Keeping Track of Classmates

Erin Steagall Aldridge, B.S.M.E. ’03, married Chad Leonard Aldridge on January 8, 2005, in Amherst, Ohio. Aldridge is a mechanical engineer for Naval Air Depot in Cherry Point, North Carolina. The couple resides in Newport, North Carolina.

Brian Bauerbach, B.S.I.T. ’87, was named an Outstanding Industrial Technologist by the Industry Division of the National Association of Industrial Technology in 2004. He is the general manager of the Richmond, Virginia, Flexible Packaging Division of ALCOA. Responsible for three manufacturing operations as well as all sales and marketing functions of his division, he manages more than 800 employees and oversees an annual budget of approximately $230 million.

Martyn Barlow, B.S.Ch.E. ’02, recently presented at the 9th Electrochemical Power Sources R&D Symposium in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on advanced thermal battery research. Barlow is currently employed at ENSER Corporation in St. Petersburg, Florida, as a product development engineer for thermal batteries used in precision guided weapons systems by the military.

Larry Brannan, B.S.I.T. ’63, is owner and president of Corporate Computer, Inc., which he founded in 1989. The Grand Rapids, Michigan, company provides hosting services, software development, Web site development, technology and product support, design, marketing, and interactive needs. It was named “Small Business of the Year in Technology” by the Michigan Small Business Technology Development Center, a division of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Ricardo Cortez, M.S. ’79, teaches automation systems and control theory, and develops projects in those areas with students, at the University of El Salvador School of electrical engineering.

Boris Cura, M.S. ’93, is vice president of business development, Latin America, for Key Energy Services in Houston, Texas.

Brian M. Custer, B.S.C.E. ’95, was recently promoted to field superintendent with the Butler County Department of Environmental Services. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Robbie and Emma Simone. He currently resides in Hamilton, Ohio.

Kip Duchon, B.S.C.E. ’73, is the national fluoridation engineer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. His responsibilities include providing technical leadership in water fluoridation engineering for the U.S. and World Health Organization. He resides in Decatur, Georgia.

Adam Harris, B.S.Ch.E. ’00, recently was promoted to project engineer within NASA’s Space Shuttle program, on the solid rocket booster element-design engineering technical integration team.

Jason Hillard, B.S.M.E. ’03, is a research and development engineer at Stirling Technology, Inc. in Athens, Ohio, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Hillard is also the president of the Athens, Ohio, ROTARACT Club and traveled to Paraguay, South America, during the summer of 2004 as a Rotary International Volunteer. Active with Athens County Habitat for Humanity, he recently was married and purchased a house in Athens.

Curtis Johnson, B.S.C.S. ’03, B.S. ’03, married fellow Bobcat Laura Hunt, B.A. ’03. In 2004, he began working as an information technology specialist-system administrator at the Bureau of the Public Debt. He helps administer 10 servers used for a pension and payroll system for Washington, D.C. He currently resides in Athens, Ohio.

John P. Morris, B.S.I.S. ’02, was married on May 28, 2005.

Chris Murphy, B.S.E.E. ’96, attained his professional engineering license in June 2003.

Saw Myint, B.S.E.E. ’58, is the retired director general of the Ministry of Industry in Myanmar (Burma) and is also a freelance plant engineering consultant. He has been married for 45 years to his wife, Dolly, and has a son, who is a neurologist in Newport News, Virginia. He currently resides in Yangon, Myanmar.
Robert H. Page, B.S.M.E. ’49, former dean of engineering and emeritus professor at Texas A&M University, has been awarded the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) 50-year pin. The pin and the accompanying certificate commemorate Page’s 50 years of contributions to the advancement of the arts, science, and technology of aeronautics and astronautics at Texas A&M and the Johnson Space Center.

Brian Pepper, B.S.I.S. ’00, M.S. ’02, currently works as a systems engineer for General Dynamics Land Systems in Michigan.

Ryan Peters, B.S.M.E. ’02, is a clinical representative for Guidant Cardiac Rhythm Management, working side-by-side with surgeons and electro physiologists during device implants and troubleshooting. Peters programs the devices and manipulates patients’ hearts during medical procedures to ensure maximum benefit from the technologies. Prior to his current position, he was a project manager for a medical device development firm in Philadelphia.

Robert C. Rogers, B.S.C.E. ’89, M.S. ’91, a structural engineer, authored two papers in the American Society of Civil Engineer’s Practice Periodical on Structural Design and Construction. He also was selected as a district director for Tau Beta Pi and is responsible for seven Ohio institutions, including Ohio University. Rogers founded the Structural Engineers Association of Ohio (www.scaoo.org), which was formally incorporated in Ohio as a nonprofit professional association in June 2003. Comprising 100 structural engineers, the group is a member organization of the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations. He also recently was appointed a member of the American Concrete Institute’s Committee 560 for the design and construction of insulating concrete forms. Rogers and his wife, Kim, live in Liberty Township, Ohio, with their two children.

Benjamin K. Saydah, B.S.Ch.E. ’97, and his wife, Monica, B.F.A. ’97, welcomed their first daughter, Isobel Claire, in March 2005. In 2003, he was awarded the Tallow Chandler Gold Medal, one of three awards given BP engineers younger than 30 to recognize top engineering/scientific accomplishments. Saydah moved to London in 2004 to work on the initial public offering for BP Chemicals, specifically, separation of combined manufacturing sites, research and development facilities, and intellectual property assets. He currently works on BP’s refining strategy team, handling a wide range of projects from mergers and acquisitions to site technology evaluations.

Jake Sigal, B.S.I.S. ’03, M.S. ’05, a product development manager for ION Audio/Numark Industries, received a patent on a USB turntable now sold in various consumer electronic stores. He lives in North Providence, Rhode Island.

Ted Smith, B.S.E.E. ’01, has been an applications engineer for Fuji Semiconductor since April 2004.

Todd Smith, B.S.C.E. ’98, took a position as a process engineer at Solutia, Inc., in Alvin, Texas, in December of 2004. He is currently assigned to the Alimet Feed supplement production unit, which is owned by Novus International of St. Louis and operated by Solutia. Novus produces and markets Alimet®, an amino acid supplement fed mainly to chickens throughout the world. He is responsible for front-end engineering design for process improvement projects and their implementation, developing process changes to help reduce waste and increase production and analyzing process hazards and safety management practices. He and his wife, Becky, live in League City, Texas. Parents of Noah, age 1, they are expecting their second child in January.

Debra Lee (Schneider) Stephenson, M.S. ’77, is a systems engineer for Lockheed Martin MS2 Tactical Systems. Past president and current member of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) Minnesota NorthStar Chapter, she is married to James Stephenson, also a systems engineer at Lockheed. They have two sons at Iowa State University, one a business major and one the starting center for the football team.

Robert J. Taylor, B.S.C.E. ’95, and his wife, Dannielle, B.S.Ed. ’96, welcomed their second daughter, Mia Simone, on March 17, 2005. She joins her three-year-old sister, Reilly Paige.

Dana (Clark) Wong, B.S.Ch.E. ’97, is an engineer at Northrop Grumman Newport News, Virginia, which designs and builds the nation’s nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. Wong, currently a component engineer in charge of several pumps for maintenance and new design, married Yakong Wong in May 2004.

James J. Wong, B.S.Ch.E. ’62, is a marketing and management professor at Shenandoah University’s Harry F. Byrd Jr. School of Business in Winchester, Virginia. He welcomed his first grandchild, James Michael Wong, in June 2004, born to Christopher J., and Kristen N. (Meyer) Wong.