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Happy December, Happy Holidays and welcome to Bullet Points, Gettysburg College's monthly E-newsletter. This is a brief update about what's going on at Gettysburg and with Gettysburgians, in what we hope is an easy-to-read, environmentally friendly format. If you have a suggestion for Bullet Points, please send a message to alumni director Joe Lynch '85 at [jlynch@gettysburg.edu](mailto:jlynch@gettysburg.edu). Thanks for reading, and have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

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**COMMITTED COMMITO:** Environmental Studies professor John Commito earned the title of "Pennsylvania Professor of the Year" from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He was honored for the selection at a dinner in Washington, D. C., in November. Commito founded Gettysburg College's Environmental Studies department shortly after arriving here in 1993, and has been an active force ever since both in the classroom and through his research in the field. For more about Commito and the award, visit [www.gettysburg.edu](http://www.gettysburg.edu).

**COMMITTED STUDENTS:** More than half of Gettysburg's 2,600 students are engaged in public service of some sort every semester. One example is the Colleges Against Cancer chapter at Gettysburg, founded last year. It was named PA's "Rookie of the Year" for its Relay for Life efforts last spring, which raised nearly \$60,000. This year's Relay for Life will be take place in Musselman Stadium on April 4-5, 2008, with the theme of "Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back." The group welcomes donations of prizes/giveaways to serve as incentives for participation, and alumni and parents area also invited to participate in the walk. Contact Jaclyn

Fosso '10 for more info ([fossja01@gettysburg.edu](mailto:fossja01@gettysburg.edu)), or visit [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifePennsylvaniaDivision?pg=entry&fr\\_id=7399](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifePennsylvaniaDivision?pg=entry&fr_id=7399).

**SEEKING NOMINEES:** The Awards Committee of the Alumni Board of Directors will be reviewing nominees next month for 1) Distinguished Alumni; 2) Meritorious Service; and 3) Young Alumni Achievement awards. The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest award given by the Alumni Association and recognizes alumni who have done outstanding work for humanity and/or who have distinguished themselves professionally; the Meritorious Service Award is given for a lifetime of service to Gettysburg College; and the Young Alumni awards are open to alums from the classes of 1993-2007 and are given in the categories of service and career development. If you would like to make a nomination for any of these awards please contact Jean LeGros '73 at [jlegros@gettysburg.edu](mailto:jlegros@gettysburg.edu) or 717-337-6497 by Dec. 10, with the name of the candidate(s) you wish to nominate and a brief rationale. Visit [http://www.gettysburg.edu/alumni/alumni\\_relations/association/awards/index.dot](http://www.gettysburg.edu/alumni/alumni_relations/association/awards/index.dot) for more about the awards and to see past winners.

**ALUMS IN THE NEWS:** RON PAUL '57 continues to garner major media attention as a candidate seeking the Republican presidential nomination. On Nov. 5 Paul raised a record \$4.2 million on-line in *one day*, helping lead to lengthy profiles in the Baltimore Sun, Boston Globe and Philadelphia Inquirer, to name a few... CARSON KRESSLEY '91 will serve as a regular on the new television series "Crowned: The Mother of All Pageants," which debuts on the CW Network at 9 p.m. on Dec. 12 (<http://www.cwtv.com/thecw/crowned>)... The music of composer BRIAN WILBUR GRUNDSTROM '85 ([www.brianwilbur.com](http://www.brianwilbur.com)) was performed at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage

on Nov. 27... PETER BARNES '78 was elected to the New Jersey State Assembly last month, representing the 18<sup>th</sup> District.

**AROUND CAMPUS:** The women's rugby team, a club sport at Gettysburg, won the Eastern Penn Rugby Union to qualify for the national championships, where it fell to Roger Williams College in the final... Another club sport, ice hockey, will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an Alumni Game on Saturday, Feb. 2, in York, PA, and all alumni and parents are welcome to play. Contact Eric Esser '03 ([eesser@gettysburg.edu](mailto:eesser@gettysburg.edu)) for more info...

If you happen to be near campus in the evening over the next few weeks, drive by the beautifully decorated fraternity houses for a holiday treat!... The Alumni Association's Board of Directors has drafted a strategic plan for the Alumni Association and it can be viewed at [http://www.gettysburg.edu/alumni/alumni\\_relations/association](http://www.gettysburg.edu/alumni/alumni_relations/association). Feedback is encouraged ([alumni@gettysburg.edu](mailto:alumni@gettysburg.edu))!

**YEAR-END TIP:** The 2007 year is nearly over, so if you are considering philanthropic gestures, there is no time like the present to make a gift by Dec. 31 to get charitable gift tax credit for the year. To do so with a gift to Gettysburg College, visit [www.gettysburg.edu/onlinegiving](http://www.gettysburg.edu/onlinegiving), where you can get additional information and/or make a secure, on-line gift. Happy holidays!

### **December Alumni/Parent, Campus & Other Events of Interest**

12/4 Women's Basketball vs. Johns Hopkins, Bream Gym on campus, 7 p.m.

12/4 Four Scores Winter Concert, The Junction (CUB 1<sup>st</sup> floor), 8:30 p.m.

12/5 Men's Basketball vs. Johns Hopkins, Bream

Gym on campus, 8 p.m.

12/6 NYC Young Alumni Social, McFadden's, 800 Second Ave. (42<sup>nd</sup> St.), 7-9 p.m.

12/8 DC Club service event at Foggy Bottom Food Pantry, 1920 "G" St., 9 a.m.-12:00

12/9 Philly Club's private tour of Renoir exhibit at Art Museum & Brunch, 8:30 a.m.

12/13 December Graduate Ceremony, Paul Recital Hall in Schmucker, 5 p.m.

12/29-30 Men's Basketball at Cal Lutheran Tournament, Thousand Oaks, CA

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*For more information on any event, contact the alumni office at 717-337-6518 or [alumni@gettysburg.edu](mailto:alumni@gettysburg.edu). Most events require an RSVP so that we can plan accurately.*

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