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COMMENCEMENT EXCITEMENT

COACH KNIGHT HEIGHTENS ENERGY

When you have a powerhouse of a commencement speaker, you hope that power will transfer to weather control. And while the unruly elements established dominion by unleashing a torrent of rain and wind for Trine's 125th commencement on May 8, they did nothing to deter the buzz of excitement created by the appearance of basketball legend Bob Knight on the campus.

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Knight made a rare return to Indiana to address the 318 graduates seated in Hershey Hall athletic complex. With his 98 percent student-athlete graduation rate, his long history with Indiana University basketball and his status as one of the most successful coaches in National Collegiate Athletic Association history, he created a riveting stage presence for the 4,500-plus supporters and media assembled to hear his advice to Trine students.

He kept the advice solid and the delivery fun and light, incorporating vignettes from his professional life and jokes, glibly delivered to illustrate his points. He called his receipt of an honorary Doctor of Public Service, presented by Trine President Earl Brooks II directly before his speech, one of the most important honors of his life.

Doffing his new mantle and black robe, he addressed the crowd in his familiar sweater. “Dick Vitale wears a suit and tie, and he talks too much. I limit what I say and wear a sweater,” he deadpanned.

He praised the university and urged the students to practice self-reliance. “There’s no finer institution than the one you’re graduating from,” he said. “It’s placed you at life’s starting line. You will rely on yourself more now than you have at any other time. I’m going to talk to you a little bit about some of the things that you’re going to encounter...” he said.

“You’re going to be working for people. Some of you will have to work for a guy like me. I wasn’t the easiest coach in history to play for.

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That was never my intent. My intent was to see that the guys who played for me went away from basketball with a better opportunity to succeed in life than anyone anywhere could have; and with that, it took a certain amount of different types of encouragement on my part over all those years.”

He told Trine students not to be satisfied. “That’s the first step toward defeat,” he said. To illustrate, he told a story of coaching basketball great Michael Jordan on the 1984 Olympic team. Refusing to go into halftime satisfied, he challenged Jordan to set some screens. “Coach, didn’t I read where you think I’m the quickest player in basketball? I think I’m setting ’em quicker than you can see ’em out there,” was Jordan’s response.

He called preparation “the key in any game. The will to prepare is most important.” He refused to wish students good luck, saying he believes in preparation and hard work instead. He also urged them to soak up information. “See, instead of look. To win you’ve got to see. You need to listen, not hear. Until you’re CEO of General Motors, it’s more important to watch and listen than talk.”

He also asked members of the military to stand. “These people have given us a life in the greatest country in the world. We owe it to them to do all we can to improve things, as they have in the military,” he said.



“Nothing has touched me more or been more important to me personally than the degree given to me by this great university here this morning. That leaves me to talk to all of you who are about to receive your degrees. There is no finer institution anywhere in the country than the one you are all about to graduate from.”

Bob Knight, Commencement Speaker

HARNESSING THE DREAM

TRINE GRADS TAKE THE REINS

DREAM WEAVERS: *Bruns family plans triple degrees*

Since Michael Bruns and his dad, Steve, earned Trine degrees at the same commencement in May, Michael's mom, Mechelle, decided to join the mix and enroll in Trine's upcoming master's degree in leadership, along with her husband and son.

While it sounds triply confusing, a Trine education weaves its way through their lives as surely as a thread through fabric. Son Michael's marketing degree has taken him to Indianapolis to work for Radio Shack while training for another job with Fifth Third Bank. Mechelle, an administrative assistant in Trine's Franks

School of Education, plans to enhance her bachelor's degree with the master in leadership.

Steve took the long way around, starting at SPS seven years ago and completing an associate degree in business administration and then a bachelor's in applied management this spring. An early high school graduate, he went directly to college and "hated it. I enjoyed it this time," he said.

So he'll join his wife and son in the leadership master's this fall, with the goal of entering company management.

DREAM DRIVEN: *Rexroth, Delgado top students*

Mechanical engineering graduate Paul Rexroth, winner of the Robert B. Stewart Award for the outstanding university student, lives the advice he gave classmates at commencement.

"Whatever your goals in life, let your vision extend them to the horizon beyond, so that the mountains of challenge become your stepping stones to success," he told graduates.

Rexroth graduated summa cum laude, for students with 3.950 grade point averages and above; was named to Chi Alpha Sigma, Pi Tau Sigma and Tau Beta Pi honorary societies; received the

Gold Key for repeated president's list qualification; and was named to Who's Who.

Christina Delgado knows how working adults struggle to achieve their dreams. The full-time worker and single mother of a 13-year-old so excelled at Trine Fort Wayne, she earned the 2010 Outstanding SPS Student Award.

The criminal justice major earned a 3.984 grade point average, and earned summa cum laude, Alpha Chi, Gold Key, Omicron Psi and Who's Who designations.

DREAM WARRIOR: *Aldrich wins degree battle*

Sgt. Maj. Jeff Aldrich has a lifetime of military experience, but he realized a lifelong dream this spring—completing his criminal justice degree. The decorated soldier has served the Army since age 17—in Kuwait, Panama, Iraq and Korea. The over 20 military awards pinned to his jacket attest to his dedication.

Three years ago he took advantage of Trine's online scholarships for Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. Transferring credits from four universities and his military schools, he began his criminal justice degree. "Trine North Director Dave Wagner took all the

credits I had, and told me what I needed to do to become a student," said Aldrich, a recruiter. "The online courses helped me tremendously, because I travel. I would have missed a lot of seated classes, and wouldn't be graduating when I am."

He called his degree "awesome. It gave me a new life. The tuition break really squared me away financially."

Whether he deploys one more time or takes his retirement next July, he will head into Trine's criminal justice master's program. "You've got a die-hard Thunder soldier, here," he said.



40 MINUTES WITH THE COACH

ENTERING THE KNIGHT ZONE

Written by Jill Boggs, Editor-in-Chief

I must admit I was a little intimidated when the President told me of my rare opportunity to interview Coach Knight while on campus for commencement. I knew of Coach and his legendary career, but I felt I should discover more about him prior to this meeting. Most importantly, I didn't want to make a fool of myself. Did you know if you Google Coach Bob Knight there are over 6,800,000 results? Focusing on his amazing biography instead, I prepared myself for an experience that will not soon be forgotten. My decision to lose all preconceived notions allowed me to see the man that sat before me as not only an icon in college coaching, but also as a provider of opportunity for many young men.

JB: When word got out you were going to be Trine's commencement speaker, the biggest question was ... why Trine?

COACH: Because of my friend, Jerry Allen, who is a trustee. I go back before Trine to TSU when he was a student here. This has been a very good school for him, a very good engineering school period. His family and my family have known each other for a long time. I have been asked to do other commencement addresses but declined. This is also my first honorary degree. It means a lot to me. There was no question on whether I would do it for him and for this fine institution.

JB: Have you ever been in the northeast Indiana lakes region?

COACH: Oh yeah, I have spent a lot of time up here. There is a guy up here in Angola that used to have a used car operation, and we would go north of Fort Wayne fishing often.

JB: You have degrees in history and government from Ohio State. If basketball hadn't opened its arms to you, would you have taken a different path?

COACH: My mother was a school teacher. I think I had a library card when I was six. There was never any doubt that I was going

to go to college, because of my mom. I found I could get a degree in history and government with 46 hours and still graduate in four years. Turns out, with everything I took I ended up certified to teach nine different subjects when I graduated.

JB: I was impressed that at age 24 you were the youngest collegiate coach while at West Point. What led to that position?

COACH: I was cheap! It was at West Point, there isn't anything cheaper than the Army. I was there and I was cheap, that's the answer to that question.

JB: While 902 career wins is incredible, what is even more incredible is your 98 percent graduation rate in 40 seasons of coaching young men. Tell me about this success.

COACH: In regard to recruitment, I felt my responsibility if I were recruiting your son was that he graduates. However, there is a hell of a difference between playing at the high school level and playing at the top level of college athletics. But the one thing I always talked to you about as a mother would be the fact that your son is going to graduate.

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JB: What was your secret?

COACH: The way I did it was if you don't go to class then you don't play. That is the simplest way possible. When that happens once or twice, they all know you meant what you say. If a kid cut class, I would bring him in three mornings in a row at 5 and he would run until 6:30. I never had to do that twice with a kid. I didn't care if they didn't like it. To me, my obligation to the family was to get this kid a degree.

JB: Coach, nobody can touch 98 percent graduation rate today. Nobody can get to 75 percent much less 98 percent. Trine is NCAA Division III. Our athletes play for the love of the game. What advice can you give on retaining these athletes?

COACH: It is up to the coach. The coaches have to have a dogmatic approach to whether kids are going to play and not graduate or not play and graduate.

JB: In what way do you feel there is a relationship between recruitment and retention for Division III?

COACH: Kids play because they love the sport. No athletic scholarship. I think retention to a great extent is always based on how much a kid gets to play. I don't care if it is Division III or Division I. And then there are going to be kids that don't get to play much but are good students who just enjoy being part of the team.

JB: I heard a story about a non-Knight fan turning fan because of something he heard a past player of yours say with emotion. The statement was "I know if I ever needed Coach he would be here in an instant and he knows if he ever needed me I would drop what I am doing and go to him." What creates this life-long bond?

COACH: I think that the demands I put on a kid as a player and as a student were probably excessive when compared to other kids at other schools, and I think they were just better off because of it. You know, I didn't let them do what they wanted to do, they did what I wanted them to do. And if they couldn't handle that, they left. Again, I always felt my responsibility was to do everything I could to see that this kid once he was out of school could construct a useful and fruitful life for himself.

JB: It sometimes takes these young adults a few years to appreciate the efforts you put into helping them graduate.

COACH: We started having a reunion of all the kids that played for me at West Point. We have done that for 15 years now. Now these guys are approaching 60. One of them is from South Bend, Indiana. Only God knows what he has done. He has trained for the CIA, a black ops guy. There are a lot of interesting individuals I have had the opportunity to coach and stay in touch with.

JB: As a player at Ohio State you had three Big Ten titles. Did any of your teammates go pro?

COACH: Oh yeah, the whole starting line up when I was a sophomore played in the NBA. Jerry Lucas was the best player to this date to ever play in the NBA and John Havlicek is one of the top 50 people that have ever played in the NBA. He and I were in the same class.

JB: Do you still keep in touch?

COACH: Actually, I was to go to Scotland with Havlicek the day after Trine's commencement, but we have had a real problem at home with the hot water tank breaking. So I opted out. Funny story about Havlicek. When we graduated in 1962, there was no



ESPN when he was drafted first by the Celtics, nobody knew about it, he came up to my dorm room to tell me and asked me what I thought. I told him he ought to get a picture of Red Auerbach's ass and put it up on his mirror and kiss it every morning when he got up.

JB: You mentioned you were speaking tomorrow night in Memphis. I know you travel to give speeches often. Is there a certain message you favor?

COACH: It depends on who I am speaking to and I hope there is always something good to it.

JB: I hear you don't write out your speeches. Would you consider yourself an impromptu speaker?

COACH: No, I have an idea, like at commencement I will talk a little bit about what I think these kids can expect. The degree they earned, particularly from Trine, educationally, means a lot, but beyond educational, it only means a lot if you do a lot with it.

JB: I get the basketball thing. I get the love of the game. But I don't get the fishing thing. What is it about the love of the catch that you like so much?

COACH: Well, it depends on what kind of fishing you are doing. I fly fish. There is an art to it. I've got a fishing rod that is nine feet long. I probably have 40 feet of line that this rod has to control, and to do that I have to put the fly in a particular spot. Now I am 69, I can do that. I can't hit a baseball today. I can't shoot very well today. But here is something that I am really good at. But I have learned it, and I am probably about as good as anybody at it. I like it. I like the challenge of trying to get the fly where I want it to go. Then you have the back cast and you hit a tree and then you have

to get the fly out of the tree. So it's like life. There are minor and major screw-ups in fishing.

JB: So you go through all that, you catch a fish, it feels pretty good.

COACH: I never keep the fish. You know it's just...well, I'm sure you like some things that I would never understand why you like it.

JB: Do you miss coaching?

COACH: Yes, I miss coaching. I don't think I miss all the stuff that goes on in recruiting today. The idea of trying to put a plan together that is better than your plan; or that we're definitely better than you and to keep you from beating us; or you're better than us and how can we beat you. Those are all things that I really enjoyed.

JB: Do you enjoy watching the NBA?

COACH: You know, Mike Woodson coaches the Atlanta Hawks, and he is one of the great players I had, and that is really the only team I pay attention to. I watch a lot more baseball than I watch professional basketball.

JB: What do you like to read?

COACH: Oh I read everything. I like history, a lot of fiction, and military books. I certainly am not an expert, but I've studied the Civil War to some degree and the revolution. I like to read about people.

JB: You are often referred to as "the General." How do you feel about that?

COACH: That comes from Dick Vitale. I have been called a lot of things. Could always be worse.



NO FEAR

PROTECTING PRESIDENTS IS ALUMNA'S JOB

Lesley Cochran-Timm stands at post in the White House, her face a study in steely resolve and implacable control.

The physical equal of the U.S. Secret Service men who share her job, she is trained and capable of any action required to keep the U.S. President, and other world leaders, safe.

At post, time stands still. Keenly vigilant, she frames a plan, over and over, for any scenario. Is anyone behaving inappropriately? Does anything in the environment look inconsistent with the setting? Because it's all about the plan—where to take cover, what to do, how to best serve the immensely powerful leaders under her protection.

The 1995 Tri-State criminal justice graduate has no illusions about forming friendships with those leaders—it's not her job. She must control their environment to eliminate the possibility of an attack. "All we do is to prevent the bullet from leaving the gun," she said. Because she knows that at any time, she or her fellow agents could be called upon to step in front of it.

She knows the White House only too well. "You need to know everything—the tunnels, doors and secret buttons because your alert levels can change at any time," she said. That intense awareness stretches to reading the needs of leaders like President George W. Bush, whom she was assigned to protect from 2003-2008.

“President Bush was just like you and me,” she said. “He had good days and bad. Some days he was very chatty and others there wasn’t a word. We do not initiate conversation with those we protect. We’re not there to be their friends. We’re there to keep them safe.”

She was working on the Duty Desk of the Secret Service Intelligence Division on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists crashed planes into both World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon. She called it the most world-altering event in her career.

“Our New York field office was in World Trade 7,” she said. “We had even more agents than usual in town for a United Nations meeting. All the time we worked, we knew our office and our people were affected. We started a manpower count, set up a relocation site and maintained the chain of command. It was organized chaos, but you get it done, and at the same time a plane goes into the Pentagon.”

Cochran-Timm’s journey from LaPorte, Ind. to the international sphere began at Tri-State in 1991, where the reputation of a growing criminal justice program, softball and a chance to play for then-coach Linda Beeler attracted her. “It was kind of like winning a trifecta,” she said.

She completed her criminal justice degree in 1995, and experienced her first contact with the U.S. Secret Service when a recruiter visited the university in her junior year. “I had an interest then, but didn’t think I’d get on (the agency) my first try,” she said. She went back home to LaPorte to work in juvenile detention for six months, receiving job offers from the Indiana State Police and U.S. Secret Service in the same week. She now has over 13 years with the Secret Service.

“Timing and other things helped,” she said of her early success. “I always loved physical activity and maintaining my fitness. The Secret Service looks at how you present yourself and your fitness. Coming in as a college athlete with a good GPA and a job shows the multi-tasking they admire. They love self-starters.”

After over four years in the Indianapolis field office, she was selected for the Intelligence Division in 2001, protecting and serving

during the 2002 Olympics and contributing to redefining the agency’s role in the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

In 2003, she was assigned to the Presidential Protective Division. Over the course of her career she has also protected current U.S. President Barack Obama, former presidents Bill Clinton, George Bush Sr. and Jimmy Carter, former vice presidents Al Gore and Dick Cheney and heads of state from Israel, Iran, Jordan, Poland, Russia, Great Britain, Fiji, Haiti, Barbados, Cameroon, Korea and other countries.

The demands of a 160-170 day travel schedule can lead to burnout, so Cochran-Timm recharges by working out, mowing and working in the yard, fishing and visiting Boundary Waters, a wilderness area between the U.S. and Canada with her husband.

Her family heritage keeps her grounded. Although fiercely proud of her, they don’t allow her to get a big head. “They’d say, ‘We don’t care what you do,’” she said. And although she has arranged entry for her mother and siblings to White House Christmas parties and presidential events, “they don’t see the five or six days prior, when we’re up until midnight making sure we know everything we need to know.

“At graduation we did some exhibitions for them, and they didn’t know until that day what I’d do. My grandmother is Old World Polish, and she asked, ‘You carry gun? You shoot people?’”

It would not occur to Cochran-Timm not to pit her skills against any man’s. “I’ve never been intimidated by a male-dominated program. I’ve been in a cadet program with very few females, and just didn’t see limitations.”

Once more, that good, old-fashioned family grounding plays its role, allowing her to assess personalities and fit right in. “I’m good at reading people and responding to what they need. I’ve always liked people—my dad never knew a stranger and I took a lot from that. My mom worked as a hairdresser, which is all about customer service. In her shop, doing homework at the end of the day, you learn a lot.”

“I’ve been in a cadet program with very few females, and just didn’t see limitations.”

Lesley Cochran-Timm, 1995 Tri-State criminal justice graduate



ROLLING *to a* DIFFERENT BEAT

Buell rides as one of 25

“I never used to watch the Weather Channel,” stated Kody Buell, (ASCJ ’03) as he described the ways being selected a member of the Indiana State Police Motorcycle Patrol Unit changed his life. Trooper Buell had served as a state trooper for three years, assigned first to the Toll Road and then the Fort Wayne post, when he was accepted as a member of the motorcycle unit. With only 25 members, the Motorcycle Patrol Unit is a prestigious, high-profile assignment within the ISP.

Buell began riding mini-bikes and motorcycles as soon as he was “big enough to do so.” He has owned a Honda Rebel and three Harley-Davidsons, and this love of bikes was clearly one of the factors leading to his desire to become a member of the ISP’s motorcycle unit. But the unit is more than just state troopers patrolling highways on Harleys. In addition to patrolling Indiana’s highways, troopers on motorcycles attract a lot of attention and fulfill an important public relations role for the ISP.



Patrolling on a motorcycle gives Buell an even higher adrenaline rush than purely riding a bike for pleasure. “You’ve got 10 things going on at once,” is the way he describes using a motorcycle to perform road patrols. While riding for pleasure allows the rider to enjoy the scenery, Trooper Buell, on his state-owned bike, has to watch the radar, run his radio, be wary of traffic, be aware of his surroundings, be cautious of road conditions and focus on any motorist found violating the law. It’s a lot more intense. Motorcycles provide greater maneuverability and quickness, making them ideal for details requiring rapid response. Buell has been privileged to use his bike to provide motorcade duties for many visiting dignitaries, including President Obama.

The shiny white motorcycles attract a lot of attention, making them ideal for the unit’s public relations role. Whether massed in the Indianapolis 500 parade or displayed individually to elementary school students, these bikes draw people in and allow troopers like Buell to advocate ISP’s message of character, respect for the law and making positive life choices. Trooper Buell is passionate about his job and the Indiana State Police. The motorcycle is a tool, he says, which allows him to grab the attention of a wider audience and spread the word about the importance of good citizenship.

CARLOS VALAZQUEZ

A lasting Trine tribute

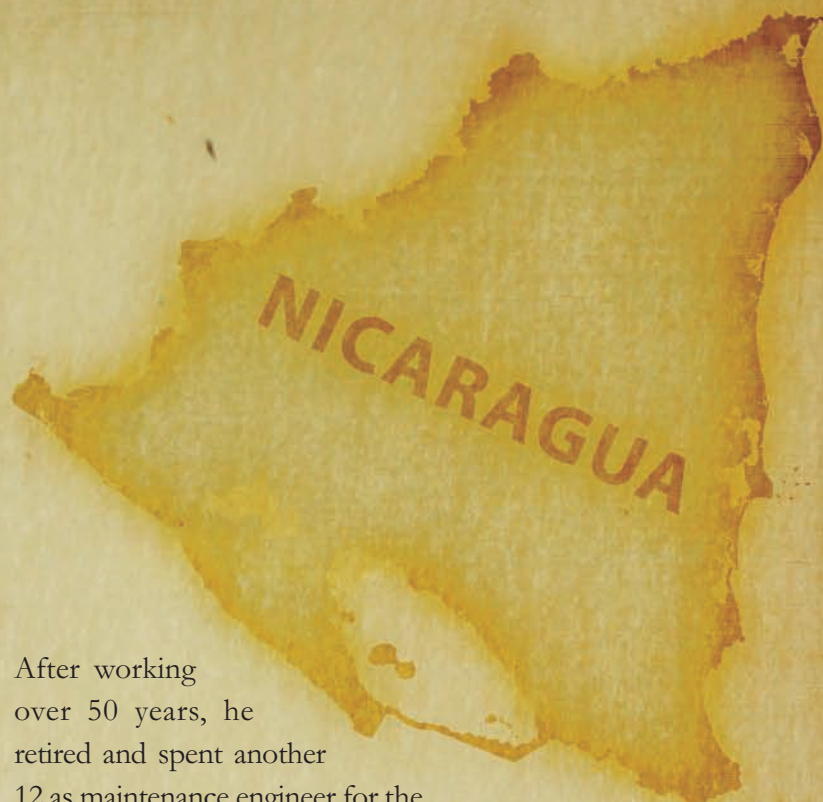
When Rodrigo Granera, the great-grandson of 97-year-old Tri-State College engineering grad Carlos Valazquez contacted us, we learned of Carlos' enduring affection for his Indiana alma mater. We sent Carlos a letter of commendation on his longevity and dedication, but we had to know more about the intriguing man who journeyed here from Nicaragua early this century to complete dual engineering degrees. We discovered an extraordinary life, impacting the vitality of an entire country. Here is Carlos' amazing story, a lifelong tribute to the education he received at our university over 70 years ago. Thanks to Rodrigo for the marvelous details in this narrative, edited only slightly.

Carlos Velazquez (Don Chale to friends and associates) was born Aug. 2, 1912 in Masaya, Nicaragua. His grandfather, Heinrich Geyer, a mechanical engineer of German descent, installed the first pump to provide water for Masaya.

Don Chale sought education in the U.S. after high school, learning English at Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal, Va. He then enrolled at Tri-State College, now Trine, completing degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering. He remembers persuading the university to allow the double major, which was not standard. He completed in four years, moving back to Nicaragua as one of very few countrymen with U.S. engineering degrees.

He became a prominent figure, installing infrastructure for major plants and factories. He was the only Nicaraguan engineer working on the country's first oil refinery, the Café soluble factory (largest coffee producer and distributor), the Gracsa factory (major producer of cooking oil), and the National Distillation Center.

He installed the electrical and air conditioning system in Nicaragua's National Theatre (Teatro Nacional Ruben Dario), and founded Tamenic with partners to make machine parts rather than import them. A consultant, he taught the casting of iron parts, becoming known for solving problems. His love of knowledge, investigation and innovation, discipline, and sense of responsibility formed his life philosophy.



After working over 50 years, he retired and spent another 12 as maintenance engineer for the national brewing company. Throughout his life, he devoted much of his free time to his hobby—working in his garage, fixing appliances for friends, creating machine parts, and reading and testing to keep up with ideas.

Now in Managua, Nicaragua, he often hosts his family, which includes 30 great-grandchildren. Always, he turns to devices and tools on the work table he built, driven to create, learn and innovate.

Trine University played an integral role in creating his work ethic, morals and drive for excellence. For that reason, he remembers his time there to this day, and will always be a proud alumnus.



Managua, Nicaragua



He's our Sunday Best

It's hard to find a better Tri-State/Trine fan than Billy Sunday.

Sunday, 90, gave 37 years of his life to Tri-State, serving first as accountant and then vice president/secretary-treasurer for four university presidents, beginning with President Clarence Murray at Tri-State College in around 1944.

Reflecting upon it all from his Angola home in April, he marveled at the change in the campus and its students, and the university's relevance across the years.

Returning to Angola after working in Detroit and then serving with the aviation cadets during World War II, he's seen a lot of change since an ad for an accountant landed him at Tri-State College. And so his Trine journey began.

"It's changed so much, you can't compare what it was then to now," he said. In his early years, students lived in rooming houses. The president lived on the small campus, on the corner of present-day University Avenue. Billy's office occupied the second-floor southeast corner of the Administration Building, now the C.W. Sponsel

Administration Center. Business equipment? An adding machine did the trick, and the records were kept pretty much by hand. He drafted paychecks, paid bills and attended board meetings that would frame the university's future.

He calls the recent campus transformation beautiful and necessary. "It's progress and keeping up with the times and what needs to be done to maintain a student body. It's a huge impact on a town this size to have a university like this and the athletics to go with it," he said.

He speaks as a nearly lifelong county resident. He and his wife, June, attended school together in a one-room school house just east of Salem Center before graduating from the new Salem Center High School. His parents attended Mount Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church on Golden Lake Road, and his mother, Maude, and son, Larry, attended Tri-State.

A former high school basketball player, Billy is an avid Trine fan. "I don't miss any basketball games, unless I'm out of town," he said. He and June also attend Trine fund-raisers and events as special guests of the university, never missing a chance to support and help.

Seated in the Hershey Hall bleachers on commencement day May 8, he enjoyed a speech by Indiana basketball legend Bob Knight. As another Trine class graduated, his life with the university traveled full circle—through the many years as an administrator to his role now as a key Trine supporter.

MAKING THE GRADE

BY TRINE GRADUATES

"The small class sizes and wonderfully open professors made it very easy to succeed here at Tri-State/Trine. That and the entire Criminal Justice/ Psychology/Social Science Department, including you, Dr. Blaz."

Carey Abrams
BS psychology
Centerville, IN

"Hard work and dedication to my studies helped me to accomplish what I came here to do. But without the support of my parents, friends and professors, I might have given up trying to work so hard. Also, the academic support that I received from everyone on campus made working hard easier."

Amber Michaels
BS criminal justice
Edgerton, OH

"My success at Trine is due to the diversity of activities I was involved in. I may not have been the best at everything I did, but I have many memories and stories to take with me into interviews to showcase my skills and characteristics to future employers."

Alishia Raak
BSBA accounting, finance
South Haven, MI

"I came to Trine for the engineering program and to play baseball. The friends I have met through baseball are the greatest asset to having played. The past four years have been a blast!"

Adam Bowden
BS civil engineering
Angola, IN

"Get involved with anything and everything that interests you, do not spend your time just going to class and going back to your room. You will get done with school and you will not have any social skills to compliment what you learned in the classroom. Going to college is about gaining social skills as well as the learning."

Nick Garstka
BS mathematics
New Haven, IN

"A little school spirit and positive attitude can go a long way. Never give up. Go Thunder!"

Laura Hoeppner
BSBA sport management
Woodburn, IN

"A combination of community, dedicated faculty and personal drive allowed me to succeed at Trine. The community of friends I had supported and encouraged me in the low and high times. Without that community, I would not have made it past my sophomore year. The dedicated faculty took a personal interest in my education and provided strong academic support. Personal drive was the least of the three elements, but when it failed, friends, faculty and strength from God pushed me forward toward the goal."

Ryan Gruell
BS chemical engineering
Rushville, IN

"The smaller class size was an advantage for me during my time at Trine. Professor Michael McNamara was an outstanding tool for my education. Because of him I was able to get a hands-on experience with radio at a young age. Combining athletics and academics here was an outstanding experience. I would not have accomplished this much anywhere else."

Tim Raftery
BS communication
Cincinnati, OH

"If not for the support of the friends that I made my first year here telling me I didn't have to do this alone, I may never have persevered through all four years at Trine."

Alison Coe
BS forensic science
Weston, OH

"I survived in college because I had my priorities straight. You have to balance free time with study time. One of my priorities was to always go to class even if I didn't feel like it. The right balance of extracurricular activities is also important. Any student can have priorities straight, attend class, and graduate, but to be really successful at Trine it takes the extra initiative to do something you really enjoy in addition and to take on leadership roles for personal growth."

Travis Crowe
BS design engineering technology
Columbia City, IN

"Throughout my years at Trine University, I enjoyed the small classrooms and student/faculty interaction. I want to send a special thank you to Mrs. Deb McHenry and her husband for their continued support and love that was so needed at times. It has been a wonderful experience for me, and I would tell any student to be involved as much as possible, because the more people you know, network with, and become close with, the larger the support system you will have in your corner."

Melia Miller
BS marketing and communication
Warren, MI

"I would have never made it all the way through without the support from family and friends. One person on this campus that really helped me academically was Dr. Susan Anspaugh. Without her help and guidance, I would have been lost many times!"

Ashley Nordmann
BS health promotions and recreational programming
Bourbon, IN

"Out of everything that Trine had to offer, the Christian Campus House has had the greatest impact. CCH provided me with discipleship, direction and family. CCH defined my college career. I am incredibly thankful."

Mark Brown
BS mechanical engineering
Wauseon, OH

"My experience at Trine has been a very good one. I was lucky enough to have Professor Craig Laker as my academic adviser. He has been more than helpful to me, and has helped me succeed. Also, I would not have had a successful experience without the support of other professors, family and friends."

Megan Wood
BS criminal justice
LaFontaine, IN

"With a small campus, my experience at Trine was an unforgettable one. So many people contributed to my success here, and I was lucky to have opportunities that I would not have had at a larger school. By becoming involved in my freshman year, I was given a chance to work in the Office of Student life. These people became my co-workers and my second family. I am glad the road of life led me to Trine University."

Katelyn Storms
BS sport management
Darlington, IN

"Part of my success in graduating from Trine was because of a professor suggesting I change my major during my sophomore year. This gave me the drive to prove the professor wrong, and allowed me to graduate with my degree. To achieve success at the college level, you have to learn from your mistakes, learn your limitations and seek help from professors. Professors are more than willing to help with any questions, and I used that to be successful."

Paul Verdeyen
BS mechanical engineering
Fort Wayne, IN

"The first day I stepped onto the Trine (Tri-State) campus, I was amazed at the genuine care that the faculty and staff took toward me and my future. What sets this school apart from many is the closeness that is present between professors and students, and, if you are involved athletically, the coaches and students. Where else can you walk around campus and have a conversation with the president, athletic director and a professor all in the same day?"

Wes Weir
BSBA sport management
Indianapolis, IN

"Essentially, people come to college from high school assuming that it will be exactly like high school. They will find out quickly, regardless of their major, that this is not the case. Even after you get past this initial shock, there will still be times when you will fail. You will not get the grades you want in all of your classes. However, the biggest thing you will learn in college is that it's not that you know the answers, it's that you know where to find the answers and that you ask for help."

Wes Stinson
BS mechanical engineering
Anderson, IN

"I succeeded by studying hard with the help of professors. Without their support, I wouldn't have become an alumnus! I had to stay focused and know when to play and when to study the books."

Scott Lee
BSBA golf management
Muncie, IN

"The small school atmosphere makes it feel more comfortable and like home. I have personally succeeded through the help of my professors, whom I know very well, and all the classmates that I have grown very close to over the years. The ability to lead organizations has taught me how to work in teams and basically how to run a business. Trine has provided me the opportunity to earn a strong, hands-on degree, which has given me the experience to obtain internships and get a job following graduation."

Ryan Heath
BS electrical engineering
North Vernon, IN



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At that time, nine holes were available for play; a second nine opened later that year in July. The original “pro shop and clubhouse” consisted of a trailer located at the north end of the parking lot. Within a few years, a fully-stocked golf shop and modest banquet facility were constructed adjacent to the ninth fairway. The banquet hall, built with

a gift from Tri-State alumnus Wilber Witmer, was expanded in 2002 to facilitate serving golf tournaments, meetings, seminars, weddings and other social events.

Since 1971, Zollner Golf Course has served the university in a variety of ways. Tri-State's men's and women's varsity golf teams, summer golf academies, golf lessons, support of the golf management curriculum, and university personnel, alumni and students have benefited from the academic, recreational and competitive advantages of a scenic, championship course conveniently located at the west end of the campus. Uniquely, Trine University is the only institution



Jennifer Lymangood



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Indiana senator and business execs new trustees

The Trine University board of trustees elected five new members following an annual meeting in January: Rick L. James, chief executive for Metal Technologies Inc. in Auburn; Sen. Dennis Kruse, R-Auburn; Jack A. Shaw, retired president and chief executive for Hughes Electronics Corp.; Ian Rolland, retired chairman and CEO of Lincoln National Corp.; and Phil Mayberry, retired president of Centennial Wireless.

A graduate of Tri-State, now Trine, James earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1977. He has been chairman and CEO for Metal Technologies for the past 13 years. Kruse has served the Indiana State Senate since 2004 and the Indiana House of Representatives from 1989-2004. Shaw was elected chief executive, president, and board member of Hughes Electronics Corp. in 2001. He joined Hughes in 1987, and retired in 2003. Rolland began his career at Lincoln National Life in 1956. He was Lincoln National Corp.'s chief executive officer in 1977, and retired from LNC in 1998. Phillip H. Mayberry is the retired president of Centennial Wireless and a provider of funding for start-up companies as an "angel" investor with Congeries LLC. He has over 35 years with telecommunications companies, the last 10 as president of Centennial Wireless.

To view a complete list of the Trine University trustees, visit trine.edu/trustees.



James



Kruse



Shaw



Rolland



Mayberry

Brooks' leadership continues

Trine University's board of trustees extended the contract of President Earl D. Brooks II through 2019 while setting future plans for the university during an annual spring meeting in May. The contract includes a two-year option, potentially extending Dr. Brooks' term through 2021.



Brooks

Dr. Brooks came to Tri-State, now Trine, in June 2000, leading the institution through a transformation characterized by enrollment growth, fund raising, the expansion of graduate programs and the revitalization and expansion of campus facilities.

"I am flattered and honored by the confidence demonstrated by the board of trustees with this decision," Dr. Brooks said. "I have great affection for this institution, and I have a great board to work with. I am excited to come to work each day, and look forward to expanding upon our vision for the future."

Engineers funded

A joint Questa Foundation/Northeast Indiana Fund press conference in Fort Wayne, Ind. in May brought good news for students planning to focus on advanced manufacturing or engineering at Trine University.

Questa Foundation executive director Christina Smith announced the foundation will invest over a half-million dollars from its Questa Scholars 1/2 Back Loan program over the next five years to aid area college students who pursue careers in advanced manufacturing and engineering. Students who choose to pursue engineering or advanced engineering degrees at Trine will receive early review of their applications to the competitive loan program.



Trine University Vice President for Enrollment Management Scott Goplin, left, stands with Talent Initiative Director Leonard Helfrich and Questa Foundation for Education Executive Director Christina Smith.



Dr. Ralph Trine, left, and Dr. Sheri Trine accept Ralph's Sagamore award from Gov. Mitch Daniels.

Governor Daniels presents Dr. Trine Sagamore award

Gov. Mitch Daniels traveled to Trine University to present university trustee, alumnus and benefactor Dr. Ralph Trine the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest civilian award given by his office, on April 14.

Daniels commended Dr. Trine for his life of service, noting that the fusion of great business success and great public commitment marks a true Sagamore.

Dr. Trine said the award humbled him, and that he in turn appreciated the accomplishments of many other people. "On Sundays Sheri and I come to campus and watch the students and enjoy the improvements. It's a great feeling, and we appreciate everyone who has done so much," he said, requesting a hand of applause for his wife's many efforts on behalf of the university.

Trine awards employees

Trine University honored employees during its annual commencement breakfast Saturday, May 8 prior to its 125th commencement.

Kathy Pomeroy, a professor in the Franks School of Education, received the Gerald H. Moore Overall Excellence in Teaching Award. She received a cash stipend, development grant and plaque for the honor. The Barrenbrugge Faculty Excellence Award went to Professor Craig Laker, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, Psychology & Social Sciences. He received a cash stipend and honorary plaque.

Professor emeritus rank was granted to Dr. Dolores Tichenor, retiring after 43 years, and Dr. Lawrence Samuelson, retiring after 27 years. Dr. Samuelson, of the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, also earned numerous teaching and faculty awards. Earning a meritorious service award upon her retirement after 24 years was Dr. Jeanine Samuelson, Department of Language & Humanities.

Trine music director Mark Kays earned the Jannen Renaissance Faculty Scholar award for his breadth of accomplishment.



Kathy Pomeroy, a professor in the Franks School of Education, center, received the Gerald H. Moore Overall Excellence in Teaching Award during the annual Commencement Breakfast in May. At left is Hal Moore, for whose father the award is named, and at right is Trine trustee John McKetta.

Trine President Earl D. Brooks II also honored staff members with the President's Award for Excellence in Performance. Admission counselor and cheerleading adviser Kasey Jones received an award for her effort in advising the cheer squad, while safety staff member Bruce Knox received an award for his implementation of CPR training for the safety staff. Dr. Brooks also awarded Cheri Ditto, assistant director of admission at Trine Fort Wayne.

Trine cadet tops

Trine freshman criminal justice major Annalisa Krug earned the Notre Dame Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Cadet of the Year award for 2009-2010 in May, and the Roberge Award for outstanding leadership and commitment to the program.



Krug

“We are extremely proud of all of our ROTC cadets, who have represented Trine in exemplary fashion,” said Dr. David Finley, Vice President for Academic Affairs. “We are pleased to be a participant in this outstanding educational collaboration with the U.S. Air Force.”

SPS offering leadership grad degree

Trine’s School of Professional Studies offers an opportunity to work toward a master of science in leadership at Trine regional campuses in Angola, Fort Wayne, South Bend/Mishawaka and Schererville, and through the Trine Virtual Campus online school of study.

Providing advanced training in people- and problem-oriented competency for graduates in the areas of business, engineering and arts and sciences, it will offer five areas of concentration: regulatory affairs, international studies, non-profit organization studies, strategic foresight and entrepreneurship and sustainable business administration.

Generous donors support stadium

Three gifts from healthcare industry partners totaling \$80,000 will directly support athletics and Trine University’s Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium, to open this fall. The funds will provide weight room and training room equipment for the new facility, which will serve the sports of football, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey.

Parkview Orthopedic Hospital in Fort Wayne donated \$40,000, and Dr. Brett Gemlick, a physician with Ortho Northeast One, Fort Wayne, donated another \$20,000. Dr. Gemlick has served as team physician for Trine University Athletics and is a former member of the Trine University board of trustees. His group also provides athletic training services for Trine athletes. Ortho Northeast One donated an additional \$20,000.

Distinguished faculty retire

Three educators with long and distinguished histories said goodbye to Trine University’s classrooms and campus when they retired in the spring.

Dr. Dolores Tichenor, professor of mathematics, Assistant Vice President for Study Abroad and Director of Institutional Planning and Development retired after 43 years at the university. Trine has awarded her its Woman of Distinction, McKetta Excellence in Teaching, Barrenbrugge Excellence in Teaching and Jannen Renaissance Scholar awards.



Tichenor

Dr. Lawrence Samuelson retired after 27 years with the university, earning numerous McKetta Awards for Excellence in Teaching and many other faculty awards.



L. Samuelson

Dr. Jeanine Samuelson also retired after 24 years at the university. She has been an adjunct professor of German and speech since 1991, and a German instructor in the adult studies program from 1986-91. The university honored her with the Jannen Renaissance Scholar Award in 2003.



J. Samuelson



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Tribute to a Tradition

Don Seigla's memories as a Tri-State ME student in the mid-'50s will tie forever to the food and fun at a little white-and-red Angola establishment known by the humble name of "Diner."

That's why, after discovering it in pieces at the North American Truck and Car Museum of the United States (NATMUS) in Auburn 10 years ago, he recently told museum executive director Don Grogg he'd kick-start the fund-raising for its restoration.

After undergraduate work at Tri-State and a doctoral degree at Purdue, Don spent 42 years with General Motors, retiring in 1999. Left with some time for the pursuit of automotive treasures, he became a regular at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival and museums in Auburn, Indiana. That's when he saw the old Angola Diner lying in pieces in a corner of NATMUS, and the Tri-State memories flooded back.

"When I was there in 1955-1959, students lived in apartments or rooming houses. The cafeteria was open six days a week, and Sundays we were on our own. A bunch of us would walk down

and eat at the diner," Seigla recalled.

It couldn't accommodate large crowds there on West Maumee, but "it was closest to campus and you could get a chicken basket with fries for a dollar," he said. He didn't react much to its abrupt disappearance one day, but he had a gut response to seeing it piled up in parts behind a sign designating it as the Angola Diner's remains.

"It sat there for years and years, and last summer I stopped, asked about it and gave the money to get this started. It's a big project, because it's in bad shape," he said. "I'm in my seventies, and I sure would like to see it put together before I die."

Imagine his delight, and Grogg's, when TFC Canopy in nearby Garrett stepped up the restoration by supplying the external panels and nearly completing the Diner's exterior by this June. Sparked by Seigla's gift, the process is well on its way to restore the Angola Diner as a museum tribute to days gone by when summer lasted seemingly forever, life was good and a college guy could still get a chicken basket for a buck.

Bocks donate \$1 million to biomedical program

A \$1 million gift from Tri-State University alumnus and Trine University trustee James D. Bock and his wife, Joan, will fund the remodeling of the aeronautical engineering building as the Bock Center for Biomedical Engineering. The gift launches a new Trine master of biomedical engineering degree.



The renovation will include new windows, roof and entrances, and demolition of all interior spaces. A new lab will be barrier-free for greater collaboration and movement within the research area, with equipment specific to the biomedical engineering field.

The program's laboratory and curriculum support the needs of the orthopedic businesses in Warsaw, Ind., the orthopedic capital of the world, as well as Orthoworx, a Warsaw-based initiative to advance growth within the region's globally significant orthopedics device sector.

"As we move ahead with a biomedical engineering graduate program, we create opportunities for our students to move into careers in a vital and growing business. We appreciate the generous support of people like the Bocks, which enables us to equip students to succeed, lead and serve," said Trine University President Earl D. Brooks II.

Bock earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Tri-State, now Trine, in 1954. He retired as president of Bock Industries in Elkhart, Ind. in 1989, founding Bock Engineering in Elkhart the next year. In 2003, he joined the university's board of trustees.



DONORS SHATTER PREVIOUS GALA GIVING RECORD

If senior Adam Shiltz's speech left any doubt about Trine support, the nearly 400 alumni and friends gathered for the seventh annual Black and White Scholarship Gala provided the definitive proof—\$162,000 for student scholarships. Donors combined to increase giving by 50 percent over last year, generating the most funds ever raised by the event.

Shiltz, a design engineering technology major, took the podium at the university's annual scholarship fundraiser in Ketner Sports Center to make some heartfelt comments about the impact of Trine scholarships upon his life. "They say 'At Trine, you can,' and it's valid," Shiltz said.

Trine supporters not only broke records for attendance and total funds raised, they created some new benchmarks for the future. Vice President for Alumni and Development Bob Remington took the microphone during a live auction to raise money for textbooks. Seventeen supporters stepped up to provide \$500 book scholarships for Trine students, while Trine Trustee Rick James, CEO for Metal Technologies in Auburn, and his wife, Vicki, purchased naming rights to a private suite in the Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium for \$27,500.



Mixing and mingling

The Office of Alumni & Development, with support from the alumni association's board of directors, hosted a number of alumni regional events this year in Angola, Indianapolis and Elkhart, Ind.; Cleveland, Ohio; Atlanta, Ga.; and Chicago, Ill. The events, dubbed "Mix and Mingles," provide area alumni and friends an avenue for networking, an opportunity to connect with their alma mater and a chance to hear the latest news at the University.

"The success of our events would not have been possible without the support of our alumni in these cities," said Sarah Brown, Director of Alumni Relations and Events. "We have a few fun family events planned for the summer, and really encourage alumni and their families to come out and join us."

Summer regionals:

Studebaker National Museum

South Bend, Ind. June 23

Lake Forest Country Club

Saint Louis, Mo. July 10

Indians Baseball Game

Indianapolis, Ind. July 20

TinCaps Baseball Game

Fort Wayne, Ind. July 26

For more information on regional events or to help plan an event in your area, contact Sarah at browns@trine.edu. The alumni office thanks the following alumni for serving as regional hosts in 2009/2010:

Indianapolis: Jim Bullard '72, Scott Brown '80, Eric Brown '85, and Kristen '03 and Greg Lopshire '04

Elkhart: Jim Bock '54, Tom Roberts '72, Jim Sproatt '72, and Danny Thursby '65

Cleveland: Charles Day '79, Mark '82 and Stephanie '82 Demyan, and Bill Schlatterbeck '66

Atlanta: Neil Mathers '65

Chicago: Rick Hoover '71, John Paskevicz '65, Sevim Ablay '73, and David Willman '77

Angola: Bill Boyer '71, Mitch Davis '86, Scott '98 and Angie '01 Gruner, Jeff '77 and Anne '77 Posendek, and John Stock '71

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Gift leads to ARC naming

In recognition of a major gift from the Steel Dynamics Foundation, Trine University's new field house with indoor track took the name Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics Athletic and Recreation Center in May. Keith Busse is a Trine trustee and the founder of Steel Dynamics Inc., the nation's fifth-largest producer of carbon steel products.



Busse

A Trine trustee since 2003, Busse chairs the Committee on Trustees and also serves on the executive committee. His company also provided the steel for the university's new University Center and for the Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium now under construction.

Trine honored by giving council

Trine University was among northeast Indiana organizations honored as original financial contributors to the Planned Giving Council of Northeast Indiana (PGCNI) Leave a Legacy/Write a Will campaign. PGCNI celebrated the campaign's 10th anniversary and honored inaugural contributors at a luncheon on Jan. 12 in Fort Wayne, Ind. Bob Remington, Trine Vice President for University Development, attended the luncheon to receive the university's honor.

Keller joins Alumni & Development staff

Robert D. Keller has joined Trine's Alumni & Development Office as director of development, major gifts. Keller came to Trine from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., where he served as vice president for university advancement. He has over 20 years experience in university development and fundraising.



Keller



class notes

keeping connected with alumni and friends

1940s

Robert Ramp, BSBA 1949, has received the Republican National Committee Victory 2012 Certificate of Merit for election efforts for the party.

1960s

Gene Myers, BSME 1961, has authored three books, with the latest, "After Hours: Adventures of an International Businessman," published by Strategic Book Publishing in New York City in October 2009. In it, he shares what happens after hours in the unexpectedly exciting life of an international businessman.

Ralph Trine, BSME 1961, earned the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest civilian award given by the Indiana governor, in April 2010.

1970s

Dennis Shalters, BSBA 1970, has been named 2009 Citizen of the Year by the Lebanon Daily News in Lebanon, Ind. for his extraordinary community service. Shalters is president of the United Way of Lebanon County board of directors.

Timothy C. Adams, BAM 1972, received NASA's Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal for "exemplary expertise and diligence in the development of risk and reliability models for carbon composite overwrapped pressure vessels," vessels used on various NASA spacecrafts. This award is for "accomplishments far above others in quality, scope and impact ... and perceived as outstanding or significant by peers and impacted target."

Rockford "Rock" Tyson, BSME 1978, has been promoted to Vice President for Sales and Marketing for Ken-Tool in Akron, Ohio.

In his new role, Tyson will direct all domestic and international sales and marketing efforts for the nearly 90-year-old company.

1980s

Brian R. Hutchison, BSCT 1982, completed a bachelor's degree in technical management at DeVry in 2006, graduating summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA, and a master's degree in project management in 2009, graduating with high honors with a 4.0 GPA.

1990s

Andrew R. Hein, BSCE 1998, and his wife welcomed a fourth child, a daughter, in January. They also have three sons. Andrew started a law firm and joined a consulting firm as managing director on April 1, 2009.

Jason W. Renner, BSCE 1999, earned a master of business administration at the University of La Verne in 2009. He is a project manager with the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency (AFCESA) at the U.S. Air Force at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. He has been a professional engineer in Indiana since 2005 and in California since 2007.

2000s

Chad La Cross, BS Sport Mgt 2001, has been promoted to head men's basketball coach at the University of Saint Francis (USF). Chad served as USF's associate head basketball coach for the past two seasons and as head men's and women's golf coach the past five years.

Franklin T. Lombardo, BSCE 2002, completed his doctorate in wind science and engineering.

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Scott Stafford, BSBA 2002, was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Marine Corps on April 1. He is also a naval aviator, and has been selected to pilot the 53E Super Stallion, the largest helicopter of the U.S. military.

Christine R. Pfeifler, BSBA 2003, earned a master's degree in accounting at Indiana University in Indianapolis.

Jason Stechschulte, CE 2003, was promoted to supervisor within the Marathon Pipe Line Operations Center at Marathon Oil Co. He and another supervisor oversee approximately 60 analysts and specialists who operate Marathon pipelines around the clock, year-round.

Brian Milligan, BSBA 2004, received his MBA from Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business on May 15.

Derek R. Wilson, BSCJ 2004, was recently decorated for valor and heroism shown in a May 1, 2009 firefight in Khost Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was also awarded the Purple Heart for being found sustained in ambush on July 20, 2009 in Paktika Province, Afghanistan.

Stacey Isenbarger, BSCJ 2005, a family case manager for the Indiana Department of Child Services, has been named 2009 Case Manager of the Year by the Indiana Foster Care and Adoption Association Inc.

Paul Handke, BSCJ 2006, has enrolled in the doctoral program at University of Colorado at Boulder, beginning work on his research project in January 2007. Progress on his project led to his receipt of a National Institutes of Health Fellowship last year.

Karl Gast, BSME 2008, is assistant sales and service manager/sales engineer for Denison Industries in Denison, Texas. He oversees sales quotations, print-to-product development and works directly with operations, engineering and accounting in establishing and verifying quoted rates and initial profit margins. He is also the front-line manager for new product development between Denison Industries and Boeing.

Sean O'Sullivan, BSCPE 2009, was selected to receive one of 80 Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows "Rhodes Scholars" of teaching. Sean will receive a \$30,000 stipend and enroll in a master's degree program that provides intensive clinical preparation for teaching math and science in the urban and rural high schools that most need strong teachers. In return, as a Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellow, he will commit to teach for three years in high-need Indiana schools.

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Pauline E. Barron, NON 1935, Odessa, TX; January 11, 2010
Georgeanna Barr Blecha, Certif. 1936, Puyallup, WA; August 25, 2009
Spencer L. Thomas, BSCE 1936, Syosset, NY; February 24, 2010
Robert E. Snowden, BSME 1936, Cutchogue, NY; April 21, 2010
H. Donald Smith, BCHE 1938, Seattle, WA; July 26, 2009
Robert J. Hawkinson, BS 1939, Denver, CO; December 26, 2009
Robert C. Warner, BS 1939, Dayton, OH; June 19, 2009
Marvin J. Herrick, BS 1941, North Port, FL; April 21, 2010
William H. Smith Jr., BSEE 1942, Tryon, NC; January 17, 2010
Robert L. Linginfelter, NON 1942, Dublin, IN; March 1, 2010
Jubert G. Malouf, BS, BSEE 1942, Henderson, NV; November 19, 2009
K. Thomas Wagner, BSME 1942, Naples, FL; April 20, 2010
Donald C. Cornell, NON 1943, Richmond, IN; December 19, 2009
Eugene Burkart, NON 1946, Greensboro, NC; November 28, 2009
Lee J. Turner, BSME 1947, Berea, KY; April 11, 2010
Floyd D. Griffin, BS 1947, Clinton, IA; April 28, 2010
Floyd W. Smurr, BSME 1948, Jackson, MI; November 25, 2009
Mark E. Aldrich, BSME 1948, La Porte, IN; November 28, 2009
George Martin, BSEE 1948, Angola, IN; December 16, 2009
Donald G. McElhoes, BS 1948, Port Richey, FL; November 1, 2009
Marion J. Drozdziel, BSME, BSAE 1948, Tonawanda, NY; February 24, 2010
Edmund J. Groncki, BS 1949, Rockford, IL; January 13, 2010
John G. Vassallo, BS 1949, Williamsport, PA; February 20, 2010
James C. Shearer, BSEE 1949, Louisville, KY; March 27, 2010
Bronislaus T. Dervis, BS 1950, North Dighton, MA; December 27, 2009
Charles B. Boyer, BSME 1950, Columbus, OH; January 19, 2010
Edmund E. Kuivila, BSME 1950, Painesville, OH; March 29, 2010
Harold W. Lalmond, BS 1950, Nashua, NH; May 31, 2009
Eugene A. Jackson, BSME 1950, Kokomo, IN; April 21, 2010
Norman H. Seifreit, BSME 1951, Titusville, FL; January 31, 2010
Walton B. Baldwin, BSME 1952, Burdett, NY; December 25, 2009
Donald Olmstead, BSEE 1952, Bryan, OH; March 27, 2010
Robert N. Conley, Sr., BSEE 1953, Oxford, NY; March 22, 2010
John R. Debew, BCHE 1954, La Porte, IN; February 2, 2010
Norman C. Fetzer, BSCE 1954, Jacksonville, FL; April 17, 2010
Harold Weitzel, BSEE 1955, Port Saint Lucie, FL; August 2, 2009
Robert H. Haber, BSAE 1955, Merritt Island, FL; March 6, 2010
Richard A. Zima, BS 1956, Punta Gorda, FL; February 21, 2010
William M. Hughes, NON 1956, Marlborough, MA; January 26, 2010
Marion V. Lindsay, BSCE 1956, Tucson, AZ; March 26, 2010
Jack C. Overly, BS 1957, Jackson, MI; January 1, 2010
Gerald E. Jewell, BS 1957, Onsted, MI; January 15, 2010
Cyrus F. Johnson, BS 1957, Angola, IN; February 19, 2010
William B. Owen, BS 1957, Buzzards Bay, MA; March 1, 2010
David H. Mercer, BSEE 1957, Saint Peters, MO; February 28, 2010
Robert L. Bahr, BSME 1958, Greensboro, NC; November 26, 2009

Harold W. Strickland, BS 1958, Ocean Springs, MS; February 2, 2010
George T. Mansfield, BSCE 1958, Angola, IN; March 26, 2010
Richard W. Thompson, BSCE 1959, Huntington, IN; January 1, 2010
William G. Zartman Jr., BSEE 1959, Redington Shores, FL; February 28, 2010
Harry R. Smith, BS 1959, North Canton, OH; November 10, 2009
Paul G. Haben, Jr., BSCE 1960, Dallas, TX; January 1, 2010
Larry A. DeWitt, BS 1960, Syracuse, IN; January 11, 2010
Ralph E. Yoder, BSEE 1961, Big Island, VA; March 3, 2010
Kenneth W. Frahm, Certif. 1964, Battle Creek, MI; December 17, 2009
Arthur H. Abell, BS 1965, New Castle, DE; February 23, 2010
John C. Masten, BSEE 1965, Yorktown, VA; April 17, 2010
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Trine community saddened

The Trine community was saddened by the apparent February death of Jimmie S. Caldwell, CE 1977, age 55, of Stevenson, Wash. The son of Trine Board of Trustees Chair Emeritus Jim Caldwell and his wife, Olivean, disappeared in February during a canoe trip in Washington State. He lived in Martinsville, Ind. for 25 years before moving to Washington with his wife, Kathryn, five years ago.

A memorial service for Caldwell took place in Bloomington, Ind. in April. He was an ornamental blacksmith with work displayed at several Bloomington locations, including Oliver Winery. In addition to his parents and wife, he is survived by two sons, Ezekiel and Lucas Caldwell, and his sister, Rita Booth. Memorial contributions can be made to the Jim Caldwell Memorial Fund, Riverview Community Bank, P.O. Box 10, Stevenson, WA 98648.

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SOFTBALL ADVANCES AGAIN



from the field

Four years in the NCAA tournament—soon to be five, if Trine softball coach Donnie Danklefsen has anything to say about it.

Danklefsen's optimism is understandable. The Thunder softball program ventured farther into the NCAA tournament than ever this spring—largely with underclassmen. The Thunder finished 28-15, 11-5 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

“Upperclassmen laid the foundation, but the success was clearly a team effort,” he said. The number of talented but inexperienced newcomers gave him some initial concern about qualifying for a fourth-straight national softball tournament. Wearing the mantle of three-time MIAA conference champs unsettled the young team at first.

“We needed the regular season to put all the pieces together. We were talented—we just weren't playing consistently,” he said. “Once we knew we couldn't win the MIAA regular season title, we could focus on improving and getting into the tournament.”

All's well that ends well.

The Thunder swept the MIAA tournament, going 3-0 and beating regular-season champ and No. 22-ranked Alma. They stand 10-2 overall and 9-0 at Alma after collecting their third MIAA title in four years.

They went 2-2 in the NCAA regional at Greencastle, beating

Thomas More and No. 29 Transylvania before falling to No. 22 North Central and No. 17 Washington University. Tori Bluhm (Monroe, Ind./Adams Central) and Rachel Wisman (Bronson, Mich./Bronson) earned all-tournament honors. Andi Gasco was a third-team All-NFCA Central Regional pitcher.

The Thunder finished sixth of 60 in batting average (.315), 28th in pitching ERA (3.49) and 22nd in fielding percentage (.965). “We gained a ton of experience and momentum. We learned we belong at this level. Claire Will, Sara Hivley and Alishia Raak helped us set a new standard,” Danklefsen said.



Angola Mayor Richard Hickman, second from left, presents Trine University softball coach Donnie Danklefsen with a document proclaiming May 1 annually as Thunder Softball Day. At left is Trine President Earl D. Brooks II and at right is Trine Athletic Director Jeff Posendek.

from the field

Spring sports sizzle

Trine enjoyed historic spring sport seasons. **Baseball** finished 21-17 overall, and 19-9 in the MIAA. Three players were first or second team all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association selections. The team enjoyed a third-place finish in the conference, its best since joining the conference in 2003.



Men's golf was especially competitive, with medalists in four different events this spring. The Thunder also had two golfers—Terence Clingaman (Stryker, Ohio/Stryker) and Alex Lorencz (Chesaning, Mich./Chesaning)—named All-American Scholars. Andy Wolfe was a third-team All-American.



Women's golf looks ready to move into the upper tier of the conference. The women finished third at one MIAA event and fourth at two others in the spring.

Men's lacrosse finished 7-6, its best record in the history of the young program. **Women's Lacrosse** finished 5-11 and was very competitive against future Midwest Lacrosse League teams, notching wins over Albion, Fontbonne and Carthage.



Men's tennis claimed the Thunder Doubles title and finished fifth in the conference tournament and in the regular season standings.

In **men's track and field**, Trine's Kent Biller was an All-MIAA selection for the second year. At the annual MIAA Field Day, Biller took second in the 100- and 200-meter sprints and helped his team to a third-place showing in the 4x400-meter relay.

In **women's track**, Chesi Morey didn't just break a school record. She broke the record in the 800-meter four times. Her time of 2:20.14 at the Toledo Invitational set a new Trine standard.

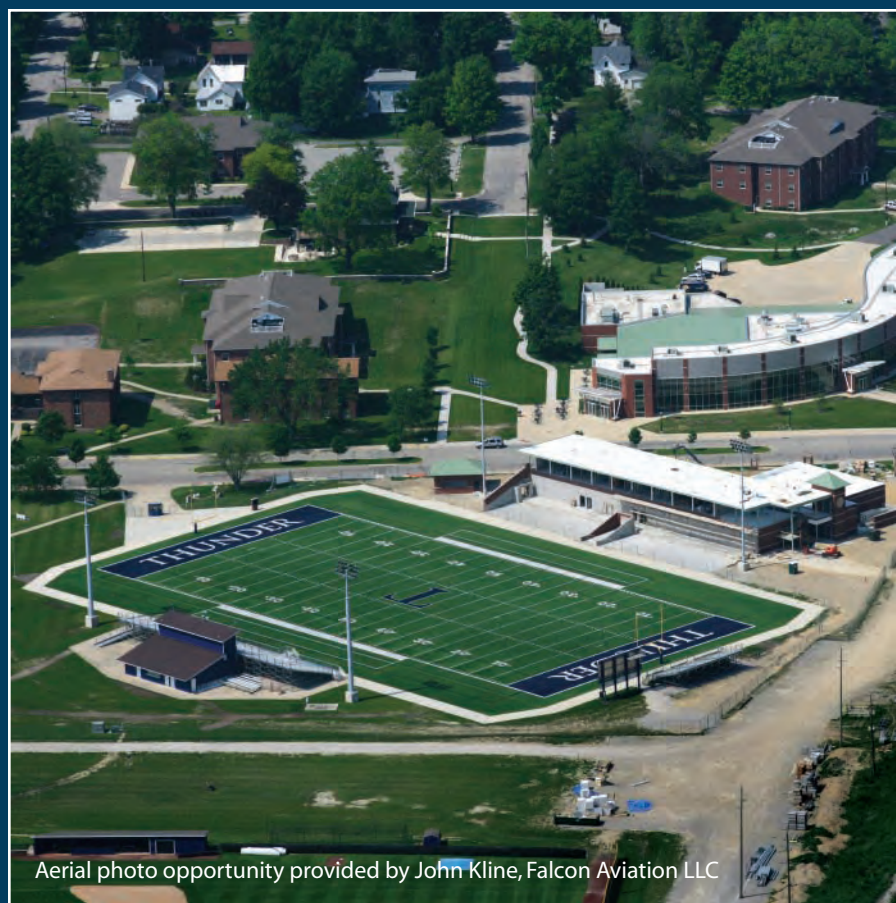


Trine Athletics mascot "Storm" was invited to the Final Four festivities at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Friday, April 2. Finishing in the top four in a mascot dance-off during halftime, he was showcased with 13 mascots from colleges and universities across Indiana at the Reese's College All-Star Game.

Stadium opening in the fall

A buzz of activity surrounds Trine's Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium, which is under construction and on target for completion this fall. With brick going up on the exterior walls and the rooflines taking shape, the gables and other architectural features are becoming more defined. The project will have the capacity to serve 5,000, and will include an athletic support building with new locker rooms, coaches' offices, training room, classroom and weight room. The second floor will include media and press boxes, a hospitality room and Thunder Club deck, along with rooms for overnight visitors which will convert to private suites on game days.

In addition to providing a state-of-the-art facility to accommodate Trine's rapidly growing football program, which advanced to post-season NCAA tournament play the past two years, the stadium and field with new artificial turf will also support men and women's soccer, men and women's lacrosse and women's field hockey, which will be added in the fall. The new complex also includes lighting. The lights will expand practice times for student-athletes and allow for the viewing of night games and matches.



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Grand plan Jannen boasts new grandstand

Stadium seat-back chairs for 100 fans, men and women's restrooms, a full-service concession stand and sound system are just a few of the noticeable enhancements for baseball fans who flock to Jannen Field. The façade is essentially a mini-grandstand that accents an already beautiful ballpark.

"It finally gives us a great setting for our games," Athletic Director Jeff Posendek said. "You can feel a difference almost immediately when you come to a game. It's a top-notch facility which adds to the entire Thunder Park setting."

Not so noticeable, but definitely notable, is the 12-seat, air conditioned, Internet-accessible press box. The press box also provides auxiliary space for VIP's and additional media.



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