

## Centennial Sows Seeds For Historical Society

A nudge towards formation of a Terrace Park historical society and a possible museum came at the June Village Council meeting as council praised Sandra Wittman-Shell and Linda Naylor for their work in organizing the Memorial Day observance of the village's centennial.

But Mayor Randy Casteel said such a step would have to be a volunteer rather than an official effort, and would be "a tremendous undertaking."

The historical society suggestion came from Councilmen John Prues and Rusty Wilson, in commenting on the display of documents, maps and artifacts at the Community House organized by Esther Power. Prues called the display impressive, and Wilson said that any villagers who failed to see

it did themselves a disservice, especially concerning the famous Stan Miller scrapbooks.

Miller, a former village clerk, compiled 20 years of scrapbooks which have been called a social history of the period. His widow put the books in the custody of Mrs. Power, who is the official village archivist.

As an instance of material available, Mrs. Wittman-Shell noted that Bob Meifert had offered to give the village his detailed model of the Robinson circus train. Part of his collection was on exhibit during the celebration. But, she said, the community has no adequate place to mount the model, or organization and means to maintain it. That, Prues agreed, would be "an expensive job".

## Police Cite Vandalism As A Growing Problem In Village

Police Chief Bob Bacon told Village Council at its June meeting of an alarming increase in vandalism in recent months, and urged parents to be understanding and cooperative in police efforts to curb

the trend.

Benches in the pavilion on the village green have had to be rebuilt because of damage to them, he said; there have been instances of small fires being set in the vicinity of the school, and a newly-laid sidewalk near the church was ruined by two boys who rode their bicycles through it. The \$1,500 damage is covered by parental insurance, he said, but the overall damage is reflected in Village taxes.

With most of the vandalism coming in the evening hours, Bacon said, the police "are going to do what is necessary" to stop the incidents. He urged parents not be affronted if their children are questioned by police officers as to their activities.

Bacon reported also the arrest of a handyman who had been filching cash and checks from an elderly resident, and of the girlfriend who cashed the checks. He noted the latest success of Barry, the police dog, and his handler, Sgt. Mike Wright, in finding, hiding in a nearby apartment, a man who had committed a Loveland burglary only 25 minutes before.

Final action on an ordinance that would prohibit smoking in Village buildings was delayed after objections arose.

Retiring fire chief Pierce Matthews, a non-smoker, said he had no objection to a smoking ban at public meetings. But he said anyone renting the Community House for a private party should have the right to set the rule, and he questioned whether the firehouse and the maintenance building could be considered "public" buildings since they are not used by the general public.

The fire department and life squad, he said, ban smoking in their meeting room, but allow it in the equipment bays.

His daughter Mimi echoed his objections.

On other matters:

- Council indicated approval of a Garden Club offer to place two

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## Council Approves Tentative Budget

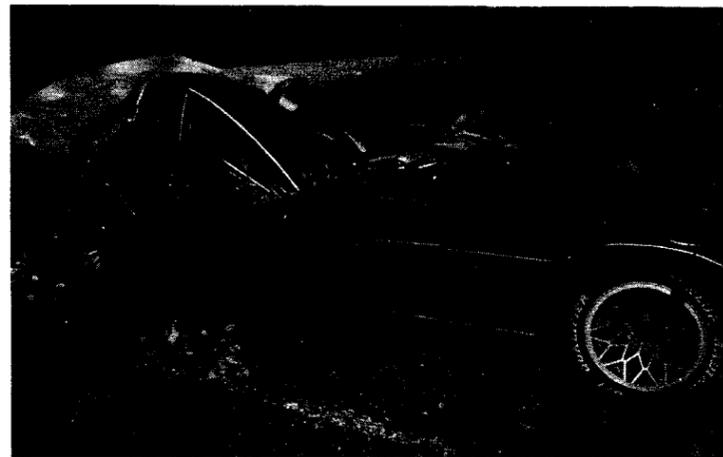
Village Council approved a tentative 1994 village budget of \$896,853, down by 47,518 from that of 1993. At its June meeting, as in the past, no residents appeared to comment at a public hearing.

The tentative budget is legally required in June of each year. The operating budget will be established after the beginning of the new year.

By comparison, actual expenditures were given as \$894,988 in 1992, and \$807,863 in 1991.

The budget anticipated an increase in yield of the general property tax from \$485,999 to \$594,600, but decreases in the village's return in tangible property tax, the library and local government fund, and sales tax.

As before, the major item in expenditures involved police operations, with salaries put at \$223,800.



## Terrace Park Suffers Extensive Damage During Thunderstorm

The severe thunderstorm which wrecked havoc throughout Hamilton County during the early evening hours of Thursday, June 10, left Terrace Park residents with a huge clean up task. Three cars were heavily damaged, and multiple homes were hit with problems ranging from minor gutter damage to more serious episodes of tree branches blowing through roofs and ripping out electrical service. Power was out in numerous homes throughout the Village, and it was not restored to some residents until early Saturday morning.

"In an area with this many trees, we are fortunate that no one was injured or that the damage was not more extensive," states Police Chief Bob Bacon. "We probably have the Village's aggressive tree program to thank for that."

The thunderstorm packed golfball size hail and 60 mph winds. It resulted in a "microburst", in which pressure in a storm is suddenly released and a "downrush" of wind is created.



Mayor Randy Casteel pauses at the Centennial Celebration festivities to confer with organizers, Linda Naylor, left and Sandy Wittman-Shell, center. Please see pages 3 and 4 for additional pictures and coverage of the Memorial Day Weekend celebration.

## Mayor Thanks Volunteers

As Mayor of Terrace Park, I would like to thank the dozens of residents who made the recent Centennial Celebration a great success. It is a compliment to all residents that a celebration of this magnitude could be accomplished in a Village of this size and be financed completely by donated funds. This is yet another example of what makes Terrace Park such a unique place to live.

I would especially like to thank Sandy Wittman-Shell and Linda Naylor for their commitment of time and energy in coordinating this three day extravaganza. They were able to take an idea, and identify the resources to push it forward, making the Memorial Day Centennial Celebration a wonderful birthday party for the entire Village. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

## Casteel Installs Schneider As New Village Fire Chief

To the applause of a throng of relatives and Wrenwood neighbors, Phil Schneider was sworn in as village fire chief at the June council meeting.

Mayor Randy Casteel administered the oath of office, saying he was confident that Schneider would uphold the high standards of retiring chief Pierce Matthews, who he called "a symbol of volunteerism."

Mathews presented Schneider his badges of office, and Schneider, on behalf of the fire department, gave Mathews his chief's helmet and a radio monitor. He announced that Matthews had agreed to serve as the department's public relations office, and that Dianne

Donnelly would be the unit's official photographer.



Phil Schneider

## Volunteers Begin Tree Survey To Assess Village "Forest"

by Bob Terwilligar

If you see your neighbors putting tape measures around the trees in your front yard, do not be concerned. Come out and help hold the tape. We are off on the big count. Twenty of us met at the community building on June 3 and signed up for the following streets: Franklin - Bob Henley, Fieldstone - Mimi Matthews, Lexington - Elizabeth Martin and Gisela Gilchrist, Harvard - Barbara Howland, Oxford - Jim Gibson, Myrtle - Stan Brown, Amherst - Patty Normile, and Miami - Barbara Douglas. Many of these people are only part of a team or will need to recruit help. Stan Brown is almost finished with Myrtle and says it is much easier with two or three people. He also will be happy to assist anyone interested in getting started.

All you folks who have signed up to help count and couldn't make the meeting, please note. We will be happy to sign you up for a street at any time if you will call Bob Terwilligar - 831-0147 or Randy Haller - 831-2138. Bob will be out of town June 20 through July 3, but Randy will be around. Stan has agreed to help anyone who has questions. Steve Smith will be our trouble shooter to identify problem trees. We will also have another meeting at the community building

on Wed., July 7 at 7:00. At that meeting we would like to see anyone who would like to join the count as well as those who are off and running. Anyone who wants to join the fun is welcome to come. We are finding out some interesting things. Don't be left out.

## Cable TV Provider Sets Public Hearing

All residents who wish to speak concerning their needs regarding the present cable TV company, Time/Warner, serving Terrace Park, should plan to attend the July 12 public hearing at the Community House. The hearing will begin at 7:15 pm. A representative from Warner Cable will be on hand to answer questions regarding renegotiations.

One of the new plans being proposed by the Warner Company is to upgrade the entire franchise area with fiber optics. The company says that this will eliminate reception problems, but will take time to get online.

Anyone who cannot attend the meeting is welcome to send questions and concerns to Julie Rugh, 103 Wrenwood. Rugh is the council member handling the negotiations.

# Sandy Wittman-Shell: Portrait Of A Volunteer

by Camilla Warrick

When Sandy Wittman-Shell agreed to direct Terrace Park's Centennial Celebration she never imagined that she would need to know how to quench an elephant's thirst.

Or how to run a power line to a circus. Or how to get a village purchase order to buy stamps.

She certainly didn't think her duties would consume much of a year and tap all of her organizational skills and business experience. But if she had known, she might not have said yes to the task, and Terrace Park might not have had such a magnificent birthday party.

With the help of co-chair Linda Taylor (a Terrace Park native), Sandy oversaw dozens of activities that were packed into the three-day Memorial Day weekend. She also worked on getting a permanent reminder of the occasion — the new brick walkway at the Village Green.

In the last couple of months before the celebration, Sandy worked often eight hours a day. She relied on the support of her husband, Kevin, the enthusiasm of their three children, and the versatility of their telephone answering machine. She discovered that if she changed the message every day, providing up-to-the-minute information, she could keep tabs on the progress dozens of volunteers were making and they could know where to find her.

She also became an addicted stamp maker, keeping pads of paper in the cars, next to her bed and in her purse. What didn't change at the shell household was family dinner. It appeared, as it always does, hot and homecooked at 7:30 every evening.

Volunteers managed to raise \$25,000 for the celebration. Ten thousand of this paid for the walkway; another \$6,000 paid for the performances of Circus International; the rest underwrote various other events. "I sent out a letter of solicitation on a Wednesday after-

noon and by Monday, we had our first \$3,000," she said. "And everyone we called to ask for money said yes. It was amazing."

Sandy and her family attended every event during the weekend. She had strived to schedule things that would appeal to every age group. Looking back, she wishes there had been more for teens. But she knows her young children enjoyed everything—as she did.

When the weekend was over, the Shells celebrated by getting some sleep. They're still catching up. But Sandy has already begun to think about her next volunteer effort, the Kindervelt market in November. When people ask her if she'd like to organize another big village event, she simply says, "Let's wait 'til the Bicentennial and you can ask me then."

More information about the woman behind the festivities:

Sandy Wittman-Shell/Vital Statistics:

Age: 34

Family: husband, Kevin; children, Maggie, 9, Peter, 6, Meredith, 4; Lady, the cocker spaniel; Daisy, the cat; and 11 goldfish.

Education: B.A., interior design, College of Mt. St. Joseph.

Hometown: Lancaster, Ohio  
Moved to Terrace Park: in 1984 from Delhi

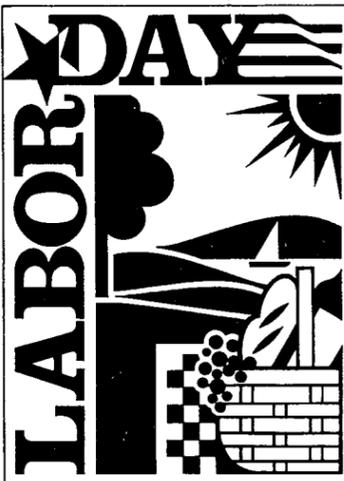
Work: was an assistant buyer at Shillitos, then a sales rep for a lingerie company. She quit full-time employment outside the home when Maggie was 2 and she was pregnant with Peter.

Other involvements: Kindervelt 76, St. Thomas Church, St. Thomas Nursery School, PTA Pumpkin Festival.

Favorite activity: anything to do with people.

Pet peeve: People whosay, "You would have made one hell of a man."

Favorite moment during the Centennial Celebration: seeing all those people in the parade. It was tough to keep the eyes dry.



The Terrace Park annual Labor Day Festival, organized by the Terrace Park Recreation Commission, is scheduled for Monday, September 6, 1993. The Commission is seeking volunteers who are willing to donate their time over the coming months to help in the planning of this huge fundraiser.

Volunteers are needed to work in either the food, bakery or a game booth during the festival. Donations of a favorite family pie, cake, cookie or other treasured delicacy are needed for sale in the bakery booth. Chairpersons are still needed to organize the Bingo prizes, the Parade, and the Garage Sale.

Plan to contribute your skills to the Recreation Commission and to all of the programs it provides for the families of Terrace Park by calling Scott Rosson today at 831-5259 or 831-4199.



Larissa Jean Myslik

## Myslik Graduates From CCDS

Cincinnati Country Day School Commencement exercises took place at the football field on Saturday, June 5, 1993. Among those graduating was Larissa Jean Myslik, the daughter of Diane and Jack Myslik of Yale Avenue. Myslik plans to attend Colgate next fall. At the Awards Day ceremony held at the school on June 3, Myslik received the *Shirley Heinen Award* which is presented to the outstanding female athlete for sportsmanship and leadership.

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## Village Views Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *Village Views* is the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to submit an article may send a *typewritten* copy to the editor at 223 Rugby Avenue prior to that time. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

## Curbside Recycling Becomes A More Popular Option

Curbside recycling is available in Terrace Park through Rumpke for \$2 a month. In addition to the usual aluminum (soft drink) cans, two-liter plastic bottles, and glass jars, residents may also add tin and metal cans, such as soup and vegetable cans. Newspaper is accepted; and until July 15, residents may put old telephone books into the bin.

With Krogers in Milford having removed their recycling bins from their parking lots, more Village residents are using curbside recycling. Councilwoman Julie Rugh has recycling bins at her home and can register residents with Rumpke. Call Rugh at 248-1091.

## AARP Plans Tours For Seniors In Fall

Two fall tours are being planned for members of Terrace Park chapter, American Association of Retired Persons.

One, from August 14-20, is to cover cities of eastern Canada, including Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa. The other, September 23-28, is a fall foliage tour in Missouri, also taking in shows at the country music center of Branson.

The group will have a dinner meeting in the undercroft of St. Thomas Church at 6 p.m. on July 12.

## On Council -

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new benches on the village green, but delayed action to the July meeting for possible public input. Betsy Cocker said the plan is to have the non-framed benches flanking the Agalloch memorial on masonry pads matching the new walk.

- Police Chief Bob Bacon reported that all officers had been certified in CPR life-saving techniques after training by Kathy Schneider.

- Council accepted a \$27,282 bid for street work on Miami, Amherst, Myrtle and Park Avenues.

- First reading was given an ordinance to rezone the Porter property on Wooster, planned for development, to "Residence AA" from its present business zoning.

- Building Official Tim Harth reported issuance of 10 permits in May for construction valued at \$3,295.

- Council voted \$600 to compensate the supervisor of the annual Summer Fun program for Village youth.

- Patty Fehl complained of inconsistent maintenance of Village alleys, and was told the work is primarily to provide legally-required clearance for garbage collection and utility and emergency vehicles.

- Village Treasurer Margot Grund noted that the Village expects to receive \$50,000 in estate taxes. *Village Views* last month put the figure at \$90,000.



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Centennial organizers thank all of the residents for their generous support of time and resources, all who worked hard to make Memorial Day Weekend 1993 possible.



Girl Scout Troops 15 and 28 garner "Most Creative Pachyderm in a Circus Theme" honors.



A topiary of "Tillie", the elephant, graces the Terrace Park Garden Club Memorial Bed for the Centennial festivities. The Bed and "Tillie" were designed and cared for by Joy Zdeblich, a member of the Terrace Park Garden Club, with Debbie Oliver assisting.



My Thai, from the Cincinnati Zoo, performs to the delight of the Memorial Day crowds.



Terrace Park Garden Club president, Faye Corey; Councilman John Prues; Fire Chief Pierce Matthews serve the Happy 100th Birthday Cake to residents at the All Village Street Party.

#### Lost and Found

Several items were found after the festivities of the Memorial Day weekend. If you have lost a jacket, ball hat, umbrella or jewelry, please call Sandy at 831-6090. After June 30, items will be placed in a box in the lobby of the Community House and can be claimed there.

#### A Parade To Remember

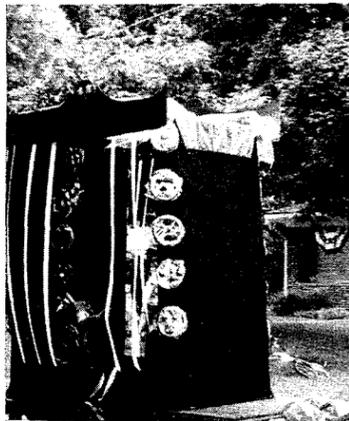
The Memorial Day parade was filled with enough excitement to please every Village resident! Early morning showers had parade-goers and participants a bit concerned, but by 10 am, the start was a sure thing.

Dignitaries recognized in the parade were: Mayor Randy Casteel; Meredith Ann Morrow, the "youngest resident"; Gertrude Adrian (who was unable to attend due to ill health) the "oldest resident"; Caroline Burger, the "longest resident"; and Pierce Matthews, Terrace Park's Fire Chief of 25 years.

A true crowd-pleaser was the appearance of My Thai, the elephant from the Cincinnati Zoo. Her participation was made possible by the efforts of resident, John Diehl, who used his connections and perseverance in dealing with the Zoo. Another favorite in the parade was the Syrian Temple Scots bagpipe unit, followed by the weapons firing of the 1st American Regiment. An array of residents' floats and clowns tucked in between the Mariemont High School Band, led by director Bob McComb, and the Terrace Park Sometimes Marching Band fulfilled the promise that this would be the best Memorial Day parade in 100 years.

Judges for the parade float entries were: Julie Rugh, councilwoman; Dr. Jerry Sasson, Terrace Park Elementary School Principal; Kathy Startzman, *Village Views* editor; and Jeff Willis, from St. Thomas Church. The following organizations or groups earned recognition for their participation:

- \*Girl Scout Troop 445 and 2012  
 "Best Indian Raid"
- \*Girl Scout Troop 198  
 "Most Enthusiastic"
- \*Girl Scout Troop 15 and 28



Third Grade float wins "Most Festive Circus Theme" honors.



The beloved Pam Henley, Music Teacher for the Mariemont District Enrichment Choir.

#### Time Capsule Update

Under the direction of Louise Cottrell, the Centennial Time Capsule will be buried in front of the Community House at the base of the flag pole, on July 1, 1993, at 12:30 pm. All residents are invited to attend to view the placement of the Time Capsule.

A series of paverstones will surround a 12 by 12 inch paver, engraved with a circular design stating "Terrace Park Centennial Time Capsule to be opened 2093". The smaller pavers will complement the new walkway. Addison Maupin will do the landscaping, and Schott Monument will engrave the Time Capsule stone.

#### The Circus In The Sun

CIRCUS INTERNATIONAL was a fabulous day in the sun in celebration of the Terrace Park Centennial. The 1 pm and 4 pm shows on Friday, May 30 were filled to a maximum capacity of 1000 friends, neighbors, and relatives. Hap and Linda Lindell hosted the circus on their property at 1005 Elm Avenue. Encouraging residents to walk or bicycle to the site, many traffic and parking problems were avoided. The sight of families walking along pulling children in little wagons seemed to add to the nostalgic air of the event.

Police Chief Bob Bacon, Fire Chief Pierce Matthews, E.M.S. Chief Marie Wilson, and their respective staff members were well prepared any emergency situation that it possibly have arisen. A very special "thank you" is due

to Julie Smith for organizing the circus site, and to the corps of volunteers who helped in the distribution of circus tickets and to those who collected tickets on May 30. If any resident has not yet paid for additional tickets ordered, they are asked to do so by June 30, to TPCC, P.O. Box 53, Terrace Park, Ohio 45174. Immediate family resident tickets were free; extra adult tickets were \$2 per person and children 18 years or younger were \$1 per person.

#### Need Another?

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A Shawnee Indian stops to pose with Peter Shell.



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**Former Resident Bonnie Jacob  
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The next best thing is to buy her book, *Washington, D.C., The Potomac Region*, and let it inspire

you. Jacob, a seasoned travel writer, has contributed to a number of tour guides, but this is her first full-length book. Published by Windsor Publications of Chatsworth, California, it sells for \$32.95 and is crammed with the kind of photographs that make for good leisure-time perus-

ing.

Ms. Jacob moved to Terrace Park with her parents, Jinny and Franklin, and brothers Tom and Dick, when she was in the sixth grade. She graduated from Terrace Park Elementary, Mariemont High School and American University in Washington, D.C., where she majored in international studies.

She lived and worked in Cincinnati and Boston before returning to Washington, where she's lived the past 18 years. "She loves it," said her father. "It's where the action is."

The Jacobs were so impressed with how informative and colorful Bonnie's book is that they donated copies to the libraries at Terrace Park Elementary, Mariemont High School and Willowville School in Clermont County, where two of their grandchildren are students.

The Jacobs, who are 38-year residents, live on Wrenwood.



Terrace Park School fourth grade students, Ben Foster, left, and Joey Denker, right, look over Bonnie Jacob's new book on Washington, D.C.

**Walk Thru The Old Testament Seminar Teaches, Entertains**

On Saturday, May 22, St. Thomas Church sponsored the "Walk Thru The Bible Old Testament Seminar". According to organizer, Tom Terbrueggen, of Anderson, close to 100 people came together that day for this internationally renowned presentation. "In it, the leader uses interactive learning techniques to help people absorb and remember key characters, the geography, and major themes of the Old Testament," explains Terbrueggen. "So, we created a living map of the Old Testament world, with Hank Phillips to the East as Ur, and Reverend Bob Gerhard to the South as Egypt."

Walk Thru The Bible Seminars are conducted by teachers from a unique education ministry headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, which is the most popular non-broadcast teaching seminar in the world. Planners hope to offer the companion seminar, "Walk Thru The Bible New Testament Seminar", at St. Thomas next fall.

**T.P. Kids Gear Up For Summer Fun**

The annual Summer Fun program is underway at the Terrace Park Elementary School. Sponsored jointly by the Terrace Park Recreation Commission, the PTA, and the Village, Summer Fun provides arts and crafts, games, sports activities, and general fun for any child in the community who has completed Kindergarten through the sixth grade. The program runs Mondays through Fridays, from 1-3 pm, now through July 9.

Jennie Olberding, the program supervisor, has designed an exciting schedule for the children. Among the up-coming events include: Bahama Day (with children wearing tropical clothing and practicing the limbo); the Olympics; Native American Mud Painting; and a Mexican Fiesta. Assisting Jennie is Harry Cappel, supervising in the gym, and Julie Porter and Jody Ader. In addition, there will be some Mariemont High School seniors on hand who have elected Summer Fun as a way to earn their community service hours.

All resident children are welcomed at Summer Fun for any or all of the scheduled activities. Parents are asked to fill out a preregistration form, which includes medical information and emergency numbers; and children sign in when they arrive at the program and sign out upon leaving. For further information, contact Linda Shortridge, the PTA coordinator for Summer Fun, at 248-1242.

**St. Thomas Bazaar Workshops Offer Summer Creativity, Fun**

Craftworkshops for St. Thomas' 42nd Bazaar will be held two or three times a month throughout the summer—on Monday evenings—in the church undercroft. Anyone interested in helping is cordially invited. The workshops run from 7 to 9 p.m., and baby-sitting is provided.

This year's bazaar has a different theme: It's a "Harvest & Home Festival," and will be held on Saturday, October 16th. It will offer both fall decorations and holiday gifts, as well as the traditional luncheon, a place for children to shop, and

roomfuls of collectibles and White Elephants.

Among items the workshops will be making are cornucopias, unique trees, and a variety of angles. Creativity is encouraged, but there are also jobs for those who are "all thumbs" but would enjoy the fellowship and a chance to be of service.

Workshop dates are June 21, July 5 and 19, and August 2, 16 and 30. In September, weekly workshops will be held. If you need more information, call Coordinator Carla Strom at 248-9658.

**Terrace Park Young People Graduate From Mariemont**

Mariemont High School conducted its Commencement exercises on Sunday, June 6, 1993. Listed among those graduating were the following Terrace Park residents: *Jason Ader*, son of Sandy and Tom Ader of Lexington Avenue, who will attend Ashland College; *Tim Annett*, son of Ogle and Ed Annett of Miami Avenue, who will attend Vanderbilt University; and *Summer Armstrong*, daughter of Mary and John Armstrong of Stanton Avenue, who will attend Ball State University on a basketball scholarship.

Also graduating were: *Matthew Bryan*, son of Trish and Rick Bryan of Franklin Avenue, who will attend Colorado State; *Melissa Harth*, daughter of Barbara and Tim Harth of Rugby Avenue, who plans to attend Miami University; and

*Zachery Hutton*, son of Judy and Tony Hutton of Red Bird, who will continue his studies at Ohio University.

Other Terrace Park graduates include: *Jennifer Kipp*, daughter of George and Mary Kipp, Miami Avenue, is off to Roanoke College; *Brian MacMillan*, son of Gregg and Linda MacMillan, of Michigan Drive, who will enter Wittenberg University; *Chris Malotke*, son of Mary and Gerry Malotke, of Rugby Avenue, who will attend Marietta College; *Stephanie Mileham*, daughter of Lynne and Dick Mileham of Elm Avenue, who will continue studies at Ohio University. *Mike Reynolds*, son of Peggy Reynolds, Floral Avenue, plans are uncertain; *Ian Ross*, son of Laurel and Mike Ross of Harvard Avenue, who will attend Tufts University; *Claudia Stockwell*, daughter of James and Dru Stockwell, Miami Avenue; *Brett Tritsch*, son of Bob and Mary Jane Tritsch, Lexington Circle; *Meg Umbarger*, daughter of Mindy and Jay Umbarger of Stanton Avenue, plans to attend the University of Cincinnati; and *Scott Wilson*, son of Connie and Rusty Wilson, Stanton Avenue, who will attend Ashland College.



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