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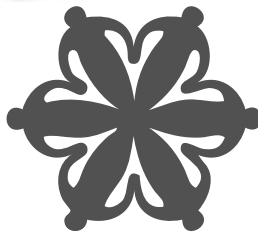
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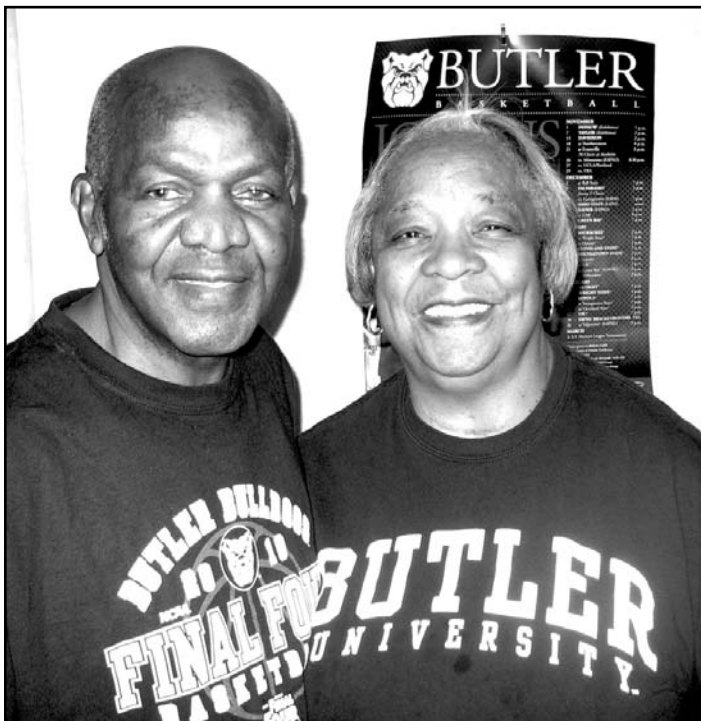
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The Williamses Are More Than Just Bulldog Fans



The Williamses are huge fans of their famous grandson, Ronald Nored, who plays basketball for Butler University.

MARILYN PORTER
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When I called Delores Kennedy-Williams and asked if I could interview her and Rev. Williams for the BTNA newsletter, she asked “And for what reason?” I replied “Well, you are very famous grandparents. But I want to interview you because you live in the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood.”

The April 1, 2010, *Indianapolis Star* sports page featured the Williamses as grandparents of Butler basketball player Ronald Nored and as some of the Butler team’s staunchest supporters. Ronald Nored said that his grandparents attend nearly every home game,

and his grandmother made it to the San Jose game. “They record every single game at their house. The second the game’s over, they go back home from Hinkle and watch it. Then they wake up the next day and watch it about four more times. It drives me nuts, but they love it.”

The article also mentioned that Ron “regularly calls the (Williams’) house to see if he can bring five or six teammates for breakfast, and grandma swings into action. She treats them like a bunch of new Noreds in the neighborhood.”

Delores and Leonard Williams, I found out, have been caring deeply for people their

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New Restaurants & Services at 49th & Penn

CAROL CALDWELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The 49th and Pennsylvania intersection, while not in the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood, does provide a variety of services to BTNA residents. While we have some great choices

within Butler-Tarkington, recent changes at 49th and Penn can’t be overlooked.

Sullivan’s Hardware Store has been in business at 49th and Penn for about 15 years. Management felt it was time for an update, a bit of a new look and improved services.

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An Update on Our Libraries from the CEO

LAURA BRAMBLE
CEO OF IMCPL

The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IMCPL) has been in the news recently due to budget issues and several cost-cutting proposals that involve the closing of up to six branch libraries; a

reduction in hours as well as a 6.25% pay cut for all staff; increase in user fees and changes in staff benefits.

In 2009, the total loss of property tax revenue for the Library was \$3 million. The Library is facing a potential \$4.2 million in reduction in prop-

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BUTLER BRIEFS

Renovations Under Way at Butler Bowl

Construction has begun on a major renovation at the Butler Bowl that will include building a brick press box with multi-use booths and new seating on the west and east sides of the playing surface.

The renovation of the facility just east of Butler University's historic Hinkle Fieldhouse will increase the seating capacity to 5,500 with the addition of new bleacher seats along the west side of the field and a section of seating for visiting fans on the east side.

Bulldogs Named Grand Marshal of 500 Festival Parade

The 500 Festival announced that the Butler Bulldogs men's basketball team has been named Grand Marshal of the IPL 500 Festival Parade. The 53rd IPL 500 Festival Parade is Saturday, May 29 and will be a celebration of the 2010 theme: Embrace the Pace: Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

New Majors Offered

Butler will introduce an Art + Design major in the fall, a first for the University. Butler University also plans to add a new major in Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies in the fall, with courses that include Philosophy of Feminism, Feminist & Queer Theory and Resistance for Social Change in the U.S.

Pharmacy & Health Sciences Addition Earns LEED Gold

Butler's new 40,000-square-foot addition to the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (COPHS) building has been awarded Gold-level LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environment Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

With this certification, Butler becomes the first educational institution in Indianapolis to have a Gold building. It is also Butler's first LEED-certified structure on campus.

The addition officially opened in fall 2009.

the president's message

President Bloede Provides Update on BTNA Initiatives

NEIL BLOEDE
BTNA PRESIDENT

Hello neighbor. What an exciting couple of months in Butler-Tarkington! I want to send special congratulations to Butler University and the men's basketball team for their remarkable run to the Final Four.

Now spring is in full swing and summer is just around the corner. Here in the neighborhood, we can look forward to several things that make this time of year so special: spring flowers, the Indianapolis 500, and summer vacation, just to name a few. First, however, I want to let you know about some of the initiatives BTNA has been working on.

MEMBERSHIP

We have been working very hard to increase our general BTNA membership. We currently have the highest number of memberships at this point in the year that we have had in several years. I think this increase is a reflection of the work the board has done and you see value in the work being done to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. I want to

thank all of you who have submitted their memberships to date. I also want to encourage those who have not contributed, but are considering joining the BTNA, to submit your memberships. We intend to publish our membership list in the July/August newsletter. Therefore, all memberships received prior to June 15, 2010, will receive recognition. Further, the board has begun to reach out to current members to solicit input and seek additional board members. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact me or one of the other board members.



BLOEDE

PUBLIC SAFETY

BTNA is working diligently to improve public safety in the neighborhood. Currently, we are working in cooperation with the North District of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office to establish a Court Watch program for the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood. In essence, this program will track criminal activity committed in Butler-Tarkington or by Butler-Tarkington residents and alert BTNA of the court proceedings. Butler-Tarkington

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More Tips from BTNA's Master Gardener

Stop and smell the roses or whatever else is in bloom!

LARRY FITZGERALD
BTNA BOARD MEMBER

Wow! What a spectacular spring thus far. The colors and smells have been incredible. Below are some suggestions for the next few months. Now is the time to start planting in your flower and vegetable gardens.

Annuals are always nice for added color to your landscape. Most of the early stock is available at your favorite supplier. Pull at least one of the plants out of the tray to verify white roots. Often times the plants are over watered at the retail locations and the roots are brown.

Bulbs, Tubers, Rhizomes can be planted. Water after planting to settle the soil around them. Spring flowering bulbs can be dug up after the leaves die down and the bulbs can be replanted for next year's display.

Vegetable gardens are a great way to provide fresh food for the table. Cutworms can become quite active in the garden. Aluminum foil around the stems of peppers, squash and some herbs will discourage their activity. Weed control is important and an easy source of material to control the weeds is to distribute grass clippings around the plants. It also helps on maintaining ground moisture.

House Plants are perking up with the additional sunlight. This is a good time to repot overgrown plants. If you place plants outside, periodically

check for bugs. Use insecticidal soap to discourage hungry pests.

Lawns are greening up and will be ready for trimming. Use a good sharpened blade on your mower and don't mow the grass too short to preserve ground moisture. Check periodically for grubs. This is a good time to freshen up the mulch around the landscape. Buying mulch in bulk is much more economical than purchasing bags at the convenience store.

Perennials are now emerging from a long winter nap. Divide up and replant while they are still small. Give some starts to a friend or neighbor. Pinch the small buds on peonies for larger flowers. Dig up hardy mums and divide from last year's center. As the plants grow, pinch new growth to encourage fuller plants.

Roses need to have the dead cane removed and any dead ends on the branches. Roses will benefit from granular 10-10-10 or some similar product. Remove faded flowers from the plant to encourage new growth.

Shrubs can be pruned to remove winter damage. Do not prune flowering shrubs until after they have bloomed. This is a good time to plant new shrubs and remove old overgrown plants. Check mature sizes before making purchase.

Trees can be pruned to remove dead branches and suckers around the base of crab apple trees. Do not prune flowering trees until after blooms have faded.

Enjoy the end of spring

LOCAL CHURCH OFFERS COMMUNITY GARDEN

KRISTA JONES
CONTRIBUTOR

If you have ever planted a garden, whether in a window box or full-blown tilled soil, you understand the process that results from burying a seed in dirt, maybe even forgetting about it, and then watching it slowly sprout into something productive. The final satisfaction comes in tasting your work, something that is all too easy to take credit for, whether it's on top of a salad or in a pie.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis (UUI) has embraced that idea and has garden space open for the Butler-Tarkington community. Ongoing for the past eleven years, the 22 plots are located on their main grounds near the intersection of 43rd & Sunset Avenue. They are already marked and tilled for neighbors to come and exercise their green thumb. This program was started as a continuation of the church's community outreach efforts. A well-worn sign not only marks the garden's property, but serves to stand as an emblem for the potential a neighborhood has when efforts are joined together. Because of the high demand for plots, there are currently no plots available, but you can contact the church to be added to the wait list in the event some do not want to participate.

For more information about obtaining your own plot this spring or next year, contact the UUI church at 283-4760 or email office@uui.org.

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Session Focuses on Transit Needs of Midtown

KATHRYN R. SHORTER
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The Midtown IndyConnect transit feedback session was appropriately held on Earth Day, April 22nd, emphasizing a more sustainable future with less automobile dependency. HARMONI, along with Midtown neighborhood association leadership, had requested that IndyConnect hold this special session to allow focus on the transit and transit-oriented development needs of Meridian-Kessler, Butler-Tarkington, Maple Road, North Meridian Street and Broad Ripple Village.

About 125 people gathered at the Basile Opera Center to listen to Lori Miser, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), present the current “starting” point of the regional public-private plan. She stated that the purpose of the meeting (and 30 like it throughout the region) was to get as much input as possible from the public for developing the plans.

Ehren Bingaman, Director of Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA) and many staff members were also present and available to answer questions at individual stations set up at the Center. Ehren and Lori indicated that all transit meetings to date have been positive, but that this particular Midtown meeting had the largest number of participants. (It was also the only IndyConnect meeting to include a lovely opera performance as its opener!)

In her presentation, Lori included the transit recommendation slides from the Midtown Future Plan, which is currently underway. The recommendation includes College Avenue as a major North/South Transit route and the addition of a Midtown Circulator. It also recommends that 38th Street be included as a major transit artery.

If you would like to review the Midtown Future Plan draft, it is available on HARMONI's home page at www.indy-harmoni.org. (The transit/connectivity slides are #12, #13 and #15.) IndyConnect is online at www.indyconnect.org.



Among the 125 participants at the April 22nd IndyConnect feedback session were each of the Midtown neighborhood association presidents and executive directors. Pictured here (from left to right) are John Barth, BTNA Past President, Neil Bloede, BTNA President, and Ed Potts, MKNA President.

Upcoming Events in June

MONTESSORI SUMMER PROGRAM SEEKS SPECIAL GUEST VOLUNTEERS

Meridian Montessori is currently seeking special guest volunteers for its culturally-themed summer program, “Around the World in 16 Days.” They’re looking for community members who might be able to share language, art, music, storytelling or customs from another region of the world. Guests will be invited to provide a short presentation and/or hands-on activity that will engage preschool children ages 2 ½ through 6. The program begins June 14th. Interested persons may contact the school at info@MeridianMontessori.com or 804-1784 before June 1st for more information on how to participate.

MARKET OPENS JUNE 3RD: GET YOUR FRESH FRUITS & VEGGIES

The North Church Farmers’ Market open Thursday, June 3rd, and will run every Thursday until October 28th, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. You’ll see the regular vendors you’ve come to know as well as a few new ones. The market is celebrat-

ing its 10th season this year and is offering a frequent shopper card to help mark the celebration. If you visit the market 10 times, you will receive \$10 in market money to spend on site. One card per person and you must be 18 or older to participate.

PARTY IN THE PARK

North United Methodist Church invites you to the first Party in the Park Tuesday through Thursday, June 15th through 17th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. each day. The fun begins with music and food in a big tent at 39th & Illinois and continues with games, stories, crafts, and fellowship. All are welcome - from young to old. There will be activities for adults and children alike. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by or have signed permission of a parent or a legal guardian to attend. This will be a free event.

For more information about Party in the Park contact North Church at 924-2612. We hope to see you there.

Party On! You Too Can Throw a Block Party

With just a little work, you can plan a neighborhood block party.

BETTY COOK-GRIFFITH
CONTRIBUTOR

Want to have some real fun? Inexpensive, family-oriented, a pitch-in, tables laden with platters, bowls and trays of great home-made foods, outdoors, safe, and all in good sharing? Well, have you ever attended a neighborhood block party? Our family is one of the lucky ones to participate annually in a three-block party, with many residents giving time to make it happen. It's all right there at your back door. Happiness abounds, with excited, laughing, and well-behaved children running energetically

about.

You can join in this fun by developing plans for your own immediate neighborhood party, especially with the help of these ideas and hints and by talking with other hosts/chairs. Simply e-mail me (brunercook@sbcglobal.net) for contacts. Involve your most industrious neighbors on the block and start setting up a plan. Remember, busy people can be the most willing to host an event and buy into establishing a new way to make the neighborhood more cohesive and friendly. It isn't too late yet to plan for a party this year if you eagerly seek out help from experienced members.

First, poll those on your blocks (two or more blocks equals more fun!). This can be done by hosting a meeting

to share ideas and potential dates. Simply prepare a flyer outlining the meeting purpose, date and time and deliver it to neighbors' doorsteps.

Once you've set a date (September and October are most popular), be certain to check that your choice doesn't interfere with other events already scheduled in schools, sports, and established holidays.


So with the date set and whipped-up enthusiasm added, it's time to manage other details of the pitch-in. You may either use the potluck system or assign certain food categories to families, as you wish. BTNA-owned tables can be reserved and picked up by e-mailing President Neil Bloede, at the address on the final page of this newsletter. Families bring their own chairs and table service, including tablecloths.

Nametags should be furnished, and it's especially helpful to add the house number below each person's name. Barricades or simple sawhorses may be used to block off streets unless you prefer to hold the party in someone's extra large or double driveway. Blocking off a street, however, requires official city permission.

Our own block party uses no planned activities for the children, as they so easily discover their own fun. We encourage physical activity such as games, bikes and jump rope.

There are so many great bits of information to be shared with experienced hosts and every reason to seek them out. They're among some of the most helpful and caring people you'll ever meet. And that, friends, is what BTNA is all about!

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BTNA Documentary to Debut at Annual Meeting

JOHN BARTH
BTNA BOARD MEMBER

When I began the project to produce a documentary about the founding and early days of the Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association (BTNA), I had no idea it would take three years.

Originally, I thought it would be complete within months of the start of production. However, like many volunteer efforts it has come with unforeseen complications (*e.g.*, conducting a competitive procurement to select the documentation), locating people to interview (*e.g.*, we conducted one interview by phone with a former BTNA leader who moved out-of-state in the 1970s), and coordinating our interview schedules with Todd Lothery, our documentation, and myself. With these challenges behind us, Todd and I are in the final stages of editing the documentary and it will be presented during the BTNA Annual Meeting set to take place on October 11, 2010.

Making this documentary has been a very rewarding experience. Todd and I have had the opportunity to get to know and interview many people who have played critical roles in the development and sustainability of our neighborhood. Hearing the stories these folks have about the rich history of the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood and the—largely unrecognized—hard work they have done on behalf of all of us

is inspiring. For example, listed below are just a few of the people we interviewed and things they achieved:

- Daisy Lloyd, who served as a state representative and was involved in the founding of BTNA (and still lives in the neighborhood), recounts the story of being one of the first African-American families to move into the neighborhood.
- Steve West, who also still lives in the neighborhood, a long-time member of the City/County Council and former president of BTNA, recalls how he would go from council meetings to BTNA meetings all in the same night.
- Bill Cupp, the second BTNA president (now living in Northfield, Minnesota) discusses how BTNA was founded and recalls many of the people who were involved, including religious leaders, Butler University officials, and neighbors.

Once final and premiered, the documentary will close the second piece of the overall BTNA history project I started four years ago. The first step was to preserve all BTNA's past documents (*e.g.*, minutes, agendas, etc.) by donating them to the Irwin Library at Butler University, which we achieved in 2008.

The BTNA board looks forward to welcoming all our neighbors at the Annual Meeting to watch the documentary and to discuss the importance of our neighborhood's history (we also plan to make it available on our web site this fall).



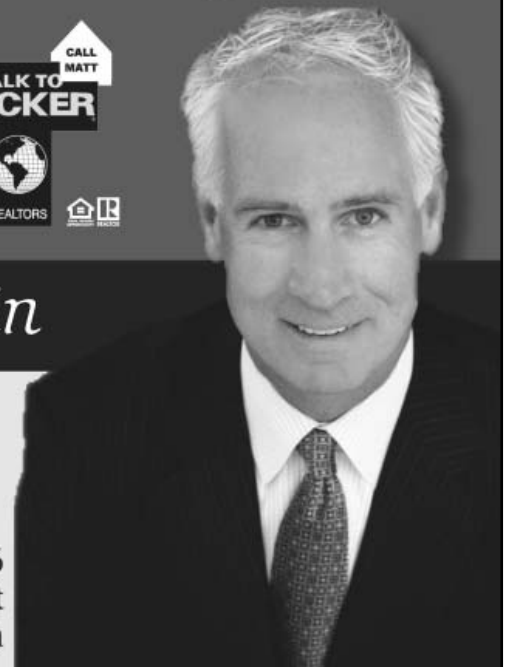
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Update on the Potential Closure of Libraries

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erty tax revenue in 2011 due to the property tax caps and lower tax collections due to the economy. This loss is projected to increase to \$4.8 million by 2014. The Library is heavily dependent on property tax (normally 80% of its total revenue) and is one of only a few public libraries in Indiana that does not receive any portion of county funds. Also, by statute, public libraries are more restricted than other entities on what can be charged for services.



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The Library has been planning for and managing this loss of revenue was a major part of its 2008 strategic plan. Since 2004, the library has cut many costs including reducing its personnel budget by 11%; refinancing debt, saving \$2.5 million in interest over the life of the debt; cutting costs in supplies, consulting, phone service and training and conferences; and cleaning and maintenance.

Last summer a team was formed that was comprised of employees from all levels of the organization. This team presented their findings to the Board late in 2009. It was evident that additional work needed to be done to meet the growing financial challenge.

In January of 2010, a staff team was formed to look at the long-term sustainability of public library service in Marion County and what was needed to not only meet the current economic challenge but also allow the library to continue to change and meet the 21st century information and educational needs of the residents of the county. The findings and options were presented to the Board's Finance Committee in early April. Three of the four options presented reflected the some level of branch closings. All four options also showed the following expense reductions: reduction of library hours; reduction of staff; system-wide restructuring; targeted health care reductions and a \$1 million reduction in the materials collection budget. Additional fees and charges were also recommended.

Since the options were presented to the Library Board of Trustees, the Library has held public forums and staff forums to garner feedback and suggestions from the public and staff. Many offers of help have been received and greatly appreciated.

The Mayor and the Municipal Corporations Committee of the City-County Council have offered the help of the City's High Performance Government Team. This group will be working with and advising the Library in finding both short-term help for 2011 and a long-term solution. They will review the Library's financial models and projections as well as the operations of the system looking for additional efficiencies. This is a bi-partisan panel that is comprised of community, business and governmental leaders with a proven track record of tackling the toughest issues facing government agencies.

The Library is talking with landlords of the four leased facilities and asking all vendors for concessions in contracts. The staff team will evaluate all suggestions and comments received and explore further cuts and possible increased revenue before making recommendations for the 2011 budget this summer. The Wayne Township Trustee is also offering assistance for 2011 for the libraries in Wayne Township.

At the public forum on May 12th, Library Trustee Jeff Smith stated, "No Board member is comfortable with the prospect of closing any branch. Each and every one of us is passionate about our role and support of the Library. However, we are at a time when tough decisions will have to be made and in doing so, our objective is to do our best to minimize the impact felt across our libraries."

The Library Board expects to make a decision early this summer.

BTNA sincerely thanks Ms. Bramble, and IMCPL Board Member Tom Shevelot who contributed to this article, for responding to our request for an update to provide to our neighborhood.

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Sullivan's Adds Huge New Greenhouse

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A store in Brownsburg that closed a year or two ago left a greenhouse facility in storage. Amazingly, that greenhouse fit perfectly on the 49th Street just by shortening its length. That's where you can shop for plants during warmer times and where Christmas trees are sold before the holiday.

The addition of a greenhouse would solve a couple of problems related to the sale of plants in warm months. Indiana's frequent spring rains would soak plants displayed for sale previously, and the store would end up throwing out water-logged products. Also, weekends are busy times in the spring and nothing kills business faster than a wet weekend.

The new greenhouse features a computer-controlled climate. The computer weather station tells the roof when to open or close to keep the conditions optimal for the plants inside. This has enabled Sullivan's to extend the season—beginning the sale of plants earlier in the climate-controlled facility. Some products previously sold inside the store are being moved to the greenhouse now. Although Sullivan's has never sold house plants, the new greenhouse may tempt the store to add a few on a trial basis.

Along with addition of the greenhouse, Sullivan's has done some reorganization inside, orienting the layout more towards the greenhouse.

Jay Snyder, Sullivan's manager, says the store has been



CALDWELL

The roof on the greenhouse opens and closes automatically depending on the weather.

a happy part of the 49th and Penn intersection for 15 years and is pleased it can contribute to the updated look and services there.

The northeast corner of the 49th & Penn intersection is undergoing several changes as well. Café Patachou, towards the middle of the block, was the first restaurant opened by Martha Hoover many years ago. A couple of months ago the café moved into remodeled corner space (4901 N. Pennsylvania), previously inhabited by Hamaker's Pharmacy. Then on April 25th, the company's new venture, Napolese, opened next door to the café at 114 E. 49th Street.

Napolese offers fine artisanal pizzas with all fresh ingredients and flour imported from Italy for a distinct Neapolitan taste. Martha Hoover did traveling research of other sources of Neapolitan-style pizzas, then added her own unique twists. Napolese is a

casual restaurant but with the service and quality of food you would expect from a fine

restaurant. In addition to pizza, you'll also find tempting
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YOU SEE A STRAY DOG; SO, WHAT DO YOU DO?

NICOLE JAMES
BTNA BOARD MEMBER

If stray dogs roaming your neighborhood are a cause for concern, report the problem to the Mayor's Action Center (MAC). You can call the MAC or submit a request online through the website. If the dog situation is life threatening or an emergency, call 911, but all non-emergency situations should be reported to the MAC.

In addition to animal control issues, the MAC is also the place to report problems or request service for a number of issues from potholes, to street light outages, to recycling information. It is a one-stop shop to connect you to city services and register your complaints.

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Café Patachou: New Location, Same Great Food

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 stone-hearth prepared dishes such as cedar-planked salmon and a Tuscan-style filet as well as sandwiches on house-made stone-hearth bread. While Café Patachou is open only for breakfast and lunch, Napolese brings another dinner-spot to the intersection.

The first dinner option that opened in the area was the Barking Dog Café (115 E. 49th Street). Owners Jeff and Mary Beth Gahimer moved their café from the City Market to our area about three years ago and have since expanded the hours. There's a menu of soups, salads, sandwiches and "Down East" specials like crab and shrimp rolls that is served mostly during the day, in addition to weekly Barking Dog Blackboard Specials. The café also serves gourmet entrees

in the evenings. Dishes such as Wild Mushroom Pasta, wild-caught halibut, a Down East Oyster Place, as well as Jeff's Cheeseburgers w/Everything, including pommes frites and cole slaw.

All the entrees, day and night, feature locally sourced products and sauces home-made from scratch. The Café purchases most of its fruits and vegetables from Your Neighbor's Garden on Grandview, which sell products grown on site as well as fresh produce from other Indiana growers. The Gahimers live on the Southeast side of the city, but stop at their local butcher shop to purchase meat for the café. You can call 924-2233 to check out the hours of operation for both eat-in and carry-out service.

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Napolese is a casual restaurant but with the service and quality of food you would expect from fine restaurant.

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Coming soon to the intersection is a DL Lowry Concept Salon (fronting on Pennsylvania next to Patachou).



STACY NEWGENT

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An Extraordinary School Year for Butler

From the men's basketball team's phenomenal run in the NCAA tournament to the addition of the Theta chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2009-2010 was an extraordinary school year for Butler University.

"As we basked in the reflected glory of our basketball team's success, the country had an opportunity to get to know Butler University this year and to appreciate the Butler Way," President Bobby Fong said. "But whether or not we are in the national spotlight, our goals remain the same: work to achieve academic excellence, graduate students whose goal is not just to make a living but to live a life of purpose, and be a caring member of the community."

Here is a rundown of some of the major accomplishments from each college and across the campus.

UNIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Basketball: Our men's basketball team advanced to the national championship game for the first time in University history. More than 134 million people saw at least part of the Butler vs. Duke game on television.

Football: The football team, reigning Pioneer Football League champions, had eight players named to the 17th Annual Academic All-Pioneer Football League Team. Meanwhile, construction has begun on a major renovation at the Butler Bowl that will include building a brick press box with multi-use booths and new seating on the west and east sides of the playing surface.

Phi Beta Kappa: Butler became one of only 280 colleges and universities in the country to house a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society.

Patent: Chemistry professors Olujide Akinbo and Michael Samide were awarded the first patent in the University's history for an improvement they devised for an instrument called a Solid-Phase Microextraction Device, which is used to extract compounds from chemical solutions.

New majors, new program: In the fall, the University will offer majors in gender studies and visual art and design, and an MFA in Dance. And the Academic Division reorganized to create an area focusing on programming and services for high-achieving students.

Successful graduates: The Office of Internship and Career Services' 2009 post-graduate survey found that more than 92 percent of 2009 graduates responding were employed full time, attending graduate school or completing a gap-year experience. In addition, starting salaries increased significantly from the previous year, to \$60,050.

Retention: The fall 2009 to spring 2010 retention rate for freshman was 96 percent and the overall undergraduate retention rate for the same time period was 95 percent – the highest in University history.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

- Named Professor James McGrath to the Clarence L. Good-

win Chair in New Testament Language and Literature, the first time that position has been filled since 1948.

- Created the Center for Strategic Communication for Non-profits, which helps not-for-profit organizations get their messages to the public.
- The Center for Urban Ecology in conjunction with the student group Earth Charter Butler started a campus farm.
- Received a \$561,983 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund 20 scholarships for economically disadvantaged students from Indianapolis Public Schools and Pike high schools who intend to become scientists.
- A team that included Chemistry Professor Joseph Kirsch, Political Science Professor Margaret Brabant, Director of the Center for Citizenship and Community Donald Braid and Director of the Butler Institute for Research and Scholarship Robert Holm received the 2010 William E. Bennett Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Citizen Science from the National Center for Science & Civic Engagement.

JORDAN COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

- All departments teamed up to create The Mahler Project, a yearlong tribute to composer Gustav Mahler.
- Introduced a new musical series, Piano at Butler.
- Began design of a new 450-seat theater to be located adjacent to Clowes Hall.
- The Theatre Department hosted two artists in residence, Tim Hardy and Bernardo Rey, who taught classes and directed plays.
- The annual production of The Nutcracker set an attendance record with more than 8,000 audience members watching the performances.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- After two years of planning and preparation, the Butler-Shortridge partnership began. In November, Butler received a \$250,000 grant from the Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation to fund programs with Shortridge, including \$100,000 for early college scholarships.
- Working with other partners in the Indianapolis Reggio Collaborative, COE helped bring a national traveling exhibit on

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Reggio Emilia education to Indianapolis. COE faculty coordinated several teacher workshops and conferences offered during the exhibit's July through December 2009 stay.

- Faculty and students of COE's Experiential Program for Preparing School Principals graduate program partnered with WFYI to present three public discussions on the training, licensure and responsibilities of school principals.
- Butler Associate Professor of Physical Education Marilyn Strawbridge was elected to serve on the 12-member Professional Preparation and Research Steering Committee of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.
- Dr. Tom Keller, faculty member in School Counseling, received the prestigious Exemplary Counselor Educator of the Year award and the COE received the Partnership Award from the Indiana School Counseling Association.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY & HEALTH SCIENCES

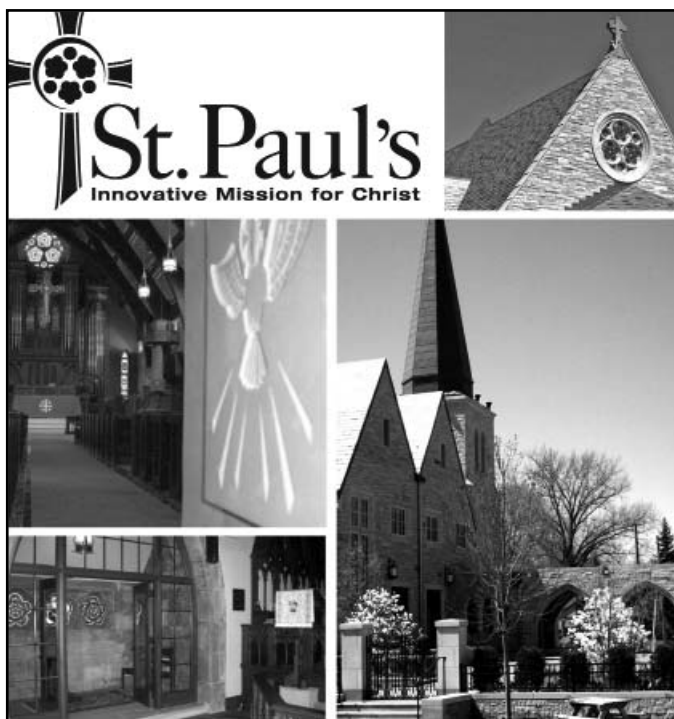
- The addition to the pharmacy and health sciences building opened for fall classes and received LEED gold certification. The new space includes two 135-seat classrooms, an instructional laboratory in which students learn to perform physical examinations, 16 faculty offices and a state-of-the-art laboratory for research in pharmaceutical sciences.
- An accreditation visit by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) was conducted in January 2010, which led to a six-year ac-

creditation for the full accreditation cycle for the first time for our physician assistant (PA) program.

- Faculty and students developed the Community Health Resource web page (www.butler.edu/community-health), a one-stop resource for health care professionals and patients seeking information on health and medical care affordability and public health resources across the state.
- The number of pre-pharmacy freshmen significantly exceeded the goal in fall 2009 (192 with a target of 145).
- Partnered with Avon, Indiana's Kingsway Community Care Center to provide improved pharmaceutical care to uninsured patients residing in Hendricks and surrounding counties.

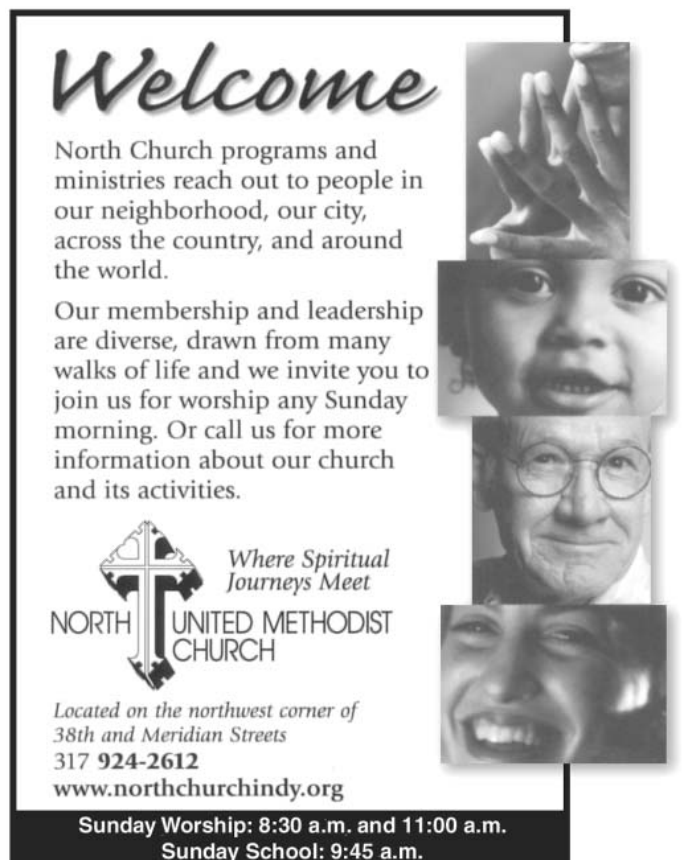
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- The MBA program was recognized for its quality, with a No. 36 ranking on BusinessWeek's list of top part-time MBA programs. COB is also eighth in the Midwest and now the only nationally ranked MBA program in the city.
- Added minors in Marketing, International Business and Business Law targeted to students in the arts and sciences. The COB also approved a measure to allow its own major students to complete a second major within the college, a choice not previously available.
- Opened a newly remodeled space in the Holcomb Building to serve as an RBE Business Park. This gives fledgling student businesses some office and work space.



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CTS Seeks New President to Succeed Wheeler

Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) President Edward L. Wheeler named President Emeritus.

CTS has announced that it is searching for a replacement to succeed its current president, Edward Wheeler. Wheeler, who has served as president since 1997, will continue to serve until a successor is selected.

With this announcement, Wheeler has been named president emeritus by the CTS board effective July 1, 2011, by which time the board hopes a new president can assume the office.

Wheeler will retire on June 12, 2012, the final day of his third five-year contract leading the school, as he and the board had previously announced. Wheeler has been the longest-serving president in CTS's 50 year history.

"This plan provides for a smooth transition to new leadership that will hopefully allow CTS to continue to move forward without a break in its momentum," Wheeler said he made to CTS

faculty, students and staff at a meeting held on March 15. Both the board and Wheeler envision that the new president will be able to draw on Wheeler's expertise and experience during the year of transition.

The process of searching for a new president has already begun. A transition committee formed by the board of trustees will be working with the CTS faculty, staff and students to determine what qualities are needed and desired in a new president. A search committee, will be made of up to seven trustees as well as representatives from the faculty, student body, business community and leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the denomination most closely associated with governance of the ecumenical seminary.

No timetable has been identified for the search committee, except for Board President David Herzog's stated desire for the new president to begin service in July, 2011.

"It has been a wonderful

privilege to serve this community and I look forward to continuing my presidency through next year as well as serving in the role of President Emeritus," said Wheeler.



WHEELER

"I want to thank the Board for the respect they have shown for my years of service by the way they have worked with me

to develop a way to meet the institution's needs. Most of all, I want to thank this community for the love, support and encouragement you have extended."

ABOUT WHEELER

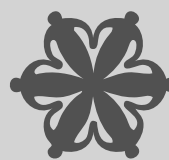
Wheeler, an ordained Baptist minister, was Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Religion and Society at Tuskegee University before coming to CTS.

Wheeler has served in a number of church and education-related positions. He held the position of senior pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Cincinnati from 1985 to 1991. While there, he was on the faculty at the United Theological Seminary

in Dayton, Ohio. Wheeler has also served as Dean of the Morehouse School of Religion, was a denominational executive, and served on the faculty at several theological schools.

He currently serves on several civic and professional boards, including the Committee on Leadership Development of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, the Baptist World Alliance Academic and Theological Education Work Group and Baptist Heritage and Identity Commission, the Community Advisory Board of the Indiana University Center for Aging Research, the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (Office of the Mayor), the Indiana Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Heartland Film Festival, and 100 Black Men of Indianapolis.

Wheeler earned his B.A. from Morehouse College, and his M.Div. (magna cum laude) from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He holds the Ph.D. in historical theology from Emory University.



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BTNA Mission

To enhance neighborhood livability, to maintain open communication with state and local government and other neighborhoods and neighborhood associations, to involve neighbors in neighborhood activities, to eliminate prejudice and discrimination, to defend human and civil rights, and to combat juvenile delinquency.

About the Newsletter

The *Butler-Tarkington* is the official newsletter of the Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association (BTNA) and is funded with BTNA membership fees and advertisements.

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Campus-Community Response Team to Be Created

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residents will then have the opportunity to attend a hearing and make a statement on the record to the judge regarding the impact of the crime. Residents that participate in Court Watch can express their concern about the criminal activity to the judge and advocate for appropriate criminal sentencing. If you are interested in participating in Court Watch, please contact Melanie Kerr at the Prosecutor's Office. She can be reached at 327-6115 or mkerr@indy.gov. We will also provide additional information on the BTNA website.

In addition to Court Watch, BTNA is partnering with Butler University to create a certified Campus-Community Response Team (C-CERT) to respond to emergencies or disasters that occur in the community or on the Butler campus. Participants would take courses that include: First Aid/CPR/AED training, general preparedness, and homeland security. Butler University will be looking to train five Butler-Tarkington residents this

summer. For more information, contact Lindsey Birt at 940-6584 or lbirt@butler.edu or visit www.butler.edu/public-safety.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

In coordination with Butler University and the City of Indianapolis, BTNA is in the preliminary stages of organizing a

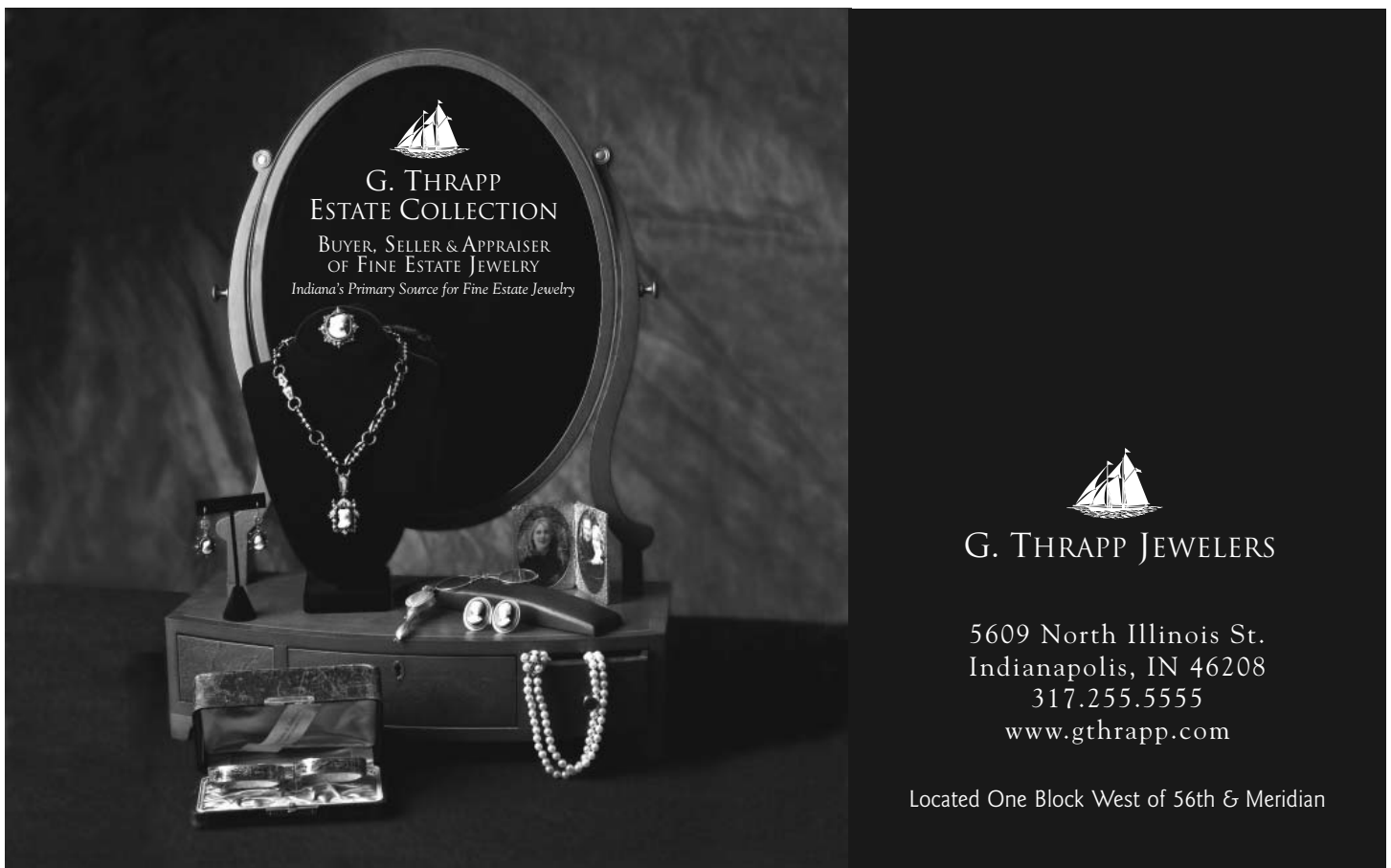
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board members."*

Tox Drop event at Hinkle Fieldhouse. At this time, it is not clear when the event will take place, but we will do our best to spread the news once a date is confirmed. In the meantime, please continue to check the BTNA website for further information. Also, as a reminder for those of you

in need of discarding large items, in the wake of spring cleaning, the City will pick up heavy trash on your regularly scheduled pick-up days. However, it is requested that you only put out heavy trash once a month.

As we creep into the summer, more and more pets are being taken for walks or are getting free from their owners. The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) requests that calls to report stray or loose animals be directed to the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) at 327-4MAC (4622). IMPD does not want to hinder public safety by tying up officers on non-threatening animal runs.

Further, multiple neighbors have contacted me over the past couple months with complaints about residents not picking up after their pets during walks. I just want to remind those who use city streets and sidewalks to clean up after their pets. It is not only the courteous thing to do, but it is the law. Indianapolis ordinance Sec. 531-203 provides the curbing requirements for dogs and cats.



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Twenty-Year Residents Are Here to Stay

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entire lives.

MP: When did you move to the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood?

DK-W: We moved to Indianapolis in 1973, but lived first in the Meridian-Kessler neighborhood in a parsonage belonging to Allen Chapel AME church where Leonard was pastor for 17 years. Following those years as a local church pastor, he became Presiding Elder of North District of the AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church which included several of the Indianapolis churches, and points north. We moved to this house (West 40th Street) in 1990—20 years ago.

MP: Why did you choose to move into the B-T neighborhood?

DK-W: We liked the area and we found a one-story house which was a requirement because my mother lived with us then. But most importantly, we wanted to be witnesses in the neighborhood. We felt in many instances, those whom God had blessed moved to more affluent neighborhoods and we wanted to stay here.

MP: Where did you grow up and how did you and Leonard happen to meet?

DK-W: I grew up in Detroit and Leonard's father became pastor of our church when I was 13 years old. Leonard was four years older than me and already a freshman in college. We

married after I graduated from high school.

MP: Tell me about your children. How many are there and did they go to school in Indianapolis?

DK-W: We have five children and all are graduates of Shortridge High School. The ones still in grade school when we moved to Indianapolis attended School #84. Our daughter, Delen is now 52; twin daughters Lenore and Lenette are 51; Linda is 49 and Leonard is 47. We have 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Lenore is the new pastor of St. John AME church, where Leonard and I currently attend. Linda, Ron Nored's mother, is an attorney in Birmingham, Ala. Her husband, Ronald Sr., was an influential AME pastor before he died at the age of 43 from pancreatic cancer. Daughters Lenette and Delen will be opening their catering business "Taste of Heaven" in a few weeks in

the 40th and Boulevard Place business section. Leonard lives on the west side of Indianapolis and is a Mercedes Benz salesman.

MP: Delores, since you married right after high school, did you ever have an opportunity to go to college?

DK-W: Oh yes. After I raised our five children, I attended Marian College where I received my undergrad degree in Psychology, and my M.A. degree in Management from Indiana Wesleyan. I received my M.A. degree the same year my daughter

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Delores Kennedy-Williams Has Travelled the World

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Lenore got her M.Div. degree.

MP: As a pastor's wife, were you expected to "serve tea and cookies to the parishioners" or could you also have a career of your own? (Delores's responses to this question continued to elicit "You're kidding," "Really!" and "Oh my gosh!" from me.)

DK-W: I have had many career opportunities, mostly in the church, and my main interest has always been in the area of women and children. I first worked as editor for our AME international women's magazine. Then I served for 8 years as president of our Women's Missionary Society, an organization of 800,000 women in 32 countries. This was a paid staff position and I did a lot of travel during this time.

Following that I worked for three years with Marian Wright Edelman's program, the Children's Defense Fund. Then I went into adoption work and worked for The Villages—a statewide adoption program. I also established and directed a Christian adoption program—White's Residential and Family services.

Oh, I almost forgot, I also taught at Indiana Wesleyan for ten years in the area of ethics, management and leadership and the philosophy of life-long learning. I retired in August 2008.

MP: You mentioned that you traveled a lot in one of your jobs. Where did you go?

DK-W: I've been to South Africa eight or nine times; West Africa, Zambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Zimbabwe,

Swaziland, Botswana, England, Amsterdam, the islands (Haiti, Trinidad, Jamaica). My office was in Washington, D.C. and I had an apartment there. I became familiar with our congresspersons as I traveled back home on weekends. I spoke in churches about two Sundays a month.

MP: How do the two of you stay active in your retirement years?

DK-W: Leonard goes out for coffee once a week with other AME pastors and keeps up with all the gossip. (This is where Rev. Williams was during my interview.) He was active in the One Church, One Child program and was president of their board for several years.

His health is not very good right now and we spent a lot of time with him in the hospital last year. We manage to attend the basketball games at Butler. Leonard continues to encourage and counsel younger pastors. I am active in professional adoption groups and am an avid Red Hatter.

MP: Rev. Williams is the same age as my husband and me, and we know two couples in the B-T neighborhood who are moving to retirement

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homes. Do you have any plans to move soon?



GETTY IMAGES NORTH AMERICA

Ronald Nored celebrates after scoring in the final minute to take the lead against the Murray State Racers during the second round of the 2010 NCAA men's basketball tournament on March 20, 2010 in San Jose, California.

DK-W: (laughing) Leonard says his next move will be when they carry him a few blocks down the street to the cemetery! We don't have any plans to move. Everything we need is right here on one floor. There's room for one of our daughters to move in here if we need help.

MP: Have you been active in the B-T neighborhood association at all?

DK-W: Not really. We attended one of the annual meetings at the Unitarian Church right about the time Bobby (Butler President Bobby Fong) came to Butler. Now that we have retired, per-

haps we can be more involved.

MP: Do you know your neighbors and do you have block parties in your block?

DK-W: We visit over the fence with the next-door neighbors when we're working in the yard and know several other neighbors. But the house across the street changes owners frequently and we don't know them. There are so few houses that face 40th Street, there really aren't enough of us to do a block party.

Maybe we should join with Cornelius and do a "square block party." I think that would be a good possibility.

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Butler Signs Coach Stevens to 12-Year Deal

Butler University, coming off the most successful men's basketball season in school history, has rewarded head basketball coach Brad Stevens with a new contract. The 12-year deal signed by Stevens extends the coach's contract through the 2021-22 season.

"We are extremely pleased and excited to announce that we've reached a new long-term agreement with Brad, and that he will continue to lead the Butler University men's basketball program," stated Butler Director of Athletics Barry Collier.

"Brad has demonstrated that he's the right fit for Butler University, and that he embraces and teaches The Butler Way. Our program has grown under his leadership, and

we're excited about our future under his direction."

Stevens, 33, completed his third season at Butler in the championship game of 2010 NCAA Tournament on April 5th. The national runner-up Bulldogs finished the season with a school-record 33 wins, against just five setbacks, and became the first school in Horizon League history to reach the NCAA Final Four. Butler's march to the West Regional championship in the NCAA Tournament included victories over top-seeded Syracuse, 63-59, and second-seeded Kansas State, 63-56. Butler defeated Michigan State, 52-50, in the national semifinals.



STEVENS

"(My wife) Tracy and I are thrilled and very thankful for the opportunity to continue

to play a role for Butler University," stated Stevens. "We are already looking forward to the 2010-11 season."

The Bulldogs, who won Horizon League regular season and tournament championships, were the only unbeaten (18-0) conference champion in the nation this season. Stevens guided Butler to a 25-game winning streak, the nation's longest, and to an unbeaten record in 2010 prior to the national championship game.

Butler was ranked in the "Top 25" of the ESPN/USA Today national poll ev-

ery week during the season and finished No. 2 in the final coaches' poll.

Stevens was named Horizon League Coach of the Year for the second straight year, and he was named NABC All-District 12 Coach. He's won more games (89) in three seasons than any other coach in NCAA Division I history, and he owns the No. 1 (33 in 2009-10) and No. 2 (30 in 2007-08) single season win totals in Butler men's basketball history. He's the only coach in the history of the Horizon League to record 30 wins in a season, and he's done it twice!

Only four coaches in NCAA history own a better winning percentage after three seasons than Stevens' 89-15 (.856) mark.