

Connections

WHY I GIVE

PHIL WARGO '62 is committed to supporting the Gettysburg Fund

"Gettysburg contributed significantly to my life," said Wargo, who returns the favor by contributing faithfully to the Gettysburg Fund. "Coming from the coal country of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, I probably would have gone to a state teachers college or into the service," he said. "The College supported me with a football and track scholarship, and I'm happy to pay back by paying forward, through the Gettysburg Fund."

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When Gettysburg Assistant Coach Howard Shoemaker '46 visited Coal Township High in Shamokin, Wargo's high school coach suggested that Shoemaker take a look at a couple of his players. They "took a chance on me," Wargo said modestly. The College provided scholarships to cover the lion's share of his expenses, then helped him find work on campus to cover his room and board.

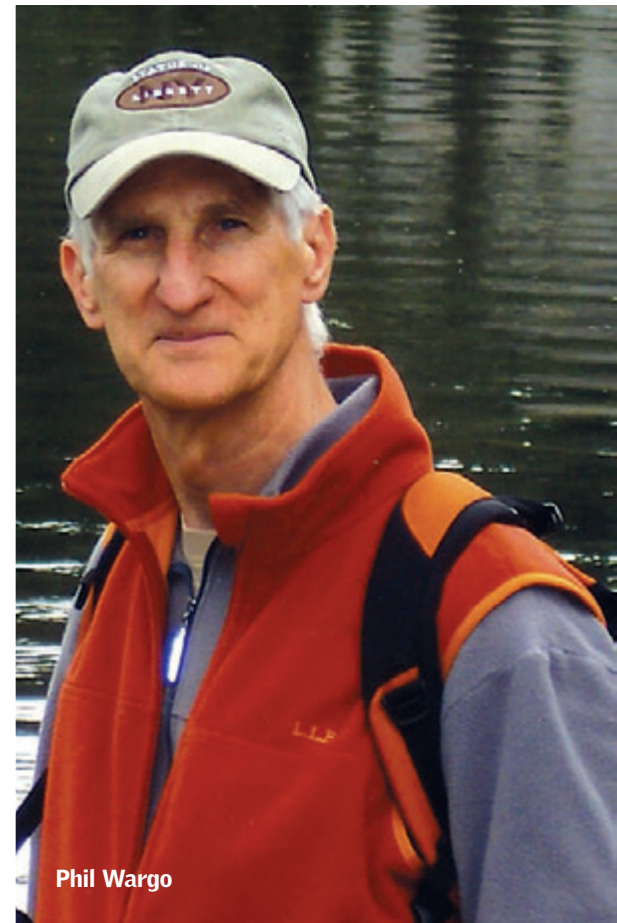
Today, Wargo makes unrestricted gifts to the Gettysburg Fund because "all of the areas — scholarships, academic resources, faculty, etc. — are in need. Personally, I think it's important for the College to be able to decide on where the money is needed most," he said. Wargo also gives gen-

erously to the Orange & Blue Club to support the athletic programs that supported him.

"I don't view my contributions as obligations, but as opportunities to give back to the College," Wargo said. "Some alumni might not think they were supported by donors when they were at Gettysburg, but they were. Part of being at Gettysburg is understanding that we were all supported in one way or another, and it is important for alumni to provide for the future Gettysburg graduates."

"Meeting good friends" was near the top of Wargo's list for how the College was important to him. Perhaps that's an understatement, as he met also his wife, Jane (Fillmore) '63 at Gettysburg. The couple remains close to a group of SAE friends who stage their own "Big Chill Reunion" every two years. They just celebrated their 12th "Big Chill" in Wyoming's Grand Tetons. The group includes Jay '62 and Charlotte (Baker) '62 Johnson, Joel '63 and Barb (Brattig) '64 Trexler, Gerry '62 and Erin Farrow, Irv '62 and Dottie Lindley, and Rocky '62 and Sue Burnett.

Returning to the campus remains



Phil Wargo

special for the Wargos, who return every four years for their respective reunions. "My years at Gettysburg were four of the best of my life," Wargo said.

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A note of thanks

"I WANTED TO SHARE this story with you," Darcy Daniels '97 wrote. "Recently, my husband, Michael Wooden '98, and I had a bit of a family tragedy. Our daughter, Wendy, age 3, was diagnosed with e-coli, which turned into a deadly condition called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome, or HUS. She was hospitalized for over 10 weeks in Massachusetts General Hospital. During that time she suffered kidney failure and was put on dialysis, pancreatic failure, and seizures, and a quarter of her colon was removed. She was on a breathing machine and was largely unconscious.

"Getting little sleep and physically and emotionally exhausted, we put out a call for help. Hutch Hutchinson '98 did the coordination and a round of alumni came to help us. Ten years after graduation, they supported us in our most trying circumstances. I am grateful to them and to the institution where I met them — Paul Hutchinson '98, Colleen Gormley '99, Brian McGrath '96, Mark Gorman '98, Sarah (Paul) Dutton '97, Bill Gohl '96, Dan Jewett '99, Julie Wilmer '99, and Lucas Kimball '98.

"Numerous others sent cards and gifts and even offered to mow the lawn or feed our cats. We couldn't believe the outpouring of support.

"My daughter is still feeling the ramifications of HUS. Her pancreas was so damaged that she needs insulin shots five times a day. Her kidneys are working at 30 percent, and she will need a kidney transplant in the next 10 years. But the doctors told us that they had never seen a child so sick with HUS who had survived. Each day we look at her as a miracle."

Daniels can be reached at darcydaniels@hotmail.com.

In memory of Andy Muns '65

AT HOMECOMING WEEKEND members of Phi Delta Theta assembled at their fraternity house to honor the memory of Andy Muns '65. As part of the ceremony, members of the classes from 1962 to 1968 presented Muns' family members with more than \$10,000 for the Andy Muns '65 Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 2001.



Andy Muns '65

Following graduation from Gettysburg, Muns served in the U.S. Navy and was the paymaster officer on the USS Cacapon, a naval fueling vessel. On January 17, 1968, Muns was declared missing from Subic Bay Naval Station in the Philippines. Although the captain suspected foul play, the investigation quickly stalled with no body and no physical evidence. Eventually, Muns was declared a deserter, suspected of taking \$8,600 from his disbursing safe.

That would have been the end, if not for efforts from his family — especially his sister, Mary Lou Taylor — who never believed that Muns was a deserter. By 1998 Taylor had amassed sufficient "substantial new evidence" that convinced the Navy to open an investigation. In

2000 a shipmate, Michael LeBrun, confessed to killing Muns. Muns had interrupted LeBrun stealing money from the safe; LeBrun killed him and disposed of his body in a ship's fuel tank. Not until 2006, however, did LeBrun begin to serve a sentence for the murder.

In light of LeBrun's confession, the Navy held a full military honors funeral for Muns at Arlington National Cemetery in 2001. That same year, the family established a scholarship in his name at Gettysburg College from proceeds of both Muns' Navy life insurance and a private insurance policy.

"My brother Andy loved Gettysburg College," Taylor said. "He was very active there, tutoring underprivileged children, as chaplain of the Phi Deltas, etc. He loved the campus, and the college experience in general. I know he would be gratified to know that other students are being assisted in getting a quality education in his honor."

To learn more about Muns' story, see www.arlingtoncemetery.net/alums.htm. To contribute to the Muns Scholarship, contact Fred Brown, major gift officer, at 717-337-6515 or fbrown@gettysburg.edu.

Silent Leader Award takes on Utterback name

AT ITS SEPTEMBER MEETING, the Alumni Association's Board of Directors renamed its Silent Leader Award as the Phyllis Hicks Utterback Silent Leader Award, in honor of Phyllis (Hicks) Utterback '58 who passed away suddenly on July 16, 2007.

The award, established by the board in 2001, is presented "to a board member for her/his dedication, enthusiasm, and efforts to stimulate and vitalize interest of Gettysburg College." The last recipient was Phyllis Utterback herself. She is remembered for her strong, reasoned participation in all board discussions. She chaired the nominating committee and served on the administration and awards committee for many years, bringing many new directors to the board and recognizing alumni of all classes for their professional achievements and volunteer contributions to their alma mater. Beyond board service, Phyllis was active with the Baltimore Alumni Club, her class reunion committee, and the Commission on the Future.

More information about the Board of Directors can be found on the alumni pages on the College website, www.gettysburg.edu.

Award nominees sought

THE AWARDS COMMITTEE of your Alumni Board meets in early February to review nominees and select winners for a variety of alumni awards.

To nominate someone for the following awards, please submit a note and/or corresponding materials no later than **Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2008**, to: Alumni Office, Attn: Award Nominations, Box 417, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA 17325. You may also email jlegros@gettysburg.edu.

• **Distinguished Alumni Awards:** The highest award given by the Alumni Association. Presented each year during Commencement Weekend to alumni who have done outstanding work for humanity or who have distinguished themselves professionally.

• **Meritorious Service Awards:** Given for notable and meritorious service rendered to the College over many years.

• **Young Alumni Career Development:** Given for professional achievement and growth. Alumni who have attended Gettysburg within the past 15 years are considered.

• **Young Alumni Service:** Given for service to the College and in the community. Alumni who have attended Gettysburg within the past 15 years are considered.

Alumni Board nominations sought

THE TERMS OF several members of the Alumni Board of Directors end this spring, and new nominees are being sought. If you know an alumnus/a with a strong connection to Gettysburg College who would provide leadership and representation for alumni, please contact **Jean LeGros '73**, assistant vice president for alumni & parent relations, at jlegros@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6497.



Thinking Strategically

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S Board of Directors recently endorsed a draft of the strategic plan for the Association, *Creating a Culture of Connection and Support for Gettysburg College: For and From Alumni*.

Five strategic priorities are identified:

- Recognize students as future alumni, and nurture excitement about a lifetime of engagement with Gettysburg College.
- Create and enhance opportunities for alumni engagement in support of Gettysburg College, and promote the benefits of the reciprocal relationship between alumni and Gettysburg College.
- Develop a robust, electronically connected community where alumni can communicate with each other and with the Gettysburg College community.
- Support and expand career networking programs for and with alumni, students, and all members of the Gettysburg College community.
- Develop a vibrant, diverse and far-reaching network of affinity groups that enable Gettysburg College alumni of all ages to connect with one another and with the College on common interests and experiences.

The Board of Directors seeks comments, thoughts, and suggestions as it thinks strategically about the Association's future. You can find a complete copy of the plan on www.gettysburg.edu/alumni. The Board plans to adopt the final version in May.



Karen (Chronister) Leader '73 P'05, in recognition of family members who played Gettysburg College soccer — Carl F. Chronister '35, George M. Leader II '39, and George Michael Leader IV '05 — made a gift to provide flagpoles, a garden, and other enhancements to Clark Field. Pictured here at a Homecoming dedication are Karen, members of her family, and David Wright, director of athletics.

Doggie treats galore

THANKS TO THE generosity of the parents of **Chris Cahill '11**, some dogs have been enjoying a real treat.



When Cahills' parents learned of Dog Days — an orientation event, where employees are invited to bring their dogs to campus to greet first-year students — they called Kathy Bradley, executive director of health and counseling services to applaud the program. Cahill's father is the president of Pedigree Foods, a division of Mars Inc. His company then sent two huge cartons of treats for the dogs that participated in Dog Days. "I've been distributing them since to a very tickled group of dog owners," said Bradley.

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New directors

FOUR NEW DIRECTORS were elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors: Art Aikin '54, Jennifer (Fisher) Bryant '82, Angela (Gravino) Estes '64, and Jud Trapnell '02.

The board is the main governing body of the Gettysburg College Alumni Association. The board provides overarching guidance and direction to the Alumni Association, promotes the College's values, and coordinates a variety of initiatives that benefit alumni and the College as a whole.

Skating away

THE GETTYSBURG COLLEGE Ice Hockey Club team celebrates its 15th anniversary with an alumni game and reception on Saturday, Feb. 2, in York, Pa. Alumni will play at 6:30 p.m., followed by the club team's game at 8:00.

If you're interested contact the club team's coach, Eric Esser '03, at eesser@gettysburg.edu or 717-813-4218. All alumni who would like to play in the game — whether they were on the club team or not — are welcome.

Sunshine tour

PRESIDENT KATHERINE HALEY WILL is planning a "tour" of Florida in February for a series of events designed to bring alumni, parents, and friends together. As of press time, events are scheduled for the Ft. Lauderdale, Naples, and Tampa/St. Petersburg areas on Feb. 18, 19, and 20, respectively.

Last winter Jack '51 and Sally Rogers hosted such an event with President Will in Vero Beach.

If you spend winters in Florida but are uncertain we have your seasonal address, please contact the alumni office (alumni@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6518) to ensure that you receive an invitation for the event in your area.

Get connected

GETTYSBURG HAS LAUNCHED "myGettysburg," a new online community for alumni. You can sign up for a free account at www.gettysburg.edu.

Benefits include an online alumni directory with a plethora of search capabilities, lifetime email forwarding with an "alumni.gettysburg.edu" address, and the ability to personalize your web experience and get the Gettysburg info of most interest to you.

Sign up today!

New York City soars

THE ALUMNI BOARD of Directors presented the New York City Alumni Club with the S.O.A.R. (Special Outstanding Achievement Recognition) Award, in part for its innovative use of email to connect alumni. The club's email "blasts" go to more than 400 alumni who have "opted in," and connect Gettysburgians through information about jobs, apartment openings, upcoming events, and resume postings. The active club also plans monthly networking gatherings, as well as community service, educational, and cultural events.

New club co-chairs Sarah Flood '06 and Rich Gallagher '04 recently took over the reins from Kristin O'Hara '02, who led the club for nearly three years.

Top fundraiser

RON PAUL '57, who is running for president, may not win the Republican party nomination, but he is on track to capture another big title: top Republican fundraiser for the final quarter of the money-obsessed 2008 presidential primary. In the first two months of the quarter that began Oct. 1, Paul raised more than \$9.75 million, putting him within range to best the amount rival Mitt Romney received from donors during the entire third quarter. The Texas congressman has set a goal of raising \$12 million before the fourth quarter's Dec. 31 deadline, a sum New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani couldn't achieve in the third quarter when fundraising events still dominated his schedule.



Royal treatment. The Baltimore Alumni Club held its annual outing to an Orioles game on Sept. 9 against the Boston Red Sox. The event drew a sell-out crowd of 135 alumni, parents, and friends from up and down the East Coast for a pre-game lunch on a private concourse and 2-1 win for the eventual World Series champion Red Sox. Here, the O's mascot stops by the luncheon to greet (left to right) Jerry and Lynn (Leibfried) Royals and Margaret Curtis, all from the Class of '52.



Richmond rendezvous. More than 50 alumni, parents, and friends got together for a pre-game tailgate organized by the Richmond Alumni Club prior to the Gettysburg at Hampden-Sydney football game in Farmville, Va. Participants included Holly (Achenbach) Yohe '62 (left), Bill Groves '75, and Kathy (Cox) Groves '76.



Class of 2029? Stephen and Jessica (Hawkins) Clancy '01 attended the First-Year Send-Off at the West Hartford, Conn. The Clancy clan includes Sullivan, who was born four months earlier, and could be in Gettysburg's Class of 2029!