New students learn how Wesleyan serves
Message from Iowa Wesleyan College’s President

Dear alumni and friends of Iowa Wesleyan College:

In recent issues of *The Purple and White*, I have commented on the ways that the faculty, staff, students and Board of Trustees are implementing the College’s strategic plan. We continue to make progress toward achieving the goals of the plan. I am pleased to have this opportunity to comment on a few highlights of our efforts thus far.

The first goal of the strategic plan states that, “The College will enhance the rigor and challenge of its academic programs.” A critical objective of this goal is the implementation of the Honor Code approved by the faculty in April 2011. A task force led by Dr. Joel Brown and Dr. Joy Lapp is working on the details for launching the Honor Code next fall. Their efforts will result in the appointment of our first Honor Council, which will serve primarily to educate our campus about the importance of integrity and honesty in the academic life of the College. The Council will also adjudicate those unfortunate instances when these standards might be breached, but their most important role will be to model these values for the improvement of the College’s academic standards.

The Strategic Plan’s second goal declares that, “The College will enroll and retain an academically strong student body of one thousand students by the Fall of 2015.” One strategy for attaining this goal calls on the College to explore non-scholarship athletics. As you will read elsewhere in this edition of *The Purple and White*, a task force of Trustees, almost all of whom are former Iowa Wesleyan athletes, recommended that the College pursue affiliation with the NCAA’s Division III, which prohibits the awarding of athletic scholarships, and that the College focus its recruiting efforts toward prospective students within a four-hour radius of Mount Pleasant. Research has consistently demonstrated that these students are the most likely to persist to graduation. This change will enhance the College’s ability to attract and retain students likely to graduate from Iowa Wesleyan.

One aspect of the third goal, which stipulates that “The College will enhance its financial stability through resource growth,” has been the President on the Road series. In recent months, Vice President for Institutional Relations Jerry Thomas and I have been travelling around the country to visit alumni and friends who have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment to Iowa Wesleyan. After every one of these visits, I have been deeply impressed by the influence our College has made in their lives. Their commitment to and support for Iowa Wesleyan is remarkable. With alumni and friends like those I have met, Iowa Wesleyan’s proud legacy is guaranteed to endure for many years to come.

Thank you for allowing me this time to brief you on the work that so many are contributing to Iowa Wesleyan College. I look forward to seeing you on my upcoming travels or when you visit Mount Pleasant.

Sincerely,

Jay K. Simmons, Ph.D.
President
Members of Alpha Xi Delta show their playful side in the Homecoming parade.

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1937 ~ 75-YEAR
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Alumni had plenty of reasons to come back to campus to celebrate the Roaring 20s during Homecoming 2011. In addition to the traditional activities, including parade, football and picnic lunch, there were a number of special events. Two panel discussions, organized by the Class of 1971, focused on “then and now” for the issues of Greek life and the Vietnam years. Service learning was the topic of a discussion sponsored by the Offices of Alumni Relations and Service-Learning and Civic Engagement. Children’s activities were held on campus following the parade and an all-alumni dinner at Mount Hamill was offered.

Special alumni events included a reception for artist Jane Hill Elgin ’75 and the induction of the newest members of the Iowa Wesleyan College Athletic Hall of Fame. In addition, several former Tiger volleyball players took part in the first alumni volleyball match.
Above: Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Don Lewis '60, Mike Wiggins '88 and Jerry Courtney '60. The three were honored during a luncheon and presented with Hall of Fame plaques.

Parade Marshall Charles Steen '50

Chili Challenge brought out Tiger pride!

Children's performer Stuart Stott entertained Wesleyan families.

Jazz Band warmed up the crowd.

Above: Homecoming King Dusty Young, Queen Alyssa McClain, Princess Jadee Landers and Prince Jon Nicely.

Right: Mount Pleasant Community High School Marching Band performed at halftime under the direction of Jim DePriest '83 with assistance from Adam Creager '05. The flag squad is directed by Marlene Davidson DePriest '85.
For Cathy Garretson Helman ’71, the benefits of serving others hit close to home. For her RSI project, Helman created a clothing exchange in her hometown community of Salem, Iowa. She recognized that some in the community needed a source for clothing and didn’t always have the means to travel to get it. “This was before the time of yard sales, or resources like the Fellowship Cup,” she said. “There were no Goodwill stores closer than Burlington or Iowa City.” She found the exchange helped fill a real need in her community, especially for elderly residents seeking warm clothing and young mothers in need of clothing for babies and children.

For more than 40 years Iowa Wesleyan students have been actively engaged in service across the region and around the world. Though the structure and requirements have changed over the years, the continued service requirement for every student makes Iowa Wesleyan’s program one of the oldest in the nation. Since the program’s inception, more than 7,600 students have served more than 1.25 million hours.

During Homecoming weekend 2011, a group of alumni and students reflected on what service means to them and to Iowa Wesleyan.

Below: Denise Dunahoo ’89 completed her RSI project at Theatre Museum in Mount Pleasant.

Inset: Students Megan Riggenburg, Krista Shehee, Dana Zimmerman and Hannah Milligan helped area residents with yard clean-up during Make a Difference Day last year.
Helman said the project, “Gave me a way to help my community and also made me feel more connected to what was going on across the country, as people took to causes and so many social movements began.”

Jim Phillips ’81 enrolled at Iowa Wesleyan when RSI was well-established. His project involved working in a big-brother type of program. And while the program had benefits at the time, Phillips said the value of that graduation requirement “is even more important to me now as I reflect on it 30 years later.” Phillips actively volunteers in several Kansas City area organizations, including Harvesters, which sorts and packages food donations, a food kitchen sponsored by his church and a domestic violence shelter. His organizational efforts have brought other people into service, which he likens to the passing on the importance of service. “It feels good to help others,” he said, “but it’s an even better feeling when you inspire others to help, as well.”

Chris Van Gels ’93 admits that he didn’t look forward to completing his RSI hours. “I didn’t grow up with a community service mentality and I dreaded it,” he said. He assisted with an area high school wrestling program and completed the RSI requirement. It was after graduation, he said, that the epiphany occurred. “The value of RSI is learning that service should be part of a lifestyle.” Van Gels has seen the value of becoming a more active member of the community through his work with Habitat for Humanity and a St. Louis area food bank. “Now, 20 years later, I am doing exactly what I dreaded,” he said. The learning that comes out of such a program, he believes, is “that it’s not that hard to help others.”

Susan Harbor Erue ’84 faced the RSI requirement as a non-traditional student balancing home, family and school. As an R.N. she chose a project mentoring student nurses. Now chair of the Division of Nursing at Iowa Wesleyan, Erue serves as teacher and advisor to current students involved in service. She has worked with students on service projects ranging from organizing blood drives to creating care packages for military personnel to breast cancer awareness programs. Service, she said, “is an important part of who we are at Iowa Wesleyan.”

Current seniors Kathy McCullough, an accounting major, and Kelly Thorton, a nursing major, were both familiar with service before enrolling at Iowa Wesleyan. As college students they have found new ways to make a difference in the lives of others. For McCullough that has ranged from taking part in the local Paint-a-thon to a mission trip to Los Angeles. Thorton, who began volunteering in a nursing home when she was 11 years old, said “I have done service for so long that it’s not right not to do it.”

Senior Erin Noon brought a different perspective to service. Noon, who has some physical disability, said she has spent a lifetime hearing other people say, “Let me help you.” Her involvement in projects such as Habitat for Humanity, Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts and the Interfaith Youth Core White House Forum gave her the opportunity to help others. “I never would have imagined I could do all that I have done,” she said.

What’s your service story? How did your Iowa Wesleyan College experience shape your involvement in serving others? Send your stories to IWCMarketing@iwc.edu.
New students step up to service

Service matters. That was the message that Dr. Alisha Vincent, director of service-learning, impressed on new students at Iowa Wesleyan this fall. And after she told them, she showed them.

Vincent spoke to the group during New Student Orientation activities in August. The following day the group, made up primarily of freshmen, took part in service activities in Mount Pleasant.

“As soon as they begin their Wesleyan experience, they should understand the importance of service to who we are and what we do,” said Vincent. “We wanted to highlight and emphasize this College’s commitment to service right from the beginning.”

The students spent a morning working with local organizations and community partners. Students were divided into groups and assigned a service site. They packaged meals for Kids Against Hunger, made lunches for school children in the summer lunch program, reorganized the Fellowship Cup’s Quarter Maybe More Store, and filled backpacks with school supplies for area children.

“We wanted to have both a local and global impact, to show the students there are a lot of ways to make a difference,” Vincent said.

Students also saw how others are serving. They worked alongside Walmart associates at the resale store, filled backpacks with items donated by IWC faculty and staff, and utilized the space offered by the United Methodist Church for their work packaging food.

Community organizers for the different projects talked to students about their programs, the people who are served and the benefits they receive. Students reflected on their service in small groups at a lunch following the service event.

“The students realized how much of a difference they could make in just a couple of hours,” Vincent said. “They found it to be a very unique and rewarding experience. Some of them have already asked how they can get more involved in some of these organizations.”

Iowa Wesleyan freshmen Lauren Jones, Shelbi Swinscoe and Sam Morgan work with young volunteers to arrange the book area at the Quarter Maybe More Store.

Inset: Jason Gonzalez prepares sandwiches for the Summer Lunch Program.
Linda C. Widmer, associate professor of education, spent four weeks this summer teaching English to high school-aged students attending the Summer Language Institute at Lithuania Christian College International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania.

After one week of orientation, she met with 16 students every morning for three hours of integrated English skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening. “Freedom” was the theme which served as the vehicle for all of the other instruction. She began with a critical thinking/writing assignment. That topic was then discussed in various ways by the students and shared with the class as a whole. The next hour was focused on grammar, using exercises from a workbook. The last hour was centered on reading, viewing and listening to a movie followed by discussion. The last week students memorized a poem, participated in a readers’ theater and conducted a choral reading of “The Raven” for the director of the school.

This experience culminated Widmer’s sabbatical studies through which she obtained her Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages endorsement.

Kelly Danaher joined the Iowa Wesleyan College faculty this fall as assistant professor of psychology. Danaher comes to Iowa Wesleyan from the University of Kansas, where she is completing her doctorate degree. Her research interests broadly concern stereotyping and prejudice processes, and highlight how stereotypes shape experiences.

She is completing her Ph.D. with a major in social psychology and a minor in quantitative methods. She earned a master’s degree in social psychology from the University of Kansas and a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She served as an instructor in the Department of Psychology at University of Kansas from 2008-2011. She held teaching assistantships at the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from 2001-2004.

Bradley Miller joined the Iowa Wesleyan College faculty this fall as assistant professor of music and director of choral and vocal activities. Miller comes to Iowa Wesleyan from the University of Arizona, where he is completing his doctorate in choral conducting. He earned a master of music degree from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and a bachelor’s degree from Concordia College in Minnesota.

He has served as conductor for the University of Arizona Collegium Musicum (2008-2010) and the University of Minnesota Men’s Chorus (2007-2008). He was co-conductor of the Recital Choir, Kantorei and Honor Choir at the University of Arizona. He also served as recital conductor for the University of Minnesota Concert Choir and director of vocal music at Blaine High School in Minnesota. He served as director of traditional music ministries at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona, for the past three years.

Miller has performed with the Arizona Choir, Tucson Symphony Orchestra Chorus and Kantorei, as well as with vocal performance groups at the University of Minnesota and Concordia College.

In addition to working with the College vocal music groups, Miller serves as director of the Mount Pleasant Chorale.

Dr. Nancy Erickson, vice president for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, will retire at the end of the school year, it was announced this fall. Erickson joined the Iowa Wesleyan College administrative team in January 1999.

Erickson came to Iowa Wesleyan from Erskine College and Theological Seminary in South Carolina, where she was professor of history and director of institutional research. A search is currently underway for her successor.

“Dean Erickson has exercised exemplary leadership during her service as our academic vice president,” said Dr. Jay Simmons, president. “She has strengthened our faculty, improved our academic programs, and overseen a highly successful re-accreditation effort by the North Central Association, our primary accrediting agency. Her contributions to Iowa Wesleyan College have proven substantial and enduring.”

Dr. Teresa Finken, professor of education and chair of the Division of Education, has been named to the Governor’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Advisory Council for Iowa.

The 40-member STEM Advisory Council, appointed by Governor Terry Branstad, will work to grow Iowa’s commitment to bolstering STEM education, STEM innovation and to better position Iowa’s young people and the state’s economy for the future. The Council is co-chaired by Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and University of Northern Iowa President, Ben Allen.
Musical talent showcased at event recognizing Henry County-College partnership

Remember Wesleyan, a free event that showcased the music and history of Iowa Wesleyan College, was held on Saturday, October 8.

“Remember Wesleyan was a celebration nearly 170 years in the making,” said Lori Wilson, director of annual giving at Iowa Wesleyan and the event coordinator. “It was our way of saying thank you to the alumni, friends, businesses and organizations throughout southeast Iowa who have supported the College over the years.”

The program was preceded by a reception in the Howe Activity Center.

Well-known tenor James Thompson, a native of Mount Pleasant, performed. Thompson is noted as a versatile singer of opera, art song and oratorio repertoire. He has frequently appeared as a young artist on the Simon Estes “Roots and Wings” tour, a concert series presented throughout Iowa to benefit the Simon Estes Foundation. He is currently a doctor of musical arts candidate at the University of Iowa. He holds a degree in vocal music education from Cornell College and a master’s in voice performance from Boston University.

Also performing during the program were Ana Miller, soprano from Mount Pleasant; Dane Barner, baritone, in a duet with Wilson, a mezzo soprano; Acappella of Mount Pleasant; Half Past Four quartet; the Iowa Wesleyan College Concert Choir; the Mount Pleasant Chorale, and the First United Methodist Church Choir from Mount Pleasant. The closing number featured area high school students as part of a combined choir, singing “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

The Mount Pleasant Chorale and Iowa Wesleyan College Concert Choir are under the direction of Bradley Miller, assistant professor of music and director of choral and vocal activities at Iowa Wesleyan. The First United Methodist Church Choir is under the direction of Mark Kimzey ’84. Dr. Joel Brown, professor of music at Iowa Wesleyan, and Jerry Lalaga ’11 of Mount Pleasant, accompanied the groups.

Interspersed between musical numbers were vignettes highlighting the history of Iowa Wesleyan through photos and text.

The event kicked off the Henry County Campaign for Iowa Wesleyan College.

Show and reception honors artist Susan Johnston

Susan Johnston was the featured artist in the Iowa Wesleyan College art gallery this fall. A reception in her honor was held on Sunday, September 18.

Susan Johnston’s watercolors have been accepted in regional and national shows, where she has garnered numerous awards. Her work is in public and private collections in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, Missouri and West Virginia. In the fall of 2009 she was accepted as a signature member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society.

Johnston moved to Dover, Delaware, from Iowa in the spring of 2008 when her husband, Bill Johnston, became President of Wesley College. Bill Johnston had served as President of Iowa Wesleyan College for six years.
The Heritage Club at Iowa Wesleyan College honors those individuals who have made a commitment to the future of the College through their estate plans or with a life income gift arrangement, regardless of the amount.

With a carefully prepared estate plan, you can provide long-range economic security for yourself, your family and others you wish to benefit in the future.

Estate planning involves making provisions for the present and future management of the assets you have accumulated over your lifetime, and deciding how you want it distributed when you no longer need it.

If you do not make an estate plan, the laws of the state where you live will govern the distribution of your estate. Keep in mind that this approach will not provide for non-family members or charitable interests, regardless of your friendships or philanthropic activities during your lifetime. Many people have wills, which are the cornerstone of estate plans. But there are a number of other ways to distribute property and assets, as well.

Through effective estate planning you can make charitable gifts while still meeting your needs and those of your loved ones. For example you can make gifts only from funds that remain after you have assured your family’s financial security. You can accomplish this through a bequest, will, a trust gift, naming a charity to receive life insurance or retirement plan proceeds, or other charitable estate planning tools. With income gift plans you can receive payments for life or another specified period while making a charitable gift of assets that remain when you no longer require the payments. Income tax deductions are allowed for such gifts when completed during your lifetime. If you fund income gifts with securities that have increased in value over the years you could also reduce and/or delay capital gains tax on assets. It can also be possible to receive payments that are free of tax or taxed at rates lower than other income. You can enjoy the satisfaction of making a wonderful charitable gift as well as the benefit of attractive fixed or variable payments and current tax savings.

Whether you decide to make your gifts today, or through arrangements that first provide for your continued financial security and that of your loved ones, you will enjoy knowing that you are investing in the future of Iowa Wesleyan College. You may discover ways to make gifts you might not have thought possible while you enjoy increased income, tax savings and other benefits.

By including Iowa Wesleyan in your estate plans now, you can maximize your giving potential, make the most of your charitable dollars and ensure Iowa Wesleyan College can continue to provide an outstanding liberal arts education that students, faculty and future generations of alumni can be proud of.

If you have included Iowa Wesleyan College in your estate plans, a written confirmation of intent should be on file in the Office of Institutional Relations. This might be a signed statement or agreement of support, a copy of the will or trust provision, a copy of an insurance policy listing the College as beneficiary or owner or a letter from the donor informing the College of his/her plans.

For more information on the Heritage Club or to verify that you have included Iowa Wesleyan College in your estate plans, contact Jerry Thomas, vice president for institutional relations, at jerry.thomas@iwc.edu or by calling 319.385.6216.
The Board of Trustees of Iowa Wesleyan College voted this fall to apply for membership in the NCAA Division III by January 15, 2012. The College athletic programs are currently under the auspices of the NAIA.

The move came as a result of a recommendation of the Board’s Enrollment Management and Athletics Task Force. That group has focused on developing recommendations to help build student enrollment through recruitment and retention strategies.

“There are a number of compelling reasons to pursue affiliation with NCAA as a member of their Division III,” said Iowa Wesleyan College President Jay Simmons. “Chief among them is to provide our athletic teams an opportunity to be more competitive by playing colleges similar in size, budget and mission to Iowa Wesleyan College,” he said.

“In addition, as an NCAA D-III school, our scholarship focus would shift to give us greater equity in scholarship support for athletes and non-athletes as all of the College’s institutional aid would be based on academic merit, fine arts performance and need.”

Iowa Wesleyan is currently the smallest member in the NAIA’s Midwest Collegiate Conference, where all teams except football compete. The Iowa Wesleyan football program participates in the Mid-States Football Association.

With its application to the NCAA, Iowa Wesleyan will pursue admission to the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC). The SLIAC is composed of nine private institutions in Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri. Members are: Blackburn College, Carlinville, IL; Eureka College, Eureka, IL; Fontbonne University, St. Louis, MO; Greenville College, Greenville, IL; MacMurray College, Jacksonville, IL; Principia College, Elsah, IL; Spalding University, Louisville, KY; Webster University, St. Louis, MO; and Westminster College, Fulton, MO.

Participation in the new conference as a provisional NCAA D-III school would begin in August 2012.

The change in scholarship policies applies only to those students enrolling at Iowa Wesleyan in the fall of 2012 or later. Simmons emphasized that all currently enrolled students receiving an athletic scholarship will retain that scholarship, subject to the usual provisions of academic progress and good standing.

“No currently enrolled student’s athletic scholarship will be affected by this change,” Simmons said. “In fact, some currently enrolled student-athletes may qualify for additional aid, depending on academic merit.”

Simmons acknowledged that with this announcement the NAIA will suspend Iowa Wesleyan’s membership at the end of the 2012 spring athletic seasons. NAIA by-laws stipulate that game schedules will be retained but the College would be barred from post-season play beginning with the fall 2012 season.

For this school year, Iowa Wesleyan teams will be able to advance to post-season play if they earn it in the Midwest Collegiate Conference.

“Iowa Wesleyan teams will be able to advance to post-season play if they earn it in the MCC this school year,” said Simmons. “Any team winning the conference will advance, just as they did last year.”

As a provisional member of the NCAA, Iowa Wesleyan will not be eligible for post-season competition until all current students receiving athletic scholarships have graduated. For these reasons, Simmons said, Iowa Wesleyan has joined the United States Collegiate Athletic Association, a national organization that provides small colleges alternative venues for post-season competition.

“Should any of our teams compile a record that would have allowed them to compete in a post-season tournament during this transitional period, we pledge that we will send that team to the USCAA event,” Simmons said. “We can assure our student-athletes that they will not be denied an opportunity to continue a successful season.”

Iowa Wesleyan’s athletic programs include competition in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, track and field and volleyball.

Jacki Isham, a senior midfielder on the Tiger women’s soccer team, takes control of the ball during a match with Viterbo College.
Iowa Wesleyan athletics through the years

Iowa Wesleyan College athletic affiliations are referenced in the College histories written by Dr. Louis Haselmayer, former President, and in sports information files. Though a comprehensive timeline does not exist, some key changes in conferences and affiliations through the years are recorded.

1800s
Informal participation in athletics at Iowa Wesleyan existed as far back as the 1870s; in the 1880s more formal organization appeared. It began with baseball on campus and occasional games with Parsons College in Fairfield. Football was played during the 1880s but the first intercollegiate game was on Thanksgiving Day 1890 when a hastily assembled team played the State University of Iowa—and was defeated 91-0.

Iowa Conference
In 1922 Iowa Wesleyan was one of the charter members of the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, where it held membership until withdrawing 43 years later, on June 1, 1965. Iowa Wesleyan teams won Iowa Conference Championships in football in 1929, 1930 (tie) and 1953; in basketball in 1934; in tennis in 1957 and 1958; and in golf in 1961.

AAU
The Iowa Wesleyan Women’s basketball team, starting in 1943, played for 21 years in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). Under Coach Olan Ruble, the Tigerettes won 626 games with 127 losses. The women’s team appeared in every National AAU Tournament from 1945-1965. IWC teams placed in national tournaments and were selected for many international games: Santiago (1953); Mexico City (1955); Rio de Janeiro (1957); Sao Paulo (1963); as well as three trips to Russia. In 1962, the IWC women hosted the Russian National Women’s Team.

NAIA
The men’s sports began competition through the NAIA sometime in the late 1950s or early 1960s. In 1991 football competition moved into NAIA Division I, but all other sports remained Division II.

Women’s sports were under the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) in the 1970s, before moving into the NAIA.

Conferences
IWC teams were independent 1964-65 through 1967-68, then joined the Prairie College Conference through 1973-74. Most of the College athletic teams joined the American Midwest Conference in 1993, then moved to the Midwest Collegiate Conference in 1995. The football team was independent from 1991-95 until joining the Mid-States Football Association in 1996.
1920s
Gladys Hoffman Minear ’27, L.H.D. ’97, Guilford, CT, celebrated her 105th birthday on August 3.

1930s
Lloyd Dresser ’31, Ames, IA, celebrated his 102nd birthday on July 7.

Dr. Wesley Coe ’33, Sc.D. ’61, Southbury, CT, celebrated his 99th birthday on May 1.

Dr. Elna Stewart Huffman ’36, Long Beach, CA, celebrated her 96th birthday on June 6.

Nellie Whyle Tinsley ’37, What Cheer, IA, celebrated her 95th birthday on August 27.

1940s
Pauline Carroll Shepp ’39, Mount Pleasant, IA, celebrated her 95th birthday on September 20.

1950s
A collection of watercolors by Sara Bacino Sorensen ’50, Cedar Rapids, IA, was on exhibit at the Keokuk Art Center during September.

Barbara Sipes ’58, Dexter, IA, was named as one of Shawnee County’s top 100 athletes, as selected by The Topeka Capital-Journal. She is a seven-time AAU first-team All-American. She led Iowa Wesleyan College to eight top-three finishes in the AAU national tournament, played on the 1955 U.S. Pan American team that won gold in Mexico, the 1957 U.S. World Tournament team that won gold in Brazil and was the leading scorer with 13.5 points a game on the 1967 U.S. Pan American team that won silver in Canada. Barbara is a member of the AAU Hall of Fame and was a member of the inaugural class inducted into the Iowa Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

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Bernice Nickell Commers ’63, Wellman, IA, celebrated her 97th birthday on July 28.

Rev. Shirley Textor ’67, Washington, IA, has retired after 31 years of pastoral ministry.

Lee Hartwein Beasley ’68, Saint Louis, MO, retired in 2010 from the Saint Louis Public Schools. Lee is working part-time on a grant-funded project. She and her husband are proud grandparents of three.

Darla Meyer Connell ’68, Clear Lake, IA, retired from John Deere Des Moines Works as a supply management specialist. She winters in Mesa, Arizona.

1960s
Ken Burns x70 and Sue, Bonaparte, IA, are owners of Burns Gallery and Tea Emporium, where they feature the work of artists from across the country in a historic building.

Karen Smart Butters ’73, Blue Mountain Lake, NY, is the New York State music chair for the Delta Kappa International Society of Women Educators. She is in charge of New York Night on the opening night of the convention, attended by 2,000 women educators from more than 17 countries. She is also director of the Adirondack Singers in Saranac Lake. The choir has sung back-up on two occasions for Kenny Rogers while performing at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid.

Jan Underwood ’73 and Gale, Danville, IA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11.

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Warren Ludvigsen ’74, Wheaton, IL, is the national sales manager with Regal Cutting Tools in Roscoe, Illinois. Regal is part of YG-1 Co., Ltd. which exports goods to 75 countries.

James Blasius ’76, Scottsdale, AZ, is the CEO of InCide Technologies, Inc. in Phoenix.

Diane Wasson Eberhart ’79, Grinnell, IA, was one of 14 delegates elected to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church to be held in Tampa, Florida, in April. She will also attend the North Central Jurisdictional Conference to be held in Akron, Ohio, in July.

Kevin Kinney ’79, Saint Charles, MO, is part-time strength and conditioning middle school coach for student athletes at John Burroughs Middle School in Saint Louis. Kevin retired after 30 years in the Parkway School District as Parkway North’s strength and conditioning coach.

1980s
Myron Gookin x80, Fairfield, IA, was appointed by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad as an Iowa District Court Judge for the 8th Judicial District of Iowa.

Sheryl Weeks-Ingram x80 and Solomon Stigger, Evanston, IL, were married October 28, 2010.

Cheryl Ehrenhart ’81 and James Donovan, Cartersville, GA, were married September 10, 2010. Cheryl is a research coordinator at Harbin Clinic in Rome.

Rev. Mike Morgan ’81, Marion, IA, was elected, at the June Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, to attend the North Central Jurisdictional Conference to be held in Akron, Ohio, in July.

Col. Matt Yotter ’82, Tucson, AZ, is the director of development for Youth on Their Own, which supports the high school graduation of homeless and abandoned youth in Tucson and the surrounding area.

Marcia Thie ’84, Mediapolis, IA, has taught elementary music for 25 years. She is currently teaching grades 1-5 music at West Liberty Elementary School. Her student teacher this fall is IWC student Scott Teater. Marcia was Scott’s first general music teacher at West Burlington Elementary.

Jim Youngman ’88, Germantown Hills, IL, is the boys’ basketball head coach and teaches physical education and health for Greenup County High School.

Anieta Carlson McCracken ’89, Broadway, VA, is a paralegal with Miner, Martin & Hahn in Harrisonburg.

1990s
Daniel Roberts ’90, Mount Pleasant, IA, was the featured graphic artist, cartoonist and children’s author at the Oakland Mills Nature Center’s monthly “At the Park” session in June.

Debra Carter Howard ’91, Mount Pleasant, IA, is a materials planner for CNH in Burlington.

Christine Messer ’96, New London, IA, is an independent licensed massage therapist at Danville Massage Therapy and helps teach CNA classes at Southeastern Community College.

William Nason ’96, Sutter, IL, is a finance director at Cryotech Deicing Technology in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Jodi Box Sutter ’97 and Lamont, Salem, IA, are the parents of a son, Aiden Charles, born July 25, 2011.

Travis Evans ’98 and Stacy Huff, Indianola, IA, were married October 1, 2011. Travis is the boys’ varsity basketball coach and physical education teacher at Bondurant-Farrar. Stacy teaches elementary art and is head softball coach at Indianola High School.

Ryan Foulkes ’99, North Liberty, IA, is pursuing his Masters of Science in Nursing for Nursing Education degree.

Art show and reception featured alumnus Jane Elgin

The paintings of Iowa artist Jane Hill Elgin ’75 were on display at the Iowa Wesleyan College Art Gallery this fall. An artist’s reception was held during Homecoming weekend. Elgin, of Des Moines, has exhibited in many juried and solo shows in Des Moines and the Midwest. She has won numerous awards in drawing and painting. Her work is included in private collections and galleries throughout the Midwest.

She spent 25 years in art education and art therapy.

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The paintings of Iowa artist Jane Hill Elgin ’75 were on display at the Iowa Wesleyan College Art Gallery this fall. An artist’s reception was held during Homecoming weekend. Elgin, of Des Moines, has exhibited in many juried and solo shows in Des Moines and the Midwest. She has won numerous awards in drawing and painting. Her work is included in private collections and galleries throughout the Midwest.

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at Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids.

2000s

Travis Foell ‘00 and Carrie, Waukee, IA, are the parents of a son, Jarrett Charles, born April 14, 2011. Travis teaches grades 7-9 science at the new charter school for the Des Moines Public Schools, which is the first of its kind in Iowa. His wife, Carrie, teaches in the Waukee school system.

Travis Foell

Annette Remick, ’02, Burlington, IA, is in her fourth year as executive director for the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter.

Annette Remick

Christina Martin Farwell ’03, Augusta, IL, earned a Master of Arts degree in communication from Western Illinois University in May. She teaches public speaking at both John Wood Community College and Spoon River College.

Jarrett Charles Foell

John Janzen ’03, Huntington Beach, CA, is head football coach at Wilson High School in Long Beach.

Abigail Lucy Gerling

Star Esslinger Lilly ’03 and Brett, Plainfield, IL, are the parents of a son, Cruz Daniel, born June 6, 2011.

Cruz Daniel Lilly

2003

Alan ’03 and Jodie Huling Gerling ’06, Manhattan, KS, are the parents of a daughter, Abigail Lucy, born September 5, 2011. Abi joins two-year-old brother, Isaac.

Abigail Lucy Gerling

Josh ’04 and Sarah Schroyer Heberling ’03, Rochester, IL, are the parents of a son, Hayden Eugene, born October 8, 2010.

Cruz Daniel Lilly

Rob ’05 and Kim Winnie Feltz ’04, Minooka, IL, are the parents of a son, Owen Elijah, born November 30, 2010. He was welcomed home by his two-year-old brother, Oliver.

Owen Elijah Feltz

Kathy Rodine ’09 and Adam Miller x11, Coralville, IA, were married May 21, 2011.

Kathy Rodine ’09 and Adam Miller x11

Amber Scarff Scott ’06, Winfield, IA, teaches high school math, science and art for the Mount Pleasant Community School District at Wisdom Quest.

Amber Scarff Scott ’06

Chad Chumley ’09, Indianola, IA, graduated in June from the University of Cincinnati with a Master of Science in criminal justice via distance learning.

Chad Chumley ’09

Shannon Connors ’08 and Scott Baldwin ’11, Mount Pleasant, IA, were married June 18, 2011.

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Homecoming Alumni Volleyball teams

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Kate Fisher ’11, Storm Lake, IA, is a nurse at Palo Alto County Health Systems in the obstetrics department, as well as on the medical/surgical floor.

Georgetta Lewis ’11, Saint John’s, Antigua, was a chaperone for three youth attending Wings Sports Club camp organized by Youth Basketball of America held in Orlando, Florida. The week-long camp in July was attended by hundreds from around the world.

In Memoriam
Anna Mary Kircher Kough x30, July 30, 2011, Van Buren, ME. Survivors include a daughter, Sarah Ulman, 15 Aroostook Way, Fort Fairfield, ME 04742.

Darlene Powell Mann x33, July 30, 2011, Urbandale, IA. Survivors include a son, Roger Mann ’65, 711 N. Center Ave., Galva, IL 61434.

Clifford E. Dodds ’40, June 26, 2011, Iowa City, IA.

Mildred Kenney Flynn x40, June 30, 2011, Urbandale, Iowa. Survivors include a daughter, Diane Flynn ’71, 3606 Panicum Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.

Betty Wright Hall x46, September 19, 2011, Mount Pleasant, IA. Survivors include two sisters, Dorothy Wright Lamm ’72, 1845 249th St., Mount Pleasant, IA 52641-8201; and Mary Wright Russell x46; and a brother, Brad Wright ’60.

Margaret Deahl Hileman ’46, January 12, 2011, Mesquite, TX. Survivors include a son, Rich Hileman, 102 Lincoln Drive, Mount Vernon, IA 52314. A memorial has been established to Iowa Wesleyan College.

Dr. James H. McElhinney ’47, July 1, 2011, Muncie, IN. Survivors include his wife, Dr. Sondra Ratcliffe McElhinney, 2812 W. Preserve Lane, Muncie, IN 47304-5893; and a brother, Leonard McElhinney ’49.

Dr. Frederick B. Crane x48, September 2, 2011, Mount Pleasant, IA. Survivors include his wife, Lois Crane, 601 N. White St., Mount Pleasant, IA 52641-1327.

Dorothy Shaw Caris ’49, June 25, 2011, Mount Pleasant, IA. Survivors include a son. David Caris x75, 13618 Landmark H1, San Antonio, TX 78217-1721; and a daughter, Jean Caris ’89. A memorial has been established to Iowa Wesleyan College.

Naomi (Nicki) Creath Lash x94, September 20, 2011, Cedar Rapids, IA. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Newell Lash, 371 Eastland Drive SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

Barbara Korn Rhodes ’51, August 10, 2011, Geneseo, NY. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Wendell Rhodes ’52, 5695 Groveland Hill Road, Geneseo, NY 14454-9546; and a son, Mark Rhodes x82.

E. Earl Smith x52, July 27, 2011, New London, IA. Survivors include his wife, Jerilyn Smith, 405 W. Main St., New London, IA 52645; and a son, Specialist G9 Steven Smith ’78.

Rev. Larry G. Wincentцен ’54, July 28, 2011, Modesto, CA. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Svoboda Wincentzen ’54, 3965 Davis Ave., Modesto, CA 95357.

Dr. H. Harnisch ’57, July 24, 2011, Orland Park, IL. Survivors include his wife, Judith Harnisch x58, 14337 S. 87th Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462-2729; and a brother, John Harnisch ’58.

Norman I. Roby ’58, March 9, 2010, Davenport, IA.

David C. Ekstrand x61, August 26, 2011, Danville, IA. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Ekstrand, 2825 Henry Des Moines Ave., Danville, IA 52623-8910; and a sister, Doris Ekstrand Hutton ’56.

Charles M. Harnisch ’57, June 11, 2011, Winslow, AZ. Survivors include a long-time friend, Sue Crumrine, 412 W. Cherry St., Winslow, AZ 86047-3441.

Maurice (Chip) E. Weschler, Jr. ’63, August 28, 2011, Mount Pleasant, IA. Survivors include a daughter, Kathie Weschler Brune ’96, 1267 Main St., Saint Paul, IA 52657-8404.

Rachel M. Leichty ’63, June 11, 2011, Winslow, AZ.

Lillian Schwerin Kramer ’65, September 15, 2011, Burlington, IA. Survivors include two daughters, Janet Schwerin Oetken ’69, 8161 138th St., Burlington, IA 52601-9150; and Karen Schwerin Enke ’72.

Alicia Romine Sherwood ’93 and Miranda Bemhart ’08, kindergarten teachers in West Burlington, Iowa, were among the large crowd of Iowa Wesleyan alumni educators at the Teachers Appreciation Reception hosted by the Greater Burlington Partnership in August. Teachers and school administrators from Des Moines County visited booths and signed up for door prizes. The Iowa Wesleyan College booth used the tailgating theme to draw attention though a tailgating canopy, free keg root beer, bags of popcorn, fall sports schedules, purple beads, decals, megaphones and even an appearance by the IWC Tiger! Linda Eggenberger Brockway ’70, Jennifer Crull x96 and Jane Ford Lauer ’75 assisted IWC staff with the event.
Elizabeth Davenport Garrels '67, L.H.D. '11 was honored at the International Convention of the P.E.O. Sisterhood this fall. Garrels chaired the Convention as the organization’s outgoing president.

During a reception in Garrels’ honor, Carol Nemitz ’56, L.H.D. ’03, special assistant to the President at Iowa Wesleyan College, made a special announcement.

On behalf of the Iowa Wesleyan College Board of Trustees, Nemitz announced the creation of the Elizabeth E. Garrels Endowed Scholarship at Iowa Wesleyan College in recognition of Liz’s leadership and service to the Sisterhood and the college. The scholarship was funded by the three P.E.O. chapters in Mount Pleasant: Original A, NZ and OX.

A surprised Garrels said, “Iowa Wesleyan is as beloved to me as P.E.O. I am so grateful for this connection.”

Charlotte Garrels
Summers ’65, August 29, 2011, Mount Ayr, IA. Survivors include a daughter, Rhonda Summers Kraemer ’75, 13114 Stoney Creek Drive, Universal City, TX 78148-3200; a son, Brian Summers ’78; and a brother, Richard Garrels ’66.

Arlene M. Mumme ’66
July 21, 2011, Burlington, IA. Survivors include her husband, Carl Mumme, 2705 Regina Drive, Burlington, IA 52601-1624; and a son, Joe Mumme ’81.

Pauline F. Welton ’69
September 5, 2011, Waterloo, IA.

Jon A. Foster x70
May 6, 2011, Burlington, IA. Survivors include his wife, Veda Foster, 2101 Summer St., Burlington, IA 52601-3323.

When Charles Steen ’50 and Keith Wymore ’50 sat down on campus to talk during Homecoming weekend, their conversation flowed as easily as it did many years ago in the Sig Ep house. The two moved seamlessly from Hawkeye football, to family matters, to golf and long-ago friends.

But they also reflected on how these two Iowa boys, along with their fraternity brothers, took a stand for what they knew to be right and created a bit of a furor in the process.

In the late 1940s, the Sig Ep chapter at Iowa Wesleyan University was Japanese-American. Steen said, “We were really angry.”

With the help of their fraternity brothers, the Sig Ep chapter took a stand against white American limitation to white Caucasians. Morita was Japanese American.

Steen, Wymore and others in the house “were really angry,” Steen said. “We suggested that we would give up our national charter and go local. We wrote to the other Sig Ep chapters all across the country, suggesting that the fraternity take that clause out of the charter.” Their only response was from chapters in the Northeast.

Ultimately Morita chose to resign from the fraternity.

While both alumni recognized that they were unable to change the system, they felt that they “shone a small light on the issue,” Wymore said. And sometimes that can be the start to creating change.
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For more information, contact Lori Wilson at 319.385.6218 or lori.wilson@iwc.edu.
We had several responses to our “Remember When” photo in the August issue of The Purple and White.

Congratulations to Camara Pickett Cosgrove ’95 for correctly identifying the students in the photo!

“I know the three girls pictured in the “Remember When?” picture. They went to Wesleyan when I did in the early 90s. They are l to r: Julie Kawiecki Cotter ’95, Kelly Kinney Ford ’96, and Julie Zubcic Edwards ’96. It looks like it possibly might have been a poker night!”

The event was actually Casino Night, sponsored by BACCHUS during Alcohol Awareness Week, in October 1993.

Thanks to the others who ventured guesses as well:

“I think this photo dates back to the mid 80s. During the Winter Interim of 1985 Intro to Gambling: Simulated Stochastic (probability) Processes was offered. Games simulating a casino were set up in the Student Union where non-alcoholic drinks were served by students wearing black leotards and looking somewhat like Hugh Heffner’s bunnies. Non-reportable Monopoly winnings were exchanged for specialty items such as peanut M & M’s and the like.” — Kris Ferencevich Finke ’88

“I graduated in ’91 and I know either my junior or senior year, we had a mock cruise and there was a casino on the “ship.” Not sure if that’s where this picture came from but it brought back fun memories.”

— Bobette Boggs ’91

“The girl in the center appears to be Cheryl Young, whom I believe attended IWC between 1978 and 1981.”

— Charles Young