

CENTRE Parents

FALL 2009

Letter from the President



By John A. Roush

The College has gotten off to a fabulous start, again this year.

There was much to anticipate at the College's October board meeting. In addition to talking about and taking action on College business, we dedicated Pearl Hall. Our new residence hall continues to receive rave reviews from our students and all of our visitors. Plus, we had the opportunity to have some portions of our meeting in the Campus Center, which opened officially for dinner on Sunday, October 18. Trustees also had the chance to see the renovation of the Norton Center for the Arts and the new playing surface and track spaces at Farris Stadium! The men and women who hold this College in trust are exceedingly generous with their time, their talents, and their resources. Each time they meet, much is accomplished. Our October, '09 session was no exception.

I keep saying to almost every group with which I meet - on campus and off campus - that this will be another year when communication must be strong. These are times that demand our best, and I am confident that the trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Centre are equal to the task. The chance to achieve real greatness as an undergraduate, residential college devoted to liberal learning in the arts and sciences remains real for us, and this at a time when a lot of colleges and universities have scaled back their expectations to staying at average. That is not Centre's future! This College has the potential to play above the rim, and we intend to meet that expectation! Every member of our campus community counts for much when faced with such challenge, such opportunity, such adventure. Good for us!

Report from Admission

From: J. Carey Thompson, Vice President for Enrollment

Just as the Class of 2013 - by all accounts one of the largest, most accomplished, and most diverse classes ever at Centre - arrived on campus in late August, most of the admission staff members who recruited them were waving good-bye to campus, heading out to recruit the Class of 2014. Fall is travel season in the world of college admission: this year, we'll travel to over half the states in the country, visiting hundreds of high schools and scores of college fairs. Some weary admission counselors will see their desks little more than 4 or 5 days in September and October. Of course, Fall finds prospective students and their families travelling, too - to visit campuses. We expect to host nearly 400 visiting students in the month of October alone.

To augment the face-to-face contact made possible by travel, this year we have some new tools to reach prospective students and their families. At www.theadmissioncentre.com, you'll find a terrific new blog on college admission and Centre-related topics. We'd love to have comments and perspectives from current parents. You can also follow the conversation at www.facebook.com/theadmissioncentre or www.twitter.com/admissionCentre.

Report from Parsons Student Health Center

From: Kathy Jones, Director

Parsons Student Health Center has had a marked increase in the number of patients seen each day compared to previous years. As we all know, this is due in part to the widespread nature of the novel H1N1 strain of influenza. February is usually our busiest month in the flu season which ordinarily peaks in late February to

mid-March. With the exception of flu season, we typically see an average of 25 patients per day at Parsons. 974 patients were seen during September of 2009 compared to 586 seen in September of 2008. So far 55 Centre students have tested positive for the flu which tops the total number of positive flu tests for the 2008-2009 school year.

Many students with the flu have recovered within a few days and experienced mild symptoms. Others were not so fortunate and missed up to a week of classes. So far, no students have required hospitalization. The CDC released recommendations for institutions of higher education. You can find these at www.cdc.gov. Centre College is following the advice of the CDC. Although this pandemic is well beyond the containment phase we are encouraging those with the flu to go home to recover if that is practical. If it is not practical we are offering a temporary housing assignment where that student can stay until he or she is without a fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducer. Students have been encouraged to designate a flu buddy. A flu buddy is someone who will check on the sick person periodically, bring their meals, assignments, medicine, etc.

The 2009-2010 seasonal flu vaccine has been available at Parsons since September 23, 2009. We still have about 50 doses left. We have applied and have been approved to be an H1N1 vaccine provider but there is no guarantee that we'll receive the vaccine. We will keep students informed as to the status of vaccine availability at Parsons. On October 14, 2009 students were informed that the H1N1 vaccine was available at the Boyle County Health Department free of charge. The health department is within walking distance of campus.

Library Update

FAX - Do you need to fax something to your son or daughter or do they need to fax something to you? The library has a fax machine that is available to your student to either send or receive faxes. The fax number is 859-236-7925. If you send a fax to your student, there is no cost to them. Plus, they can pick up the fax in the library office any time the library is open. If your son or daughter needs to send a fax to you, the cost is \$1.00 per page (cash or check only).

KINDLE - Thinking about getting your son or daughter a Kindle, but not sure if they like it or not? Ask

them to try the one in the library first! The library now owns a Kindle which can be checked out for a week at a time. The library has downloaded several titles, including 5 by Stephenie Meyer, "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" and "The Girl Who Played With Fire," by Stieg Larsson and "Chinese Lessons: Five Classmates and the Story of the New China," by John Pomfret. This last book will be required reading for all first-year students entering Centre in Fall 2010.

TEXTBOOKS - Please be aware that the library does not purchase copies of textbooks to put on reserve for students. While some schools may provide this service to students, the Centre library budget does not enable us to do this. Likewise, we are unable to borrow textbooks for students using our interlibrary loan service. Books that are borrowed through interlibrary loan are available for short term usage, not for a whole term. Please be aware of these policies when budgeting for each term.

As always, the staff of the Centre library is here for your student. If your son or daughter is researching a paper or presentation, please encourage him or her to contact one of the Reference librarians for help. Lesley Jackson, Carrie Frey and Mary Beth Garriott are available at the reference desk, via email or through the chat portal on the library home page. They are here to help your student identify and locate the materials needed for their paper or presentation. They love working with students!!

Housing

From: Ann Young, Director of Housing

Holiday Reminder: Residence Halls and Houses do not close at the Thanksgiving Break later this month. There is, however, limited meal service. Residence Halls and Houses do close for the Holiday Break December 12th, until Monday, January 4th at noon. Students will be sent a Survey Monkey survey, later this month, to sign up if they are staying over the Thanksgiving Break. This is for security and meal preparation. They will receive another survey the first week of December regarding the Holiday Break. Centre housing will try to accommodate students for later flight schedules, within a day, etc. if you let us know in advance. Please begin to make your travel arrangements accordingly. Thanks.

Centre Parent Fund

From: Mary Beth Neiser, Major Gift Officer
& Director of the Parent Fund

The Centre College Parent Fund had an excellent 2008-2009 year and we expect even greater success in the year ahead. When last year began, we hoped to raise \$165,000 from 58% of Centre parents. When the year ended on June 30th, Centre parents had exceeded our expectations, pledging \$167,382! Nearly half of all Centre parents, 48%, contributed to the Parent Fund's largest year to date.

Centre parents make gifts to the Parent Fund because they realize it is one way to play an active role in the quality education their students receive. By supporting the Parent Fund, they can make a tangible difference in the quality of students' lives on campus. The Parent Fund supports many campus enhancements and extra programs that make Centre College so special. This year, the Parent Fund will focus on three projects.

First, we will create a signature project for the Parent Fund. As you know, all first-year students at Centre are required to read a pre-selected book prior to arriving on campus. A book discussion is incorporated into orientation week as a way for students to get to know one another and their faculty advisor. The book selection committee likes to bring the authors of these books to campus to speak to students. The author could offer additional insights into his/her book and expand on the subject. Parent Fund support of this effort ensures that every group of first-year students has the opportunity to get the most from the book and the orientation discussions. This project benefits every first-year student that comes to Centre College.

Another project for the Parent Fund this year involves the new science building. Plans are underway to expand and renovate Young Hall. This will provide more classroom and laboratory space for the science programs. In discussions of this project, one need in particular seems appropriate for the Parent Fund. The increased laboratory space has created a need for additional microscopes for the Introductory Biology lab. Introduction to Biology is taken by more than 220 Centre students each year. As you can see, this entry level course touches a large proportion of students. Each microscope will contain an engraved plaque indicating it was provided by the Parent Fund.

In addition, parents continue to be supportive of The Collegiate Readership Program. This initiative, always funded by parents, has become very popular on campus. In order to continue providing free newspapers to students, the Parent Fund will once again lend its support to this program.

Of course, Parent Fund gifts also support such vital College needs as recruiting and retaining the best faculty, upgrading learning technology, and improving campus facilities and buildings. When parents make their gifts to the Parent Fund, they are enhancing the day-to-day experiences of all Centre students. Every gift is important, and every gift will bring us one step closer to meeting our goals.. We hope that you will be part of this exciting opportunity. If you have questions about the Parent Fund, please contact Mary Beth Neiser at marybeth.neiser@centre.edu or 1-877-678-9822.

Please mail your contributions to:

Development Office
Centre College
600 West Walnut Street
Danville, KY 40422

Intercollegiate Athletics Update

As of November 10, 2009

The 2009 Centre fall sports teams are having productive seasons. Highlights from the 200-plus student-athletes who compete during the fall season include the following:

The Centre **men's cross country team** has won two of the five meets this year, with a win at the Centre Invitational, where a total of six teams competed, and a win at the Georgetown Invitational, where three total teams competed. They also had a strong performance at the Wilmington Fall Classic, which had a total of 26 teams.

The Centre **women's cross country team** has also won two of their five meets, with a win at the Centre Invitational, which had eight teams compete, and they also won the Georgetown Invitational, where three total teams competed. The women also had strong performances at the Louisville Classic and the Wilmington Fall Classic. The Centre women finished 15th out of 35 teams at the Louisville Classic. At the Wilmington Fall Classic the women finished ninth out of 25 teams.

On Saturday, Oct. 31 the women's team competed at the SCAC Championships in Atlanta, GA, where they finished in fourth place out of 10 teams.

The Centre's **men's golf team** won two of their three home competitions during the fall season. Centre men's golf is ranked 24th in the country in the Golf World/ NIKE Division III Coaches Top 25 rankings and they are also ranked 19th in the golfstat.com rankings. Centre opened their fall season with a win at their first home match, which was the Jim English - Centre Invite, played at the Danville Country Club, where eight teams competed. Centre also won their second home match of the season, which was the Old Bridge Fall Invitational.

The Centre **women's golf team** played well during the fall season, as they had a first place finish at the Old Bridge/Centre Invite, which had seven teams compete. The team also had a second place finish out of nine teams at the Hanover College Fall Invite. The Colonels are ranked 20th in the NGCA Division III Coaches Poll. The Colonels will start play again in the spring.

The **field hockey team** finished the season with an overall record of 12-5 and a conference record of 6-3. Centre had big wins this season against Bellarmine University and Transylvania University, as they beat both teams twice. In conference play Centre swept DePauw, 1-0 in both games, and Sewanee, 3-1 and 1-0. Centre traveled to Conway, AR on Saturday, November 7 to participate in the SCAC Tournament, where they took on DePauw in the semi-finals. The Colonels' season came to an end as they fell 2-0 to the Tigers.

The Centre **football team** had a tremendous start to the season as they opened the season 6-0 before falling to Millsaps, who was the SCAC pre-season pick to win the conference. They ended the season with an overall record of 7-2 and a conference record of 4-2. The Colonels opened their season with a win for the fifth straight time, as they beat Hanover College 34-20. Centre had a huge win in their third game of the season as they beat DePauw 34-24. DePauw was ranked #20 in the country at the time of the game. Centre beat Birmingham-Southern College in the sixth game of the season 14-13, to put the Colonels at their best start of the season since the 2001 season. Centre ranked #22 in the country after starting the season 6-0. The Colonels fell 24-0 to Millsaps College. They had a 37-10 win on homecoming weekend against Rhodes College. In the last game of the season, Centre took on Trinity in San Antonio, TX, to determine if the Colonels would claim a

share of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference title and an automatic berth into the Division III playoffs. Centre lost a tough game to the Tigers as they fell 27-17. DePauw and Rhodes tied for a share of the SCAC Football Title and DePauw earned their first NCAA appearance in program history. DePauw clinched the automatic qualification into the Division III Championship by virtue of their win over Millsaps.

The Centre **men's soccer team** finished the season with an overall record of 14-4-2 and an 8-2-1 record in the SCAC. The Colonels had big wins over Berry College, Colorado College, and Southwestern University. Centre and Austin College also played in their third annual Susan G. Komen game where both teams raised a total of \$7,757.48. Centre won the final four games of their season and they were all shutouts. The Colonels beat DePauw in the final game of the season to give Centre a second place finish in the conference.

The Centre **women's soccer team** ended the season with a record of 12-4-4 and an SCAC record of 6-2-2. The Colonels had their biggest wins of the year late in the season. Centre had a challenging game against Hendrix College, where they were able to pull away with the 1-0 win. The Colonels also had a tremendous win over Southwestern University, pulling off a 2-1 victory. On Saturday, October 24 Centre was able to beat a very good Maryville team 1-0 in double overtime. Centre finished the season with a 1-1 tie against DePauw University.

The Centre **men's swim team** is three and three on the season. Centre opened the season against Washington & Lee in Lexington, VA, where they came up short in a 134-109 loss. The Colonels then traveled to Indianapolis, IN where they took on IUPUI and had a tough 174-104 loss. Centre then competed in their first home meet of the season, a dual meet against Berea College and Bellarmine University. The Colonels came away with the win over both schools for their first victories of the season.

The Centre **women's swim team** has started the season off very well with seven wins. Centre opened the season with a 142-120 win over Washington & Lee in Lexington, VA. The Colonels then went on to beat IUPUI and Butler in their second meet of the season in Indianapolis, IN. Centre then competed against Berea College and Bellarmine University in a dual meet on Saturday, October 24. The Colonels were able to beat both teams in their first home meet of the season. Centre

then competed against Asbury College on Friday, October 30 in Danville. The Colonels came away with the 145-68 win. Centre then took on Transylvania University in Lexington, KY, on Saturday, November 7 where they took down the Pioneers 113-101.

The Centre **volleyball team** posted a 21-15 overall record and a 9-10 record in the SCAC. The Colonels' 20-plus winning season was the first one since the 2004 season. Centre took part in the SCAC Conference Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, November 6-7 in Atlanta, GA. In the first match that the Colonels competed in they beat Sewanee University 3-1. The Colonels then took on DePauw University and lost 3-1. Centre then took on Oglethorpe University and won 3-0. In the fourth and final match for the Colonels they took on Austin College where they fell 3-0. Centre took sixth in the conference, one place better than they were expected to finish in the conference.

Internships at Centre

From: Mindy Wilson, Assistant Director for Employer Relations and Internships, Career Services

Internships at Centre College have been growing more and more popular, partially due to the continuing success of our Centre Futures program and to the Centre Commitment, and partially due to the demand for professional work experience in the job market. Last year we had a record number of students participate in academic-credit and non-credit internships. This year we're off to a great start with interns at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center, the Great American Brass Band Festival, and The Dollhouse Museum, among other sites. Students receive three units of academic credit for academic-credit internships, which count toward their semester's course load, but do not count for or against their major or minor. Each student can take up to two internships for credit during their time at Centre.

How can your student get involved in an internship? All the student needs to do is keep in touch with their career counselor (and put in a little grunt work when it comes to applying). Although only juniors and seniors can participate in academic-credit internships, the process starts much earlier. The more they get to know their career counselor, the more personal attention we can give to them.

When it comes time to start looking at internship sites, the career counselors and I work with students using eRecruiting (our online job and internship database), our career library, and other resources. If they can't find something that fits their needs, I step in to create contacts and opportunities.

Academic internships at Centre require a substantial academic component, which a faculty mentor leads. The student must complete readings, journal assignments, papers, and/or other assignments as agreed upon in their contract. They must work 12 hours during all 13 weeks of classes (35-40 hours a week for 4 weeks during the CentreTerm) and must attend two meetings run by Career Services, the last in which they present their experience, both academically and experientially, to their faculty mentors, other interns, intern supervisors, and Career Services staff.

During the summer and CentreTerm, Centre College offers a competitive funding program called Centre Internship Plus (CIP). This program was created to assist students who have found exceptional internships around the country and the world. The CIP committee makes decisions based on the quality of both the internship and the application. Students are eligible to receive up to \$1,500 for summer and \$750 for CentreTerm (minus taxes).

Please encourage your student to take advantage of Career Services to help them prepare for life after college. For more information on any of the programs mentioned above, visit www.centre.edu/careers/.

Family Weekend 2010

Due to the World Equestrian Games, being held in Lexington from Sept. 25 - Oct. 10, 2010, the Family Weekend date for 2010 has been changed to **September 17-18**.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS DATE. There were going to be too many conflicts with area hotels and transportation to have any event scheduled during the games. They expect 600,000 visitors from all over the world and several nearby hotels are already completely full, charging much higher rates.

We look forward to seeing you **Sept. 17-18**.

“Taste & See”

Foods to make your life easier by Julie Cox

Casseroles, soups and desserts are great for a surprise meal for your student or for a celebration, a treat, or a get well wish. All items are prepared for easy baking. Students must either have access to an oven or pay an extra \$3 to have the item pre-baked.

Casseroles:

Baked Spaghetti, Baked Ziti, Sausage & Wild Rice, Chicken Tetrazzini, Hot Chicken Salad, Shrimp Casserole, Chicken & Wild Rice, Black Bean Tortilla, Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Lasagna.

Soups/Salads:

Taco Soup, Chicken Noodle Vegetable, Southwest Chicken, Mammy’s Chicken Soup, Tuscan Minestrone, Potato Soup, California Chicken Salad, Pimento Cheese, Asian Slaw, Butternut Squash Soup.

Desserts/Sweets:

Chocolate Sheet Cake, Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins, Fresh Apple Cake, Strawberry Cake, Carrot Cake, Blackberry Cake, Pumpkin Patch Dessert.

Prices

Casseroles

8x8 - \$15 9x13 - \$25

Soups

Small for 4-6 - \$14 Large for 10-12 - \$24

Chocolate Cakes

8x8 - \$12 9x13 - \$20 Fresh - \$35

Muffins - \$8 per dozen

Salads - \$18

Pimento Cheese - \$15

Cash and checks only please.

Contact Julie Cox for orders: (24 hour notice preferred) 859-236-7291
859-583-4200
coxfive@bellsouth.net

She delivers!!

Centre Cooks!



Centre Cooks, the Centre Parents Association cookbook, is available this Christmas for just \$10.00 plus \$5.00 shipping per book. Plus, get a Centre potholder free with each purchase while supplies last.

Treat yourself, family, and friends to this fantastic cookbook with over 350 of Centre students’ favorite recipes.

To place your order, call Amy Wilson in the office of parent programs at 859-238-5208, send an email to amy.wilson@centre.edu with “Cookbook” in the subject line, or return the following order form to Amy Wilson at Centre College, 600 W. Walnut Street, Danville, KY 40422.

CENTRE PARENT COOKBOOK ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Cookbooks: _____

x \$10.00 + \$5.00 S/H = \$15.00

Total Cost: _____

____ Check payable to Centre College

____ Visa ____ MasterCard

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

CENTREWEAR ORDER FORM

Men's Polo Shirt (black w/gold embroidery) \$25

____ Quantity
____ Size (XS, S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, 6X)

Front Embroidery:
Centre _____

Subtotal: _____ (Add \$3 for sizes 3X & larger)

Men's Game Polo (black & gold w/gold embroidery) \$35

____ Quantity
____ Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X)

Front Embroidery:
Centre _____

Subtotal: _____ (Add \$3 for sizes 2X & larger)

Women's Polo Shirt (black w/gold embroidery) \$25

____ Quantity
____ Size (XS, S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)

Front Embroidery:
Centre _____

Subtotal: _____ (Add \$3 for sizes 2X & larger)

Women's Terrytown Slippers (black or white w/gold CC embroidery) \$16

____ Quantity
____ Size (S = 6-7, M = 8-9, L/XL = 10-12)

Subtotal: _____

Holloway Drawstring Backpack (Black nylon w/gold embroidery) \$20

____ Quantity

Embroidery:
Centre _____

Subtotal: _____

View items at www.centre.edu/web/parents.

Mail order with payment to Amy L. Wilson, Centre College, 600 W. Walnut Street, Danville, KY 40422.

Men's Badger Windshirt (black w/gold embroidery) \$45

____ Quantity
____ Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X)

Front Embroidery:
Centre _____

Subtotal: _____ (Add \$3 for sizes 2X & larger)

Fleece Jacket (unisex with 1/4 zipper) - (black w/ khaki trim and gold embroidery) \$35

____ Quantity
____ Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X)

Front Embroidery:
Centre _____

Subtotal: _____ (Add \$3 for sizes 3X & larger)

Men's & Women's Long Sleeve Denim Shirt \$30

____ Quantity
____ Men's Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X)
____ Women's Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X)

Front Embroidery:
Centre _____

Add up all subtotals from orders above: _____

Add Shipping & Handling: \$7.50

TOTAL: \$ _____

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Phone number _____

Credit card information:

____ VISA ____ MasterCard

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Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

OR

Checks should be made payable to Centre College.
(Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery!)

Parents Facebook Page & Centre Parent Webpage

Please join us on Facebook! After you log into Facebook, go to the search bar in the right-hand corner. Type in "Centre College Parents." The first result should be Centre College Parents (with a photo of Mona Wyatt next to it!). You have to request to join the group.

If you don't have a Facebook account, go to www.facebook.com and click on the "sign up" button. It will then prompt you to fill out a username and password and will ask for your email address. Then you can go on to create your own Facebook page, which is very easy to do.

Also, don't forget to visit our parent webpage at www.centre.edu/web/parents. We have FAQs about the College, information on family events, commencement information, Danville resources, and even advice from current and former Centre parents. Check it out today!!

Happy Holidays!!!

From the Office of Parent Programs

Centre Survival

With the stress of finals looming, treat your student with one or more of these great packages offered exclusively through Centre Survival.

Final Exam Survival Kit - \$15

Health Pack - \$15

Breakfast in a Bag - \$9

9 Monthly Fruit Packs - \$100

Party Pack - \$35

Manicure: mini - \$18, classic - \$28

Pedicure: mini - \$30, classic - \$45

30-minute massage - \$40

60-minute massage - \$60

Centre Survival has packages for any occasion. Check out the Parent webpage at <http://www.centre.edu/web/parents> to print out a complete listing of services.

Centre Survival Order Form

Please give 2 days notice for all deliveries. Due to campus regulations, all deliveries are made through the campus post office, and therefore made *Monday-Friday only*.

To be delivered to: (Please Print)

Name _____

Campus Phone # (859) _____

Delivery Date _____

Message for Gift Card:

Given by:

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State _____ Zip _____

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Please fill out the order form, circling your item(s) of choice, and return it with check or money order to:

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Questions? Call (859) 236-7848