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Dr. Harry Benson reflects on his career and other things too

BY JUSTIN SIMS

Dr. Harry Benson, president of Wabash Valley College, is a man of many interests and hobbies. This fall will mark the 20th anniversary of his tenure as the college's president, the longest term of any president in the history of the four-campus college district. Before moving to Illinois to become the WVC president, he had experiences as a member of the United States Army, as a public school teacher, as a college professor and community college academic dean. Dr. Benson, originally from Mississippi, attended Anderson University and earned his B.A. at Millsaps College, his M.A. at the University of Southern Mississippi, and his Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia. The following is a recent interview with Dr. Benson.

What has been your most rewarding moment as president at WVC?

The most rewarding moment is when I hear people of the community speak well of Wabash Valley College. It helps to reinforce my belief that we are doing a good job and are accomplishing our mission at this institution.

What is your all-time favorite movie?

I do not have an all-time favorite movie as such. From a personal standpoint, a movie that made an impression on me back in the 50's, when I was much younger, was "Rebel Without a Cause," starring James Dean. Although there are better movies from an artistic standpoint, the theme, as expressed in the title, struck a chord with me. I am sure that it said something about my age and state of mind at the time. I have seen it a few times over the years and still like it.

Who was the biggest influence on your life?

My father, although I did not realize it until I started getting older. He was a very good and patient person, a characteristic that he needed, no doubt, in dealing with me.

What do you enjoy doing in your leisure time?

I mostly strum a guitar and play the harmonica--neither one very well--and read. I enjoy watercolor painting, but it requires larger blocks of time than I am able to give to it. I used to play a lot of chess, but seldom do that any



more.

If there was any person in the history of the world that you could have dinner with, who would it be? What would you want to talk about with him/her?

When I was a graduate history student at the University of Virginia, I became very familiar with Thomas Jefferson as an important figure in American history. Since he was the founder of the University, his image and influence were difficult to avoid, particularly in the history department. I visited his home at Monticello numerous times during the years that I was there, and often thought that I would like to talk to him about the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and all the other events of that era. One thing that I would have asked him, as all American historians would like to do, I am sure, is why, with all of his intelligence and idealism about human liberty and "inalienable rights" and such, he was not more active in ridding our nation of the terrible institution of slavery. It is the great paradox of his life and of his role in American history, and it always bothered me when I was a student there.

What would be your one piece of advice to stu-

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You can never go home again

..... but sometime you might have to

BY J D BARFORD

Looking back on my life and what I've accomplished, I've come to one conclusion ... I haven't done anything! Okay, maybe that's not entirely true, but I do know that I'm not where I want to be in my life. I'm 22 years old, and I am once again living in my parents' house. I know what you're thinking, he messed up and now he's trying to recover. Well, that's partly true, but there's more to the story than that.

Right out of high school I went to a division I university (remaining nameless for various reasons) that I thought was the perfect school for me. I was wrong. Growing up I was somewhat restricted in the things I was allowed to do, not to mention I took playing football very seriously and tried to keep myself away from anything that could jeopardize my career. Everything changed once I was out on my own. At first I was the typical college student, partying, not studying... and certainly not waking up to go to class.

It was my second semester that I realized I needed to buckle down and start going to class everyday. I made good grades that semester, but something was still painfully missing in my life. As I came back for my third semester, I applied for my first part-time job in a college town. Although I never regretted the decision to get that job, I should have seen where I was heading. On top of working nearly 40 hours a week, I was unfulfilled with my academic experience.

I found myself becoming reluctant to go to class once again. This time my reluctance was how the classes were taught as opposed to what I did the night before. All these trials and tribulations I experienced in the years I was there could not prepare me for my greatest journey. I lost interest in college and decided to move back home.

The journey home was stretched out to a week-long ordeal. It wasn't that I wanted to stay at the college; I just didn't want to leave my friends. For me, fulfilling friendships was the best thing about going to college. Eventually I said my final goodbyes and drove back to my hometown to start a new life. I quickly learned that I could not go back to college until I found something worth studying. I also needed a source of income in order to afford going back to college.

Job searching in southern Illinois is like trying to find a needle in a haystack if you don't have the right degree. On top of that set back is this ... in order to find a job worth having, you have to drive at least 30 minutes away. Of course, I didn't want to drive that far to go to work. I did what anybody in my position would do... I looked for the job that would be the most fun.

I went to local watering holes to see if I would be able to work my way back to being a bartender. No one returned my calls and I'm pretty sure they threw away my applications when they learned I was a guy. After several failed attempts, I finally got a call back from a nearby restaurant. Finally something was going my way.

At the interview I stated that I wanted to be hired full time. The manager told me that could be arranged. Two days later I was granted a total of eight hours per week. I was also scheduled to be at work at five o'clock in the morning. Luckily, I received a call from Champion Labs. They told me I was hired.

I worked at Champ for nine months and would not trade a moment. I met a lot of people that I still consider my friends that helped somewhat fill the void I had from leaving my friends at the university. I worked third shift and began to go back to school. It was hard at first, to readjust to school life, but things got easier as I started to write again.

When I go back to that old college town, my friends ask me when I plan on moving back. What's my response? Never. I don't want to go back, no matter how much I miss them. I found something I never had there. I found my niche. I could go back and take creative writing classes there, but then I would not have learned anything from my first experience.

This whole journey has been a lesson for me. You can't take control of your life until you let go of the things that hold you back. Make your life YOUR life. Do whatever it takes to make you happy, and the rest of the world will fall into place.

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His 16 Best One Liners... (an internet download)

1. A girl phoned me the other day and said, "Come on over; nobody's home." I went over. Nobody was home.
2. I was such an ugly kid...When I played in the sandbox; the cat kept covering me up.
3. I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and radio.
4. I was such an ugly baby...My mother never breast-fed me. She told me that she only liked me as a friend.
5. I'm so ugly...My father carries around a picture of the kid who came with his wallet.
6. When I was born, the doctor came into the waiting room and said to my father, "I'm sorry. We did everything we could, but he pulled through."
7. I'm so ugly...My mother had morning sickness...AFTER I was born.
8. I remember the time that I was kidnapped and they sent a piece of my finger to my father. He said he wanted more proof.
9. Once when I was lost, I saw a policeman, and asked him to help me find my parents. I said to him, "Do you think we'll ever find them?" He said, "I don't know kid. There's so many places they can hide."
10. My wife made me join a bridge club. I jump off next Tuesday.
11. I'm so ugly...I worked in a pet shop, and people kept asking how big I'd get.
12. I went to see my doctor. "Doctor, every morning when I get up and I look in the mirror...I feel like throwing up; What's wrong with me?" He said..."I don't know but your eyesight is perfect."
13. I went to the doctor because I'd swallowed a bottle of sleeping pills. My doctor told me to have a few drinks and get some rest.
14. With my old man I got no respect. I asked him, "How can I get my kite in the air?" He told me to run off a cliff.
15. Some dog I got. We call him Egypt because in every room he leaves a pyramid. His favorite bone is in my arm. Last night he went on the paper four times -three of those times I was reading it.
16. My uncle's dying wish was to have me sitting in his lap; he was in the electric chair.

THE WASHINGTON POST RAN its yearly neologism contest in which readers are asked to supply alternate word meanings. Here are the results:

Coffee (n.), a person who is coughed upon.

Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.

Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle (n.), an olive-flavored mouthwash.

Flatulence (n.) the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.

Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.

Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified demeanor assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you.

Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions

Frisbeetarianism (n.), The belief that, when you die, your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck there.

Circumvent (n.), the opening in the front of boxer shorts

Thought By Which To Live an internet download

The 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coiffed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.

Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room ... just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged...it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and

be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life.

Old age is like a bank account.

You withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simple.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

Mike Everett found rewarding career satisfaction going from office job to a police officer K-9 dog handler



BY JENNY MUSGRAVE

Imagine buying a new Mercury Sable, and within two months a three-year-old leaves scratches down the driver's side. Your anger and agitation would literally make you cringe. But, you're forgetting one little detail. The three-year-old was Elvis, the police K-9 Unit, and you left 63 grams of crystal meth in the trunk. Officer Mike Everett immediately arrests you and pats Elvis on the head for a job well done.

Just imagining this was not a reality for someone. In truth, this happened. Fairfield has used drug dogs for assistance for quite some time. These dogs have aided in the arrest of hundreds of criminals.

The current dog handler, Officer Everett, has been in law enforcement for six and a half years. Before becoming a police officer, Everett worked in insurance. "I got word of the police department hiring, so I took the test to get hired." Lucky for

Everett, he finished top on the list.

From an office job to an officer, he has increased enjoyment in his career. "It's the best job I've ever done." Elvis, Fairfield and Officer Everett are all glad the career switch was made.

"I had expressed interest in the K-9 Unit from the beginning." Ever since he worked with the Wayne County K-9 dog, Tango, Officer Everett's attention was caught. When the time came for the city to buy a dog, the sergeant asked Everett if he would take the position.

Without hesitation, Officer Everett agreed and has not regretted a moment of it. Training to be the K-9 Officer was intensive. A six week academy was held in Evansville, Ind., for the handlers and dogs. "The

dogs flew in from Slovakia nine days before we arrived. The officers and dogs were both green."

Together, the team had to learn German commands, tracking and biting. The training was not over then. Everyday the pair works on various skills for at least an hour. Two times a month they join a group of other K-9 Units and train together for eight to ten hours.

The relationship between Elvis and Officer Everett is astounding. "He's like having another kid, an addition to our family." Dedication and desire to please is what drives Elvis. "If it means taking a bullet, he will because I tell him to. His sole drive is to please me."

A benefit for being the K-9 handler is always having a partner. If Officer Everett becomes tired of the monotony of driving around all night, he can pull his car over and work on training.

Officer Everett's family and Elvis

interact pleasantly. His two children play with the dog frequently. On the other hand, "Elvis just tolerates my wife. He won't go to her when she calls." Parker, his daughter, tries to give him German commands, but he does not listen. He's more interested in leisure when it comes to the children.

"Elvis snapped at me once. I just have to establish dominance when he tries to run the show." As a qualified officer, Elvis tries to be number one. Officer Everett can not allow him the satisfaction of being in control. At all times, Elvis has to be in complete obedience.

You might wonder why a dog of this caliber has such an innocent name as Elvis. "I wanted his name to be light hearted. When people hear my dog's name, 99% of the time they'll smile."

Searching through 758 names was a task, but three of the kindergarten through fifth grade students suggested Elvis. Surrounding schools were asked for name suggestions. "There were names from Bruiser to Killer to Spongebob."

"A lot of guys want tough names for their dogs. If your dog ever bites, nine out of ten people will sue." A jury would be more understanding with a dog named Elvis. Officer Everett also stated Elvis has not had the opportunity to bite anyone yet.

As far as accuracy goes, "Elvis has alerted to a piece of tape that was in a box with meth. He will alert on just odor. If there's been dope on people or in a car, he'll hit on them." On the other hand, Elvis will alert to tanning lotion with hemp.

Elvis statistically has several more years for service. In rural areas drug dogs usually last seven or eight years because they are not on as tight of a schedule as metropolitan dogs.

Without help from K-9 Units, catching people with drugs would be difficult. Officer Everett and Elvis devote countless hours to keeping drugs and criminals off the streets. Elvis has been and always will be a partner, friend and addition to the Everett family.

Matt McDaniels discovers personal fulfillment moving from behind the radio microphone to behind the pulpit

BY JENNY MUSGRAVE

"It is too bad there's not an atlas for life. When you don't know your destination, it's easy to go the wrong direction." Nineteen-year-old Matt McDaniels has taken a few wrong turns throughout his life, but he feels he's finally found the correct path.

In high school, McDaniels tried to fulfill his happiness. "I just followed the crowd who looked like they were having a good time. I was just trying to fill a void I didn't know how to fill. The more I tried to fill it, the void got bigger." Searching for a way out and for joy, McDaniels realized his "friends" were not really friends at all. They were just leading him down the wrong road, and using him for their convenience.

"Sometime during my sophomore year a friend, Jared Miller, invited me to see an old rapper, Mace. He was preaching at Princeton High School. That was the night I understood I needed to serve the Lord." McDaniels had finally found the correct thing to fill his void.

During his senior year in high school, McDaniels started deciding what he was going to do for the rest of his life. "My friend and I weren't ready to go out on our own. We both live in Mt. Carmel, so WVC was the perfect choice. We listened to the radio station all the time and thought it was cool. Basically we thought we'd give radio a shot."

That "shot" landed McDaniels not only educationally on 89.1 WVJC, but at a job for Wabash Communications, the owner of 100.5 WSJD, 93.9 WPDQ and WVMC 1360. He immediately became a board operator for local sporting events and eventually a news reporter. Six days a week McDaniels was behind the mic recording various projects. "At the time I was pleased with my job, and I could see myself, with promotions, working in radio for the rest of my life."

As time moved on, McDaniels became lax in his church attendance and relationship with God. He ended up going back to what he knew before. "My life became all about



being comfortable and not having to worry. I just lost focus."

Someone in his life reintroduced him to that "joy" he found during his sophomore year. He began sporadically attending church again. One Sunday morning, something clicked. "It was revealed to me what I was meant for."

McDaniels knew then he was going to be involved in full-time ministry. "Things moved really fast from there. Two weeks later I was enrolled in Berean courses, a study program for Assemblies of God pastors."

Soon after the start of his studies McDaniels started assisting with the children's ministry. "Basically I was thrown into it. I had never even babysat before. On Sunday nights I'm placed in a room with 20-30 children. It's a trial."

At this time McDaniels was still working in radio. He knew he was not going to make a career out of broadcasting, but finishing his degree was the smart choice. Five months after starting Berean courses, McDaniels was asked to be the Associate Pastor at First Assembly of God in Fairfield. Finally things started falling into place.

As the Associate Pastor, McDaniels does mainly behind the scenes work. "I'm basically the senior

pastor's right-hand man. Whatever he wants is first priority. Aside from that, I visit the elderly and disabled people who can not make it to the church. I also clean up our new gymnasium, and help with finishing the construction of the new building."

In the future, he hopes to become involved in a new ministry program, Life Recovery. The purpose of this is to help drug addicts and alcoholics find a way to fill their own voids. He feels his experiences will help others see there is an escape.

As far as appreciation for his work in radio goes, McDaniels is glad he has the background he does. "My previous job really helped from a preacher's aspect because of all the public speaking I have done."

WVC has also served its purpose for him. Not moving away to college helped guide him in the direction he is going. "I know I'm on the right path. If staying home helped me get there, then I'm glad I stayed. All the decisions I've made in the past have led me to where I am now."

"No matter how many wrong turns I took, I was always one turn away from the right direction. Now I'm on a mission to show other people that. Turning the right direction is not as hard as it seems. You just have to let go of the wheel."

WVC graduate John Kendall returns to campus as an instructor in office career department

BY JUSTIN SIMS

John Kendall, WVC instructor of office occupations, has had the unique experience of being a graduate of Wabash Valley College. He also earned his B.S. degree from Oakland City. Kendall has been teaching for seven years, four years with Indiana Business College, two years at Olney Central College and one year at WVC. In the following interview, Kendall talks about his career, interests, hobbies and other things too.

How has WVC changed since you were a student here?

The technology has changed, especially with the addition of online classes which I am excited to be a part of. As for the atmosphere, attitude and friendliness of faculty and staff, I see no difference; those that work here really strive to make this an enjoyable and challenging experience for students.

What made you decide to become a teacher?

It started while attending a University after I graduated from WVC. I was taking a very difficult course, and I started showing up to class very early and working problems out on the white board. Pretty soon, other students started showing up early and asking me questions, I really enjoyed trying to explain things and seeing them "get it." I've always had a desire to help people help themselves, so by teaching I get to see students "get it" and I get to help, it's like a win-win situation for me.

What is the biggest difference, if any, between teaching at Olney and teaching at Wabash?

None really, outside the commute, as they both strive to offer quality education to their students.

What's the most challenging thing about teaching online courses?

Not being able to see the non-verbal communication from online students. In a normal face-to-face environment, students' non-verbal communication to me indicates whether or not they "got it" or not. In the online environment, everything



revolves around written communication, and not everyone has the proper skills to write, so they may be best at non-verbal communication, in which I can't see. So the biggest challenge is one of communication.

What do you like most about teaching?

Helping others help themselves. I love the success stories I hear from my former students, as it provides affirmation as to what I do in the classroom.

What would be something you'd like to do professionally that you haven't done yet?

To become a personal financial counselor. This would allow me to help others help themselves financially. It would also help their families, as the #1 reason why married couples divorce is about money. I would love to help in this area. If that doesn't happen, maybe someday I'll drive a semi-truck and see the country. I love the big rigs.

Rank these in order: Indiana Hoosiers college basketball, Indiana Pacers pro basketball, St. Louis Cardinals baseball and Indianapolis Colts football:

Indiana Pacers, Indianapolis Colts, St. Louis Cardinals and Indiana Hoosiers. If certain things take place, the last team moves to 1st

place.

What's the thing you want students to take away from your classes more than anything?

To learn how to learn and think.

What's the best golf score you've ever had?

80

Who's been the biggest influence on your life? Why?

Jesus through His teachings He has taught me how to live, love, give, care, forgive, work and how to treat others. Is there anything more important than these items?

What book would you recommend every WVC student read?

The only "must read" is The Bible.

What's the biggest lesson you can learn playing or coaching team sports?

It's all about teamwork, everyone has a role to play, and each must play it to the best of their ability for a chance at success. The principles of teamwork that one learns by playing sports, along with the competitiveness, really applies to the "real-world."

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I love to paint rocks with my four-year-old, Ally, or play basketball with my oldest, Ashley. I also love

spending time with my wife, Lana, doing just about anything. Outside of being with my family, I love to play golf and read.

What one politician, athlete and comedian (one each) would you most like to meet? Why?

President Ronald Reagan, a great leader, arguably the best ever. He was able to win the Cold War (WWII) without firing a single bullet, tame double digit inflation, eliminate the Soviet Union, cut taxes, reduce the unemployment rate to acceptable levels, he was a man of character, vision, integrity and honor. I would love to meet him, if only to thank him for his service to this country.

Michael Jordan-I would love to meet the greatest basketball player ever, so I could ask him what flames his fire of motivation. There are some good players that play, but what separates him from everyone else, only he knows.

Jerry Seinfeld-I love to laugh and have a good time, I can think of no one else that has made me laugh so hard that I cry. His type of comedy is right up my alley, we have the same type of dry personalities.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

Don't make mountains out of molehills, worrying about the little things only makes things worse not better. As for work, whatever you do, do it well, it is a reflection of your character.

What would be your dream job?

Teaching at WVC.

What's your favorite sporting event of the year?

College basketball tournaments, I love the March to Madness.

When you need a good laugh, what movie or show do you watch?

Seinfeld

What do you wish someone would have told you when you were a student that you had to learn via experience?

Don't go to college because you have to, go because you want to. Choose your field of study out of passion and nothing else. Some students go into career fields for the money, but maybe they should go into what they love, that way they can have a rewarding career, and not a job.

Choose one: Having Bob Knight back as coach for Indiana, the Colts finally beating the Patriots and winning the Super Bowl, or the Cardinals sweeping the Red Sox in the World Series for payback from last year:

Well, Coach Knight will never be back at Indiana, so I'll go with the Colts winning the Super Bowl. As for the Cards, they have a few Championships, the Colts have been hapless for quite sometime.

Things get better with age --- *an internet download*

I learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night." **Age 5**

I learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. **Age 9**

I learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again. **Age 12**

I learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering up someone else. **Age 14**

I learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. **Age 15**

I learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. **Age 24**

I learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures. **Age 26**

I learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there. **Age 29**

I learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. **Age 30**

I learned that there are people who love you dearly, but just don't know how to show it. **Age 42**

I learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little note. **Age 44**

I learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others. **Age 46**

I learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. **Age 47**

I learned that no matter how bad it may seem or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. **Age 48**

I learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone. **Age 50**

I learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. **Age 51**

I learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills. **Age 52**

I learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. **Age 53**

I learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. **Age 58**

I learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, work to improve your marriage. **Age 61**

I learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. **Age 64**

I learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. **Age 65**

I learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. **Age 66**

I learned that everyone can use a prayer. **Age 72**

I learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. **Age 82**

I learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch-holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. **Age 90**

I learned that I still have a lot to learn. **Age 92**

Congratulations WVC 2005 Graduates

Degree of Bachelor of Science *(Franklin University)*

Applied Management

Joseph Burr Judge
(summa cum laude)

Degree of Associate in Arts

*Abby L. Buchanan
Carolina Sonnekalb
*Christopher Alan Wirth

Degree of Associate in Science

*Justin D. Adams
Matthew A. Alka
*Sara Jean Andrews
*Andrea Morgan Bailey
Aubrey Chantel Barnard
Natalie Lynn Brines
*Abby L. Buchanan
Tyler Richard Doan
**Rachel A. Fisher
*Phillip Jarrod Fulk
**Kaydee Alene Funkhouser
*Hernando Garcia Landivar
*Jennifer L. Gawthorp
Jeremy Paul Grimes
Rayna Hare
*Nghia Trong Huynh
Nicole Rene Keith
Jordan Jeffrey Keyser
*Taryn Nicole Laws
**Allison Dawn May
Amie Leann McCrory
Sabra Lee Ann McCune
*Danielle Nichole McGill
*Tri Huv Nguyen
**Dionna Marie O'Daniel
*Khoa Dang Anh Pham
*Caleb Steven Pierson
*Lisa Marie Ridgley
Vanessa Christine Rigg
Megan Nicole Schoenheit
*Cody Royal Skees
**Rachel Marie Smith
Stacey Wayne Solsberry
Andrea S. Tennes
*Sue Ann Thompson
**Bach Duy Tran
**Linh Bach Thuy Vo
Cherie Michele Westfall
Roger E. White II
*Christopher Alan Wirth
*Jason Duane Woodard
*Kristen Michelle York

Degree of Associate in Science and Arts

Patrick Ester Alston
*Sabrina Irene Arnold
*William Brant Arnold
Jennifer Lynn Bader
Ronda Sue Baumgartner
*Ashley René Bosecker
*Ashley Lorraine Case
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POLAR BEARS

were soldiers sent by President Woodrow Wilson to the northern Russia arctic to fight the Bolsheviks.

BY SAMANTHA WILLIAMS

This is the true story of Charley Grubb, a friendly and hard-working man and some of the physical, mental and spiritual battles he would endure through 86 years of life during the time period of 1896-1983. Many of his attributes included being a kind and gentle man and always lending a hand to his neighbors.

His daughter Charlene (Grubb) Williams reflects, "Dad was small in stature but large in character. He was honest, caring and he loved people. He would walk a mile to help a friend, however he did have a temper and it often showed if someone did something to displease him."

Charley also wore many different hats. Among these included the roles of a hard-working farmer, a proud soldier and a stern teacher. However, his most important roles were being a loving husband, a wonderful father and grandfather and a trustworthy friend.

Charley was most importantly an undeclared hero, a "Polar Bear." Polar Bears were the soldiers that were sent by President Woodrow Wilson to the northern region of Russia at the end of WWI, also known as the Polar Bear Expedition.

Charley was born into the family of Henry and Lilly Belle Grubb on September 6th, 1896 in Pike County, Ind. He was the third born of nine siblings. He was also the only child out of his family to graduate high school and take some college courses. Charlene (Grubb) Williams remembers fondly of the "three-mile walk he traveled in order to go to school and back."

Charley's mother soon died and Charley put on his first hat. He was one of the oldest, therefore he felt obligated to help his father with raising the other children. He helped his father on their farm and did some substitute teaching. When Charley was 21 years of age he ventured to Littles, Ind., where he would then put on one of the most important uniforms of his life.

On April 29th, 1918 Charley

Grubb joined the United States Army. He was then sent to Fort Knox for quick training in battle tactics, strategy and warfare. According to Charley's discharge papers, the army put him in the 339th infantry. While thousands of American doughboys were returning to the United States, three U.S. battalions, including the 339th infantry, were being shipped to the most northern part of Russia.

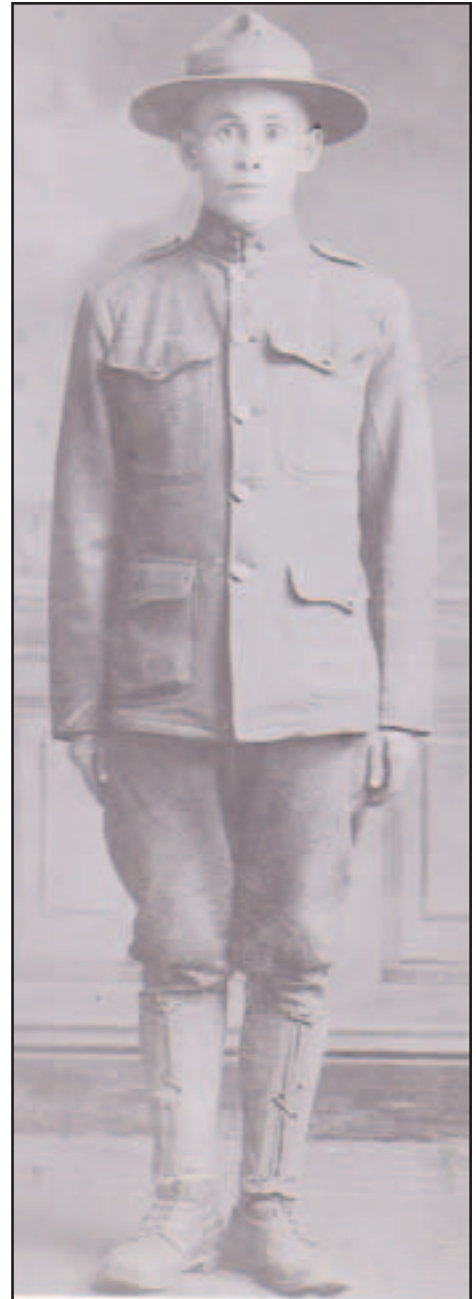
A revolution was taking place between the Czar of Russia and the Bolsheviks. The Bolsheviks had overthrown the Czar. When the decision to send the troops to Russia in order to aide the Czar had been finalized it was still many weeks before President Wilson made a press release to confirm his decision (Halliday 12-15).

Upon leaving Fort Knox in July of 1918, Charley sent a postcard to his brother Henry Grubb stating that he was getting on a train headed for New York Harbor. When the men arrived in New York on July 22, 1918, they were put on a ship and sent to Europe. In Europe they were added to the force of British and French troops. From Europe the Allied forces continued the long journey to their headquarters named Archangel near the Dvina Bay.

"I knew that he had been in Russia, but from what he had said, I was under the impression that he had spent most of his time during his enlistment fighting in Europe. I had no idea that he was actually fighting in Russia," Charlene Williams remarked.

For the next few months Charley would endure extreme winter temperatures and conditions. "He spoke of the weather in Russia to be very cold and that everything was covered in several feet of ice and snow. There was nothing even close to this weather in the United States," his grandson Michael Williams recollected.

Although Charley never spoke of the actual fighting he participated in, records and other interviews from those who were also there add some



insight to what actually happened on the Polar Bear Expedition.

At Archangel, the three American battalions split into three different directions. On Monday, November 4, 1918, Charley and his fellow soldiers of Company I were manning the front lines of the Archangel-Volga Railway between Verst markers 448 and 443.5. The Bolsheviks forces were known to be occupying positions along the railroad near Verst 443.5 and points further south near the village of Emtsa.

According to a report of engagement written by Capt. H.G. Winslow, Charley's commanding officer, at

approximately 1:45 p.m., the Allied troops, including Charley's company, were subjected to a Bolshevik infantry assault ranging of 800 to 1000 men.

His daughter stated, "Dad was a machine gun operator and he always spoke of being lucky he was not killed, because the machine gun operators were always the first to be fired upon and killed."

During the next three hours the Allied forces hung onto their positions and finally repulsed the attack, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

"I recall asking my grandpa about the scars that were on his face and neck and he only told me that he was hit with a shrapnel and that he was very fortunate," Michael Williams said when speaking of Charley's battle wounds.

Through the months of September and October 1918, Charley's company faced many hardships. Food was scarce and many men were weakened by lack of nourishment.

Between skirmishes with the Bolsheviks along the Volga Railway, Charley and the other men from the second battalion spent their time digging new trenches in order to be more prepared for the Bolshevik forces. Ammunition was getting low and the American men were beginning to wonder what was going to be done in order to hold off the enemy.

After finally attaining the Volga Railway and depleting the enemy forces, Charley and the rest of the 339th infantry got word that they were going home. Many men from Britain, France and the 339th infantry of the U.S. died during those frigid months. However, Charley was blessed and the only wound he received was a blast to the face by a shrapnel.

Charley and his company returned to the United States on June 30, 1919. The expedition was finally at rest for Charley. Charley returned to Camp Sherman, Ohio to be discharged back into civilian society.

Although Charley and fellow men had experienced a war that seemed to linger on in Russia well after American troops had been sent home, no words were ever spoken from

Charley about the undeclared war he helped to win nor the decorations he deserved.

His grandson, David Williams, stated, "Grandpa didn't speak of his battles because he did not enlist into the army to be known as a hero. He said that was not what the war was about. It was about liberation and ultimately being able to send my family back home enough money so they could survive."

Still to this day the heroic actions of Charley and the rest of the Polar Bears have not been mentioned in history books or classrooms. The first



written account of the event did not come out until 20 years after Charley had been home.

When Charley was discharged from the army, he went back home to Pike County, Ind. That is where he met the love of his life, Alta Hillman. Charley and Alta were married on July 28, 1925. They bought a farm northwest of Oakland City, Ind., where they settled down and he spent the rest of his life farming.

Charlene Williams said, "He was a hard worker and expected the entire family to be also. We had horses, cows, hundreds of pigs, chickens and ducks on the farm. Two of the horses were used to farm with. Dad planted 60 acres of corn, soybeans and some wheat. He also used one field for hay for the animals. There was no running water (a well and a cistern) and electricity was not installed until 1950. Dad purchased a Ford tractor in 1949, which helped much. Dad never worked on Sunday (except what had to be done for the animals). He always said, 'If it doesn't get done in six days, it won't get done.'"

Charley and Alta made it through the great depression very

well. Charlene Williams added, "They raised most of their food in a large garden, had eggs from the chickens, and meat from the hogs and chickens, and had several fruit trees and a grape vine. Mother canned much fruit and vegetables, made jelly and stored potatoes in the cellar."

Life was pretty much back to normal. Charley and Alta had two daughters and eight grandchildren. Life for them was busy with giving their family love and support. The military and the Russian war had long been forgotten.

In 1959 Charley retired from farming and he and Alta moved into the town of Oakland City, Ind. After his retirement and moving into town, Charley busied himself with working for the city, doing plumbing, carpentry, odd jobs and almost any kind of work needed for his community.

He was a righteous man and even then he would not turn down a helping hand. His siblings and friends enjoyed visiting with him and mother.

He could sit for hours telling "tales" (most of which were true) of his boyhood, military experiences and just life in general.

Life was enjoyable for Charley. He went to VFW meetings to meet with friends. He was known around town as being friendly and very talkative. His grandson David Williams recalls Charley taking him to the dime store and buying him a little toy and as they walked they would hear many people yelling their hellos and greetings to Charley.

Alta Grubb died of breast cancer in the early 70's and Charley was heartbroken; however, he did not fall into a depression or period of mourning. Instead he continued to live his life through his children and grandchildren, never slowing down. Charley lived to be almost 87 years old. He enjoyed a full life and was always busy doing something almost until a few months before his death.

Charley was a hero. However, he did not go around bragging that he was one. He deserved many decorations, but did not receive any. That never bothered him as long as he remained in the minds and hearts of those he met to be considered a good,

Dr. Harry Benson reflects on his career and other things too

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dents at WVC?

Study.

What were your favorite qualities or characteristics about the teachers you had growing up?

On a personal level, I was not very close to any of my teachers either in high school or college. I did have great respect for many of them on the basis of what I would describe as intellectual honesty. Whether I agreed with them or not, I always admired, and tried to use as role models, teachers who pursued knowledge and understanding without rigidity of thought. This is not to say that I did not appreciate strong opinions. One can have strong opinions and still be open-minded in the search for truth.

Who's your favorite comedian?

Johnny Carson was my favorite. To me, he was the most inherently funny person on national TV that we have ever seen in this country. David Letterman, Jon Stewart and Ellen DeGeneres are three currently active comedians that I like.

What are the top five albums that you'd recommend anyone go out and buy?

This is a difficult question for me if you use the term "top five." I like a lot of different kinds of music--blues, country, older kinds of rock, country-rock, southern gospel, bluegrass, folk, big band, and such things as movie and Broadway soundtracks. I like some classical, but am not sophisticated enough to get very much into it, and am too old-fashioned for stuff like heavy metal, punk rock, hip-hop, and rap. I don't have a "top five," but here are five albums that I personally like and would recommend. Willie Nelson, "Red-Headed Stranger," the first important album by the singer who has been called America's troubadour and one of my favorite persons in the music business; Stevie Ray Vaughn, "In Step," a studio album by the greatest blues guitarist of all time, even better than Jimi Hendrix, which most blues fans would not agree with; "O, Brother, Where Art Thou?" a movie soundtrack that was better than the movie itself, featuring

Early in Dr. Benson's tenure as president of WVC, he was confronted with tornado damage that destroyed a large portion of the WVC Foundation dorm. He has implemented several major capital development projects on campus during his term as president of Wabash Valley College.



some well known bluegrass artists; Emmy Lou Harris, "Angel Band," gospel songs by one of the best female vocalists of the last 40 years, a person who can sing in any style -- -rock, country, gospel, whatever; and a two-CD set "The Very Best of the Eagles," hits by one of the best country-rock groups.

Has there been a piece of literature that has always inspired you? If so, what?

Mark Twain's *HUCKLEBERRY FINN* is my favorite work in American literature. I read it for the first time in the sixth grade and have probably read it seven, eight, maybe ten times over the nearly 60 years since then. I have never grown tired of it. It has much to say about the American experience in the 19th century, and, of course, Mark Twain is a master craftsman as a wordsmith. I know that it has become somewhat controversial in a few quarters, but if understood properly, it is very liberating from a human relations standpoint.

What do you enjoy most about going to work?

The people at Wabash Valley College.

What do you consider happiness?

I am too much of a stoic to think of happiness as a goal to be pursued in itself. There is satisfaction to be found in simply being a responsible person and trying to do what is right.

If it makes for happiness that is just a little icing on the cake.

What are the most important qualities for a person to have in order to be successful?

Thinking of it in terms of just being a good person, Jesus said it best ---- 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' If we want to expand the definition of "successful" into more secular, economic or practical areas, I would say that in addition to knowing how to treat people, you need a strong sense of responsibility and enough wisdom to make good decisions.

What goal would you most like to see WVC achieve in the future that it hasn't yet?

The biggest need that Wabash Valley College has right now is a new multi-purpose expansion of Main Hall. It is in the overall plan, but, given the funding circumstances at both the state and District level, probably will not happen very soon.

Who's your favorite character from Civil War history? Why?

Abraham Lincoln is my favorite personality of the Civil War. As a person born and reared in the deep South, some of my ancestors would probably disown me for that sentiment. On the other hand, my mother was from Ohio, and ancestors on that side would approve. This is the nature of our history. In addition to being a great president whose

strength and political skills were instrumental in saving the Union and ending slavery, there were many personal qualities to admire about Lincoln.

Of course I like the great southern general Robert E. Lee also, a feeling which reflects my southern heritage, I suppose. There were people to admire, as individuals, on both sides of the conflict, and I do know about some of my ancestors who fought for the Confederacy. From a human rights perspective, however, we are fortunate that right and justice prevailed.

Who is your favorite visual artist? Why?

In art styles, I enjoy late 19th century impressionism and early 20th century cubism. From those eras, Claude Monet and Picasso, would be my favorites. It would be hard for me to rank them because their styles were so different. Although I like art, I am not very knowledgeable about it from either an academic or aesthetic perspective. When I paint in watercolor, I mostly try to create very loose, almost semi-abstract landscapes.

What are your greatest irritations in an employee?

I do not very often get irritated with employees, or not overly so, anyway. Most people try to do their job well, and if treated with respect, will respond to constructive criticism. We are fortunate in having good faculty and staff at WVC.

Rank these in order: Doc Watson, Flatt and Scruggs, Bill Monroe, Bill and Gloria Gaither, Oak Ridge Boys and Muddy Waters.

This is an interesting group of performers. In terms of their influence on our popular musical culture, and not necessarily my own personal preferences, I would rank them as follows: Bill Monroe, because he created a whole new genre of music--bluegrass--that many people enjoy and listen to. The Gaithers, because they reinvigorated gospel music and renewed an interest in it with their Homecoming videos, bringing in many listeners to whom the music, otherwise, would have been lost. Flatt and Scruggs, but, particularly, Earl Scruggs, because he developed a new way of playing the five-string



(above) During Dr. Benson's first year as president of WVC, he worked with a committee of faculty, staff, WVC Foundation members and local merchants to commemorate the college's 25th anniversary. In the coming year WVC will commemorate its 45th anniversary.



(left) SP4 Benson (on right) stands with a friend Sergeant Ehrhorn. Dr. Benson served two years in the United States Army with one year at Camp Hovey Korea in 1961 to 1962 and three weeks of R&R in Japan.

banjo that had a great impact on several types of music, primarily bluegrass, country and folk. Doc Watson and Muddy Waters, because of their legendary status in folk and blues music, respectively. The Oak Ridge Boys because they brought some of their style as a gospel quartet over into country music, blending it together to build a very successful career in country.

What significant lesson did you learn from being a member of the U.S. Army?

Fortunately for me, my service occurred at a time when there was no active combat going on, specifically, during the period between the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. The training did reinforce my belief that war is not really a very good way to resolve human differences --- certainly not if there are any other options available.

What significant lesson did

you learn from being a public school teacher?

A wise, experienced teacher said to me when I started teaching middle school over 40 years ago, "Remember Harry, familiarity breeds contempt." It was good advice which I did not learn very well the first year I taught. I did better the second year, but decided that public school teaching was for people more talented than me, so I went back to graduate school and wound up in community colleges. It was a good decision and one that, ultimately, gave me the opportunity to serve as president of Wabash Valley College. That experience has been the highlight of my professional career.

How do you want to be remembered for your 20+ years of service at WVC as its president?

I hope that people will devote all of their time and effort in supporting a new president and not in remembering an old one.

www.deviantart.com

Provides a venue for artists to interact on line

By BRANDON LITHERLAND
"Artists, You Are Not Alone..."

In August of 2000, three guys started a website designed to reach out to the application skinning community. Angelo Sotira (a.k.a. Spyed), Scott Jarkoff (a.k.a. Jark) and Matt Stephens (a.k.a. Matteo) soon realized there was much more out there than skins. The demand for self expression was growing, and while there were scattered groups of artists throughout the world, they lacked a real connection with all the other groups. Soon the vision of these three men shifted to a much larger plane ... a global community for all forms of art and expression. It was from this vision that DeviantART was born.

Now, in 2005, the recently released Version Four of DeviantART (DA) is booming with over 8,000,000 works of art from more than 250,000 members. The new version offers even more of a connection between artist by integrating live chat rooms and discussion boards into the already massive forum where any member can talk about everything from, "What animal would you most like to be?", to complex techniques in three dimensional rendering software.

With the boom in technology on the web, DA now offers a printing service to the artists as well as the rest of the net population. This provides the opportunity for artists to make extra money by selling prints of their art via DA and to make a name for themselves outside of the community. Sometime soon, however, that business may be expanding.

Eric Kolb (a.k.a. Dygel), Director of Artist Relations at DA, commented on the site for the future of DA: "Obviously, there's nowhere I want DeviantART to not go. Of course I have smaller, reasonable goals of different sizes, but the whole truth is that I want DA to go as far as it can. Looking forward, I absolutely see brick and mortar stores; I definitely see walk-in galleries. There is so much in the art industry that we've only begun to touch, and there's no

end to what we can do in time."

Contrary to the normal stages of business, this site will be expanding by building stores with featured artists, popular works, etc. instead of starting with a building and moving to the web. The impact of being able to walk into a store and actually touch and hold a work from one of the thousands of talented individuals from the site will be astounding.

Once word gets out that DA has jumped out of our computers into the real world, the demand for tangible sales will be immediate. No more credit cards, no more shipping charges, no more orders crossed...just cold cash and art put in your hands from artists that would rival the greatest names of our time. All of which share their talent for the sake of spreading the love of art.

Hopefully, while you're reading this, you're wondering how you might get involved or at least access the community. Dygel commented, "The one group of people that we have the hardest time reaching out to are consumers who aren't already in the know. It's not a simple thing to advertise a service like our prints service without spending a great deal of capital on wide-sweeping ad campaigns. After that, the second group of people we need to reel in are art students who aren't already tech savvy. There's a lot of benefit the DA community can provide for young art



students, but if they're not already in the online art scene, it's all too easy to remain altogether unaware of what we have to offer."

DeviantART is free to basic members. So if you just want to join to talk with other artists about their work, you can. If you want to submit your own art, it's still free, and you can post as many as you like. Every member automatically receives their own site inside the community where they can post journal entries, show their own favorite works and the works of others, show biographic information, as well as house their gallery, favorites and messages.

Joining is incredibly simple. Just go to www.deviantart.com and click on the "Become a Deviant" button by the login bar, fill out the information and you're done.

Hopefully you will get involved in one way or another and help this

WHAT DOES LOVE REALLY MEAN?

(an internet download)

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of four to eight year olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's Love." Rebecca - **age 8**

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - **age 4**

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - **age 5**

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." Chris - **age 6**

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - **age 4**

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Dan - **age 7**

"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss" Emily - **age 8**

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby - **age 7** (Wow!)

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - **age 6**

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday." Noelle - **age 7**

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well!" Tommy - **age 6**

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore." Cindy - **age 8**

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare - **age 6**

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine - **age 5**

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris - **age 7**

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - **age 4**

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - **age 4**

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." Karen - **age 7**

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross." Mark - **age 6**

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - **age 8**

And the final one -- Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was a four-year-old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

How do you know love when you see it?

A Little Story

(an internet download)

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said: What goes around comes around.

Work like you don't need the money.

Love like you've never been hurt.

Dance like nobody's watching.

Sing like nobody's listening.

Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

*tuition rates compared to other
area colleges and universities.*

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| Frontier Community College | \$1,696 / year |
| Lincoln Trail College | \$1,696 / year |
| Olney Central College | \$1,696 / year |
| Wabash Valley College | \$1,696 / year |
| <i>Other Illinois & Indiana Institutions</i> | |
| Eastern Illinois University | \$6,062 / year |
| Greenville College | \$16,724 / year |
| Illinois State University | \$5,530 / year |
| Indiana State University | \$5,536 / year |
| Lakeland Community College | \$3,486 / year |
| McKendree College | \$16,400 / year |
| Murray State University | \$5,312 / year |
| Northern Illinois University | \$5,373 / year |
| Oakland City College | \$12,800 / year |
| Southern Illinois University Carbondale | \$5,980 / year |
| Southern Illinois University Edwardsville | \$5,140 / year |
| University of Evansville | \$19,995 / year |
| University of Illinois Champaign | \$7,966 / year |
| University of Illinois Springfield | \$4,480 / year |
| University of Southern Indiana | \$5,320 / year |
| Vincennes University | \$4,575 / year |
| Western Illinois University | \$5,695 / year |

*Rates are based on 16 credit hours per semester. All public institution rates are based on in-state residency or in-district residency. For example, residents of Illinois would be likely to pay a higher rate at the University of Southern Indiana because they would be out-of-state residents. Rates were obtained from the Internet and phone surveys. Revised 7/04.

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ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

SUMMER TERM

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| June 7-8 | Registration |
| June 9 | Classes Begin |
| July 4 | No Classes, Independence Day |
| July 6 | Midterm |
| August 2 | Last Day of Classes |
| August 3-4 | Final Exam Testing |

FALL SEMESTER

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| August 15-17 | Registration |
| August 18 | Classes Begin |
| September 5 | No Classes, Labor Day |
| October 10 | No Classes, Columbus Day |
| October 11 | No Classes, District Workshop |
| October 13 | Midterm |
| November 11 | No Classes, Veterans' Day |
| November 24-25 | No Classes, Thanksgiving |
| December 9 | Last Day of Classes |
| December 12-15 | Final Exam Testing |

(College Closed December 19 -- December 30)

SPRING SEMESTER

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| January 5-6 | Registration |
| January 9 | Classes Begin |
| January 16 | No Classes, M. L. King, Jr. Day |
| February 20 | No Classes, Presidents' Day |
| March 2 | Midterm |
| March 6 | No Classes, Pulaski Day |
| March 7-10 | No Classes, Spring Vacation |
| April 14 | No Classes, Spring Holiday |
| May 5 | Last Day of Classes |
| May 8-11 | Final Exam Testing |
| May 12 | Graduation |