

| CLASS NOTES |



Carved Solutions, a Vermont-based company owned and operated by Dawn (Faverty) '89, picture left, and Mike Lancaster '88 and specializing in custom-carved and personalized soap and candle products, was recently showcased at CBS Television's ninth annual "A Home for the Holidays" Talent Lounge.

"A Home for the Holidays" included performances by such celebrities as Sheryl Crow, James Blunt, Fergie, Carole King, and Reba McEntire, and appearances by actors including David Krumholtz, George Lopez, and Rene Russo. Celebrities appearing in the special were presented with a gift from Carved Solutions in the Distinctive Assets Talent Lounge. The Williston company furnished its signature luxury gift set, which includes a custom-embroidered finger towel and a trio of soap bars carved with the words *peace, love, and joy*.

Carved Solutions was established in 2006, and products include custom-carved and personalized Vermont-made soap and candles, custom-embroidered products, custom work, and private label products. On the Web: www.carvedsolutions.com.

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NEWS

Beverly (Grow) Weaver is doing volunteer work with veterans in the Canandaigua, NY, area.

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NEWS

Gary Audette was recently featured in a *Burlington Free Press* article honoring his long-standing efforts on behalf of the Essex Boosters Club since 1989. The Boosters Club raises funds to support the high school's athletic department, and it's helped pay for uniforms, scoreboards, upgrades to the facilities, and more.

'70

NEWS

Fletcher Brush was elected to the National Bank of Middlebury board of directors.

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NEWS

Marie (Louvat) Ambusk, financial reporting accountant/principal at GE Healthcare Integrated Information Technology Solutions, has been awarded the C. Bader Brouillette Alumni Award by Champlain College.

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NEWS

Denis Gravelin was instrumental in persuading the New England Government Finance Officers Association to conduct a major meeting at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center and adjacent bureau member hotels.

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NEWS

Susan S. Foster fulfilled a lifelong dream and opened up her own antique shop in July 2006—after eight long years of fighting cancer.

In Memory of Our Fellow Alumni

The following members of our alumni family have passed on and will be remembered warmly by their friends, family, and alma mater.

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Paul E. Van Dusen
Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2007

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Jerome A. Burnell, Essex Jct., VT
December 4, 2007

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Timothy A. Rathburn
West Windsor, VT
September 26, 2007

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Richard E. Gilmond, Essex Jct., VT
September 9, 2007

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Ronald D. Piper, Vergennes, VT
September 9, 2007

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Andrew C. Vincent, Middlebury, VT
February 18, 2008

'78

Michael J. Ryan, Oakland, CA
October 19, 2007

'98

Jodi L. Robtoy, St. Albans, VT
January 21, 2008

Scott M. Ploof, South Burlington, VT
August 22, 2007

'05

Christopher R. DeGiovine
Essex Jct., VT
April 26, 2007

Champlain College graduate **Christopher R. DeGiovine '05** was killed in Iraq on April 26, 2007. DeGiovine, of Essex Junction, Vermont, was a graduate of the Criminal Justice program and a 2000 graduate of Essex High School.

Newspapers report that DeGiovine, a Marine corporal attached to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, was killed when his assault vehicle ran over a roadside bomb in Al Anbar province.

"The College is deeply saddened to learn of the death of Chris DeGiovine," said President David F. Finney. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends and all those who knew him as part of our campus community. It's a tragic loss."

DeGiovine married Rachel Young of Essex, Vermont, the day after Thanksgiving in 2005 and joined the Marines on December 5, 2005. He went to boot camp and then to Military Occupational Specialty training, where he specialized on the assault amphibian vehicle. He had been stationed in Iraq for only three weeks.

DeGiovine earned hands-on experience in the criminal justice field while he was a student, including serving on the summer bike patrol for the Essex Police Department.



Please contact the Alumni Office for the mailing addresses of any of these families: (866) 421-7170 or alumni@champlain.edu.



John E. King, president and CEO of Vermont Public Television, has been elected to the PBS board of directors.

Keith K. Coonrod is past president of ASCLD

(American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors), past chair of CFSO (Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations), and an adjunct professor at State University of New York Albany.

'76

NEWS

Hank Tetreault was featured in the *Shelburne News* for his efforts to help other veterans.

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MARRIAGE

Paul A. Gleason and Deborah Johnson, August 3, 2007.

'80

NEWS

Catherine (Ribar) and Daniel R. McCullough are proud to welcome a granddaughter, Annabelle Bay Weston, born April 17, 2007.

'82

NEWS

Sarah G. Soule, director of admissions and college counseling at the Vermont Commons School, has been awarded the Robert A. Skiff Alumni Award by Champlain College.

Kim L. Jaïrd has joined Open Doors, an award-winning organization with after-school and summer programs, as an assistant program coordinator.

Walter E. Reed II has earned the Certified Executive Housekeeper designation through the International Executive Housekeepers Association (IEHA). Reed completed the required 330-hour certification program. He currently serves as the president of the Vermont IEHA chapter.

'83

NEWS

Cyndi (Lambert) Christensen is emigrating this spring to New Zealand, where her husband is already living and teaching.

'84

BIRTH

Dennis J. Cote and Anne-Marie Cote, a daughter, Joanna Claire Cote, October 14, 2007.

'85

NEWS

Timothy R. Barre was honored by the Green Mountain United Way with the Campaign Champion Award. He's active with the Barre Town Cub Scout Pack #717 and has been Cubmaster since September 2007.

'86

NEWS

Timothy N. Kavanagh of WCAX-TV and *Late Night Saturday* has been awarded the Vermont Alumni Award by Champlain College.

'87

NEWS

Todd A. Lunge is entering his 20th year of service with the City of Tampa Police Department, where he's currently assigned as a street patrol supervisor.



Betty (Stark) Blanchard '87 and husband Randy

'88

NEWS

Lisa Ackel-Judge has relocated to Vermont from Los Angeles and has accepted a position as an administrative coordinator for the Business Energy Services division at Efficiency Vermont.

'89

NEWS



Sybil (Dunne) Chicoine '89

Sybil (Dunne) Chicoine has been promoted to vice president of marketing for Coldwell Banker Hickok & Boardman Realty.

Stephen D. Gonsalves, PGA director of the Links at Lang Farm, has opened Gonzo's Indoor Golf Club and Academy, bringing year-round golf to Vermont.



Mike Sullivan Sr. '67 and Ray Sullivan '68



Ray '68 and Peggy (Bombard) Sullivan '68



Mike Sullivan Jr.'s 40th birthday party

Champlain legacy runs deep for the Sullivans!

Last fall, Mike Sullivan Jr. '90 had a milestone birthday culminating in a surprise '70s Flashback party held in Stowe, Vermont. As you can see, many attendees had retained their original clothing from the era and great fun was had. Mike's sister, father, aunt, and uncle are all Champlain alumni! From all of us to all of you—it looked like fun!

Dawn (Faverty) and Michael

Lancaster '88, owners of Carved Solutions, recently exhibited at the New York International Gift Fair in Manhattan's Jacob Javits Convention Center. Carved Solutions products can be found nationwide in many upscale boutiques.

'90

BIRTH

Brenda J. (Couturier) and James Gleich, a son, Patrick James Gleich, September 17, 2007.

NEWS

Renee Bourget-Place has joined the partnership of KPMG, LLP, a U.S. audit, tax, and advisory firm.

'91

BIRTH

Mark J. Smith and Kelly R. Smith, a son, Austin William Smith, Monmouth, ME, October 10, 2007.

MARRIAGE

Donald W. Stevens Jr. and Diane Lemire-Colucci, July 14, 2007.



Katherine Woods Campbell '92 with her husband and their children

'92

BIRTHS

Heather (Paradee) and Daniel S. Vanslette, a son, Logan Daniel Vanslette, May 11, 2007.

Lauren (Blaine) and Jason Gebo, a daughter, Rachel Gebo, June 5, 2007. Rachel joins brother Ethan, born in December 2003.

NEWS

Nicole (Roberts) Parker is closing her shop, Fiori Bridal, in order to join a designer in New York City.

'93

MARRIAGES

Jennifer L. Saunders and Keith Zandy, September 22, 2007.

Michael A. Cota and Jessica Jette, July 3, 2007.

NEWS

Carl E. Manley has a new job as the Computer Aided Drafting and Design Education Supervisor at the Porter and Chester Institute in Branford, CT. In addition to becoming the day instructor of the Architectural Drafting and Design program, he also oversees the evening classes.

Erin B. Quinn and her unit have returned home to Vermont after a one-year tour in Baghdad, Iraq.

'94

MARRIAGE

Gregory W. Pepin and Nicole F. Robichaud, August 26, 2007.

'95

MARRIAGE

Matthew J. McNaughton and Elizabeth Ashby, September 22, 2007.

NEWS

Gloria A. Bruce has been hired as executive director for the Northeast Kingdom Travel and Tourism Association.

Heather E. Streeter was interviewed as a featured member of the Franklin County Business & Professional Women in a *National Business Women's Week* article.

Jayson Argento is the director of a new film in the works tentatively called *Fear Itself*.

'96

MARRIAGES

Susan F. Galfetti and Scott William Benoit, May 26, 2007.

Tina J. Reynolds and Antonio C. Guerrero, 2002.

NEWS

Laurie L. Celik has accepted a position as gift planning administrator at Middlebury College. Although still new on the job, she loves it!

James V. Polli has been named full-time marketing coordinator at Finard Properties and University Mall in South Burlington. He will spearhead mall events and sponsorships as well as assist with temporary leasing.

'97

MARRIAGE

Thomas S. Juiffre and Nicole Choquette, July 21, 2007.



Thomas Juiffre '97 with bride Nicole

NEWS

Jill P. Autiello has joined ProRealty of New York Inc. as a licensed sales associate.

John Roleau owns and operates Packard of Vermont in New Haven, a used car dealer specializing in Volvo sales and service as well as used motorcycles.

The “Magic” Touch

Web-savvy alum creates winning sites for a professional basketball legend

Champlain College graduate **Ben Brunt '04** brings his best game to any project he takes on—whether it's Web site design, photography, branding, or a combination. When a Portsmouth, New Hampshire, software firm tapped him to update three Web sites for former Los Angeles Lakers basketball star-turned-philanthropist

Magic Johnson—within a week and a half—he realized that he'd have to take his work to a new level. “I know how good this is going to look in a portfolio, so I wanted to challenge myself and put in the extra effort to make his site amazing,” he says.

Brunt came through with success, as visitors to his site, www.benbrunt.com, will be able to see when the Magic Johnson site launches in summer 2008.

The Scarborough, Maine, native started his design life at a young age with an interest in drawing, taking photographs, and working on the computer. His creative interests were a good match with Champlain's Multimedia & Graphic Design major. “Champlain College helped me put all those interests and skills to good use,” he says. “They taught me how to use my creativity in the form of Web design.” While a student, Brunt completed an internship with Burlington-based Web design hothouse Propeller Media, and he continues to do freelance work for the firm.

After graduating from Champlain, Brunt worked full-time as a Web/graphic designer for Summit Technologies, a wireless networking company located in Williston. In that position, he created and maintained multiple Web sites, built a cohesive branding strategy, created technical documentation, and co-launched an online video tour company called Vermont Home Tours. To broaden his experience, Brunt then took on the marketing coordinator position at Chittenden County Transportation Authority, where he was responsible for bus advertising, the Web site, and the *Bus Map & Guide*.

Although these positions were fulfilling, Brunt craved the independence of freelance work, so he ventured out on his own. “The greatest feeling about freelancing is making my own hours, getting my own jobs, and having the freedom to let my creativity flow when it wants to,” he says. Working out of a Church Street office that he shares with Lis Gerber, a graphic designer, he's always on the watch for work but sees his opportunities increase with each new client and project. “The more I work, the more work I get,” he says.

Big-league clients like Magic Johnson surely bolster Brunt's confidence in his skills, but he also knows that other qualities come into play—namely, perseverance. “My advice for anyone thinking of going out on their own is to not be afraid,” he says. “Don't be afraid of rejection. For every one client listed in my portfolio, there were 10 others that said no.”

—Daphne Walker





“Gap Year” Giving Back

By Rich and Wendy Simpson

Multitalented alum makes a difference in the lives of South American orphans

For avid music lover and Champlain College grad **Scott Woodruff '07**, music is a gift meant to be shared. The Duxbury, Massachusetts, native has found a receptive audience for his musical talents among residents of some of the poorer *barrios* of Mendoza, Argentina. The Multimedia & Graphic Design major is spending a “gap year” abroad by coordinating several projects in South America, among them a unique music, language, and volunteer project through the organization World Music Pathways. “It’s good to know that you can change someone’s life so much by doing so little,” he says.

Woodruff has shared his musical knowledge generously—teaching guitar, drums, songwriting, and the technical aspects of sound recording to “gap year” interns working in Mendoza—but his work often draws on a broader repertoire of creative skills. He is an excellent photographer and has already captured stunning images of the *Brazos Abiertos Orphanato y Comedor* (Open Arms Orphanage and Soup Kitchen). The orphanage, home to more than 20 residents, also serves as a free day care, study center, and soup kitchen preparing more than 300 meals a day for mothers and their children, pregnant women, and elderly people from the neighborhood. Visiting Brazos Abiertos has affected Woodruff so profoundly that he and some fellow “gappers” are planning to renovate the orphanage, create another dormitory complete with bedding and shelves, and build a separate indoor playroom in the coming months. Although the orphanage’s 79-year-old founder, Nidia Soto, is still a central figure there—embodying the warmth of her mission, often greeting visitors while holding two or three children in her lap—Woodruff notes that the facility is understaffed, underfunded, and crowded. To help remedy that situation, he’s leveraging his computer design skills to prepare a slide show/movie for a group of businessmen he hopes will support the orphanage renovation projects.

Woodruff conducted some fund-raising outreach this past winter by writing letters and emails describing Brazos Abiertos and telling friends and neighbors about his unique opportunity to travel to Argentina and coordinate this humanitarian project. He raised an astonishing \$4,000 prior to arriving in Mendoza. “People were way more generous than I thought,” he says. “I was surprised how much people really cared about something they just heard about. Everyone was really encouraging about what I was doing down here.” If you are interested in contacting Woodruff about the work he is doing in Argentina or about how you can help, he can be reached at roughwood23@yahoo.com or pathways@cdreams.cc.

Win a Champlain College Sweatshirt!

Sign up for the monthly Alumni e-newsletter by sending us your email address, and you'll be entered to win a Champlain College sweatshirt. Just fill out the form by June 15, and you'll be included in the drawing: alumni.champlain.edu/newsletter.php

Alternatively, send us Class Notes by June 15, including your email address on that form, and you'll also be entered to win: alumni.champlain.edu/intouch.php



'98

BIRTHS

Zachary M. Abelson and Joanna Abelson, a son, Andrew Michael Abelson, December 11, 2007.

ENGAGEMENTS

Sara J. Ouellette and Brian Mattison, May 2008.



Heather Kautz '98, '00 with fiance Michael Baka Jr.

MARRIAGES

Danielle St. Cyr and James Howarth, October 6, 2007.

Danielle A. Shaw and Daniel Ervin, January 26, 2008.

Dawn E. Holbrook and Steven Mailhot, August 11, 2007.

NEWS

Courtney S. McAuliffe, of New England Kurn Hattin Homes, has been awarded the Roger A. Perry Alumni Award by Champlain College. The award recognizes her dedication to the organization, which serves as a year-round home and school for in-need and at-risk children.

Christopher E. Sargent and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Laurel, MD. Christopher is a network administrator for the University of Maryland.

Elizabeth and **John Hughes** are the new owners and operators of the Storm Café in Middlebury, VT.

Lora (Coble) Thompson was promoted in October 2007 to director of management services for the Dartmouth College Libraries, where she manages fiscal human resources facilities operations. She was previously the associate director of educational and information services for the Dartmouth Biomedical Libraries and director of the Easton Hospital Medical Library in Pennsylvania.

'99

BIRTH

Michele R. (Severance) and Andrew M. Lynch, a daughter, Karissa Anne Lynch, December 28, 2007.

MARRIAGE

Jennifer Polli and Steven Victory, April 28, 2007.

NEWS

Ryan K. Lawrence has joined the towers technical team at NRG Systems Inc. in Hinesburg, VT.

Jeffrey T. Moreau has been awarded the professional designation of CFRE (Certified Fund Raising Executive) by CFRE International. Moreau joins just fewer than 5,000 professionals around the world who hold the CFRE designation.

'00

ENGAGEMENTS

Edward J. Sanders and Jill A. Perrotte, April 4, 2009.

Heather L. Kautz and Michael Baka Jr., June 7, 2008.

MARRIAGES

Jessica Lynn Holcomb and Joshua Daniel Tuure, October 6, 2007.



Kelly (Morytko) Cooper '00 and husband Josh cutting the cake at their reception

NEWS

Connie J. Anania has joined the finance department of Huber+Suhner Inc., in Essex Junction, VT, as a senior accountant.

Dave Winslow Jr. and **Alex Broussard**, co-founders of EpikOne, an online marketing firm, won the 2007 A. Wayne Roberts Entrepreneurial Spirit award.

'01

MARRIAGES

Melissa Trombley and John Clagett, November 24, 2007.

Cait Phalen and Aaron Keeler, November 10, 2007.

Laura Daigle and Nathan Waite, September 15, 2007.

Shannon Blake and Floyd Burrows Jr., August 11, 2007.

Kelly Morytko and Joshua E. Cooper, October 2005.

NEWS

Kelly (Morytko) Cooper has founded Cooper Pet Services, a company dedicated to high-quality, personalized pet care.

Susie P. Jones was hired as the new Franklin-Grand Isle regional community partnership coordinator as part of the

merger between the partnership and the United Way.

Ann P. Wood has joined Hampton Direct Inc., an importing and distribution firm.

'02

ENGAGEMENT

Priya G. Lapham and Matthew Gore, July 12, 2008.

MARRIAGES

Ryan M. Chaffin and Lindzey Draper, August 4, 2007.

Sandra Johnson and Karl Scott, September 16, 2006.

NEWS

Carrie E. Davis and her parents, Larry and Katie, bought the Willard Street Inn in August 2005 and now run it as a family.

'03

BIRTH

Todd R. Stowell and Katherine E. Stowell, a son, September 5, 2007.

ENGAGEMENT

Kerry L. Thomas and Scott A. Smith, May 2008.

MARRIAGES

Natalie Paradee and John Bruzzi, October 13, 2007.

Robyn M. (Morin) and Keith K. Carnevale, September 22, 2007.

Kourtney Vinal and Deiter Ludwig, September 15, 2007.

NEWS

James E. Mullen has become the police chief of Madison, NH.

'04

ENGAGEMENT

Christy Steinmetz and Devin Petrino, June 2008.



Emily (LaPensee) '04 and husband John Roleau '97 at their wedding in August 2007



Sarah (Ernest) Jerger '04 and husband Jay at their September 2007 wedding

MARRIAGES

Ryan R. LaRoche and Shauna Carmichael, July 7, 2007.
Sarah E. Ernest and Edwin J. Jerger, September 22, 2007.
Jennifer L. Greenia and Shane R. Kelley, December 22, 2007.
Jessica Joann Becker and Joshua Glen Burroughs, August 4, 2007.
Erika Boyden and Corey Campagna, September 8, 2007.
Emily LaPensee and John Roleau, August 3, 2007.
Stephanie Magnant and Michael van Nostrand, September 28, 2007.
Ashley LeBlanc and Jared Wright, July 22, 2007.
Karl A. Hellstrand and Jill Michel, July 14, 2007.

NEWS

Karen Lemire is now working for the University of Vermont physical plant department. She started on June 20, 2005, as a business account specialist.



Jocelyn, daughter of Sherra (Feigner) Bourget '05

Justin C. Pentenrieder has joined the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary in Washington, DC, as a hearing clerk.
Emily (LaPensee) Roleau is working at Twincraft Soap in Winooski as a marketing coordinator—and loves it!

'05

BIRTH

Sherra (Feighner) and Israel Bourget, a daughter, Jocelyn Kier Bourget, May 24, 2007.

ENGAGEMENT

Molly F. McGill and Erik Flanagan, 2010.

MARRIAGES

Kathryn Farley and Joshua Moore, November 3, 2007.
Sarah Magnuson and Timothy Redfield, October 6, 2007.
Jessica M. Roberts and Jason E. Jewett, November 3, 2007.
Jed H. Thibault and Allison L. Bevins, August 10, 2007.
Brian Vespa and Paulette Frye, April 13, 2007.
Sherra Feighner and Israel Bourget, January 21, 2006.
Ashley (Clark) and Sam DiMercurio, December 31, 2006.

NEWS

David C. Rheume has joined the team at Found Line Inc. as a designer, where he will handle design and production duties for clients such as *Eating Well* magazine, Vermont Public Radio, Peak Organic Brewing, and Seventh Generation.
Jaclyn V. Sousa has joined the team at Arnold Worldwide in Boston as an assistant project manager.

Ashley (Clark) DiMercurio and new husband Sam recently moved to Gaithersburg, MD, where Ashley is a fourth-grade teacher.

Hadley Rakowski is helping plan the 10-year reunion for Essex High School Class of 1998, scheduled for August 9, 2008. EHS Class of '98 has a group Web site: <http://groups.google.com/group/ehs98>. Classmates are using this tool to keep in touch with each other.

'06

BIRTH

Holly (Trayah) and Matthew Beckert, a son, Nolan Alfred Beckert, August 26, 2007.

ENGAGEMENTS

Angela H. Chevalier and Thomas Fitzgerald, September 2008.



Emily Miller '06 being surprised with a proposal in the Boston Public Gardens by fiance Zvi Dubitsky

Laurie Lee Adams and **Andrew Himes**, Fall 2009.

Stephanie E. Strada '07 and **Justin Smith** in 2009.

MARRIAGES

Melissa Boyd and Kevin Cadieux, July 21, 2007.
Erin Saunders and Casey Huizenga, June 16, 2007.

NEWS

Stephanie Drew has joined the human resources department of NRG Systems Inc.



Ashley (Clark) '05 and Sam DiMercurio at their wedding on New Year's Eve 2006



Holly (Trayah) '06 and Matthew Beckert '06 with son Nolan

Peter Jewett and **Peter Bruhn**, operators of GoTradingPost.com, have been awarded the President's Alumni Award by Champlain College. The award celebrates alumni who exhibit exceptional leadership in their careers and the community.

Tiffany J. McSweeney has started her own business selling lia sophia jewelry. She also works for the State of Vermont at Camp Johnson as a private secretary to Adjutant General—Major General Michael Dubie, the Deputy Adjutant General—Brigadier General Thomas Drew, and Ms. Susan Slay, executive assistant in the Office of the Adjutant General. Tiffany sang "God Bless America" at the Essex hockey rink for the Defenders vs. Enforcers game on March 29.

Amber L. Hewey has joined the Manchester elementary/middle school staff as a fourth-grade teacher. Hewey scored in the top 15 percent nationally on the Praxis II Elementary Content Exam.

John J. Ciempa has been appointed chair to the "Friends of Ethan Allen Park," a community action group that keeps watch over Ethan Allen Park and Tower in Burlington's New North End.

Travis M. Mears will graduate from Colorado State University in May 2008.

'07

ENGAGEMENTS

Stephanie E. Strada and **Justin Smith '06**, 2009.
Shelby L. Russell and Michael Frimodig, June 27, 2008.

MARRIAGE

Heidi Lamothe and Lance Hanlon, August 11, 2007.

NEWS

Ben Kaufman recently launched his company's new Web site, www.kluster.com, which serves as an online forum where visitors can pitch an idea, such as for a new product, and have it accessed and shaped by other visitors.

Courtney C. Davis joined the MorrisSwitzer Environments for Health teams as an office assistant.