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PRESIDENT JERRY WOOD ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

Dr. Gerald Wood announced that he will step down as President of Defiance College effective June 30.

Dr. Wood noted that his decision, based on transitions in his professional and personal life, was a difficult one. "I have been president of Defiance College for nearly six years. They have been six great years that I will always cherish and appreciate what has been accomplished. However, I am ready to take on new challenges," he announced May 12th to the campus.

Dr. Charles Warren, previous Board of Trustee member and Interim Dean of McMaster School for Advancing Humanity has been selected to serve as Interim President, starting, July 1st. [full text of press release](#)

Lost and Found Department

Forty years after it was lost, a Defiance College class ring was returned to its owner. Scott Jay, Class of 65, is pictured here with his class ring after it was returned to him by Dave Plant, Director of Alumni Relations.

Scott was in the service for three years following his graduation and had served a 13 month duty in Vietnam

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July 16

Pokagon State Park

July 20

Homecoming Weekend

(Save the date
details to follow)

October 2-5

ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHEOLOGY LABS?

Do you have memories about the anthropology and archeology labs? There has been a request for your memories about the labs and any pictures you might have. Please contact the Alumni office if you have anything to share.

DEFIANCE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Two hundred and twenty-one graduates were awarded diplomas during commencement ceremonies Sunday, May 4th at Defiance

during those years. He lost the ring on the beach in North Myrtle Beach during R & R in 1967 when he was a Marine, stationed in the Carolinas. Scott often went to the beach while stationed there, as did many other Marines.

Unbeknownst to Scott, another Marine, Conrad Dubuque, also taking some R & R in Myrtle Beach found the Defiance class ring. A self-described pack rat, he put it in a drawer. Always having good intentions about trying to return it, Conrad made a couple of unsuccessful attempts to track down the owner. He rediscovered the ring again last year as he went through a variety of items he has kept, and he called DC.

After a bit of sleuthing, going through yearbooks, looking at admissions records, tracking down leads, etc. Scott was determined to be the owner of the ring.

Scott is retired from the masonry business. With much pride, he notes, he was the head mason on several projects including the Bank of Montreal building in Calgary, many buildings at Fort Gordon, Georgia, the Kentucky Center for the Arts, and the Humana Headquarters buildings in Louisville, Kentucky.



Astronauts & DC In Space

College. Journalist and author Maria Hinojosa delivered the commencement address. Graduating senior Erby Lopez was recognized with the bronze Pilgrim Medal, and faculty members Dr. Kenneth Christiansen and Professor Frank Sanders were bestowed with the rank of professor emeritus. [View pictures](#)

What was in that macaroni salad??

At Lou Joost's memorial service several mentions were made of her famous macaroni salad, so right away you had to know it was something special. Maybe it was just the love that she put into it that made it special. Several DC employees are creating a cookbook in memory of Lou Joost and would like to ask for your participation by submitting your favorite recipes for inclusion. If you have any that might actually have been from Lou, that is all the better. Submit your favorite recipe or recipes to Lori Shafer lshafer@defiance.edu by May 30th, Once the recipes are collected, they will then be printed as the Lou Joost Memorial Cookbook. The cookbook will also include some of Lou's favorite recipes along with pictures of Lou throughout her years as the "voice" of Defiance College. All

Numerous alumni sent emails in response to the inquiry about the space shuttle memorabilia hanging in VP Ken Wetstein's office. Here's a summary of their various memories.

1994 DC Grad, Dr. Tara (Henricks) Richmond is the sister of Terry Henricks, who was commander of the space shuttle Discovery, that launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on July 13, 1995. This was the NASA-DC Connection.

One alumna let us know that the shuttle's primary mission was to launch and deploy the 7th tracking and data relay satellite. Secondary objectives were a variety of experiments from rodents to amateur radio. An interesting side note to the trip was that the external tank had to be repaired due to woodpeckers poking holes near the top of the tank. More information about the flight can be found out by Googling: STS-70.

Jim Unger, Director of Continuing Education at the time, remembers that there was a lot of red tape and clearance issues that needed to be overcome to get Terry Hendricks on campus for a program.

Mary Huber '93 reported that, in addition to the DC pennant that went aboard Discovery, Commander Henricks also took some buckeyes and buckeye key chains on the flight. Mary even has a picture of buckeyes floating in zero gravity on the trip. Kevin Kregel was the only member of the crew not from Ohio, but he was dubbed an honorary Buckeye. Mary also remembers a reception in Henricks' honor at Woodville, held because Terry and Tara were from that area.

The Discovery memorabilia was originally on display in the President's office, but eventually found its way into storage, where Ken Wetstein found the items and commandeered them for his office.

proceeds will go to The Lou Joost Scholarship Fund. The alumni office will inform you when the cookbook is available for purchase.



HOW FAR BACK DOES YOUR FAMILY GO?

Dave Plant and Lorie Rath have completed their first full year in the alumni office and have become increasingly aware of how deep many of our alumni family links are to DC. We thought we would have a contest.

Do you have multiple members of your extended family who are DC graduates? How many? How far back do they go? How many are still alive, where do they live? Submit your DC family tree, naming all your DC relatives who have attended DC to Lorie Rath at lrath@defiance.edu. The winners will be the family with the largest number of DC alumni in its family trees (4 semesters or more at DC). The winning family will receive alumni window stickers for each member.

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ALUMNI VARSITY 'D' YELLOW JACKET CLASSIC GOLF OUTING SIGN UP

The annual Yellow Jacket Classic is set for June 28th, and an open invitation is extended to all DC alumni and friends. Sponsored by Alumni Varsity D, the organization of all former graduates who received a letter in a sport, this event is for all interested golfers, not just letter winners.

The proceeds from this scramble format golf event will go to

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complete a total resurfacing of the Weaner and McMaster floors. Complete details about the June 28 event can be found by clicking [here](#).

HOMEcoming HEADS UP

With gas prices and airfares climbing, it's time to start planning your trip back for the DC Homecoming. You may click on the "DTo08" Homecoming site to get a look at the tentative calendar of events. This way, you can begin making your own tentative plans for attending part or all of the Homecoming week activities. Formal registration won't begin until July 1st, but the [Homecoming site](#) will be updated weekly with ever increasing details. If you would like to inquire about holding a reunion group of any kind, please contact the alumni office, and we will be happy to help you with the details.



WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR IRS STIMULUS CHECK?

Yes, many will use their economic stimulus rebate to pay down bills or to purchase something special that they have been putting off for a while. But those with some flexibility in their cash flow or who just haven't had the ability to budget DC into their plans may want to think about the following:

According to *Give & Take*, a publication of The Sharpe Group, well over 95% of taxpayers and a similar percentage of donors will receive tax rebates. They further note that surveys indicate that as many as 4% of Americans plan to give their rebates to charity.

**Thanks for staying
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Quoting from news reports across America, Sharpe mentions the Fresno Bee where editors urged readers to donate all or a portion of their rebates to charity: "...remember that donations to non-profits multiply their way through the local economy, and that non-profits are more likely than most private-sector organizations to spend money locally rather than send it off to faraway pockets. That's the sort of investment that pays real dividends to all of us."

Your gifts always make an incredible difference in the lives of Defiance College students, which is the number one reason why you give. This year, you have the additional advantage of not having to report the rebate as taxable income and, through a donation to DC, you get the benefit of a deduction on your 2008 tax return!

If you would like more information on how giving part or all of your IRS economic stimulus check may have tax advantages for you and real benefit for your alma mater, contact Cindy Shaffer, Director of Planned Giving, at cshaffer@defiance.edu, or phone her 419-783-2306

JAMES M. COX: OHIO'S PROGRESSIVE GOVERNOR EXHIBIT

Defiance College graduates **Timothy Binkley '85** and **Mary Kay [Everill] Mabe '77** announce the *James M. Cox: Ohio's Progressive Governor* exhibit, now appearing at the Ohio State House in the Governor's Gallery. Tim holds a B.A. in History (Museology), graduating in 1985; Mary Kay graduated in 1977 with a B.S. in Social Work. Both Mary Kay and Tim completed their Masters of Arts degree in the Public History program at Wright State University, Mary Kay in 2003 and Tim in 2005. The Ohio Humanities Council, the United Theological Seminary, the Iddings Foundation, and Dayton Daily News each assisted in sponsoring the *James M. Cox: Ohio's Progressive Governor* project. Tim, archivist at United Theological Seminary, served as project manager and Mary Kay, an independent historical contractor, was the lead historian and presenter for the accompanying program. Joining Mr. Binkley and Mrs. Mabe as the third member of the project team was Jeffrey A. Landis, a graduate of University of Dayton and the Wright State University Public History program.

The *James M. Cox: Ohio's Progressive Governor* project celebrates the major progressive legislative contributions of Ohio's three-term governor, James M. Cox (1913-1915 and

1917-1921). Governor Cox administrations responded to child labor, child welfare, school consolidations, workmen's compensation, widow's pensions, and prison reform. Many of his reforms are still existent today. Beginning his career as a Dayton newspaper owner and editor, James M. Cox, was also a Congressman in the United States House of Representatives and the 1920 Democratic candidate for President of the United States . The exhibit will be at the Ohio State House during May and June 2008. *Additional exhibit information.*

