



# The Omicron Delta Kappa LEADER

Fall 2008

*"To Recognize Leaders Among Leaders"*

## TERPSVOTE! UMD PARTICIPATES IN THE ELECTION

by Devin Ellis

**T**he 2008 election cycle promises to be a transformational one, not only for the country, but also for the nature of participation by young Americans in our democracy today. With record turnout expected, the University of Maryland has embarked on a campaign dubbed TerpsVote to



energize the campus and support efforts to get out the vote. Moving a large campus community like Maryland in new and sometimes unprecedented directions quickly can be a monumental feat, but administrators, student leaders and other enthusiastic community members, who have committed their support to TerpsVote, have gone above and beyond the call of duty time and time again. Among those working on the Steering Committee for this effort is the ODK Faculty Secretary, Jim Osteen.

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## CAREER SERVICES FOR ALUMNI

by Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston

**Y**ou have successfully completed your degree at the University of Maryland.

You have launched your career and have established yourself in your first or second job. You want to explore your career options-where to turn? Visit the University Career Center. We assist current undergraduate students, graduate students **and** alumni with career planning and career growth.



*Javaune Adams-Gaston, Executive Director, University Career Center*

These are challenging economic times. The job market is getting tighter. It is important to meet these challenges with excellent preparation and to decide where you may need to re-tool your skills. We want to reacquaint you with the services your University Career Center has to offer. We invite you to join us in discovering trends and opportunities to enhance your career success.

One of the most effective tools in the job search process is networking. Utilize your opportunities to meet and create ongoing contacts. Use opportunities to network during ODK and other organization events. Utilize Alumni Affairs' programs to create network connections. Networking is a skill that requires practice. The UCC can

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## Message from the President

by Sigma Circle President, Megan Harvey

### Greetings ODKers!

**W**elcome back to what I am sure will be another great year. Recently, the Sigma Circle was recognized for our past five years of achievements with the ODK Presidential Award of Excellence. I am proud to be a part of this organization, and of all the people whose hard work has helped us to receive this honor.



We have had an outpouring of interest in ODK and expect a

strong pool of applicants for membership this fall. I look forward to welcoming a dynamic group of high caliber leaders into ODK, and hope to increase the involvement of both current members and new initiates, while continuing to reach out to alumni. I hope to see many of you at the Homecoming reception, or at one of our lectures in the fall.

You all have made a difference at the University in the past; I encourage you to maintain your connection to ODK. We received many letters this semester from ODK alumni and were proud to include them in this issue. ODKers are doing great things in the surrounding community, but are also making a difference across campus.

**Heather Bradshaw**, an ODK senior, received a 2008-09 Goldwater Scholarship for the research she is

taking part in during her undergraduate studies. It's a great to see ODKers recognized in the news for their amazing achievements! Continue to strive to succeed and to push each other toward attainment of superior scholarship, leadership, and character.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to help the Sigma Circle continue to be a well-respected and influential organization. We have a great team of officers for 2008-2009, and I look forward to working with them and our dedicated members to expand ODK membership and increase involvement. Together we can make this a great year!

*Megan Harvey*  
*Sigma Circle President*

## The Omicron Delta Kappa LEADER



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The first part of this project involves registering new voters – many of whom can be found in the ranks of freshman and sophomore students, new staff members from out of state and those who have simply never been energized before by a Presidential election. There is record interest among unregistered community members this year and a massive outreach campaign is under way to try and reduce the number of unregistered campus residents to zero by the October 14 deadline.

The second part of the effort involves turning out the campus to the polls on November 4. With a massive on the ground effort in planning and some exciting new opportunities, including the possibility of the residen-

tial community with the largest percentage of voters winning an award presented by Athletics at the Big Ten Challenge game, volunteers are preparing to put in long hours getting everyone to the ballot box!

Finally, TerpsVote, in partnership with some of the academic departments on campus and the Coalition for Civic Engagement and Leadership, is planning ways to build on the energy of this campaign to develop new and exciting long-term programs in civic engagement and leadership.

If you are interested in learning more about TerpsVote or helping out, please visit the website at [www.terpimpact.umd.edu/voting](http://www.terpimpact.umd.edu/voting).



## Message from the Faculty Secretary

by Sigma Circle Faculty Secretary, Jim Osteen

### Greetings from College Park!

I received some very exciting news this summer. The Sigma Circle was presented an ODK Presidential Award of Excellence in July 2008. This honor is in recognition that the Sigma Circle has received a Circle of Distinction or Superior Circle Award for each of the past five years. This honor is a tribute to the excellent work of the ODK officers over the past five years. Congratulations to all of you!



The newly elected officers for 2008-09 are continuing in the tradition of excellence in leadership for the Sigma Circle. They have started this academic year with much enthusiasm and are committed to having a wonderful year of activities. I look

forward to another year of greatness. This commitment to excellence comes during the first year of implementation of the University's Strategic Plan. The institution is striving to attain the next level of achievement as a top tier university in the country, and ODK is on board.

Please mark your calendars for events scheduled for the fall semester. The ODK Lecture Series continues with lectures on October 29th and November 13th. Details on these lectures are provided in an article featured in this issue of *The ODK Leader*. Another article on last year's lectures is written by **Tad Greenleaf**, a member of the ODK Lecture Committee. We are indebted to Tad and the other members of this committee for their work in support of the outstanding lecture program. We are also indebted to ODK alumnus, **Matt Sheehan**, who currently works at Maryland as Assistant to the Dean of the Philip Merrill College of Journalism. He has been responsible

for developing all of our ads and flyers for the lecture program over the past three years. This is yet another example of how students, alumni, and faculty/staff work together in ODK.

The other event to remember this fall is the annual Homecoming Reception. This year it will be held in Adele's Restaurant in the Stamp Student Union on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at 2 hours before kickoff. Vice President Linda Clement will be hosting another wonderful event for ODK alums to connect with current students and reconnect with each other. Please RSVP at [www.studentaffairs.umd.edu/leaders](http://www.studentaffairs.umd.edu/leaders). I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Best wishes for the remainder of the fall semester.

*Jim Osteen*  
Sigma Circle Faculty Secretary

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help you prepare for interviews and effective communication in social settings. We are here to help you. Enroll in TerpNetwork to provide or receive career advice and to find role models in your field.

We offer a number of programs and services for Terrapin alumni. Services include career assistance, one-on-one sessions with professional career counselors to help you plan solutions for your career related concerns. Other services include resume

and CV critiques and assistance in updating your cover letter. You can meet with a career counselor either in person or via email. Careers4Terps provides an on-line database of job postings. Go to our webpage [www.CareerCenter.umd.edu](http://www.CareerCenter.umd.edu) to find out how to create an Alumni account and view current employer positions. Career Fairs are open to alumni- be sure to bring updated copies of your resume. The Credentials Service provides a secured place for letters of rec-

ommendation and supporting documents for employment or graduate or professional schools.

We are here and available to assist you in your career advancement. Take time to take stock of your career, assess your current situation, and develop a plan. We can help you explore new possibilities and develop the tools you need to make the career changes you want.



## ODK LECTURE SERIES—A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

by Tad Greenleaf

Last year marked another successful year for the Sigma Circle's annual lecture series. The series is composed of several member-sponsored lectures including the Drury G. Bagwell Lecture, the William L. Thomas, Jr. Lecture, and the Lessons in Leadership series, which is provided through the generous support of alumnus Bob Yellowlees.

This past fall the Sigma Circle brought Mike Tidwell, author of "The Ravaging Tide: Strange Weather, Future Katrina's, and the Coming Death of America's Coastal Cities" to campus as our Drury G. Bagwell lecturer. The Hoff Theatre filled to near its capacity of 500 as students, faculty and staff crowded to hear Tidwell speak and take questions.

In the spring, the Sigma Circle brought three speakers to campus. Nautica Men's Sportswear & Nautica Jeans Company President Karen Murray spoke on as part of the Lessons in Leadership Series. Murray, an alumna of the University



Karen Murray

of Maryland and the first female lecturer for our Lessons in Leadership series, spoke for nearly an hour on leadership in business and fashion.

Dr. C.D. Mote, Jr. spoke as our second Lesson in Leadership lecture. Mote, President of the University of Maryland since 1998, attracted students, faculty, and staff with his speech about leadership in higher education and managing a large public institution.



Dr. C.D. Mote, Jr.

In our final lecture of the year the Sigma Circle helped to bring journalist Michael Wilbon to campus for our William L. Thomas Lecture. Wilbon is a nationally recognized sports journalist who works for *The Washington Post* and ESPN's *Pardon the Interruption*. Wilbon also attracted a near capacity crowd to the cavernous Grand Ballroom, in the Adele H. Stamp Student Union- Center for Campus Life, speaking and taking questions for two hours.

## O.N.E. UMD CONFERENCE UNITES STUDENT LEADERS

by Jenna Aidikoff

On September 7, 2008, more than 100 student organizations were represented at the second O.N.E. UMD Conference, a project developed to organize, network and empower student leaders. The conference featured lectures and break-out sessions hosted by prominent campus figures. Students were given down time during lunch to network with each other, and were offered a three-course dinner during which they met with alumni who previously held student leadership positions at the University of Maryland.

The project evolved from a lead-

ership class offered last year for student group presidents.

Acknowledging that many student groups face the same challenges—efficiently recruiting and keeping members, communicating, and managing a budget—the presidents wanted to create a meeting that would prepare students for their leadership roles.

The September conference personalized students' various campus roles by way of an interactive quiz and group session about different leadership styles. Groups with the same style worked together to identify their tendencies and figure out how to use

those characteristics to their advantage in their positions.

Break-out sessions that enabled students to network with each other and learn about opportunities for their student groups included "How to Avoid Death by Meeting," "From Flyers to Facebook," "Competing for Attention in a Crowded Campus!," and "Show Me Money: Navigating Financial Resources at Maryland."

At the day's end, students reported feeling more confident and were excited by the experience.



## ODK LECTURE SERIES—SPEAKERS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

by Jessie Thompson

The Sigma Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa is excited to continue its lecture series by hosting two prominent individuals at the University during the fall semester. Journalist and author, Chris Hedges, will be featured at the First Year Book lecture on October 29 in the Grand Ballroom. Hedges, who specializes in American and Middle Eastern politics, is the author of many well known



Chris Hedges

books including *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning*, *What Every Person Should Know About War*, *American Fascists* and most recently *Collateral Damage*.

Hedges received the Amnesty International Global Award for Human Rights in Journalism in 2002. He also won the Pulitzer Prize in 2002, along with other journalists at *The New York Times*, for the paper's coverage of terrorism. Hedges formerly served as the Middle Eastern Bureau Chief for *The New York Times* and is currently a senior fellow at The Nation Institute.

On November 13, ODK has partnered with Student Entertainment Events (SEE) to host Tim Gunn, who is best known from the reality show *Project Runway*, in which he serves as a mentor to designers. Gunn is also the Chief Creative Officer at Liz Claiborne, Inc., and was the Chair of the Department of Fashion at the Parsons School of Design in New York City from 2000 to 2007. During his lecture, "Tim Gunn's Guide to Transitioning Your Style," Gunn will



Tim Gunn

discuss making the transition from a college wardrobe to a career wardrobe. ODK is pleased to host two influential leaders from two distinct industries and look forward to the insights both men can provide to students at the University of Maryland.

## ODK

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL 2008

Wednesday, October 15  
New Member Selection

Monday, October 20 – Friday, October 24  
New Member Tapping Week

Wednesday, October 29  
Chris Hedges, First Year Book Lecture

Monday, November 3  
New Member Orientation

Thursday, November 13  
Tim Gunn Lecture

Sunday, December 7  
ODK Initiation Ceremony



## Passing the Torch of Leadership to the Next Generation

In the past year alumni and friends of the Sigma Circle donated \$17,414 to support the lecture program, scholarships, and other activities of Omicron Delta Kappa. For information on making a contribution, see the enclosed envelope.

### Stewards Of The Fountain

Drury G. Bagwell

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### Other Contributors To Sigma Circle:

Henri Bartholomot  
Valarie Eisenstein  
Edward Fink

Ronald Mace  
Sally Mace  
Alexandra Mathers

Edward and Jean Armstrong Rider  
Rebecca Zonies



## SUMMER ACHIEVEMENTS OF ODK 2008-2009 OFFICERS

Pictured from top left to bottom right



*ODK Officers 2008-09 - First Row - Connie Iloh, Raakhee Sharma, Megan Harvey, Jennifer Wright - Second Row - Tim Lee, Jenna Aidikoff, Maggy Baccinelli, Jessie Thompson, Joel Liebman, Jim Osteen*

**Tim Lee**- Webmaster

Graduate student Tim Lee stayed on campus to continue his master's thesis research on experimental helicopter aerodynamics and is on pace to graduate by summer 2008. Tim and his girlfriend Karin, a fellow ODKer, are also the new proud owners of a gigantic Yellow Labrador puppy named Lexi.

**Jenna Aidikoff**- Calvert Cotillion Chair

Jenna started the summer volunteering at Camp PALS, a camp for young adults with Down's syndrome. Jenna later worked at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore doing research on patients with either Down's syndrome and depression, or psychosis and sleep apnea. Jenna also took a leadership course and visited her family and friends in New York.

**Maggy Baccinelli**- Newsletter Editor

Maggy spent her summer interning in the Features Department of Marie Claire magazine in New York. As an intern, she did research for stories and wrote a few short pieces for the Web site and the October and November

issues. For fun, Maggy spent her weekends at the New Jersey shore and taking trips to visit out-of-state friends.

**Jessie Thompson**- Corresponding Secretary

Jessie Thompson interned at the William Morris Agency in Beverly Hills. Jessie was an assistant to the Personal Appearance department which represents musicians, comedians and traveling tours. WMA represents a variety of well-known musical acts including Foo Fighters, Kanye West and many more.

**Joel Liebman**- Ritualist

Joel Liebman interned with PricewaterhouseCoopers in McLean, Virginia, in the firm's Washington Federal Practice supporting the Transportation Security Administration's Office of Security Technology, and on multiple project management initiatives with the United States Coast Guard.

**Connie Iloh**- Historian

This summer Connie Iloh did research through the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP) at the University

of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. This program is geared towards helping minority scholars who want to pursue their doctorate. Connie's MURAP research project examined participatory action research as an agent in leadership development in marginalized youth. She was assisted by her mentor Dr. Patricia Parker.

**Raakhee Sharma**- Vice President

Raakhee Sharma spent her summer interning with Campus Programs as a Terrapin Student Involvement Intern. As part of her internship, Raakhee gave presentations about involvement opportunities on campus during freshman orientation and worked on involvement resources for introductory freshman courses. Raakhee helped coordinate the First Look Fair.

**Megan Harvey** - President

Megan Harvey interned over the summer with Ernst & Young in the firm's Business Advisory Division, which had the firm flying Megan out to Fort Worth, Texas, weekly to perform remediation on a client's recently acquired billion dollar mortgage portfolio. Megan got an in-depth look into the troubled mortgage industry and its impact on the financial markets.

**Jennifer Wright**- Scholarship Chair

This summer, Jennifer Wright worked at the Lockheed Martin Corporation as a systems engineering intern. As part of a team responsible for implementing a state-of-the-art biometrics system contract, she had the opportunity to work closely with senior engineers and customers to write system requirements and plan for the project design phase.



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## 2008 Homecoming Weekend Join Us!

For the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration  
Honoring  
Maryland Student Leadership  
Past, Present and Future

Saturday, October 25, 2008

2 hours prior to the Terps Football Game (Time T.B.A.)

**Linda Clement, Vice President for Student Affairs, cordially invites you to the  
2008 University of Maryland Homecoming Student Leadership Reception**

Join past and present student leaders for fun and festivity prior to the Homecoming football game. Visit with current and former Student Affairs staff in Adele's Restaurant. Family and friends are welcome!

**Place:** Adele's Restaurant, Stamp Student Union

**Date:** Saturday, October 25, 2008

**Time:** Two hours prior to the game

Check [www.umterps.com](http://www.umterps.com) closer to the event for kick-off time.

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP online at [www.studentaffairs.umd.edu/leaders](http://www.studentaffairs.umd.edu/leaders)

If you have questions, please contact Brooke Lecky Supple at 301.314.8430 or [bsupple@umd.edu](mailto:bsupple@umd.edu).

**P.S. Hope you can also drop by the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 24 at 4:00 pm.**



# ODK Alumni Updates

**Jim Johnson '52**, retired in 1993 after coaching national basketball, track and field, and volleyball teams in Venezuela, Bolivia, and Paraguay. He served as Peace Corps Project Director in Venezuela and opened Burger King, Taco Bell, and Pizza Hut restaurants there. He was also the Food Purchasing Director for the 1983 Pan American Games in that same country.

**C. Rennie Smith '54**, served in the United States Marine Corps as a 1st and 2nd Lieutenant after graduation. He returned to College Park to coach UMD Lacrosse teams from 1963 – 1976. He moved on to coach Lacrosse in the Annapolis area, instructing kids from 4years old to 40 years old.

**S.L. Harrion '55**, with a Ph.D. from American University, is a former newspaperman and author of *Mencken Revisited: Author, Editor & Newspaperman*, *The Editorial Art of Edmund Duffy* and other books, was a Hoover Public Affairs Fellow, Stanford University and a Congressional aide. He is a communication professor at the University of Miami, Florida, and editor of "Menckeniana."



**Doug '95 and Hillary Cherry '97** Mintz with daughters and friends



**Chitta Mallik '97** & friend

**Ralph Crosby '56**, a member of The College of Journalism Board of Governors for several years, this year was elected to the University of Maryland College Park Board of Trustees. Still at work as Chairman and CEO of his AD/PR Firm, Crosby Marketing Communications, with a staff of 50 in Annapolis and Washington, DC. He and his wife, Carlotta, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June.

**John T. Bell '59**, has been selected into the Augusta Military Academy of Sports Hall of Fame. An All-American Prep School swimmer at August in 1953-54, Mr. Bell was a Southern Conference Champion at Virginia Military Institute and an ACC Conference Champion at the University of Maryland. Today, he is an award winning historic preservationist in Rockville, MD, where his law firm is housed in a 19th Century church building.

**Gordon England '61**, was scheduled to be the first speaker in this fall's Whiting-Turner Business & Entrepreneurial Lecture Series of the Clark School of Engineering. His talk on October 16, 2008, was entitled "Looking Ahead."

**Ronald Mace '63**, has been enjoying his retirement since 2004. He is very proud to have his name engraved in granite on the mall.

**Paul Beighley '69**, was proud to announce, that for the first time in his ministry, one of the college students in the church he is now attending was initiated into the ODK chapter at Va Tech!

**Greg Hollen '76**, has been appointed Director for Lennox International Talent Acquisition Center of Excellence. Since joining Lennox in 2005, Greg has led the recruiting function for the Residential, Commercial and PD&R Dallas-based organizations.

**Carrie Hatch '78**, President and



**Dana Nielsen '90 and Dan Rice '91**



**Elmus Mosby '97** & family

CEO of MDB Communications in Washington, DC, was featured in an article in the Washington Post on the advertising industry in the nation's capital. The article was prompted by the popularity of the cable show *Mad Men* and included photos of Cary and other advertising execs dressed in period costumes reflective of the series.

**Phil Schneider '79**, continues as President of Montgomery Orthopedics and Director of the Holy Cross Hospital Spine Center. Besides still going to all the Terp football and basketball games, he's now fundraising for Maryland. Watch out if he calls you!

**Gail Smelkinson Willoughby '79**, is enjoying life. She and husband Wayne (UMCP Class of 1980) still live on a small farm where she spends her days caring for their horses, chickens, dogs, cats, etc. Their children (Matthew and Dana) are in college now studying English and biology, respectively. Although Gail gave up politics when she graduated UMCP, Wayne never lost his enthusiasm for public affairs. He is President of the

Maryland Trial Lawyers Association, Secretary of the Council of Presidents of the American Association for Justice, Public Justice's Maryland Coordinator, and a board member of the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association PAC, among other activities. He even finds time to practice law now and then, so they can pay for their kids' tuition!

**Greg Manning '81**, is President of L&G Camp of Champs, Inc. a character education/life skills company that works with young people through the government funded 21st Century Grant Program and Title I Schools.

**Rose Fennell '83**, lives in Cheverly MD with her partner and a menagerie of pets. She is on the Board of Directors of Bright Beginnings child and family development center for homeless infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and their families. She is a potter and recently took up agility with her dog, Sophie. She is a policy wonk with the National Park Service.



**Eric Young '89**



**Jason Ward '01**

**Sheryl Silverstein Wengel '84**, is engaged to be married!! Sheryl and her daughters and fiance, Harry, are living in Connecticut, but also enjoy their home in Delray Beach, Florida. She is a Senior Partner of Satterfield & Associates and works out of her home.

**Kathleen D'Ovidio '85, '98, Ph.D. '05**, is an Assistant Professor in the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences at San Diego State University.

**Margaret Finley '85, M.A. '93**, recently relocated to Indianapolis with husband, Chris Meier, and their 2 year old, Will. She took a position as the Director of Research for the College of Health Science at the University of Indianapolis. In addi-



**Ken Brown '93** & daughters



tion to the research, she is teaching and advising doctoral students. Slowly, they are adjusting to life in the Midwest and catching the Terps whenever they can!!

**Deborah Potter '87**, is a new member of the University of Maryland College Park Foundation Board of Trustees, continuing her years of commitment to Maryland, including serving as the first female president of the Terrapin Club. Debbie practices law with former ODK President **Rick Jaklitsch '80**, and has previously served as the youngest president of the Anne Arundel Bar Association.

**David Henry '88**, is the President and CEO of TeleNoticias, LLC and NovoMedia, LLC, two broadcast public relations/electronic publicity companies that he started four years ago. David and his wife, Leslie, live in Manhattan and spend their weekends at their beach house in Long Island.

**Denise Goode Lewis '89**, celebrated a big day last spring, when her two daughters graduated from high school. Arielle is going to Penn State [BOO!!!], but Courtney [future ODKer] is at Maryland in the College Park Scholars Life Sciences program [YEAH!!!]



*Angela Davis and family*

**Angela Davis '90**, is currently a news anchor at the CBS affiliate in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, anchoring a two-hour morning newscast and reporting for WCCO-TV. She is a 1990 graduate of the College of Journalism at UMCP and is now married with two young children. Her husband is the assistant managing editor for local news at the Star Tribune, the daily newspaper in Minneapolis. She has earned two regional Emmy awards for anchoring since moving to the Twin Cities in 1994.



*Gene Wasserman '92*

**Gene Wasserman '92**, and his wife, Heather, welcomed a second addition to their family when Avery Moss was born on March 18, 2008, joining sister Kiersten in their home in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

**Paul Carlson '93**, is expecting his fourth child this December. He's a bit overwhelmed these days but enjoying life.

**Michael Grant '93**, and his wife, Natasha, recently moved from Bethesda, MD to Reston, VA, and say they miss living in Maryland but are starting to enjoy their new home. They have two children, Andrew (6) and Catrina (4). Michael was recently promoted to Principal at ICF



*Kelly Newsome '93 and friend*

International, where he provides transportation and environmental policy, research, and technical support to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, and state and local agencies.

**David Stollman '94**, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the 13th Annual Greek Awards Reception in May, 2008.

**Tom Henry '95**, with a practice that focuses on complex commercial litigation, his particular emphasis is in the area of federal and state antitrust and unfair competition law. He has



*Lauren Mallon '98*



significant experience helping companies respond to government inquiries and conducting internal investigations. He has worked on a wide range of complex international and multijurisdictional litigation matters, including multidistrict class action litigation.

Tom devotes a significant amount of time to pro bono work, including coordinating Jones Day's participation in the D.C. Bar Advice and Referral Clinic.



*Jeff Smith accepting MRPA Award*

**Jeffrey Smith '95**, was recently presented with two awards for his service on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA). As part of the group's annual conference in Ocean City, MD, Jeff was named as MRPA's 2007 - 2008 Member of the Year. In addition, he received the President's Award for "Committee of the Year," for his work as the chairman of the association's Legislative Committee. Jeff also serves as the chairman of MRPA's Citizen/Volunteer Branch.

**Tina Cervasio '96**, joined MSG in 2008 as a host and reporter for the



*Laurie Head Atkinson '90*

network's nightly sports and entertainment show "MSG, NY", which includes highlights, in-depth features and analysis on the top sports and entertainment news in the New York metropolitan area. In addition, she contributes feature reports for MSG and MSG Plus as well as serves as a sideline reporter for the MLS New York Red Bulls coverage on MSG.

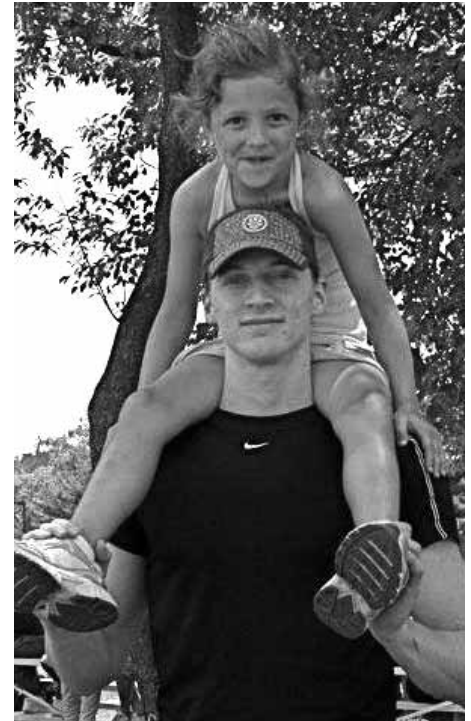
**Jill Steller '96**, and husband, Jordan, are very busy with four kids, Jack (5), Judd and Jett (twins, 2), and Jane (born March 17, 2008). Finally, a girl after 3 boys! They're now known as the "J" family!



*Monica Boner '92 with Senator Chuck Hagel*

**Ryan Rezzelle '97**, works as a Crime Scene Investigator for the Kansas City (MO) Police Department.

**Adam J. Cohen '00**, served as a law clerk with the U.S. House of



*Mike Kerr '99 and Niece*

Representatives Judiciary Committee and the Federal Trade Commission. In May 2008, he was named an Associate of the Firm of Stein, Sperling, Bennett, De Jong, Driscoll & Greenfeig, P.C.

**Jenny Davis '00**, after getting her degree from Maryland, went to Johns Hopkins where she received her Masters Degree in Government &



*Ryan Spiegel '00 & others with Barack Obama*



**Rich Zeoli & Kelly Bassett '95**

Politics, Law and Justice. She has taken a turn from advocacy and civil rights and gone straight into democratic politics in Hudson County, NJ, which she loves - not only because she's near NYC and friends and family, but also because she has "broken into the boys club of area politics." [Congrats Jenny. You go girl!!!!]

**Adam Lilling '00**, and fiancée, Carrie, will exchange their vows on October 4, 2008, in Maui, Hawaii. [Congratulations Adam. Sorry you couldn't find a more beautiful place to get married!!]

**Adam Chepenik '03**, was chosen to serve on the ODK Board of Directors as the second Student-at-Large repre-



**Stuart Ritter '89**

sentative. Adam is enrolled in graduate school at Harvard University. He was chosen as the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leader of the Year in 2003.

**Joshua Romirowsky '03**, recently earned his Juris Doctor Degree from the Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware and began his judicial clerkship, working for the Honorable Jan. R. Jurden of the Delaware Superior Court.

**Seth Balkyani '04**, recently left Bethesda and the state of Maryland for Columbus, Ohio where he is beginning to pursue his MBA at The Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University with an expected graduation in spring 2010.

**Tamara El-Khoury '04**, has left Florida and relocated to the D.C. area. She is a grant writer for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington and got engaged in April.

**Barbara Libbin '04**, Au.D. '08, is graduating from College Park (again!) - this time as a doctor of audiology! She has been hired as a full time audiologist at a local ET practice. Barbara and her husband, a fellow ODKer, Gary ('02), live in Silver Spring.

**Alden Gross '05**, is enjoying grad school at Hopkins. He's finished his written comps and is preparing for orals in a year.

**Andrew Publicover '06**, will be leaving to Shanghai, China early next year to serve as a consular officer at the U.S. Consulate General there. It was his #1 job choice of all the jobs available to him! His job will be adjudicating visa applications for the people from that region of China seeking to come to the U.S., and assisting U.S. citizens in that part of China who need U.S. government assistance.



Maryland Day 2008 **Nick Chamberlain, Roberto Munster, Jennifer Wright, Jenna Aidikoff, and Chris Chan**

**Benjamin Green '07**, is working for a small counterterrorism think-tank as a research analyst.

**Tim Lee '07**, is still in graduate school at Maryland in the Aerospace Engineering program. He continues to be involved with ODK as the webmaster for the Sigma Circle.

**Alex Lockwood '07**, moved to California for graduate school.

**Diana Newsom '07**, is in her second year of medical school at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.



**Susan Woda '99 and Sammy Popat '02**



**Dawn Cherie White '07**, is a television reporter and assignment editor at WPMT-TV FOX 43 in Harrisburg, PA. She braves the early mornings, getting up at 2:30 a.m. for the morning show during the week and works for the 10 p.m. show during the weekend. Dawn started working at the station two days after graduating but celebrated with a belated graduation vacation on the beach this past summer!



**Shannon Auxier with Logan and Louise Schutz**

**Shannon Auxier '08**, is in an MS Program for Speech – Pathology at Boston University and is enjoying exploring the city.

**Lauren Effron '08**, was recently promoted at Discovery. She'll be working as an associate producer for Discovery.com and will be helping produce Discovery News text and video, and all three "knowledge" sites: Discovery Tech, Discovery Space and Discovery Earth. As knowledge sites are added (their next launch will be Discovery Dinosaurs, slated for Sept/Oct.) she'll be taking on those as well. She's really excited - and sort of dazed - but is ready to dive right in!

**Adam Fisch '08**, began an MD/PhD program at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (Baltimore City, MD) in August.

**Tad Greenleaf '08** is staying at UMD for another year as a graduate student in the School of Public Policy. He is working with Barb Jacoby in a Graduate Assistantship on TerpImpact and staying involved on the ODK Lecture Committee.

**Anita Kohli '08**, is now attending the University of Maryland Medical School.

**Roberto Munster '08**, is staying at UMD for another year as a graduate student in the School of Public Policy. He started working in the Graduate Student Government for his assistantship and promises to visit the Sigma Circle office often.

**Shannon Sterritt '08**, moved back to NYC in August and is beginning Law School at Seton Hall University in Newark. She's very excited but is, of course, going to miss College Park.

**Maeling Tapp '08**, is attending graduate school at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, where she will be pursuing her Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering. She spent part of her summer in the College Park area as part of a research program sponsored by Georgia Tech and an additional 6 weeks in Brazil conducting research at the University of Campinas.

**Bobby Truong '08**, began working for Accenture in August.

**Jeremy Waldstreicher '08**, is working for the Treasury Department during the day and doing a masters in accounting a couple of nights a week.

## FACULTY /STAFF /HONORARY UPDATES

**Terry Flannery**, has left her position as Assistant Vice President of University Marketing and Communications at Maryland and

has moved to American University where she has been named Executive Director of Communications and Marketing.

**David and Mady W. Segal**, received the U.S. Military Academy 2008 Award for Distinguished Former Faculty.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Bill Brown, Jr. '40**, passed away on February 23, 2008. He will be missed.

**Robert Hill '44**, passed away on June 10, 2007 at the age of 85. Our thoughts are with his wife, Dorothy, and their family.

**O. Morton Weston, Jr. '50**, passed away in January 2007. Our thoughts are with his wife, Dorothy, and their family.

**Dr. Ulysses Connor, Jr.** (a faculty initiate in 1986), passed away on April 15, 2008. Ulysses left Maryland in 1993, moving to Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, where he served as Director of Special Student Support Services and Assistant Professor in the Department of Advisement. In 1999 he received the Noel-Levitz Retention Excellence Award. [Many of us will always remember Ulysses for his bright smile and commitment to students. Our sympathy is extended to his partner and family.]



# ALUMNI INFORMATION

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