and failure, with special emphasis on understanding Global Warming and the fate of the polar bear. You can learn more about Larsen's expedition online

at [www.oneworldexpedition.com](http://www.oneworldexpedition.com), a website dedicated to their adventure.

He also spent time in a freshman studies class taught by Meg Albrinck, chair of the humanities division and associate professor of literature and writing. Larsen talks about his visit to Lakeland at his website, [www.ericlarsenexplore.com](http://www.ericlarsenexplore.com).



She knows it's tempting, but please don't define Jane Bouche by her breast cancer. Define her by her work ethic, or the amazing roster of coaches she has been instrumental in bringing to Lakeland during her 14-year tenure as athletic director. You can even define her by her tendency to be too hyper and sweat too many of the small details. But the cancer thing, well yeah, she had it, doctors removed it, and she's moving on.

She's willing to discuss it, but she doesn't want it to be the only thing that makes her Jane Bouche. "I totally understand when people say 'Don't let it define you,'" Bouche said. "It's like it's across my forehead. I'm not going to be defined by breast cancer. I want to be defined by my work ethic and what we're trying to do here." The Algoma native's grandfather and mother both died of breast cancer, so having regular mammograms has been a staple in her life, and she even increased the frequency to every six months since she turned 50 three years ago. A routine mammogram on May 17 identified a spot, and her doctor suggested an ultrasound

Lakeland in 1989 after several years of coaching at high schools in Green Bay and the surrounding area. "If God was voting for me, He knew I needed something good. Every phone call was 'Come to this appointment, see this surgeon.' I had a six-pack of doctors. Every call I answered seemed like it was something about that. It was so good to hear something else."

What's made the whole experience more trying is the last person Jane Bouche enjoys talking about is Jane Bouche. But when she talks to her family, it's invariably among the first questions they ask, and she's knows that's because they care. Many of Lakeland's

## THE GREATEST CHALLENGE

to check it out further. That led to an appointment with a surgeon and a needle biopsy and a promise of a phone call in 48 to 72 hours with any news. Don't worry, she was told.

Bouche and Lakeland head women's basketball coach April Arvan, one of Bouche's former players and now not just a colleague but one of her closest friends, were driving to West Bend on June 1 to help a former Lakeland coach move when Bouche got a call on her cell phone from the surgeon.

"He said 'I don't know how to say this, but you have breast cancer,'" Bouche said. "I got off the phone and said 'April did you hear what happened?' I said 'I have breast cancer.'"

Arvan shook her head in disbelief, convinced she could not have heard what she just heard.

"She said 'What? Tell me that again?'" Bouche said. "She was voicing what I was thinking. I think I felt like someone else. You're so used to something happening to someone else, someone is hurt or someone is ineligible. I'm so used to taking care of someone else. But when I went in to talk to the surgeon, let me tell you I knew then it was me."

"You don't prepare for the big C word. I went to every one of my mom's doctor appointments and chemotherapy treatments, and you hoped for the best but prepared for the worst. You put up a wall because you don't want it to go that way."

By June 7, she had told the members of her athletic staff at Lakeland and was in for surgery. She had the last of her 33 radiation treatments this fall, and is in the midst of hormone replacement therapy. Her post-operative therapy plan was based on the relatively small size of tumor removed from her, and her desire to avoid chemotherapy. There's plenty of reason for optimism, but there are constant reminders of what she's dealing with. She arrives at the office by 7:30 a.m., and when 3 p.m. hits the fatigue caused by the radiation often turns to exhaustion.

In the midst of the phone ringing off the hook this summer from doctors constantly reminding her of the cancer, a call came with the news that she had been named Wisconsin's 2005-06 College Athletic Director of the Year by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association.

"I told (WBCA Executive Director Jerry Petitgoue) it could not have happened at a better time for me," said Bouche, who came to

athletes both past and present, especially the women's basketball players, are checking on the health of their assistant women's basketball coach, a post she holds in addition to being AD.

"I don't want to talk about me," said Bouche, who played collegiately while attending UW-La Crosse. "I want people to ask me 'How are your teams going to be this year?' or 'Do you have any good recruits this year?'"

Her niece, Katy, along with the motivation to give something back to the cause, pushed her to share her story with a wider audience.

"If those people had not called me and talked me through this ..." said Bouche, her voicing trailing into silence. "I want to give back. I don't want to have to go through drawing attention to myself without turning it into a positive. If I did not go through early detection, it would still be in me. You don't think it can happen to you."

The support has been amazing. Her athletic staff, other Lakeland employees, alumni and former players and their families have sent flowers, balloons, e-mails and cards.

"I know my mail man knew something was wrong with me," Bouche said. "They keep asking 'Are you taking care of yourself?' They must know me better than me. With all of that support, how do you not feel you're going to rise above everything?"

It's no surprise that cancer has forced her to evaluate the way she approaches things.

"I don't fret the small, itty bitty things," Bouche said. "I'm a fretter. I don't worry about stuff like I used to. The little things aren't life and death. People have always said I am hyper, I can go from one thing to the next and move very fast. I appreciate life more. Like riding my bike on the country roads - I enjoy it, and it's not so much just a form of exercise. I want to do it."

Bouche does worry about whether cancer will come back. Another mammogram is due this year, and she won't be defined as a cancer survivor until she's five years removed from her surgery. Although genetics is not in her favor, she's been assured that there is a 97 percent chance that cancer will not come back. She's coached enough games to know that the odds don't get much better.

"I'll take that," Bouche said. "If someone told me I have a 97 percent chance of winning a game, I would take that." \*



## SIX QUESTIONS with LINDSEY MORDEN

*In May of this year, Lindsey Morden, the director of Lakeland's Muehlmeier Hall, donated one of her kidneys to her cousin, Nicole. Near the end of October, Morden ran in the Chicago Marathon.*

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### 1. What motivated you to donate a kidney to your cousin earlier this year?

"She was diagnosed with congenital kidney disorder at 16, and she received a new kidney but it failed when she was 21 and she was back on dialysis. The only two people in my family close to being eligible were me and my sister. I felt like something was pushing me to do it."

### 2. Just five months later, you're running in a marathon - how did you get your body in shape so quickly?

"I've trained for two marathons before this. A friend asked if I wanted to do this one (Chicago), and I said 'Yes, but I just donated a kidney.' My doctor said, 'No one has really asked me if they could do that before.'"

### 3. Why is health and wellness important to you?

"Obesity runs in my family. My parents always encouraged my sister and I to participate in sports. I started running in high school and really liked it. The turning point was when I gained 25 pounds at college. So I started cooking for myself and working out. I started feeling so much better about myself."

### 4. How do you stay in shape?

"For a marathon, I follow an 18-week program. I run 4-5 days a week. In the beginning I run 3-4 miles a day and work up to 20 miles. When I am not training, I try to work out at least four days a week. I do cardio activities for 30-45 minutes a day. I also try to lift weights 2-4 times per week, alternating between upper body and lower body. I wish I could say that I had really healthy eating habits, but I love sweets just like the next person. I just try to keep it in moderation, eat reasonably healthfully, and watch my portion size."

### 5. How have you shared your passion for fitness with others at Lakeland?

"I've helped initiate the 4-week yoga program, the Jingle Bell 5K run/walk, the Homecoming Fun Run, and we've brought in guest speakers. We did the Amazing Race for the first time last year, and there were over 150 participants."

### 6. How do these programs benefit Lakeland students?

"Health, nutrition and fitness may not be at the top of most students priority list. We want them to understand they need to live a more balanced lifestyle than 50 percent video games and 50 percent pizza."



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**MacARTHUR WHITE**

This captain was Lakeland's go-to guy all season and one of the most dangerous threats in the Illini-Badger Football Conference. He was among IBFC leaders all season in receptions per game and receiving yards per game. In a win over Greenville, he caught a pair of TD passes, returned a kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown and had 212 all-purpose yards on the day.

**2006 SEASON STATS:**

Receptions	Receiving Yards	Touchdowns	Return Yards
57	718	8	275

Honors: IBFC Special Teams Player of the Week  
Hometown: Zion, Illinois • Junior • 6'2" 185 pounds  
Major: Fitness Studies • Minor: Education

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Favorite Group: Soul for Soul  
Favorite Food: Cheese pizza  
Nobody knows how much I like to: Play basketball

Best Non-Athletic Talent: Reading  
Why Lakeland Fits Me: Small class rooms, easy to learn and a nice staff and coaches.

**ALLI WEISS**

Weiss, a senior goalkeeper from New Berlin, finished her career as one of the top goalies in Lakeland women's soccer history. She set school records for career shutouts, shutouts in a season and goals against average in a season. She helped lead the 2005 team to the NCAA Division III National Tournament, and this year recorded the first goals of her career when she played out of position in a 16-0 over Mount Mary and recorded a hat trick.

**CAREER STATS:**

Games	Wins	Shutouts
78	47	32.5

Hometown: New Berlin • Senior • 5'4" • Major: Education  
Other Lakeland Activities: Pi Kappa Gamma sorority,  
Wabash for Humanity • Career ambition: To be a kindergarten teacher and coach high school soccer

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Favorite TV shows: The OC, Hell's Kitchen, Falcon Beach  
My favorite sports team growing up was: Green Bay Packers

Nobody knows how much I like to dance  
Before a game, I listen to music  
Why Lakeland fits me: It's my home



**ALLI WEISS**  
SENIOR GOALIE

— series one —

IT WAS 1956, THE YEAR MISSION HOUSE COLLEGE WAS RE-NAMED LAKELAND COLLEGE, AND FOR THE FINAL TIME, A GROUP OF GRADUATES EARNED MISSION HOUSE DIPLOMAS. FIFTY YEARS LATER, MEMBERS OF THAT FINAL MISSION HOUSE CLASS RETURNED TO THEIR ALMA MATER FOR HOMECOMING AND A WEEKEND OF FESTIVITIES, SOCIALIZING AND MEMORIES. THE GROUP INCLUDED LLOYD FRIED, BILL SCHROEDER, KEITH SELBERG, PATRICIA SELBERG, JOHN CLAUSING, JOANNA YEGERLEHNER, WAYNE STROESSNER, ROBERT LONG AND (NOT PICTURED) RAY HENDRIKSE. SELBERG, CLAUSING AND STROESSNER WERE QUITE THE ATHLETES FOR MISSION HOUSE, AS THESE PICTURES FROM THE 1956 YEARBOOK CAN ATTEST.

