“My Life’s Work” by Andrea Switzer

Rob and Noll (l to r): Mike Ford, Rob Simon, Troy Weishaar, Noll Slaybaugh, Jason Fetter

“Let’s hear it for Rob and Noll” is how Rob Simon’s and Noll Slaybaugh’s band got its name. Many years ago at a little gig, they were introduced by a good ‘ole mountain man with a wad of chew in his mouth. His simple statement to the crowd came out “Robbing Noll” and the name stuck, so did the acoustic rock sound inspired by classic bands like AC/DC, The Grateful Dead, and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Noll, an electrician in Facilities Services, has worked at the College for almost 5 years. His band has been together for 15 years. They pride themselves on being singer-songwriters and can draw a crowd without playing cover tunes. You can find them playing at local bars, the York Fair, local benefit gigs, and they really like playing at Hauser Winery. In 2002, they put out an album titled This Side of 55. Robbing Noll started out as just Rob Simon and Noll Slaybaugh, but it has grown to a five-person band made up of Noll, Rob, Mike Ford, Jason Fetter, and Troy Weishaar. Although Noll likes working at the College, he says that his “life’s work” is the band. He enjoys writing his own songs and practicing weekly with the guys, even though he admits that sometimes it’s just about hanging out together. A moment that forever will play in Noll’s mind was when he walked into a local bar and heard one of his songs being played by a DJ. It was a surreal moment for him, making him stop in his tracks. The band just released a six-song CD titled The Carryout Chronicles. They have an upcoming show on Dec 15 with national recording artists Pop Evil and Charm City Devils. Tickets can be obtained from Noll and are available for $10.57. The show will be held at Tubby's Night Club in Duncannon, Pennsylvania.

Getting to Know Yvette Campbell by Cindy Helfrich

Yvette Campbell, Administrative Services Assistant for the Provost’s Office, is in a great position. She gets to give people money. She keeps track of who belongs on what lists — naughty or nice. And, she works with Rhonda Good, Associate Provost for Planning, Facilities and Technology. Yvette joined the Provost’s Office in May 2012 soon after Suzy Miller retired. Although Yvette did not replace Suzy (who could replace Suzy?), she is doing some of the work that Suzy did, as well as other tasks that have been assigned to her as a result of a reorganization in the Provost’s Office.

Like the rest of us, Yvette has followed her own road to Gettysburg. She grew up in New Jersey, where her first professional undertaking was as a founding partner in a business that restored and/or relocated antique timber frame buildings. Her career in academia began in Princeton, at the Institute for Advanced Study, a private independent academic institution that promotes theoretical research and intellectual inquiry. She started in Human Resources, but ultimately found her niche in Visa and Visitor Services.

In 2003, Yvette moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She worked at the University of Baltimore in the Visa/International Office, but because the daily commute was so long she left after one year and took a position at Washington College, a four-year liberal arts college in Chestertown, MD. There, her path wound through the Human Resources Office to the Office of International Programs, where she served as an International Student Advisor.

To our good fortune, Yvette said goodbye to Maryland and moved to East Berlin in May. She deals with change gracefully. Her 20-year-old son is currently out in Colorado exploring the world; she misses having him around and would love to sit across a table from him, sharing conversation and a green smoothie made in her Vitamix blender. For most of her life Yvette was a runner, but while she loved running, as she got older her knees and hips did not. Her primary form of exercise now is yoga, a practice she has maintained for much of her adult life. Yoga and meditation are very important for her as they keep her grounded and feeling good. Let’s hope she stays grounded right here at Gettysburg College.
Judy! Judy! Judy!

by Joyce Sprague

On September 28, Judy Jones retired after almost twenty years of service to the College. What do you say to a friend who is retiring, especially when you don’t want her to leave? Wishing her well is at the top of the list, as is saying all the things you really mean at the time, like, “We will definitely keep in touch.” Sometimes, however, life gets in the way and you don’t see as much of each other as you would like. She spends her time doing things that she wanted to do when she was working— for example, traveling, gardening, spending time with far-flung family members, reading, taking long walks, working New Yorker puzzles, and of course, taking naps and watching the grass grow. What if you had a question, but when you called she had taken off for Nova Scotia or Ireland or Prague (which I think Judy plans to do as soon as she wins the lottery)? The best thing to do might be to ask all your questions before she retires—so that’s what I did. I interviewed Judy, Academic Administrative Assistant extraordinaire, and lest I forget, an honorary member of the Weidensall Gang.

I thought I knew Judy fairly well, but some of her answers surprised me. For example, I knew she began working at the College in 1993 as a receptionist in Admissions before later moving to the Physics Department. I knew she once worked for Environmental Studies and Africana Studies, and also took care of the Pre-Health Professions Committee. I know she calls Washington, DC, home and graduated from The Catholic University of America (CUA) with a major in History and a minor in English. I know she has two wonderful adult children and a wonderful daughter-in-law, and I know she is really looking forward to meeting her first grandchild when he makes his debut into the world in January.

What didn’t I know about Judy? I didn’t know that her father once worked for the State Department and was stationed in Japan. There she and a group of young friends found the entrance to an underground tunnel of an old ruin and decided to explore, not realizing until afterward that if the tunnel had collapsed they could have been buried alive. I didn’t know that when she was in her early twenties, Judy worked for the 18th Finance, U.S. Army for a couple of years in Frankfurt, Germany, then for the U.S. Agency for International Development. As it turned out, the Agency man who hired her was arrested the following day by the FBI. One of Judy’s first assignments was working with accountants to gather evidence against her new boss to send him to prison for embezzlement!

I also didn’t know that if Judy had her life to live over that she would have paid more attention to the world around her, been more mindful of the things she said and did, and slowed down to enjoy the moment. I didn’t know that if Judy could have a super power she would like the power of healing or regeneration. Likewise, I didn’t know that in her next life she would like to be a well-loved, well-pampered cat. So, if someday after Judy has departed this world and a cat with a mysterious grin shows up on your doorstep, please adopt her!!

Heart Walk

by Rebecca Barth

Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of all Americans. The 2012 Adams County Heart and Stroke Walk on Sunday, September 9, gave Gettysburg College support staff the opportunity to join in and help raise a total of $5,969 which will be used to fund research to help prevent and treat heart disease.

Special thanks to all of those who chose to walk the three mile course and support family, friends, and Gettysburg College student, Cory Weissman. It was an amazing and uplifting day (and thank goodness it was not raining)!

Support Staff Participants: (l to r) Sue Holz, Denise Sivey, Carol Coon, Deb Rinehart, Carol Priest, Rebecca Barth.
This summer began with my summer conference crew jumping right into things and getting into shape (physically) as a group. They would come in after their shift and work out together as a team. My sister, Michelle Albert of Payroll Services, and I had been talking about doing a Mud Run for fun, so I put it out to my conference staff as well. I’m always looking for team building exercises that are fun for the staff and this was perfect. I found a Mud Run at Cumberland Farms in Frederick, MD for July 28. A group of us signed up and began training. The team included myself, Michelle Albert, Jon Holz, Brad Harner, Will Kiefer, Toby Good, Taylor Reneker, Maddie White, and Kelsey Grace. It was a hot, humid day and the race was 3.2 miles with 20 obstacles throughout. Knowing that these kids could win the entire race, let alone beat me, I asked if anyone wanted to “just go for it.” The answer was “no, we will all do this together.” The guys went in front for a bit but didn’t lose sight of us, and continued to cheer us on at every obstacle. We went over mounds of hay bales, under a spider web of rope, down a water shoot, swam through a pond, hurdled over barriers, climbed over a tall wooden ladder, and more. In the end, we all finished fairly close to each other. I believe there were approximately 138 participants. It took us, as a group, between 35 to 45 minutes to complete the run, finishing between 32nd and 42nd place. We had our fun moments and some very muddy messy moments, but in the end, we all did it and had a great time. I look forward to future Mud Runs with my staff.

Janet’s Post
by President Riggs

As I write this column, we are in the midst of making a movie right here on campus. The movie 1,000 to 1, will be a full-length film telling a story of personal triumph about Gettysburg College basketball player Cory Weissman, who had a stroke during his first year of college. Against all the odds and with tremendous determination, Cory worked to rehabilitate himself and return to our campus. And in a breathtaking moment last spring, he scored a point on the basketball court. The movie tells a great story of one individual’s courage and determination; it also tells a great story about the Gettysburg College community.

Much of the funding for this film has come from individuals who believe in the power of this story. The College has also made a financial commitment to this project, which we fully expect to recover with revenues generated by the film. Our producers are working toward direct theatrical distribution, but other options for distribution are through film festivals, TV, and DVD sales. We expect the movie to be edited and scored by early February, and then we’ll get a sense of just how big its reach will be.

Although the financial commitment of the College has been relatively small, the commitment by many members of our community has been great. Many have supported Cory over the last few years as he returned to Gettysburg and has worked towards fulfilling his requirements for graduation. That support has been a key element of his recovery.

Many members of our community have also been directly involved in the production of this movie, either as crew members and extras, or through the provision of behind-the-scenes support. Staff in areas across the campus, including conference and event services, facilities, transportation, public safety, campus scheduling, finance, human resources, communications and marketing, athletics, dining—and many others, including those in my own office—have put in long hours on top of their already busy schedules. I very much appreciate the welcome and support our entire community has given to our visiting cast and crew and for the commitment to this endeavor. I know we all look forward to seeing the finished product. Stay tuned.
Your New Support Staff Council

The members of the Support Staff Council for the 2012-2013 academic year are: (first row) Karla Swinn, Amy Donahue, Cathy Bain, Kim Breighner, Linda Miller; (second row) Sue Holz, Brian Herrell, Chad Brodbeck, Jim Baer.

Come check out the new and improved Support Staff lounge in the basement of the Chapel.

The role of each member of the Council is listed below.

Chair: Karla Swinn
Training & Development: Jim Baer & Brian Herrell
Employee Relations: Chad Brodbeck, Amy Donahue, & Linda Miller
Communications: Kim Breighner
Treasurer: Sue Holz
Secretary: Cathy Bain

Two Big Moves Over the Summer

The Anthropology Department has moved to the 3rd floor of Plank Gym. The space was renovated after Telecommunications moved out in June. You can access the Department from the elevator located on the ground floor outside of the GRAB office or from the 2nd floor by the Center for Public Service. The area is made up of five offices, kitchenette and student computer lounge space. Please come visit!

Over the summer, members of ITT along with the Digital Center, moved to the West Building. If you have not visited our new digs yet, come visit us. Just follow the signs once you enter the main door right beside the outside steps to the Attic.
DETERMINATION, EARLY SAVING AND DISCIPLINE AMONG LESSONS
LEARNED FROM SUCCESSFUL RETIREMENT SAVERS

-Two-Thirds of Affluent Americans On Track Or Ahead of Retirement Goal, PNC Survey Finds -

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 5, 2012 – Almost two-thirds (64 percent) of Americans with $100,000 or more in assets say they are on target or ahead of their retirement planning goals while a third (35 percent) say their retirement planning goals have not been adversely affected by the recession, according to survey findings by The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: PNC).

Asked the most important retirement-related decisions they have made in their lives, almost half (47 percent) of the 1,038 respondents pointed to “living within my means” while more than a third (35 percent) say they “started saving from an early or at a young age.” Forty-two percent say saving for retirement is their primary financial goal.

Survey respondents demonstrated financial discipline other than saving, as 46 percent said they have reduced debt, one-third (33 percent) have changed their spending habits, and one-quarter (23 percent) have paid off their mortgage.

According to the “Perspectives of Retirement Survey: Lessons from Successful Savers” survey, nearly three quarters (72 percent) invest as much as they can through their employment retirement account and almost two-thirds (62 percent) regularly save in addition to their employment account.

“Clearly, the lesson is: work and save more now while you are in your prime earning years so that you have the option of not working at all during retirement,” said Stephen Pappaterra, head of wealth planning for PNC. “A pattern of making good decisions, planning and sticking to the plan is a theme repeated throughout the survey.”

The survey, which focuses on Americans between the ages of 35 and 70 with at least $100,000 in total investable assets (representative of nearly 20 percent of U.S. households), also revealed that more than nine in 10 (92 percent) of non-retired households have money in an employer-sponsored retirement plan such as a 401 (k) or 403 (b).

Among retirees 80 percent say “I do not work at all outside the home.” Only one out of 10 (12 percent) continue working including consulting or other flexible work arrangement, and only 6 percent say they wish they had some type of paid employment.

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Other findings in the survey by PNC revealed insights about the following issues:

- **Continue working:** 80 percent of current retirees say they do not work at all outside the home, but nearly three-quarters of future retirees would like to continue working in some fashion after retirement.

- **Top of mind:** More than eight in 10 (83 percent) say they at least somewhat often think about retirement, while only 14 percent say they rarely do.

- **Common goals:** Asked what they most look forward to in retirement, more than half (54 percent) of non-retirees and 58 percent of retirees say “Being able to do what I want to do.” Both groups rate travel as a priority.

- **What recession?** More than two-thirds (69 percent) of retirees say the recession has had little effect on them and only 26 percent say, “I think I will have significantly less money for retirement because of the recession.”

- **Sorry, kids:** The concept of leaving an inheritance is not something most (58 percent) are particularly concerned about. Only three in 10 (30 percent) say leaving an inheritance is very important to them.

- **Optimism abounds:** The top emotions about retirement are positive ones with nearly half of future retirees (47 percent) feeling hopeful about retirement; 34 percent are enthusiastic and only 25 percent are apprehensive.

- **Worries remain:** Despite the optimism, a number of concerns remain in working individuals’ thoughts. Healthcare costs are the top concern for future retirees (42 percent), followed by running out of money (29 percent) and the state of the economy (27 percent). Only 20 percent indicated concern about the stability of Social Security.

An online media kit containing survey highlights, background information and graphics are available on PNC’s website at http://www.pnc.com/pncpresskits.

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**Survey Methodology**

The *Perspectives of Retirement Survey* was commissioned by PNC to identify attitudes and behaviors of successful savers. The study was conducted online within the United States in July 2012 among a nationwide cross section of 1,038 adults age 35 to 70 with over $100,000 in investable assets and at least $25,000 in liquid investable assets. One quarter of the sample had $1 million or more in total investable assets. The study represents approximately 20 percent of American households. Findings are significant at the 95 percent confidence level with a margin of error of +/- 3.0 percent.

The survey was designed by Artemis Strategy Group (www.Artemissg.com), a communications strategy research firm specializing in brand positioning and policy issues.

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