

About the authors...

According to **Heidi Miller**, “ ‘The Dream’ is my favorite poem that I have ever written. I feel that my writing has developed immensely through the guidance of the English Department of the Ohio State University at Marion.”

Alexis Mitchell is a sophomore at Ohio State at Marion, still wondering “why I decided to take three English classes and French in one quarter.” A member of the *Cornfield* staff and Undergraduate Student Government, Alexis credits being a consummate dreamer with helping her write her poetry.

Laura Smith is a part-time student at OSUM, trying to decide if she really is an English major. This is her second appearance in *The Cornfield Review*. She gives “special thanks to the poets from English 666 for all their good advice.”

Karen Stoner knows what it is like to be an OSU student... she began attending in 1977! This licensed pastor, who expects to “actually graduate in the near future,” has a husband and two kids, and enjoys “many creative outlets including writing, Internet communication, movies, travel, and cooking.”

Tara Guenther-Wertz is a senior English major at OSU. When not chanting, “Two more quarters! Two more quarters!” Tara divides her time between working on *Cornfield* and writing articles for a travel magazine.

John M. Bennett holds a Ph.D. in Latin American Literature and was the head of the Luna Bisonte Prods. of Columbus when his work was published in *Cornfield*.

Patricia Sierra published her stories "How Female am I" and "Mothers and Daughters" in the 1978 edition of *Cornfield*. She is formerly of Marion, and is a free-lance writer in the Toledo area. These stories were awarded the first prize in the 1977 OSU Marion Literary Awards Competition.

Hale Chatfield was an associate professor of English and Poet-in-Residence at Hiram College when his work was published in *Cornfield*. He is the founder of *The Hiram Poetry Review*.

Grace Butcher was an Assistant professor of English at the time her work was published.

Scott Cairns had "My Wife Jumps Crazy", 1981, is from Tacoma, Washington, and was a student in the MFA program at Bowling Green State University at the time of publication.

George Looney originally published "Missing" in the Chester H. Jones Foundation's National Poetry Competition Winners in 1983 before being published in *Cornfield*. At the time of publication, he was the poetry editor of *Mid-American Review*, and was completing his MFA in Creative Writing from Bowling Green.

Warren Hall conceived his poem “Stones Dancing” as he walked home one day. At the time the poem was published in the 1989 edition of *Cornfield*, he was living in Shaker Heights and teaching at Lural School.

Marcia Dickson lives, writes, teaches composition, and does the work of scholarship in Marion, Ohio. She acts as an Associate Professor of English at OSU-Marion, where she tells us “No one has as yet caught on to the ruse.”

Sandra Kolankowicz is a short-story writer.

Mary Crowe was a member of the English Department at Colorado State University at the time her poem was published.

Catherine Francis was living, teaching, and writing in Baltimore, Maryland when “The Coffee Cup Song” was published in *Cornfield*.

David Citino is a professor of creative writing and literature at The Ohio State University. An established poet, he is the founding editor of *The Cornfield Review*, and he continues to have his works published.

In our second annual poetry competition, we had a very surprising and unique result. All of the students who placed first through fifth in this year's competition were from English teacher Mrs. Gansheimer's tenth grade class at Marysville High School, with the honorable mention winner coming from Benjamin Logan High School. Our congratulations to all of the winners and our thanks to all who participated.

Katie Hagemen, is now a junior who is extremely anxious to attend a four year college. She juggles trying to find time to search for a school and a major with playing tennis year round and working at a 60's style fountain and pharmacy.

Abbi Fogt, is now a junior at Marysville High School.

John Connelly credits eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Conklin with helping in his early writing efforts. He is a junior and enjoys playing soccer when not writing.

Stephen Fannin, has enjoyed writing poetry from an early age. Now a junior at the high school and planning on going on to college, majoring in Musical Education, Stephen says that his poem stems from childhood memories with his best friend, Larry.

Timothy Baker began writing poetry as an assignment for his English class ("I passed the class!"). Now a junior, Timothy spends his spare time riding four wheelers and playing basketball, baseball, and football.

Shonda Dodds, is currently attending Benjamin Logan High School after going to North Union for 9 years. Writing is a hobby for her and she sits down whenever she gets a thought to write. Though she does enjoy writing, her main passion is for music and singing.

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