

Alumni Class Notes

Charlene (Wortz) Bulp '62
Coldwater, OH – October 17, 2008

Alfred Howard '63
Defiance, OH – October 3, 2008

Inga Strait '63
Hicksville, OH – November 18, 2008

Ola Mae Gerig '64
North Baltimore, OH—Januray 2,
2009

Anne Pikosky '68
Planville, CT – November 6, 2008

**Margaret “Peg” (Moriarty)
Zappulla '71**
Windsor, CT – February 19, 2009

Robert Holmes '72
Willard, OH – April 1, 2008

John Houck '72
Newport Beach, CA – September 26,
2008

Matthew Beatty '73
Fort Collins, CO – September 19,
2008

Stephen B. Andrews, Sr. '74
Lancaster, PA – December 30, 2008

Phillip Omer '74
Spartanburg, SC – December 23,
2008

Dennis Benvenuto '75
Chardon, OH – December, 2008

Harry Coil, Jr. '78
New Haven, IN – October 26, 2008

Robin (Anderson) Burton '80
Columbus, OH – September 16,
2008

Grant Straley '80
Deshler, OH—January 23, 2009

David Srodes '89
Montpelier, OH – November 30,
2008

James Warncke '95
Maumee, OH – September 19, 2008

Angela (Lothamer) Switzer '99
Paulding, OH – September 5, 2005

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Alumni Varsity 'D' recognizes Craig Rutter as the Honorary Letterman for 2009

Defiance College Alumni Varsity D recognized Craig Rutter earlier this year as Honorary Letterman for 2009. The Honorary Letterman Award recognizes individuals for their continued commitment and unselfish service to Defiance College athletics. Alumni Varsity D represents 1,200 student athletes who earned varsity letters at Defiance College.

Rutter is currently assistant athletic director for student-athlete engagement, experiential learning coordinator, head women's golf coach, and an associate professor of sport science. He has been the “voice of the Yellow Jackets” for several years, serving as announcer at DC football and basketball games.

Rutter came to Defiance College as head baseball coach in 1983 and served in that capacity through the 2001 season. During that time, his teams amassed 286 wins, placing him atop the list for coaching victories in baseball at DC. Rutter was named the Hoosier-Buckeye Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year in 1985 and the Association of Mideast Colleges Coach of the Year in 1995 after winning the AMC conference title.

In the spring of 2002, Defiance College paid tribute to his efforts as head baseball coach by renaming Alumni Field, Craig A. Rutter Field.

From 2001-06, Rutter served the College as director of service learning, providing opportunities for students, faculty, staff, alums, and community partners to participate in service experiences locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. He led three trips to Biloxi, Miss., before and after Hurricane Katrina, to aid the people in that area. He has taken service teams to the Oglala Lakota Indian Reservation in Pine Ridge, S.D., the second poorest county in the United States; to inner-city Detroit to assist the Good News Gang Metro and Detroit World Outreach with

service projects in the local neighborhoods; and he has directed 18 trips to Jamaica, serving the people of that country through the building of homes, teaching in the schools, and witnessing to the children in three orphanages.

He and his wife, Gayle, have three daughters and five granddaughters and are expecting their sixth grandchild in mid-July. ♦



Craig Rutter