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Steve & LaRee Return Home

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The mission of York College is to transform lives through Christ-centered education and to equip students for lifelong service to God, family and society.



2009 HOMECOMING ROYALTY - Amber Soderholm and Caleb Rush give one more smile before the second half of the soccer game begins. Soderholm, a senior History/English major is president of the student association and the daughter of Bob and Marti Soderholm. Rush, a senior Business Communication major is a co-captain of the men's soccer team and is the son of Mike and Janet Rush.

(ON THE COVER) Steve and LaRee show their spirit with the ladies of Delta.



We have come home!

Those words mean more to me today than they have in a very long time. Thirty years after LaRee and I moved from York, we are home in a way that is rich and blessed beyond words. We have great friendships and memories from every place we have ever lived and worked, but there is a connection at York that remains unique for us as it is for many of my classmates and fellow alumni.

This year's Homecoming made it especially evident how good it is when alumni return and remember what they found here. While our individual experiences vary, there is a common bond of memory and friendship that runs through the fabric of this place. I want to encourage my fellow alumni to come home. Based on what I saw at this year's Homecoming, all you have to do is coax a friend into joining you here and you *will* have a great reunion. This is your school, so whenever you can, come home.

Do you remember what you found here and how it changed your life? I guarantee you the experience is still available for our children and grandchildren. LaRee and I have returned to a campus alive with student energy and potential. The faculty is still caring and competent. YC students still learn what it means to be part of a community that offers unconditional love, and they grow up spiritually through lessons of service across town and around the world.

As York now offers bachelor's degrees, it may be different in the sense that current students attend four years instead of the two many of us spent here. Yet, that has only made the experience richer and more meaningful. Students leave here entering the marketplace instead of finishing college elsewhere. They go on to professional schools and graduate programs. They begin their careers after being nurtured in a place that is all about the business of transforming lives. I have been blessed by associations with many schools — all are great places, but I have never seen the experience characterizing York College replicated anywhere else.

Come home. Whatever reason may bring you here, you will always be warmly welcomed.

Steve Eckman
President

Profile in Excellence



One decade has gone by since Scott Marvin Abraham walked the halls of York College. It's been ten years since the Wichita, Kansas native was sharing morning lab time with his YC classmates and then giving his all in an afternoon varsity basketball scrimmage. 130 months have passed since the recipient of the 1999 Dean's Award walked across the stage with his general science

diploma, graduating summa cum laude and a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Ten years later, Dr. Scott Abraham (class of '99) became the first YC 4-year grad to complete his medical residency. Following a five year residency at the University of Tennessee - Campbell Clinic in Memphis, Scott recently began his practice as an orthopaedic surgeon with Carondelet Orthopaedic Surgeons in Kansas City.

Then and now, Scott is a well-respected name around the York College campus. During his time at York he was known for his exceptional academic performance. A two-time NAIA Academic All-American for men's basketball, Scott was also named the Harold Tandy Science Scholar his senior year in addition to being voted Mr. York College by the faculty. He looks back on his time at YC as crucial and influential to his achievements.

"York College gave me the educational and spiritual tools to be successful in medical school and residency," Scott said. "Learning to balance athletics and academics at York helped prepare me for the rigors of medical school and residency. Also, the life-long friends that I made while at YC were a source of support and encouragement during my medical training."

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(right) Scott, 2nd from left, goes up for a rebound in a YC basketball game his junior year.



photo by Amber Soderholm

Seniors Dave Young and Kait Loney give it their all as they pull against the tension cords during the opening days' street carnival while freshmen Bethany Fields and Shaylee Carlock chill after a fun boxing match.

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Profile in Excellence

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After graduating with his bachelor's degree from York College, Scott went on to the University of Kansas School of Medicine where he met his future bride and fellow physician, Beth Anne. Both finished their medical degrees in 2004. Scott's class rank was among the best at 4/165, and he was inducted into the national medical honor society (Alpha Omega Alpha).

For the next five years after KU, the Abrahams were in residency training in Memphis, Scott at the UT-Campbell Clinic and Beth at LeBonheur Children's Medical Center. During his final year of residency, Scott served the clinic as Orthopaedic Chief Resident. As they enter a new phase of life, Scott says, "There is a mix of emotions. There is a sense of accomplishment for completing the education I set out to obtain. However, there is also some anxiety involved in starting my practice as an orthopaedic surgeon. Overall, I am extremely excited and am very blessed to be joining a wonderful group of surgeons."

When looking back on his York days, Scott remembers Dr. Ray Miller, V.P. for Academic Affairs, as a source of inspiration and one who had a huge impact on his career. "I will always be grateful to Dr. Miller for his influence on my education. He was and is one of my true mentors in life."

Dr. Miller responded, "Scott was an excellent student. He studied very hard to learn and master the content." Miller fondly remembers Scott's popularity on campus and on the court. "Most of the students didn't call him by his first name. When he was introduced at the basketball games or made a good play, the student body would yell 'Marv!!!'"

Despite his busy schedule, he kept balance in his life, always focused on his goals. Miller recalled an instance that illustrated this: "Even though Scott was a good athlete, he never let basketball interfere with his studies. The only time he ever asked me for any extra consideration was when the team arrived back from a road trip



at 2:30 in the morning and he had a 7:30 biochemistry exam. He asked if he could get a little sleep and take the exam that afternoon." Dr. Miller then smiled, "He aced it, as usual."

York College not only nurtured Scott academically and socially, but also spiritually. His faith is something that has

continued to grow since he graduated from York. Speaking of how he has been challenged spiritually, Scott said, "Residency challenged me to deal with people from all walks of life. Learning to be compassionate to all people regardless of their background certainly stretched my faith. Also, delivering bad news to patients and families was challenging during tragic circumstances."

Drs. Scott and Beth Abraham now have a growing family with their two-year-old son Wesley Scott and another child due in late October. When asked what it is like with two doctors in the house Scott replied, "It's great...if someone calls with a medical question and it is not orthopaedic, then I just hand the phone to Beth." ●●●

by Nathana Faddis

New York, New York



photo by Ben Ketcherside

Bethany Saylor, Nikki Moeder, and Elicia Hebrink take a sightseeing cruise around Manhattan Island in New York. The York College Concert Choir performed at Lincoln Center in an event hosted by Distinguished Concerts International. Featured were nine choirs chosen by audition that performed the music of American composer Eric Whitacre. Renee Willard, senior elementary education major and music minor from Golden, Colo., was selected from the 223-member combined-voice choir as a featured soloist. Senior vocal performance and music education major from Love's Park, Ill., Sara Firm said, "Working with Eric Whitacre was a blast! He could have us rehearse the same section 50 times and we wouldn't mind because each time he brought a new idea and new life to the music."

For more on the choir's trip visit our website at www.york.edu/news/2009/0629_choir.asp

York College Awarded \$2 Million Grant Title III grant largest in school's history

Anounced this summer, York College is the recipient of a \$2 million Title III grant through the US Department of Education's "Strengthening Institutions" program. It is the largest single grant in the history of the college. This highly-competitive grant will be used to enhance campus technology and student support services.

"This grant will put us ahead of the curve with technology, access to internet and other electronic media," President Eckman commented. "Our students and faculty will benefit immeasurably from the improvements we will make through these awards."

Endowed Chair for the Performing Arts YC receives gift establishing an endowed chair

An anonymous donor has pledged \$1.25 million to establish the first endowed chair at York College. The endowment will benefit the performing arts with long-time concert choir conductor, Dr. Clark Roush, to be the first faculty member selected to hold the chair. "It is certainly rewarding when someone believes in your work to the extent they will financially support it to this level," said Roush.

"We are overwhelmed by the generosity of this donor," said President Eckman, "and are so grateful for the confidence expressed in the future of York College by a gift of this magnitude. The donor recognizes the growing strength of our performing arts program and wanted to invest in Christian education and the arts. This gift will ensure and enrich the opportunities available for students in York's performing arts program for years to come."

York College's performing arts program includes bachelor's degrees in vocal music, music education, and theatre.

"It is certainly rewarding when someone believes in your work to the extent they will financially support it to this level."

photo by Steddon Sikes

Dr. Clark Roush gets caught up in the moment as he conducts the Concert Choir.



Rusty Ridley, Director of Information Services at YC, gives a few pointers to Arvada, Colorado junior Heath Schmalzried as he receives his iPod touch at the beginning of the school year. Every fulltime student was given an iPod touch as they enrolled for the semester.

2009 Challenge Nears Goal

With less than three months remaining, the 2009 Challenge has received more than 80% of the \$500,000 goal. Part three of a four-year matching grant, the 2009 Challenge donor has offered to match every "new" gift to the college, up to \$500,000.

President Eckman said, "Response has been great despite some tough economic times. Now we need for many of our alumni and friends to step forward and accept this challenge as their own. The challenge gift has enabled us to grow at a time when many colleges and universities are facing cuts. (York College enrollment increased by nearly 9% for fall 2009.) Maintaining that momentum means a lot to our students."

The challenge opportunity was one of several reasons that York College ended the 2008-09 school year with \$2,355,936.03 in gifts. This is the second straight year for gifts to exceed the \$2 million mark. Vice President for Advancement, Brent Magner, said, "God opened many doors for us during what was a tough year for many of our long-time friends and alumni. The outcome is a great blessing for our students with enhanced scholarships and stability during a time of upheaval in higher education."

The four-year anonymous challenge began in 2007 and will conclude in 2010. The total challenge for all four years is \$1.5 million. With the matching dollars, the challenge gift will have a \$3 million total impact on the college. ●●●

Student Enrollment up Eight Percent

YC enjoying highest enrollment in three years

With a great recruiting season and strong retention rate, the college is enjoying an enrollment growth of 8.6 percent as the 2009-10 school year is well underway.

"That's a pretty phenomenal swing in the course of one school year," Willie Sanchez, Director of Admissions, told the YC community. "It took a lot of dedicated work by a lot of people." Reversing recent disappointments in student recruiting, York's success is in stark contrast to the national picture for private colleges and universities' enrollment for traditional undergraduate students.

YC President, Steve Eckman, praised the admissions office and coaches for their recruiting efforts. "We are indebted to Willie and his staff as they put in countless hours of phone calls, home visits, and campus tours in order to get out our story. Our coaches have done an outstanding job both with recruiting and retention," Eckman said.

Retention of students eligible to return increased from 62% in 2008 to almost 80% this year.

"This is due to hard work all across this campus. Our faculty and staff have resolved many issues to help our students return," Eckman said commenting

on retention efforts, "Many also volunteered to help prepare the campus for their return, above and beyond expectations of their job. The work that's being done by so many is in-

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Trevor Goodie and Jamel Wheatley check in at the admissions station during move-in day. The freshman duo made the trip from Lafayette, LA and were seeing the YC campus for the first time.

dicative of a strong spirit of sacrifice and service that have characterized York College for so many years. It is the reason why York is a great college choice for students who want a school where they are nurtured and challenged in every aspect of their life."

With enrollment numbers on target, York will enjoy financial stability at a time when many school's are struggling with budget issues - some related to enrollment. ●●●



Retired Couple Put to Work

Drs. Joe and Jackie (Hance) Humphrey of Austin, Texas retired earlier this year, but they're not sitting still. At the end of summer break, these longtime members of University Avenue Church of Christ in Austin made the trip north to volunteer as faculty for York College, where they met as students in 1957. Joe and Jackie remember their first meeting (and even the date, September 13!) outside Middlebrook Hall.

Both Humphreys have a Ph.D. and both have taught at the university level. Joe retired as a full professor from the accounting program at Texas State University in San Marcos. Jackie's Ph.D. is in special education; however, she has most recently worked as a licensed nursing facility administrator. For both, the move to York, Nebraska has taken them "home" to a place that has always been close to their hearts.

"We feel so blessed to be selected to serve at York. We are totally committed to York's mission," Jackie states. "Our roles are different than they were when Joe was the business office manager from 1961-1963, and we were dorm parents in Hulitt Hall. While our roles are different now, our mission is the same."

Joe now teaches accounting and assists the president;



Joe and Jackie stand outside Middlebrook Hall where they first met as students in 1957.

Jackie teaches education courses and coordinates York's new online learning program. "This is an enormous blessing for our campus," said President Eckman. "The addition of two seasoned professionals who have a great heart for this place is a gift that is impossible to measure. The impact they will have on students and the future of York College goes far beyond any of the generous gifts they have provided to the College in the past. They are giving more than a donation, they are giving their lives. This is the definition of sacrificial giving." ●●●

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Online Learning Options

York College has signed an agreement with LearningHouse to pursue online coursework. Based in Louisville, Kentucky, LearningHouse is a leader in online education. Starting with a few pilot classes this summer, YC is now developing a wide range of curriculum for the web-based audience.



Dr. Jackie Humphrey (YC class of 1959) has assumed the role of the online learning coordinator, expanding the college's reach to include off-campus audiences and enhancing the learning environment for residential students.

President Steve Eckman is confident that online learning will play an integral part in the future of York College.

"Higher education looks very different today than just 10-15 years ago," he said. "Students still want the once-in-a-lifetime college experience that involves hanging out with friends, cheering on the basketball team, being mentored by a faculty member, and serving those in need. They also want their educational needs met. And to do that, York College is committed to providing solutions that fit today's learning environment by taking advantage of today's technology."

"With online courses, York College isn't limited to a 40-acre campus in Nebraska," Eckman stated. "Online technology will allow us to fulfill our mission in ways we never envisioned and we can now transform student lives in entirely new ways. Our impact on the world just got easier." ●●●

Alumni, please take a moment to complete a short online survey at www.york.edu/alumni - click on the link provided.



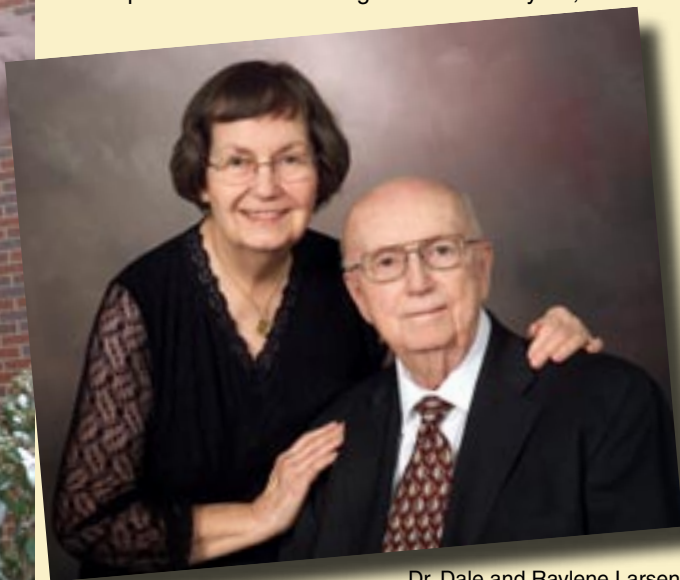
New Courtyard and Dining Hall Extreme Makeover Welcome Students Back in Style



Bob Gaver and his staff were busy throughout the summer months transforming the area between the Mackey Center and Levitt Library into a student mall, while the inside of the dining hall was getting its own major facelift.

From sunup to sometimes sundown, depending on the arrival of the cement trucks, work crews put in long hours of intensive labor on the courtyard project. Gaver, who was awarded the 2nd Miler Award in the opening faculty/staff workshop, was frequently on site over the weekends in order to get the commons area ready for the fall semester. All hands were on deck for the multiple cement deliveries as empty sectional forms metamorphosed into smooth concrete slabs.

Larsen Commons features a landscaped patio with seating for events such as outdoor concerts, receptions, and campus devotionals. Along with the courtyard, construction



Dr. Dale and Raylene Larsen

(left) Zayne Larsen (YC '77) and Aloha (Larsen '74) Humphrey are all smiles as they unveil their parents' names at the courtyard dedication during Homecoming.



photos by Steddon Sikes

The panoramic view of students enjoying the cafeteria's new furniture and design is in stark contrast with the way it looked before renovations.

and landscaping work provided for a new handicap accessible entrance to the library, sponsored in large part by a special faculty/staff fundraising effort.

The Dale and Raylene Larsen Commons, named for York College's beloved 14th president and first lady, was made possible through a generous donation. Dr. Larsen served as YC president from 1960-1978, the longest tenure in the college's history. During his presidency, McCloud Hall, Levitt Library, Thomas Hall, and the Freeman Center were built. Prior to his service as president, Dr. Larsen was instrumental in negotiations for the school's reopening in 1956. The Larsens currently reside in Florida.

In addition to the work on the outside of the Mackey Center, the inside also received an extreme makeover. Elegant booths with wood laminate flooring and a decorative ceiling, a bistro area, study lounge, and French doors, all against a classic backdrop of appealing colors and shapes, have repositioned Mackey's roll in campus life.

Students are now able to enter the dining hall through the west, south, and north doors, and have access to the dining area from 7 am to midnight. The food service area is open until 7 pm each weekday. Also new this year is the arrival of Aladdin Food Services, replacing Ameriserve.

"In addition to all the renovations, Aladdin features made-to-order food to better service our students," said dean of students, Dr. Shane Mountjoy. "With the extended hours and the variety of seating and table options, the dining hall has been elevated to an inviting student gathering place." ●●●




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Phil and Aloha Humphrey, Zayne and Karen Larsen and their sons Luke and Jared were able to take part in the dedication of the courtyard.

In His Own Words...

an interview with Steve Eckman



Steve Eckman took office as twentieth president of York College in January 2009. He returns to the campus following a 30-year absence. Steve and his wife, LaRee, are graduates of York College class of 1971. Eckman has spent the majority of his career in Christian higher education. He served for many years at Lubbock Christian University and, most recently, he worked for Ohio Valley University. He began his career as an admissions officer for York College.

The interview provides Eckman's perspective on what York looks like today, his hopes for the school's future, and his experience returning home. To read more of the interview, go to the college website at www.york.edu/alumni/eckman.asp

You were gone from York a long time. What did you find when you came back?

We left York in 1979, and visited just a few times, most of the time during the summer, because we'd come to see LaRee's parents. So we'd drive around campus and go see our old houses and stuff. We had very little interaction until the choral reunion a couple of years ago. At that time we got a very good impression of the music department, the quality of the chorus and those kinds of things.

Some of the things that concerned me over the years are the same things I've heard from other alumni, especially the questions, "Is York still the spiritual place that it was? Is it still nurturing students? Do students still have life-changing experiences here?"

Coming back I've found a campus with a rich spiritual life. I went to a devo last week, and I'm telling you it's phenomenal when half of your on-campus students show up for anything, much less a time of worship. That level of involvement makes a lot of difference to the environment here.

I've said this publicly, and I'll continue to say that I feel sorry for anyone who has an opportunity to attend here and decides not to, because I think they miss out. It's not just the spiritual aspects, or the closeness; it's the fact that a major number of leaders in many fields and walks of life come from a small college experience. And it's not necessarily because of the quality in the classroom, although it's there. Small college grads receive an exceptional preparation because of the one-on-one attention they get from somebody who's an expert in the field and who really cares about the student as an individual. That has not changed at York.

When I look at Dr. Mark Pearson teaching biology – working with our pre-med students – and I know that Dr. Pearson is a medical doctor with years of experience including medical mission work, I know our pre-med students are being challenged on many different levels.

York is definitely not a place where “those who can't do, teach.” York is a place where those who have rich experience now want to give back to young people, to Christian education, to the church, and they find a place to do it. This becomes a real ministry. And the winners are our students. Because the fact is, all of our education majors get teaching jobs; all of our qualified pre-med graduates get into medical school; our students go on to graduate studies, professional studies and careers – and they compete well. Those things reflect the kind of education we provide and the caliber of student we attract.

In the past twenty years, expectations in education have changed with new delivery systems (on-line learning, virtual classrooms). How do you see York fitting into this paradigm shift?

There are a couple of responses to that. First, while technology is driving changes in higher education, York has remained a very traditional, residential college. We do that because our goal is the transformation of lives. So, there is a natural tension as we figure out how to live in this next context of changing technologies and delivery systems. The truth of the matter is, though, going forward; colleges will

not survive unless they learn how to use the available technology.

An example right now on our campus is the iPod Touch. We introduced the iPods a few weeks ago and our students are al-



ready impatient to find enhanced uses – running far ahead of most of our faculty or administration. In just a couple of years, it'll be hard to imagine this campus without an iPod Touch or whatever new technology replaces it.

What we have to do is very carefully balance York's future growth between technology and our central goals and mission. I think there's a definite place here for online learning — it allows us to expand our mission to people we could not touch in another way. We can especially reach out to some adult learners—some of our own graduates who have gone on and never finished a 4-year degree. It's a way for us to remain in touch with them and to give them a semblance of the York College experience although they're not on this campus.

Isn't it a growing liability for a college to be small during an era of "big box" stores, big box universities, big box everything?

I do want to address that, and I want to address that directly, because I've visited with several people about our size and have been especially influenced by Dr. Dale Larsen. There's a special niche that York needs to fill and we can't do that if we get much larger than, say 700 or 800 students. York would no longer be the York that it's been. Despite our culture's love affair with big things, there are some things we can do for students in a smaller setting that would not happen were we a much larger size.



“Coming back I've found a campus with a rich spiritual life.”



Tell me about the school's mission now compared to the past?

Earlier this year, our board asked those questions all over again: why are we here, what are we trying to accomplish? They came up with a very direct statement that reflects what happens here. Their take on it is that we're here to "transform lives through Christ-centered education that equips students for leadership in churches, families and society." It really sums up why York College is here.

The transformation aspect is the story we hear about York and especially when alumni from years past answer the question, "what does York mean to you?" Speaking personally, it really transformed me, it turned me into a different kind of person, because of people, because of environment, because of the opportunities I had here, and I became a stronger, better person. That's my story.

When I came here I was involved in the church to some extent. But because I was a poor kid, I always resented the fact that when I went to church I was never really considered a part of the youth group. I could never afford to go on the trips and all those kinds of things. When I came to York, the first night I slept in East Hill Park on a bench because the dorms weren't open, and I didn't know where to go and didn't really know what to do here. Then I got in the registration line and they asked, "How are you going to pay for this?" It was the first time I ever thought about what it cost. So I worked three jobs. My proudest moment came after I'd graduated. The business office figured out the balance

"This is what the church is supposed to be like."

on my account and handed me a check for \$69. You could literally work your way through college in the late 60s and the early 70s.

Coming here was the first experience I had when I thought, "this is what the church is supposed to be like." I remember a student whose grandmother was dying. We all got together and pooled our meager amount of money for her. Some of us quit eating on the chorus trip for awhile. We came up with 80 or 90 bucks to help her go home. Those are very important moments. It's not just giving, it's lifestyle. It's the way we ought to be, ought to live.

**Why should alumni and friends give to York?
Everyone receives so many requests to give
– in the midst of all the needs and opportuni-
ties, why invest in York College?**

Most important is the immediate and definite impact on young people's lives and the life of the Lord's kingdom everywhere. It's been said that York is in the mission field but the truth is we **are** the mission field. What happens on this campus changes lives. We're reconciling students to God right here on this campus day by day. Those students go on from here and their experience, their commitment is changing the face of God's kingdom. That is critical and that's a great reason to invest. People need to be a part of something bigger than what they are – and the scope of this place fits that criteria.

It's obvious that you and LaRee are a team working together for the college. What has it been like for the two you coming back to York?

That's a good point because York is **our** school. It's not *my* school. We met here. We owe whatever happiness that I haven't messed up to the relationship we forged here.

It is a homecoming for me, but for LaRee, York is more than home. It's her childhood. Nebraska Youth Camp and York College are part of who she is. Her father was on the college advisory board; her mother still lives on a farm in Nebraska.

LaRee and I weren't really ready for this; we weren't expecting it. You know, Ohio Valley was a great place. We loved the people there. I was very happy to be an executive vice president and didn't really want to be a president. It wasn't anything I ever aspired to, because there are aspects of it that are too public for me. But when I was asked to submit a resume, which is the first contact I'd had from a board member, I went home and told LaRee. The next day when I came home, there were boxes sitting in the living room. I asked, "What's this about?" And she replied, "I'm getting ready to move to York." I said, "Well, Honey, I haven't interviewed, I haven't even heard back from them yet whether they're interested." And she said, "We're going home."

photo by Steddon Sikes

Steve shares a light hearted moment during his address at the Presidential Convocation October 2nd. Seated is chairman of the board H. Jarrell Gibbs, joining in the laughter.



Steve and LaRee (Scroggin '71) have two grown sons: Jarred and Jeremy and 4 grandchildren - Scott, Andrew, Cacie, and Kimberleigh.

“God brings us to certain places in life for his own purpose and for us to serve him in a special way.”

Any words for your classmates as you return?

To those people I would say, "I'm not as bad as you remember me."

But seriously, you know it's all about God and His plans – it's not about me or any of the rest of us. Not all things happen for a purpose, but God has a purpose in everything he does. You can't tell where God is leading you at the time, but looking back you see where he's brought you and why he's brought you here. And I honestly believe that what Mordecai says to Esther is true for all of us at one time or another. God does bring us to certain places in life for his own purpose and for us to serve him in a special way. I believe this is one of those times. There's definitely

a reason that this place is still here. Despite some bad decisions or turmoil, it belongs here. It has a purpose. So God has brought together a group of people who have an opportunity right now, an opportunity York has never had before and may never have again. ●●●

To read Steve's perspective on challenges and opportunities facing the college, YC's millennial generation and his hopes for the future, go to www.york.edu/alumni/eckman.asp

York College 2009 Alumni Awards

Servant Leader Award



Dr. Dorris "Dottie" Schulz (YC '72) has been a missionary practically all her adult life. She and Tom played a major role in YC history

as they were the first students married after the reopening of York College in 1956. Dale Larsen performed their ceremony in Middlebrook Parlor early that fall. Dottie said, "Saying yes to marriage for both of us meant missions was to be a part of our lives together."

Teamwork was a trademark of the Schulz's partnership, serving fourteen years in Holland and working with M.A.P. (Masters Apprentice Program) for even more. Together, they taught at York College 40+ years and embodied the very essence of "The York Experience". Both completed their doctorates at the University of Nebraska in 1986. Dottie's dissertation was on Church of Christ Missionary Reentry and Tom's was on Missionary Kid Reentry—something they and their four children experienced firsthand.

Dottie put together the college's four-year Psychology program when York began offering bachelor degrees in 1994. Besides teaching in the program, she also served as a counselor for the campus and eventually directed the Cornhusker Center for Human Development.

Four years after Tom lost his long battle with cancer, Dottie took a three year leave of absence to put together a Missionary Care Program for Missions Resource Network. She later decided that she could not leave this work and resigned from York College, moving permanently to Texas. She is currently the Director for Missionary Care and has held that position for five years.

Dottie epitomizes the spirit of this award by stating, "I love my life. I absolutely love my life. I plan to work for as long as God allows."

This is a new award honoring alumni who have devoted their lives to the service of God.

Young Alumnus of the Year



Richard W. James (YC '97), a native of Kingman, Kansas, received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from York in

1997 and obtained his legal education at Washburn University School of Law (J.D., with honors, 2000).

While attending York, Richard served as president of student government and captain of the men's basketball team. He was chosen Mr. York College his senior year and graduated cum laude. At Washburn he was a member of the Washburn Law Journal, and his case comment was published and recognized as the best comment in the 1999-2000 issues of the journal.

In July of this year, he was selected by the Wichita Business Journal to its annual "40 under 40" class honoring business leaders under the age of 40 who have exhibited excellence in their profession. Richard is a partner in the law firm of McDonald Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, P.A. He has successfully tried cases in the state and federal courts, practicing in civil litigation with an emphasis in trial work. In 2009, he was identified by *Super Lawyers* magazine in Kansas City as a "Rising Star" in litigation in Kansas.

Richard is very active in the Wichita community. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Carpenter Place (formerly Maud Carpenter Children's Home) and is the chairman of the church finance committee at the East Point Church of Christ where he also serves as a deacon. Richard and his wife Rachel (Nowlin '99) have two children: Abbey and Jackson.

Young Alumnus of the Year is also a new award given at Homecoming honoring alumni with Baccalaureate degrees from York College.

Alumnus of the Year



Tim McNeese (YC '73) began his teaching career in public school in 1976 where he taught English, journalism, and social studies

for 16 years. He came to York College in 1992 and serves as Associate Professor of history, and chairman of the department. Among the highlights of his YC teaching career have been study trips he has directed with his wife, English Professor Beverly McNeese, along the Lewis and Clark Trail (2003, 2005) and to the American Southwest (2008). Tim and Bev are planning another study trip to New England for 2010. He also coordinated the "Old Main" archaeology project on campus, guiding students in two separate excavations of one of the college's original buildings that was destroyed by fire.

In 2006, Tim appeared on the History Channel program, *Risk Takers, History Makers: John Wesley Powell and the Grand Canyon*, as the program's consulting historian. That same year, he was a faculty member at the Tony Hillerman Writers Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Tim has published more than 110 books and educational materials with publishing houses in both the United States and Great Britain. His writing has earned him a citation in the library reference work, *Contemporary Authors*, as well as multiple citations in *Best Books for Young Teen Readers*.

Tim is highly respected among his York College peers, receiving both the Dale Larsen Teacher of Achievement Award as well as the "Second Miler" award. He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, Phi Delta Kappa professional educators society and Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society.

Tim's wife Beverly is also a YC graduate and serves as Assistant Professor of English and chairs the department. They have two married children, Noah and Summer, both graduates of York College, and three grandchildren, Ethan, Adrianna, and Finn William.

Biggest Loser, A Real Winner

YC alumnus sacrifices spot on tv show

Sean Algaier, a former York College student, along with his teammate Antoine Dove, persuaded contestants in the third week of the hit NBC show "The Biggest Loser" to put their team up for elimination so that someone else could stay on 'The Ranch'. The following week they were both interviewed by Al Roker on the *TODAY* show about their sacrifice and how their lives have been changed because of the series.

Weighing in at 444 pounds when the show aired in September, Sean told Roker that he had lost 160 lbs. so far with his current weight at 284.

When asked how he was doing, Sean said, "Dude... amazing! Twenty-four / seven, I just work constantly." He mentioned that he runs everywhere (16 miles in his last run) and that he was training for a marathon.

Both Antoine and Sean will be making a final appearance on the show and are eligible for a chance at \$100,000 at the end of the series. However, when Roker asked what they thought their chances were, Sean immediately said that he didn't want the money.

"I'm not in this for the money... I want balance."

Algaier, who lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with his wife Misty and two kids, works as a youth minister. He pointed out that the changes in his life have been huge for his family. He used to just be the happy-go-lucky dad and husband, but, "Right now I'm an on-fire purpose-driven kind of guy," he said. "I wake up every day with the mission to get healthy."

As a youth minister, Sean has numerous opportunities to speak to young people and wants to not only be an ambassador for Christ but also for healthy living. "I want them to know that if I can do this... they can do it."

"I'm going to do so many things with this new life, this second chance," he said in an NBC interview. "I'm going to tell others about my experience. I'm going to inspire others to do things that they never thought they could do." ●●●

Algaier made the recent trip to York for the Homecoming / High School Days weekend. He spoke in chapel, led Friday night's worship and hosted Deal or No Deal on Saturday for the admissions office.



photos courtesy NBC Universal

To see the video go to www.york.edu/news/2009/biggest_loser.asp

Antoine and Sean on *TODAY*
10/06/09





YORK ALUMNI



Walter Blake passed away on Sept. 27, 2009, in Schaller, Iowa. Coach Blake was the head men's basketball coach at YC from 1957-1959. His complete

obituary is available online at: www.fratzkejensen.com/obituaries.php

1966

Adelia Fritts is retired and living in Oklahoma. 303 W Vandament Ave, Yukon, OK 73099 adelia66@att.net

1967

Salah and Nosaiba Ibrahim have three children: Sami, Ramsey, and Shaady. 7711 Oakhill Park, San Antonio, TX 78249 sibrahim@satx.rr.com

Robert Eugene Spielman passed away February 26, 2009 in Lyons, KS. He touched so many lives for the Lord and will be missed. Condolences can be sent to his wife Sheila at 910 Lincoln, Lyons, KS 67554

Jim L. Brock 1949 - 2009

Jim "JB" Brock, alumnus and former YC faculty member, passed away January 15, 2009 after suffering from a cardiac arrest and other health complications. JB was a long-time housing administrator at Pepperdine, serving the university for more than twenty years. He was 59.

JB graduated from York College in 1969, majoring in speech and drama. He was president of the Sigma Tau social club and performed in many of the theatre productions while at YC. He returned to campus to head the communications department and direct the YC theatre productions (1977-1982). He sponsored Soul Concern, taught speech, and directed the forensics team in his seven years on the faculty. He also helped to direct Songfest and was a co-sponsor of Sigma Tau.

JB is survived by his grown daughter Allison, his five grandchildren, and his sister Mary Lou.



1969

Jean (Sundie) Swanson is living in Colorado and doing social work. She has one child, Jodi. 98 Glenwood Ave, Carbondale, CO 81623 jsundie@juno.com

1971

Marti Sears Collins is working as a teacher and would like to hear from classmates. 140 Tourmaline Way #6, Fayetteville, AR 72701 marthacollins@yahoo.com

Pamela (Lovett) Roach 800 S. Kelly Ave, Apt 104, Edmond, OK 73003 proach@ms.com

1973

Terry and Sherry (Boggs) Brand have six children: Allen, Melba, Jeremiah, Bethany, Daniel, and Kyle. Terry is disabled and Sherry is working as a schoolteacher. 141 Pleasant Springs Ct, Columbia, SC 29212 bebesbrand@hotmail.com

Arlen Noble recently retired so he and **Ruby (Hollet)** could enjoy their roles as grandparents. 2212 S Arthur Ave, Loveland, CO 80537 noble73@juno.com

1974

Sylvia (Chavez) Barron is living in California with her husband Doug and child Gabriel. 2360 Fountain Oaks Dr, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 sylviabarron@yahoo.com

Diane (Walsh) and Andy **Schlegel** are living in Kansas. They have four children: Kristin, Sarah, Andrew, and Mark and are expecting their third grandchild. 6010 Lewis Wilson Rd, Wamego, KS 66547

1975

Brian Eckstein and his wife Estelle would love to hear from friends and classmates. Brian is self-employed and Estelle is working for El Paso County as a records tech. 1905 Heathercrest Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80915 brian_nm@hotmail.com

Wendy Moomey is currently employed by Wal-Mart in York. Friends can reach her at Box 444, York, NE, 68467 em44124@windstream.net

1976

Rick and **Glenda (Hardman) McEuen** have moved: 1111 N 28th St, Paragould, AR 72450. rgmceuen@gmail.com glendamceuen@gmail.com

Kimball Matkins 1955 - 2009

Kimball Matkins passed away at his home in York on March 26, 2009. Matkins (53) had been battling ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) since 2006. Despite his weakened state, he was a constant source of encouragement for the college students and was honored by the student body with the Staff Member of the Year award in 2008.

Matkins' first wife Debbie Lewis passed away in 2000. Kimball moved to York the following year to be with their kids Jason and Jenna and for his new role as a YC admissions counselor.

Through his work as a recruiter, Kimball met his future bride Melinda Brown and became the father of Melinda's three sons, Tommy, Casey, and Codey. In 2005, Kimball graduated with his bachelors degree from York College and took the Director of Financial Aid position.

Even in his illness, Kimball ministered to countless friends and classmates with his emails. Though these emails often contained bad news about his health, Kimball always focused on God's blessings.

Kimball will long be remembered for his joyful spirit, his love of hugs, his willingness to serve others, and his passion for God. As he said on a daily basis, "God is good... all the time."



1978

Tom Drumhiller is a service general manager for Lubbock Truck Sales. He and his wife Linda live at 6608 Orlando, Lubbock, TX 79413 tdrum@lubbocktrucksales.com

Mark Phillips is working full-time as a center based therapist for Mental Health and Recovery Services of Warren County as well as working part-time for the Mid-Western Children's Home. He recently moved: 6126 Misty Creek Dr, Loveland, OH 45140 phillips_markw@yahoo.com

1979

Judy (Edwards) Kingery is a teacher for Abilene ISD and her husband Glen is an immigration agent for the US Government/ICE. 1118 Barrow, Abilene, TX 79605 judyabilene@aol.com

Cindy Murphy has one child, Tiffany, and is currently working as a special education teacher for Spring ISD. 16700 Kuykendahl Rd, #2103, Houston, TX 77068 cdunigan@springisd.org

Cindy Ogden is a retired teacher. Classmates can reach her at 2934 Old Anson Rd, Abilene, TX 79603 ckodgen1958@yahoo.com

Danette (Poland) Wood is an administrative secretary for Walnut Hills CofC and her husband Lyn is a data base administrator for Texas Instruments. They have five children: Cameron, Chelsea, Brittany, Matthew, and Michael. 17943 Mary Margaret St, Dallas, TX 75287 ld_wood@verizon.net

1982

Joe and Bridget Brazell recently moved: 7605 Love, Quinlan, TX 75474. Joe is the president and executive director of Arms of Hope, a non-profit org. for helping at-risk children and single mothers. brajoe@boleschildrenshome.org

David and Debbie Carriger have been enjoying their time in Columbus, Kansas where David took the position of superintendent of schools after working eleven years in the same position in Osage City. 405 S Lash St, Columbus, KS 66725 dcarriger@usd493.com

1983

Mary (High) Calvert is currently a student and nursing assistant. She has three children: Faith, Rachel, and Sarah. 109 Woodland Circle, Allegany, NY 14706 crazymare63@hotmail.com

1984

Ginger (Guthrie) Dilday and husband Brad have four children: Taylor, Mckenna, Elijah, and Shae. Ginger home schools the youngest three and Brad is a pathologist for NW Arkansas Pathology. 1716 Steele Rd, Springdale, AR 72762 gingerbrad@cox.net

Ralph and Melissa Johnson have three children: Julian, Lauren, and Kamry. Ralph is a QA inspector for Boeing where he has worked for over twenty-one years as well as serving in the Kansas Army National Guard. 11405 Killarney, Wichita, KS 67206 rjohnson223@cox.net

1985

Tracey (Strantz) Dowling is an RN at West Park Hospital. Her husband Andy works at Andy's Truck Parts. They have two children, Kristina and Ben. 2677 Horseshoe Ln, Greybull, WY 82426 dowling@tctwest.net

Carrie (Schlueter) Longar has one child Nicholas, and she has temporarily moved back home to be with family. 21104 Windsor Lake Way, Crest Hill, IL 60435 carrielynn23@msn.com

Trudy (Anderson) Morrell-Stinson recently moved: 8825 Cottonwood Lane North, Maple

Grove, MN 55369. She is an assist. program supervisor for Homeward Bound Inc. and has five children: Chandra, Mikael, Alela, Kylea, and Jordain.

Jeffrey "Kris" Schuman is the senior applications administrator for Lower Colorado River Authority. His wife Elizabeth teaches music education for Dripping Springs ISD. They have one daughter, Grace. 16909 *Bluestem Ct, Austin, TX 78737* kshuman@austin.rr.com

Mariendia (Welch) and David Williams have moved to Florida. Mariendia is working in residential sales for ADT Security. 3995 SE 150th St, Summerfield, FL 34491 mariendia@yahoo.com

1986

Donna (Sickler) and Brian Archer were blessed to adopt two precious children through foster care: Jesse James and Liberty Jewel. 7822 E Douglas Ave #103, Wichita, KS 67206 archer_donna@rocketmail.com

Gaylene (Adams) and Terrence ('85) Malone are living in Illinois where Gaylene is a manager for AT&T and Terrence is a manager for Piedmont Reit. 18642 *Golfview Ave, Homewood, IL 60430* gaylenemalone@yahoo.com

1987

Martha Chavez is teaching at Piedra Vista High School. 6956 *Alyssa Ct., Farmington, NM 87402* martyjaquez@hotmail.com

Jennifer Pappas Fisher is a special investigator for Omniplex World Services Corp. She has three children: Linden, Camryn, and Ethan. Jennifer relocated in 2007 to south Texas due to her work as a background investigator. 1513 S. *Dilworth Rd, Harlingen, TX 78552* fsrjen@msn.com

1988

Lorelee (Olson) and Jeff Arcand were recently married and welcomed their first child, Jadyn Emma June, on Dec. 12, 2008. Jeff is the lube center manager for Woodman's Lube Center and Lorelee is a purchasing agent for Shopko Corporate Office. 19034 *Lanetta Dr, Brillion, WI 54110* LOlsonDesign@new.rr.com

1989

Catherine Harper recently moved: 408 *Poland Rd, Danville, IL 61834*. She works in sales for Ray O'Herron Co. and has four children: Erin, Reed, Will, and Aden. cmariacollins4@yahoo.com

Lianne (McCracken) Lowder and her husband Steve have moved back to Colorado after ten years. 9054 *Hoyt St, Westminster, CO 80021* lianne.lowder@yahoo.com

Katrina (Todd) and Brian Schultz have two children, Brittany and Aiden. Katrina would love to hear from alumni and friends. 2200 *East Normal Apt #24, Kirksville, MO 63501* katshultz71@hotmail.com

Tom Weeks coached the state champions... *Milestones, pg. 18*

1990

Sheri (Hardaway) Schmitz is a reverse mortgage advisor for New Horizons Reverse Mortgage. She has two children: Tyler and Mackenzie. 1508 *Elk Ravine Rd, Roseville, CA 95661* sheri_schmitz2000@yahoo.com

1991

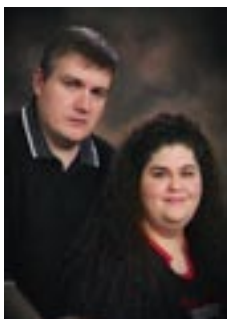
Kim and Damon Gray have three children, Logan, Sierra and Kayla. Kim is an insurance agent for Landmark Ins. Agency. 1220 N *Cherry St Box 140, Avoca, IA 51521* kim@landmarkia.com

Carol (Green) and Jim Sturdivant moved to Nebraska a few years ago for Carol's interpreting job at West Holt Public School. 103 N *Hill St, Atkinson, NE 68713* terpinne@hotmail.com

1992

Tawnya (Widel) and James Hart were married on September 27, 2008. Tawnya is an art therapist at the Lakemary Center. 5224 *Roe Blvd, Roeland Park, KS 66205* tawnymarie@gmail.com

Laura (Lucas) Johnson gave birth to twin girls, Lily Anne and Violet Faye, on Sept. 8, 2008. Laura is a Spanish teacher and her husband Darren is a minister. 719 W *Vermillion, Catlin, IL 61817*



1993

Rebecca (Pointer) and Anthony Walden are living in Brighton, Colorado. Rebecca is beginning her fourth year with Arapahoe

County Comm. Support Services. Anthony is in his twelfth year with IBM. planetgr199@yahoo.com

1994

Melanie James has recently purchased a house and started a coffee roasting company. 2022 *Linn Blvd SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403* fnt@rocketmail.com

Matt and Colleen (McKinney) Miller have three children: Jake, Cole, and Reid. Matt is the principal for Carroll Middle School. 7717 *Sagebrush Ct South, North Richland Hills, TX 76180*

Carl and Jana Pecinovsky were married in January. Carl is a software developer for IBM and Jana works at the Mayo Clinic. 1524 *10th Ave NE, Rochester, MN 55906*

1995

Frank and **Wendi Billington** announce the birth of their sixth child, Gabriella, born on Jan. 5, 2009. She joins siblings Genny, Jimmy, Johnathan, Mark, and Joseph. 39806 *NE 24th Circle, Washougal, WA 98671* family@billingtons.net

Shawn (Gilbert) Thayer and her husband Tracey have two children, Brandon James and Haleigh Marie. Shawn is a RGM/CRT for Burger King and Tracey is the delivery supervisor for Omaha Print Co. 3505 *Katie Dr, Council Bluffs, IA 51501* stbthayer@cox.net

1996

Don Connel is now working for Taylor County Texas as a juvenile probation officer. don200545@yahoo.com

Angel (Good) and Jerry Davis have recently moved to Illinois. They have two children, Hank Daniel and Alexander Davis. Angel is the assistant director for Kinder Care and Jerry is store director for Save a Lot. 1402 *Briarcliff, Urbana, IL 61802* davisfamily1231@hotmail.com

Thomas and **Jenny (Morton) Haas** have added a new baby. Aaron Woodward was born Aug. 1, 2008 joining his older sister Katie. The family has also moved to Alaska. 3434 *E 18th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99508*

Julio Ibarra-Tario and his wife Alma are living in Grand Island, Nebraska, where Julio is pursuing a degree from Kaplan Univ. They have four children: Astrid, Hillary, Bella and Dana. *PO Box 849, Grand Island, NE 68802* tico130@hotmail.com

Kevin and **Glenda (Franklin) '99 Lewis** had a recent addition to the family. Isaiah Patrick joined his brother Elijah on Sept. 14, 2008. Kevin and his family have moved to northwestern Iowa to work with the Alta CofC. 614 *Johnson St, Alta, IA 51002* june1009@hotmail.com

Michael and **Michelle (Potter) '97 Packer** welcomed Harrison Michael to the family on Nov. 5, 2008. Mike also took a new job with the Saskatoon CofC at the end of November. 441 *Simon Fraser Crescent, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7H 3T6* aelintara@gmail.com

1997

Tanya (Ekstrom) and **Greg ('96) Gaer** have two children, Grace and Grant. Tanya is a teacher for IKM Elementary and Greg is a contractor for Irwin Improvement Co. 302 *Eva St, Irwin, IA 51446* tggg@fmctc.com

Angela (Gregory) and Damian Mata would love to hear from friends and classmates at 1125 *Coffeyville Trail, Grand Prairie, TX 75052* angie-mata@hotmail.com

Ryan and **Erika (Hawley '95) Roling** bought a new house in September. Erika is a registered dietitian and Ryan teaches English as a second language to adults at Madison Area Technical College. They have two children, Sienna and Autumn. 4510 *Goldfinch Dr, Madison, WI 53714* Roling@matcmadion.edu

1998

Shannon (Quinn) Decker with husband Gary and child Sunny are living in Wyoming where Shannon works as the center coordinator/early head start home visitor for Wyoming Child and Family Development. 153 *Honeysuckle, Casper, WY 82604* scdecker@yahoo.com

Benjamin James "Ben" Elliott, passed away on June 5, 2009, of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He was diagnosed in October, 2008, and went through six months of chemotherapy while always keeping a positive attitude. He died peacefully in the company of family members in Wichita, KS. Ben was 33.



Bryan and **Cheri (Egle '97) Phillips** recently had a new baby girl, Reese Nicole. She joins older sisters, Kylie and Marny. bphillips6@cox.net

Angela (Robinson) and Rick Schwarte adopted Gabriel Michael on March 11, 2008. He has added much excitement and joy to their lives! Angela is teaching and Rick is in the U.S. Air Force. 1226 *Range View Circle, Rapid City, SD 57701* raschwarte@juno.com

1999

Grace (Statz) and Murray Evans welcomed Charis Danielle into the world on Sept. 30, 2008. Conrad and Alexis (Lexi) are the proud older brother and sister. 1720 *SW 32 St, Moore, OK 73160* amazinggrace57@hotmail.com

Brad Leonard received a special honor. See *Milestones, pg. 18*

Shawn and **Beth Sherlock** enjoyed their first year in Kansas City. Shawn works for PrivateBank and was recently promoted to a loan officer with a focus on commercial real estate lending. Beth is the special events coordinator at the Bloch School of Business and Public Administration. 6840 *Oak St, Kansas City, MO 64113* ssherlock@theprivatebank.com

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1989

Tom Weeks, head coach of the boys basketball program at Princeton High School in Princeton, Indiana, added another page to Hoosier basketball lore. Week's team went undefeated in the perfect 2008-09 season. It was undoubtedly the most thrilling of the Tigers' 29 wins, but Princeton beat Rochester 81-79 in two overtimes to win the Class 3A boys' basketball state championship. "That's what Indiana high school basketball is about," coach Weeks said afterward. "It doesn't get any better, I don't think, than what we saw tonight. I can't ask for anymore, and I'm just so proud to be a part of this." 1779 Concord Dr, Princeton, IN 47670 coachweeks34@yahoo.com



1999

Brad Leonard was awarded the Civilian of the Quarter for the Headquarters United States Air Force this summer. Presenting the award was 3 Star Lt. General Reno. Brad was serving a two-year commitment as an Air Force logistician. He and his wife **Vanessa (Terry '98)** moved back to Colorado

Springs in September. They have three children: Reese (4), Adelyn (3), and Hayden (2). 7215 Ashley Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80922 bradandvanessaleonard@yahoo.com



2003

Dr. Jordan Sikes graduated June 5, 2009 from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science with a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine and began a three-year residency at the Truman Medical Center in Kansas City. He and **Jacqueline (Keesee '04)** were blessed this spring with a daughter, Chloe Mae, April 9th. 815 N Yuma, Independence, MO 64056 www.jordandjacqueline.blogspot.com/



2004

Doug Gunselman coached the Central Arkansas Christian Mustangs to their 6th state title in baseball. CAC completed a nine game winning streak and beat 5A-West rival Harrison, the defending state champion, 6-2 in the title

game at the University of Arkansas' Baum Stadium on May 9. With the success of the program, Doug recently accepted an offer to be the head baseball coach at Muskogee High School and moved to Oklahoma. Doug and Dixie (Miller) have two children: Ethan (2) and Owen (1). 101 S Country Club Rd D4, Muskogee, OK 74403 dlgunselman@yahoo.com



Alumni and Friends Rally for Work Days

More than 20 people showed up on campus at the end of the summer for a weekend of hard labor, working together to prepare the campus for the fall semester. The event was conceived and coordinated by Scott Eckman, (YC '79) from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, whose wife Lisa (Hinrichs '81) also volunteered for the weekend. Their daughter Jessica graduated from York last May. Eckman said, "I don't expect many people to really notice what was done, but they would notice if it hadn't been done."

Some of the projects volunteers accomplished included: painting windows on Hulitt Hall, sanding, staining and varnishing the doors to the Prayer Chapel, painting railings in front of McCloud Hall and Levitt Library, weeding, cleaning and restriping two parking lots, painting doorways, cleaning out stairwells, weeding flower beds, and picking up trash.

Eckman stated, "Every volunteer was a hard worker, and I think everyone expressed an interest in helping again next year." Eckman hopes to make the end-of-summer work days an annual event.

Housing and meals were provided by York College for all the volunteers who donated their time to help spruce up the campus. "I was overwhelmed at the amount of work that we accomplished," Eckman said. "I think that can be directly attributed to the hard work of the crew members, and their willingness to do any job that was put before them. God brought together the right group of people for the job."

Anyone interested in helping with next year's work days, should contact Eckman at s.eckman@juno.com.



ECKMAN

You've Got Mail!

YC Connect is a free electronic newsletter that gives you current updates and important news on what's happening. To join the group, email newsletter@york.edu

2000

April (Evitt) and Brian Cole welcomed the newest member to their family, Brady Lee, born Sept. 25, 2008. Brian works for Auto Zone and April is a medical transcriptionist for Hancock Regional Hospital. 226 West E St, Wilkinson, IN 46186 aprilmayjune285@hotmail.com

Jeremy Hogan is a principal for Cache Public Schools. He and his wife Melissa have two children, Hestan and Brynlee. 215 NW Cherry Ave, Cache, OK 73527 hogan.jeremy@sbcglobal.net

Jennifer (Fike) Jenson has become a registered representative and has opened Jenson Financial, an investment services business that works in conjunction with husband Joshua's CPA firm. They have recently moved into a new home. 15308 Grayson Dr, Edmond, OK 73013 jensonj@hdvest.net

Beth (Charchan) and Darrel ('01) Sears had a new baby boy, Harrison Gray, born Nov. 11, 2008. He joins his older brother Benjamin. Darrel is the preaching minister for East Point CofC and Beth graduated from Webster University with her Masters of Arts in Human Resource Management in June. 1844 N Columbine, Andover, KS 67002 darrelbethsears@hotmail.com

2001

Zach and Heidi (Roker) Ahrens are proud parents of their third child, Camrynn Lynn, born Aug. 26, 2008. Camrynn joins two older siblings Carter and Conner. Heidi is a homemaker and Zach just completed his first year serving as the full-time minister of the Council Bluffs CofC. He is pursuing his Master of Divinity degree at LCU. 165 14 Ave, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 z_ahrens@hotmail.com

Holly Brinkley is a ministry assistant for the Highland CofC. 270 Aviva Dr, Memphis, TN 38120 brinkley.holly@gmail.com

Brenda (Trent) Collins and her husband Matthew recently moved to Okinawa, Japan. They have one child, Alexandria, and are expecting twins in March 2010. PSC 559 Box 5186, FPOAP 96377-5186 brendacollinsm@hotmail.com

Lane and Mindy (Schultz) Hinton are the proud new parents of a little girl, Halle Grace, born April 10, 2009. 6210 S 167th Ave, Omaha, NE 68135 lhinton@gmail.com

Mark Krajewski is working at GM Building Products for Associated Materials. His wife, Jayme, is a showroom consultant for Ferguson Enterprises. 10297 E Telluride Ct, Commerce City, CO 80022 mkrajewski@alside.com

Natalie (Grow) and Greig McAlpin are happy to announce the

arrival of their first child, Finnigan Fordie, born June 14, 2008. Greig is a teacher for Loveland Schools and Natalie is working for Savio. 1625 Dianna Dr, Loveland, CO 80537

Roni (Arellano) and Kenny Miller welcomed their first daughter, Peyton Jeanette, on May 21, 2009. They recently reached their last station duty in San Diego where Kenny is a chief petty officer for the US Coast Guard. 2580 Northside Dr, Apt. 110, San Diego, CA 92108 vsa11@hotmail.com

Jeremiah and Lindsay Rector are happy to welcome Maddux to their family, born Nov. 11, 2008. Maddux joins older brother Paetyn. 13371 SW 161st Pl, Tigard, OR 97223 rector14@yahoo.com

Chad and Brandi Rice were married on Sept. 6, 2008 in Mount Hope, Kansas. Chad is a CPA for Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered and Brandi is a dental hygienist. 1006 E 27th Ave, Hutchinson, KS 67502 cricer@gmail.com

John D. Whittemore recently bought his first home: 4219 Triboro Trail, Austin, TX 78749 jd_w@hotmail.com

Christina Wilcox and her boys, Spencer and General, live in the Omaha area where Christina owns and operates her own photography studio, Sloan Images Photography. She also substitute teaches for the Millard Public School System. 425 N Molley, Bennington, NE 68007 christina.wilcox@sloan-studios.com

2002

Aaron and Holly (Eckstein '03) Fletcher are excited to announce the arrival of their first child, Madeline Mae, born March 30, 2009. Aaron is beginning his second year as a biochemistry professor at Dallas Baptist University. Holly is currently working on her Master's of Liberal Arts in English. 1100 Alameda, Carrollton, TX 75007 aaronf@dbu.edu hbfcolo@yahoo.com

Becky (Funderburk) and Nathan Steele welcomed their new son, Dawson, into their lives on April 9, 2008. Dawson joins big brother Jackson. Becky is a homemaker and Nathan is a business owner of Precise Plumbing & Contracting. 13109 144th St, Louisville, NE 68037 beckysoccer@hotmail.com

Mandy (Brown) and Jazper Torres welcomed their daughter Nyah Jay to the family on Valentine's Day of this year. Mandy is a transition house manager for Montana Academy and is in grad school to become a licensed mental health counselor. Jazper is a chiropractor and owns his own practice. 1104 8th Ave East, Kalispell, MT 59901 mandy.torres@hotmail.com

2003

Ryan Parker is the head baseball coach for Olympic College and his wife Kim works for Group Health. They have two children, Blake and Ashton. rparker2@olympic.edu
Dr. Jordan and Jacqueline Sikes... See *Milestones*, pg. 18
Justin and Crystal (Milota '05) Stoll were married March 22, 2008.



Justin is an electrician's apprentice for Juzyk Electric and Crystal is a research and development laboratory technician for Abengoa Bioenergy. 1623 Nebraska Ave, York, NE 68467 kwistle@aol.com

2004

Doug Gunselman coached the state champions... *Milestones*, pg. 18
Aimee (Burney) and Glenn Pillier were married on Aug. 1, 2009 in Honolulu, HI. Aimee is an occupational therapist for Scottsdale Fiesta Pediatric Therapy. 955 E Runaway Bay Pl, Chandler, AZ 85249 arpiller@gmail.com

2005

Stephen and Joy (Coehoorn '06) Colwell have bought a new house: 1401 London Rd, Round Rock, TX 78664. Stephen is the sports editor for Highland Lakes Newspapers and Joy is a nurse at South Austin St. David Hospital. sportstalk23@hotmail.com

Hilary (Li) and Don Cupery welcomed a baby girl to their family, Lily Sze-Ting, born Jan. 30, 2009. 225 W Brown St, Waupun, WI 53936

Jonathan T. Graham is a state trooper for the Montana Highway Patrol. He and Sarah live at 54 Gospel Rd, Superior, MT 59872. jonandsarah_graham@live.com

2006

Jessica Agler graduated from the Univ. of Texas at Austin with her Master of Science in Information Studies on May 23. She is the archivist for the U.S. Senator Hagel Archives at UNO. 11505 Decatur Plaza #4111, Omaha, NE 68154 jessicacarobin83@hotmail.com

Kevin Claypool is the residential experience director for Abilene Christian Univ. ACU Box 28093, Abilene, TX 79699 kkc06b@acu.edu

Cliff and Laura (Sears '04) Mullen have one child, Aidan. Cliff is a youth minister for the Northside CofC and Laura is a marriage and family therapist. 1017 E Garland Ave, Spokane, WA 99207 cliffmullen@gmail.com

Martin and Kelly White are expecting their second child in February. Martin is a research and development technician for United Coatings and Kelly is a full-time mom. 705 E Spruce Ave, Coeur D'Alene, ID 83814 martin.runner@gmail.com

2007

Michelle Green gave birth to a baby girl, Paige Morgan, on July 11, 2008. Michelle is working as a pre-school teacher for Hamilton Heights Child Development Center. 812 20th Ave, Council Bluffs, IA 51501 sportygal_40@hotmail.com

Deshunda Ivory is a night auditor for Homewood Suites by Hilton. She would like to hear from old friends and classmates. 8344 W 108th Ter Apt F, Overland Park, KS 66210 krispy_dee_03@hotmail.com

Amber (Koroshetz) and Zach Smith ('06) were married July 31, 2009. They plan to move to Denver in December so Zach can finish pharmacy school. 919 44th Ave Court Unit C, Greeley, CO 80634 azsmith731@gmail.com

Adrienne (Koehn) Nelson is an elementary school teacher for the Alexandria City Public Schools. She and her husband Erik live at 1308 Tall Shadows Ln, Fairfax, VA 22033

Amy Springer recently moved and is the area director for the Campus Life South in Lincoln. 1730 Chloe Ln, Lincoln, NE 68512 amy.e.springer@gmail.com

Crystal (Soderholm) and Seth Terrell exchanged wedding vows Aug. 9, 2008, in an outdoor ceremony near Memphis, Tenn. Crystal is a graduate student at Radford Univ. in Virginia and Seth is employed as a campus minister for Virginia Tech. 1100 S Main Apt 4, Blacksburg, VA 24060 crystal.soderholm@gmail.com



2008

Kenneth Evans is currently working for Sears. He and his wife **Meagan (Cox)** are living at 1616 N Sinova, Mesa, AZ 85205 kcevans12@yahoo.com

Kyle and Vicki (Albright '05) Graham are missionaries in children's ministry in Rio San Juan, Dominican Republic. They began in January of this year and plan to stay two years. website: www.kyleandvickidr.com - email: kyleg19@gmail.com



YORK COLLEGE Athletics

Kite Tabbed as Track & Field/Cross Country Coach

by Nathana Faddis, YC's Panther Press



Derek Kite has returned to his roots by joining the YC Athletics Department as coach for the newly added track and field / cross country programs. Kite was hired after his own track career that included participation on an award winning team in college, world competitions and twice contesting for a spot on the Olympic team in the 3,000 meter Steeplechase.

Derek's parents, Terry and Jo, served York College in the 1970s and 80s, and his grandfather, Smith Kite, is a long-time trustee for the college. Derek moved from York to California after his freshman year in high school. About returning to York and working in a small town setting, Kite says, "I am excited about getting this program underway. I want to let small town kids know they can do this. They know how to work and if they desire, they can make it to a higher level."

Throughout his life, Derek has participated in a variety of mission work opportunities and when the chance to coach at York College came along, he jumped at the pros-

pect to lay aside his own running shoes and help young athletes perfect their skills. He referred to the opportunity as a mission and outlined his five main goals as starting a tradition, creating stability, recruiting, maintaining patience and spending quality time with each of his athletes, helping them perfect their skills. He plans for mission outreach to be one facet of the collegiate experience for all of his athletes.

When asked what he enjoyed most about the new program, Cross Country runner Zane Berner says: "I am impressed by Coach

Kite. He has so much knowledge. I look up to him, because he ran at such a high level, and he is a great Christian man, with a great Christian family."

Kite and his wife, Valerie, have a two-year-old son, Jacob, and another baby on the way. ●●●



photo by Amanda Couch
Casper, Wyoming freshman, Kameryn Brewster, daughter of YC alumni Jeff and Lynda (Lessly) Brewster, was looking for a college track scholarship when she received a call from Coach Kite in March about YC's new track/cross country program.



photo by Steddon Sikes

2009 Cross Country: (1st row) Alice Hackett, Elizabeth Eklund, Kristin Tuttle; (2nd row) Jerome Taylor, Amanda Couch, Kameryn Brewster, Brennan Jarvis, Bo Flora, Zane Berner, (back row) Assistant Coach Justin Carver, James Tidei, President Steve Eckman, A.D. Jared Stard, Head Coach Derek Kite

For more on Coach Kite visit our website at www.york.edu/athletics/track/coach.asp

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Where the Heart is...

Volleyball photos by Amanda Couch

The women's volleyball team received a few more decibals of support during Homecoming and cranked out an exciting victory in four sets over Grace University. The game was played in front of a rowdy Freeman Center crowd decked out in pink (to support breast cancer awareness) and York College blue. Chelsey Quigley led the team with 16 kills, and Erin Davidson solidified the back row with 20 digs. After the Panthers scored the final point, students stormed the court and mobbed the team in celebration.

photo by Ken Kush,
York News-Times

Bri Rush keeps her footing as she fights for position. Despite the unseasonably early snowfall on Homecoming Saturday, the women's soccer team welcomed the frigid conditions and took care of business, defeating conference opponent Central Christian 2-0. The victory all but guaranteed a post-season appearance for the Lady Panthers.



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Glen H. Byars

1914 - 2009

Glen H. Byars died January 15 in his home town of Kearney, Nebraska. A member of the Kearney Church of Christ, Glen was 94.

He was on the original board of trustees when the college reopened in 1956, serving as its first vice-chairman. In 1960, Byars was elected as chairman of the board and served in that capacity for nine years. He continued as a vice-chairman until 1983, providing volunteer service on the YC board a total of 27 years.

Byars was the President of Nebraska Propane Suppliers, Inc. of Kearney and served the church in Kearney as an elder for many years.



Mabrey L. Miller

1922 - 2009

Dr. Mabrey L. Miller passed away January 18, 2009 at his home in York surrounded by his family. Longtime member of the YC faculty and elder at the East Hill Church of Christ in York, "Doc" was 86.

Mabrey was among the first faculty members in 1956 when the college reopened. He would assume a number of duties through the years

including teaching math, registrar, dean of students, athletic director, tennis coach, academic dean, and Bible professor. Raising five children and serving the congregation at East Hill went hand in hand with his work on campus.

During his time as academic dean, he headed up the Self-Study for Accreditation, helping the college to become the first two-year college in the state of Nebraska to achieve that goal in 1970. Upon this foundation, the accreditation as a four-year college came about in later years. The 2005-06 academic year was dedicated to Mabrey and Madge for their Kingdom work and the 50 years of leadership they provided York College.

Mabrey is survived by his wife Madge of 64 years, along with their four children Wanda (Wendy) Shashoua, Ramona Ratliff, Dr. Bryan Miller, and Major Keith Miller. Dr. Miller is also survived by 13 grandchildren. His parents, four brothers, and his son Kirk Miller, preceded him in death.

Memorials may be directed to the Mabrey Miller Fund at York College.

Are you on Facebook? Do you tweet?

ARE YOU LINKED-IN?

Social media comes to York College



by Sue Roush,
Director of Alumni & Community
Relations

Social media has become an important part of modern society. There are certain social

networks that have more users than the population of small countries. There are sites for nearly every special interest that exists - sites to share photos, videos, opinions, and sites dedicated to meeting new people or reconnecting with old friends. Facebook and Twitter are quickly overtaking email as the most responsive forms of communication. Facebook crossed the 300 million user threshold just last month.

Social media has become an essential part of how students communicate, keep apprised of campus developments, and otherwise connect with the York College community. It has also



become an important part of how we communicate with alumni and friends of the college. Speaking of which, this past Homecoming, Vice President for Advancement, Brent Wagner, had this to say, "This was the best reunion the Class of 1979 has ever had, and most of the communication was done through Facebook." He continues, "I wrote an initial letter driving folks to the Facebook reunion page and continued to communicate through that medium. It was hugely successful."

If you would like to become more engaged with the day to day happenings at York College, follow me on Twitter; "Sue Roush – YC News." If you would like regular updates on Facebook, be sure to join the group, "York College, Nebraska, Alumni & Friends." And if you would like to post jobs, or if you are looking for a job, join our Linked-In group, York College Alumni.

The one thing we can be pretty sure of is that social media is not just a fad, and likely won't go away anytime soon...at least not until something better comes along. ●●●

photo by Steddon Sikes

The classes of '78, '79, and '80 made the most of Homecoming as they gathered for receptions, meals, and gab sessions late into the night. Dust off the yearbooks and see if you can name them all.



photo by Sue Roush

When the Concert Choir sang in New York City this summer with guest conductor Eric Whitacre, alumni and friends were kept up to date with trip details and photos on Facebook.

Friends and family honored the following people with donations to York College in their name.

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Members of the wrestling team give a friendly wave to the crowd. The Yorkfest celebration held in September featured over 100 YC students in the downtown parade and hot air balloon rides on the campus.



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



Concert Choir Winter Tour January 4 - 10
 Second Semester Registration January 11
 Shine Retreat February 5 - 7
 YC Theatre Spring Production February 25 - 28
 Spring Break March 14 - 20
 Spring High School Days April 9 - 11
 (Songfest 2010 April 8 - 10, 7:30 p.m.)
 All-College Banquet April 22
 Concert Choir Spring Works Concert April 26
 Commencement May 8

Summer Session I May 12 - 28
 RoundUp May 23 - 29
 Summer Session II June 2 - June 17
 Soul Quest 2010 June 13 - 19
 Legacy Alumni Reunion June 22 - 24
 Alumni Choir Reunion June 25 - 27
 York College Work Days July 29 - 31
 New Student Orientation August 18 - 22
 Classes Begin August 23
 Homecoming and Fall H.S. Days October 8 - 10