From the president

Alumni returning to campus often comment on how things have changed since their graduation. Gettysburg’s academic programs now include Middle East and Islamic Studies, Chinese Studies, neuroscience, and public policy. We operate the Sunderland Conservatory of Music and the Eisenhower Institute with locations in Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. Newer facilities, such as the Science Center and the Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation, and Fitness, support our students’ academic and cocurricular experience. Although our alumni are proud that our campus and programs are evolving to meet the needs of today’s students, I sometimes hear a wistful tone in their comments: Is this still the Gettysburg College I once knew?

I’m proud and pleased to say that although our facilities and programs have changed, our core mission remains the same. We are a liberal arts college, focused on preparing students for successful careers and effective citizenship. Even with a student body that has increased to nearly 2,600, a Gettysburg education is still very much about relationships. Our students make lifelong friends here. Our faculty teach small classes and know their students personally. And our staff join faculty in providing both academic and personal mentoring. This is why, when asked what makes Gettysburg such a special place, my response is always, “it’s the people.”

In May, Anthony Palmer ‘13 dedicated his Commencement speech to these people. The first person Anthony recognized was one of the first he met: Director of Dining Services Gary Beutigam, who gave Palmer’s family a personalized “Servo” tour during their campus visit. Anthony went on to acknowledge others who—often behind the scenes—contributed to his Gettysburg experience:

“We’ll remember Sue, who swept our cards and greeted us for virtually every meal of our college career…. Linda, also known as ‘Omelet Lady,’ whose warm smile and great cooking made us excited to go to breakfast every morning… [and] our faculty members, who saw our true potential, went out of their way to mentor us, and showed us that it’s really possible to love your work.”

Anthony reminded his classmates, “Gettysburg is about the human experience.” It’s about a community of people committed to the College, who “treat their work like art”—and without whom our campus would be a set of empty buildings, “a quiet room full of desks.” At Gettysburg, Anthony concluded, “It’s the life that fills our buildings, the knowledge, passion, and care that animate our classrooms—and the people who fill our photos that make this day a celebration.”

At Gettysburg College, it’s still about the people.

Sincerely,

Janet Morgan Riggs ’77
President

Who made your Gettysburg experience memorable? Write alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu

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During a visit to California, President Riggs presented the Alumni Association’s highest honor, the Disting-
ished Alumni Award to
Henry “Hank” Weda ‘49.
Three alumni received their
awards at Spring Honors Day:
Allison A. Campbell ’85,
Michael A. Chagares ’84,
and Jeffrey C. Oak ’81.
Biographies of the honorees
can be found online.
When I went to college and had to pick a major, I vacillated between biology and mathematics, which were, respectively, my favorite and best subjects. I ended up choosing biology because of a deep belief that I would never get over my love of biology, and that has proven to be true. The great things about academic jobs are that you are always learning and sharing what you've learned with students, and you have the flexibility to explore new fields of inquiry. This is why my research is shifting to studying the interactions between bacteriophages (viruses that infect bacteria) and their bacterial hosts. How did that happen?

The most substantial change in science teaching I have seen in the last decade is this shift to incorporate authentic research experiences early in the science curriculum. In biology, that movement has been greatly aided by the genomics revolution. It is now possible to isolate DNA and sequence complete genomes for things as small as viruses and for things as large as elephants in a matter of days.

At Gettysburg College, we are finding novel bacteriophages and analyzing their genomes as part of Howard Hughes Medical Institute’s Science Education Alliance-PHAGES program. This has opened up a completely new field of inquiry for me and for first-year students in Bio 113/114. These students are involved in generating and analyzing genomics data. Making sense of those data is where the hard work starts. Students are contributing to foundational knowledge in genomics that they can pursue for their four years at Gettysburg College. How cool is that?
OUR NATIONAL COMPASSION

Working with refugees is my life’s work. I was in my early 30s in an unfulfilling career as a lawyer when I had the opportunity to spend a year in the Philippines, doing pro bono work with Vietnamese refugees. After almost ten years working with nongovernmental organizations, I joined the federal agency that oversees immigration to the U.S. As a Refugee Officer at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, I see the impact of our national policies, every day.

In U.S. and international law, the word “refugee” has a very specific meaning: people who have fled their country of origin due to past or fear of future harm related to their person, race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. Those who flee an environmental disaster or even the generalized violence of a civil war are not usually eligible for protection as refugees.

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There are an estimated 12 million refugees in the world and tens of millions more who are internally displaced within their own countries. Some will ultimately return to their home countries, some will stay in the country of first asylum, and fewer than one percent will be resettled to a third country. The U.S. provides protection to refugees through two avenues: the refugee resettlement program for refugees overseas and the asylum program, for those who apply once they arrive in the U.S.

The U.S. overseas program resettles more refugees than the rest of the world’s nations combined, but still only admits approximately 60,000-75,000 people annually. The number to be admitted is determined each year by the President and Congress. The asylum program does not have a numerical cap on how many people can be approved in any given year, but the numbers are far lower than the refugee resettlement program. Typically about 20,000-30,000 applicants are approved each year. Each applicant meets with one of us—an Asylum Officer or an Immigration Judge—a trained adjudicator who listens to each story and must determine whether that person will find protection in the U.S.

If you are reading this, Congress may have passed comprehensive immigration reform, which is likely to include an avenue for the millions of unauthorized migrants in the U.S. to regularize their status, as well as significant changes to guest worker programs. Both status, as well as significant changes in the U.S. to regularize their millions of unauthorized migrants

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After graduation and before returning to Nepal, Shrestha worked for Boston’s Artista for I-Humanity project. “I worked with high school students, helped them with painting, and also mentored them with life skills and college readiness,” she said. “My experience as a resident assistant at Gettysburg, my Projects for Peace experience, and my study abroad helped me be very good at my job.”

In 2009, Shrestha and Jackie Powell ’09 received a grant from the Kathryn W. Davis Projects for Peace for a library at the Pancha Kanya School in Kathmandu. Shrestha helps support the library through her T-shirt business, MoMeNation.

Her painting uses words and alphabets to create art. “Two years ago, I was introduced to graffiti,” she said. “I looked at it through my own cultural lens and came up with a graffiti style in Nepali, my own native alphabet.” Her art will influence the workshops in the museum.

Now that I am back in Nepal, I think that I’ve come full circle. In 2006, I left my country and my home for the first time, and in 2013, I am back, ready to make some more difference and positive change, and give back,” she said. “Gettysburg helped me do great work because what I am able to achieve now is after gathering so many stepping-stone experiences that changed my life.”

Sneha Shrestha ’10
Why I Give

Fred Reimer ’07

Although he is still in the early stages of his career, Fred Reimer ’07 sees it as a challenge to personally make a difference at Gettysburg College. He is strongly involved with the Class of 2007, serves on the Phi Delta Theta Chapter Advisory Board, and recently accepted a position on the BOLD (Burgians of the Last Decade) Council. He gives annually as a way of staying connected to the school and setting an example for future graduates. Reimer is committed to inspiring other recent alumni to recognize the connection between their experiences at Gettysburg and their careers and to give back, financially.

For Reimer, giving to Gettysburg extends beyond his financial contributions and involvement on the BOLD council. Along with Jim Myers ’12, he recently launched a website, PathTale.com, which seeks to connect students with professionals willing to share some of their career experiences through a live video stream. Registered users can tune into chats and ask questions, which enables students to personally interact with professionals without them physically coming to campus.

“Our vision is to encourage collaboration between students and professionals to optimize students’ career discovery,” said Reimer. “I would like to increase the number of alumni who can acknowledge that their Gettysburg education got them their job—either directly or indirectly.”

Reimer—who was an economics major and math minor—discovered through a series of internships that his dream was not to work on Wall Street, as he had originally hoped, but instead to work with energy and commodities. He is now employed as the Global Product Manager for Commodities, and cannot stress enough the benefit of a Gettysburg College education. Not only was he able to connect skills learned in his academic work—such as problem solving, communication, and analytical thinking—to his professional career, but he also used connections from his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, to land his first job.

“I hope to encourage other alumni to stay as involved as possible,” said Reimer. “We need to set a good precedent so that current students will one day do the same.”

— by Liz Williams ’13

Snapshots

Hall of Athletic Honor

Those to be honored on Sept. 27 are: Andrew Barter ’00—men’s lacrosse, Tracy Blasius ’95—women’s soccer, Joe Donolli—head coach/trainer, Colleen Dunn ’96—women’s lacrosse, Steph Fisher ’90—field hockey, Nate Grim ’98—men’s track and field, Dick Simpson ’99—men’s lacrosse, Kelly Brennan ’00—women’s swimming, Cassandra Pickens Jewell ’04—men’s baseball, and Joseph R. Bennett ’63 and Neil O. Bryant ’82—Mentorship Service.

TEDxGettysburgCollege

Five thoughtful talks explore what it would mean to lead differently, learn differently, and live differently. Watch Neil Bryant ’92, Jan Isherwood ’90, Darryl Jones, Jackie Powell ’09, and Jen Cronenberger in “Going Against the Grain,” the College’s second TEDx event, online.

Topping off spring

Women’s golf won its fourth Centennial Conference crown and women’s lacrosse claimed its eighth title. Men’s baseball’s thirty victories set a new school record for wins in a single season. In 2012–13 the College turned in its best year of conference competition in a decade, claiming five conference championships overall. Catch the year’s top moments online.

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Education of a lifetime

In search of a valuable degree? Look no further than a Gettysburg College education! AffordableCollegesOnline (AC Online), a resource for college affordability and financial aid information, recently ranked Gettysburg College as a top college in Pennsylvania for a graduate’s lifetime return on investment (ROI).

What’s in a flag?

“The myth that separates courage in battle from the cause of racial slavery simply gets perpetuated by continuing to fly the Confederate flag at America’s battlefields,” wrote Prof. Scott Hancock in the Huffington Post. Read the op-ed online.

Reunion Weekend

It was hazy, hot, and humid in Gettysburg, but a good time was had by all—photos are online. Alumni Association Awards for Mentorship Service went to Brent A. R. Hege ’98 and Joseph R. Tucker ’03. Kelly Keegan Blavatt ’03 and Cassandra Pickens Jewell ’04 received the Achievement Awards for Service.
Lessons in leadership

O n the soccer field, a team captain is usually one of the most experienced players, a senior most likely, wearing a yellow armband for easy identification. But with some guidance from the College’s Garthwait Leadership Center (GLC), the Bullets women’s soccer team has tried to break from the norm and develop a whole team of leaders.

“The players hear the coaches’ voices so often that we didn’t want them to feel like we were trying to manipulate a way just to win soccer games,” said Head Coach Matt Garrett. “We felt we had a real opportunity with the Garthwait Leadership Center.”

Over the course of the last academic year, the members of the women’s soccer team engaged in a number of activities arranged by Andy Hughes, director of the GLC, and his staff of leadership mentors. The student-athletes took a look at their individual core values and strengths and how those values and strengths related to the team as a whole. It was a key learning experience for young women in the midst of discovering their potential on and off the field.

“At first, no one knew how important these meetings would be,” said Tobi Goss ’14. “As we progressed, we began to understand there doesn’t have to be one sole leader. We might have people named captains, but I think that everyone will be a leader in their own individual way.”

With the typical leadership arrangement on the field in past seasons, the Bullets have come up just short of a conference title and national playoff bid. Garrett hopes the recent leadership activities will be just what his team needs to get over the edge.

“If you can have eleven leaders on the field, it will make a drastic difference for the team,” said Garrett. “That may be the difference for us going from second in our conference to winning the conference and going to the national tournament this year. That’s what we’re really looking to do.”

— by Corey Jewart

Ask an archivist

Why is a Samurai in the library?
The suit of armor displayed on the first floor of Musselman Library was a gift of Major General Charles A. Willoughby, Class of 1914. He acquired it while serving as chief of intelligence for General Douglas MacArthur from 1940–51. Affectionately known by some on campus as “the Samurai dude,” the armor comprises multiple pieces, including a helmet adorned by a rabbit, symbolizing immortality in Japanese folklore.

In Japan, the 16th century was a period of warring states with several hundred powerful local rulers, or daimyo, vying for power and territory. Such an elaborate suit of armor would have belonged to an elite samurai—either a daimyo or one of his valued generals. The osanaokori crest on this armor indicates that he would have had ties to the imperial family, the Ashikaga, the Oda, and/or the Toyotomi—notable movers and shakers of that time.

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Glass added, “I still think it is the only classroom I have ever seen where one can use the chalkboard, computer projector, and overhead projector all at the same time.”

Brian Lemak ’10 asked about the building’s “secret staircase” before the conversation switched to a particular poster in Room 212. Steve Huth ’12, Jenny Donoghue ’13, and Andrew Maturo ’11 all recalled the puzzling image. “I swear that poster was lying to us. We took it off the wall one day to study it and could still only find two figures with symmetry,” said Donoghue.

Construction on Glatfelter Hall began in June and renovation will take a year to complete. The project will protect the foundation and building exterior from water intrusion; update the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; and renovate classroom and office spaces.

It was Glass again who tweeted this fun fact during Commencement: “This is the seventh consecutive year that either the valedictorian or salutatorian @gettysburg has been a math major!”

Glatfelter’s speaker David Geigen was quoted in a special commencement feature in The New York Times, causing Paul DiSalvo ’13 to quip, “Glad to see G-burg haled alongside the Ivies.” Members of the Class of 2013 and others can relive the memories of the day via Storify: #gburg2013.

The Gettysburg version of the popular ‘keep calm’ meme received 306 likes and seventy shares. You can print your own copy from the magazine’s links page.

Estimates are guestimates when an event involves a national park, town, and two college campuses, but there were big crowds and many conversations surrounding the ten-day commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg (see page 26). All of the College’s social media accounts were buzzing:

After he had been in town for the festivities, Mike Piper ’57 posted on Facebook: “I just made it back from the 150th anniversary and arrived safely early this morning to Richmond, VA. My ancestors were in the 3rd Virginia (Pickett’s unit). Many people from all over the world [were] there. Very surreal being there and Gettysburg did a great job in welcoming us visitors.”

A post from Claudia Dowman ’64 revealed two personal connections. “My great grandfather, Frederick Roeder, was in the 40th NY Mozart Regiment during the battle. Wish I could have been at the 150th anniversary celebration. I was at G-burg for the 100th.”

The College’s Facebook page earned 246 new followers, 87,000 unique visitors, and reached nearly 60,000 people outside of the College network.

As part of the national conversation, the high-water mark for the College was the more than 100 sesquicentennial-related media hits in June and July—in the most influential media outlets, including The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, USA Today, Associated Press, NIRP, and The Philadelphia Inquirer. Prof. Allen Guelzo and Prof. Peter Carmichael led the charge, joined by Prof. Scott Hancock and alumni John Rudy ’07, Brian Jordan ’09, and William Frassanito ’08.

To add your voice to Conversations, visit the College’s website, Facebook page, follow the College on Twitter or LinkedIn, or send a letter to alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu
Marathon impressions

Ask anyone what makes Gettysburg College special and their response is usually, "it's the people." We are a close-knit community, which grows even closer when times get tough.

It has been a year of enormous consequences: Superstorm Sandy, the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, and the Boston Marathon bombings. Stories from these and other tragedies spread across the College grapevine, demonstrating that a small place can have enormous reach.

When two blasts turned the finish line of the Boston Marathon from a place of triumph to a scene of unfathomable horror, the attack hit home for many Gettysburgians. Phone calls and texts between family and friends brought reassurance as well as stories of close calls and coincidences.

Here are the voices of four Gettysburgians.
Two angels kept my pace closer to an 11-minute mile than a 10-minute mile.

Amy Shields Mack ’96

from Wynnewood, PA, ran in memory of her mother, Patty Shields, and Jonathan Smyth, her “In Memory” partner from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Marathon Challenge team. Mack and her sister, Regan, visited the finish line the night before the race.

“We strolled to the incomparable and awe-inspiring finish line on Boylston Street to take some marathon-­even­e­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…
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Weyant struggled, trying to make some sense of the horrific events. “I thought about it all night and was totally struck before I went to bed. I even considered skipping the issue altogether. When I woke the next morning, I just thought about the survivors, the city, and how we’re all in this together. It’s from that place I wrote the cartoon.”

On using a young girl and an adult in the cartoon, Weyant said, “The child is our voice of innocence and the adult is our voice of maturity and rationality. They’re really two sides of ourselves, trying to comprehend this tragedy. I also think it helps the reader feel the connection between the parent and child, and therefore, connect emotionally to what they’re saying on a deeper level. And the girl in the cartoon is my eldest daughter, Kate. I can always score a few extra hugs from her or her sister, Lily, if I put them in a cartoon. Makes the old man a little cool.”

Weyant’s wife Anna immediately posted it on her Facebook page and friends began sharing it. The cartoon received tens of thousands of shares, comments and likes. Diane Sawyer aired it on ABC World News, as did other networks and news outlets.

When it appeared on Gettysburg College’s Facebook page, comments ranged from “Wow” to “Yeah, Chris!” to “I had this as my profile picture and didn’t realize it was from a G-burg alum! Even better!”

Weyant said he has received wonderful feedback. “When I took my daughter to school the next day, I was approached by so many grandparents who were so moved and thanked me for creating it. I often meet people who say, ‘You did that cartoon! I made that my Facebook page!’ It feels like everyone I talk to has seen it, which is a very surreal feeling.”

“The most surprising feedback has been from the comments section of The New Yorker website, Facebook, Pinterest, [and other comment boards]. I was truly touched by how much this cartoon meant to people in the days following the tragedy. I’m fascinated by how social media played a very different role with this tragedy. In the aftermath of the bombing, we all had a powerful need to connect to each other as we processed the horrible events. More than just sharing information, this time people used social media to show concern, strength, and support for a single event. Sometimes, it was a powerful photograph, and sometimes, it was a cartoon.”

“It was like there was one conversation going on and we were all a part of it. I feel very lucky and honored to have experienced that.”

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Chris Weyant ’89 was at home in New Jersey. It was his job to create the “Daily Cartoon” for The New Yorker website throughout April. In the magazine’s “Cartoon Bureau” blog, he wrote, “Drawing a New Yorker cartoon based on each day’s events is a thrilling challenge. You have no idea what the world’s going to throw at you, but you hope you’re ready to handle it. I was up for anything: resigning Popes, broken government, sequesters, North Korean dictators, the Cypriot banking collapse, Supreme Court hearings on same-sex marriage, even the NRA. I only hoped a national tragedy wouldn’t happen on my watch.”

“And then it did.”

Recalling the day, Weyant said, “Before the bombing occurred, it was just another April 15th—aka Tax Day. I had just finished submitting my cartoon about income taxes for The New Yorker when the news broke. Sadly, because we have so many tragedies that involve a person with access to an arsenal of weapons, I assumed at first that it wasn’t terrorism. As the story developed, I realized this was going in a different direction entirely.”

Rick Waechter ’79 is a president and CEO of Boston Magazine. From the large windows of a second-floor office, he and other partygoers watched Marathon winner Lelisa Desisa cross the finish line after running 2 hours, 10 minutes, and 22 seconds. Waechter left the party to walk to his office, less than a mile away, in time for a 3 p.m. appointment. As he walked, he sent a text.

“At 2:39 p.m. I sent a message to a runner friend of mine who had skipped the race this year. ‘It was such a nice day. I treasured, ‘one you wish you ran the marathon today—perfect day!’ Photos released by the FBI of the bombers in the same area were time-stamped 2:37 p.m.”

“My path was down Boylston Street, right on Fairfield, left on Commonwealth, left on Massachusetts Avenue, back to the office. I heard noises from where I was but just thought they were normal city noises. When I walked in the office just before 3 p.m., I heard a number of people saying things like ‘Where’s Rick?’ They had just heard about the bombing. I knew I was there, and couldn’t reach me because cell phone service had been shut down. That is how I found out.”

The May issue of Boston Magazine was three days away from completion, but when Waechter arrived at 3 p.m., the staff was already discussing how to cover the tragedy in a responsible and respectful way—and under deadline. “The most ironic cover for the runners who wore those shoes hit exactly the right note. The image flew across the Internet. Newstand copies vaporized. A poster version and other items were produced to raise funds for victims and their families through the One Fund Boston.”

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“Everybody on the whole magazine feels proud of our work on that cover.”
What are the Odds?

Of the 134 students attending the College in 1895, two would serve as president of one of the world’s most important academic societies.

As of 2012, sixty-one people had held the office of the president of the American Mathematical Society (AMS). Of these, ten received undergraduate degrees from Harvard and another five from Columbia University. Five schools have had three alumni each become AMS president: MIT, Wesleyan University, and yes, Gettysburg College.

Two Gettysburg College alumni served as back-to-back presidents of the AMS, Luther Pfahler Eisenhart in 1931–32 and Arthur Byron Coble in 1933–34.

Eisenhart: Destined for greatness

Eisenhart, born Jan. 13, 1876, was the grandson of Elizabeth Schmucker, whose brother, Samuel Simon Schmucker, founded Gettysburg College. Eisenhart enrolled in 1892 and was active in all aspects of college life, including the Philomathean Literary Society, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and baseball team. He was another student for the Baum Prize, which is “given to the student showing the greatest proficiency in mathematics through his or her sophomore year,” and delivered the valedictory for the Class of 1896.

Eisenhart went on to attend Johns Hopkins, where he received a doctoral degree. In fall 1900, Eisenhart was appointed as an instructor of mathematics at Princeton University, a position that earned $800 per year, and five years later he was accorded the rank of assistant professor when Woodrow Wilson, the president of the university, began a preceptorship program. Eisenhart’s love for teaching propelled him to teach courses every term during the 45 years he spent at the university, without a single sabbatical. In 1925 Eisenhart, a model faculty member who excelled in research, teaching, and governance, became dean of the faculty at Princeton and one of the founding members of the Middle States Commission.

His scholarly endeavors in differential geometry were strongly influenced by the work of Albert Einstein on general relativity. His books, Riemannian Geometry and Non-Riemannian Geometry, became the standard references in the field. Professionally, he was twice asked to sit on committees established by the National Academy of Sciences to give reports to Congress. He became a Trustee of Gettysburg College in 1907, a Coble curve and Coble hypersurfaces. As the head of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to continue his research in algebraic geometry. During his career Coble published twenty papers in algebraic geometry. Thirty students received PhDs under his direction. In 1893, the AMS had started a series of meetings where prominent mathematicians were invited to give a series of talks on the topic of their choosing, which would then be written up and published as part of the Colloquium Publications series. The list of speakers reads like a Who’s Who of American mathematicians from the early 20th century. Both Coble and Eisenhart were featured in the series, with Coble’s lectures published as volume 10 of the AMS Colloquium Publications series in 1928 under the title Algebraic Geometry and Theta Functions, a book that has become another standard in the field.

Today, many objects in algebraic geometry are associated with Coble’s name due to his work, including a Coble curve and Coble hypersurfaces. As the head of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Illinois from 1934 until his retirement in 1947, the department saw tremendous growth, with the graduate program tripling in size. In 1933, Coble was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Gettysburg College.

Coble: From no-name to math nameake

Arthur Byron Coble, born Nov. 3, 1878, arrived at Gettysburg College in fall 1893 and roomed with his older brother, Charles, in a room near that of Eisenhart in Pennsylvania Hall. Coble was not the standout student like Eisenhart and did not win any awards during his time at the College. When the Baum Prize was awarded, he was neither the winner nor among the six students receiving honorable mention.

In 1898, he was admitted to Johns Hopkins and began to take classes alongside Eisenhart. After receiving his PhD, Coble spent a year teaching at the University of Missouri before returning to Johns Hopkins to teach until 1918, when he accepted a full professorship at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to continue his research in algebraic geometry. During his career Coble published twenty papers in algebraic geometry. Thirty students received PhDs under his direction.


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From smartphone to smart tourist with the swipe of a screen, a visitor to present-day Devil’s Den views an iconic photograph of a dead Confederate sharpshooter, taken in the same location after the battle. But things are not always what they seem—see story, page 25.
MAKE IT PERSONAL

Many people unfairly see history as merely a never-ending stream of names and dates. Historians can find new and innovative ways to involve the American public in issues of the past and tell history in an interesting and engaging way. Public history is "the ability to make stories of the past accessible, engaging and provocative to diverse audiences," said public historian Peter Carmichael, director of the College’s Civil War Institute and Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies. "Anyone who likes good stories should like history because it is a rich, epic story. Every single emotion that you can have today in 2013, you can find in the past. It’s all about the manner in which these stories are told. If you can tell them in a compelling way, people will want to know more," said Chris Gwinn ‘06, a National Park Service ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park.

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Connecting issues of the past to current issues can help make history relatable. "Any understanding of contemporary events has a lot of history to it. Without a sense of history, we completely miss the complex forces that are at work in shaping our world today," said Carmichael.

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MAKE IT REAL

"What museums, historical societies, and others try to do is engage the public outside of a classroom. We use a wide range of programs and resources to remind people that history is fun, and places like historical societies are accessible for everyone,” said Nicole McMullen ‘98, executive director of the Historical Society of Dauphin County.

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For thirty years, this conference has been forging connections between scholarly historians and a broad public audience. Every single emotion that you can have today in 2013, you can find in the past. It’s all about the manner in which these stories are told. If you can tell them in a compelling way, people will want to know more," said Chris Gwinn ‘06, a National Park Service ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park.

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Both professors concede that online information has its challenges. Carmichael cites credibility: “There is often a lack of criteria for submission to online resources, so you have people who are engaging in, talking about, and making assertions about the past who are not qualified to reach some of those assertions.”

Hancock stresses context: “Students sometimes miss context when using online tools. They’ll look at a newspaper article, but won’t have the hard copy in their hands. It’s easy to not take into account the placement of the article—whether it’s a front-page article and how it’s connected to images, for example.”

Orr has seen his own set of technological successes and challenges. While the Union unit histories that he accesses for his own Civil War scholarship are now more accessible than ever before on Google Books, he admits that students sometimes make mistakes by citing sources that aren’t credible or inadvertently commit plagiarism because they think that online information is communal. “They aren’t as attached to the process of researching,” he said.

In addition to online databases and resources, social media have proven to be useful tools in piquing historical interest. Both Hancock and Carmichael use social media in their teaching. Hancock encourages online debates and conversations among his students, while Carmichael uses YouTube videos to show students how people are making historical memories and commemorating the past today. Students who work with Carmichael at the Civil War Institute, including Clancy, write posts for the “Gettysburg Compiler,” a blog that helps bridge the gap between student research and the public.

Sharing articles and other historical material among peers is easier than ever thanks to social media, agree Carmichael and Orr. The sharing of knowledge isn’t limited to academic circles, either. Gwinn noted that Gettysburg National Military Park has worked to reach new audiences by developing their social media sites, and those sites allow them to increase their reach exponentially.

For all of their usefulness, Carmichael warns that social media are not the be-all, end-all of historical conversation. “Social media has not and will never produce sustained and deeply analytical conversations about history. It does bring attention to things that are coming out and give a platform for people and ideas to be heard, but sustained, analytical conversations—you can still only get those through face-to-face conversation.”

Smartphones, tablets, digital cameras, and other mobile hardware have had their own impact. History Associates works at the intersection of the real and the virtual, blending traditional and technological ways to engage audiences with history. Martin and Giambro agree that technology eases access to historical content and provides innovative ways for people to interact with the past. Elements such as photographs and videos engage individuals with apps, social media, Flash-based maps, and more.

Martin tells a personal story of his smartphone connecting the past with the present, recalling an instance at Gettysburg National Military Park: “I was able to take pictures of my daughter interacting with the monuments and record the gurgling sound of the creek near Devil’s Den and Little Round Top. I have my own record of my experience there. Before smartphones, it was much harder to connect with the past in that way.”

During the busy Memorial Day Weekend at the National Cemetery at Andersonville, Hancock encountered a number of visitors looking for information on the graves of their ancestors, but they had not yet visited the visitor center. Instead of directing them to guest services or driving there herself, Clancy accessed the information for them instantly on her smartphone, saving time and keeping their interest levels high.

While digital advances have enhanced the connection to history, human interactions with physical objects and places are powerful experiences that will never be replaced.

Winterthur houses 90,000 objects, making it an important center for the study of American art and culture. Landrey appreciates the role of objects in deepening public understanding and shared a personal anecdote about the power of place. “I was at the Henry Ford Museum and they have the Rosa Parks bus there, fully restored. You can get on it and sit where Rosa Parks sat. It’s a powerful thing,” he said. “Watching people experience that was a great thing, and not something you could duplicate online.”

He feels the same about visiting the National Archives.

“To be in the same space with certain documents—the Emancipation Proclamation or our country’s founding documents—is a completely different experience than reading the text online.”

Gwinn sums it all up to balance. “I don’t ever want technology to replace going out and standing at a historical site. I want to use that kind of material to add to the experience you have, to continue the dialogue after you go home, and to facilitate conversations between the academics and rangers at the park and the people who love the park or want to go to the park.” — by Nikki Rhoads
Glimpses of Gettysburg

With the commemoration over, here are some of the sights seen on campus and in town during the ten days of Gettysburg 150: Reflections of History, June 28 to July 7.

1 President Riggs served as a guest conductor during the Fourth of July Gala Orchestra Concert outside of Pennsylvania Hall.

2 Chris Gwinn ’06, a National Park Service ranger, led a historical tour on campus, sharing the College’s connection to the battle with visitors.

3 Prof. Peter Carmichael and several of the College’s Civil War experts were interviewed by dozens of media outlets during the commemoration resulting in nearly 100 placements. Carmichael pictured while talking with Sirius XM.

4 Luminaries lit up Soldiers’ National Cemetery on the eve of the battle’s first day as visitors reflected on the sacrifices of the fallen.

5 Devil’s Den—a ridge of large boulders west of Little Round Top on the battlefield that saw fierce fighting on the second day of battle—was one of many landmarks that saw some of the 240,000 visitors during the ten days.

6 Come, Come! You can see now what in all your life you will never see again.


For more on the Sesquicentennial commemoration, visit www.gettysburg.edu/cw2013
What makes Gettysburg Great

People, programs, and places that inspire our community.

The newest work by Gettysburg College’s Sunderman Conservatory of Music Prof. Avner Dorman premiered in Gettysburg College’s Christ Chapel in late spring. “Letters from Gettysburg” was performed by the 120-voice Gettysburg College Choir and Concert Choir with baritone soloist Matthew Carlson ’13, soprano soloist, Sarah Tuttle ’13, and the Sunderman Conservatory Percussion Ensemble, conducted by Prof. Robert Natter.

Written to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, “Letters from Gettysburg” was commissioned by the Gettysburg College American Civil War Sesquicentennial Planning Committee.

Regarding “Letters from Gettysburg,” Dorman wrote, “Most of the text for this work comes from letters written by 1st Lieutenant Rush P. Cady, Co. K, 97th New York Infantry, who was fatally wounded during the Battle of Gettysburg and died a few days later. The first and last movements are based on a letter written by his mother at his death bed.”

Dorman, who completed his doctoral degree as a C.V. Starr fellow at The Juilliard School and his master’s degree at Tel Aviv University, was recently named music director of the CityMusic Cleveland chamber orchestra.

Do What students

For students, Gettysburg means a wealth of choices, opportunities, and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

It was a class with classics Prof. Jonathan David—who also happened to be an assistant director of an archaeological project in northern Israel—that inspired Andrew Monthey ’14 to travel to Israel to conduct field research in the Jezreel Valley.

“Travelling for field research is the best way to truly experience firsthand what you are researching. I was able to pursue my passion abroad and was actively involved in novel research. It is quite the experience to be the first one to uncover things that haven’t been seen for 5,500 years,” Monthey said.

Monthey, a classical studies major with a minor in philosophy, worked with the director of the project and David on a research design that was both novel and groundbreaking. They studied how Early Bronze Age I inhabitants of Tel Megiddo East designed their structures with standardization, using a standard measurement, the cubit. Their end goal was to determine the social role and status of this small settlement in relation to the nearby larger, fortified Megiddo, which featured a temple from the same time period that was designed using the cubit.

Monthey stayed with the research team at a kibbutz (a collective community in Israel) and worked closely with scholars, students, and volunteers from all over the world. They worked six days a week, in temperatures reaching up to 105 degrees, digging, measuring walls, and cataloging pottery, animal bones, and other artifacts.

Monthey said, “I think that this sort of project—which was made possible by a Mellon Summer Grant, is valuable to anyone who has a passion and wishes to pursue it, anywhere throughout the entire world….literally.”

Work that makes a difference

Making a difference, having an impact, changing the world.

From backpacking through Europe and South America to visiting more than a dozen African countries, including Burkina Faso, where she was in the Peace Corps for four years, Jen Lazuta ’07 has seen the world.

The economics and English double major says she got the travel bug by studying abroad through Gettysburg College. She spent a semester at Rhodes University in South Africa her junior year.

“When I got back to the U.S. after that semester abroad, I pretty much knew I would return to Africa in some capacity,” she said. “On some level, the decision to go abroad really changed the whole course of my life.”

While volunteering in Burkina Faso, Lazuta attracted much media attention for finishing first among female competitors in the 2009 Ouaga-Laye Marathon. Lazuta was astounded by the publicity she received and the constant demand for exclusive interviews. Now Lazuta is the one asking the questions. She recently earned her master’s degree from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism and travelled to Phnom Penh, Cambodia for a postgraduate internship program. In Phnom Penh, she worked as a reporter for the Cambodia Daily, one of Cambodia’s two English-language newspapers; her first overseas reporting experience.

— by Emily Kleinbud ’13
**Alumni Board of Directors honors**

**The Baltimore Club, co-chaired by John Carney ’12 and Craig Martin ’11, as Bob Smith ’59 Alumni Club of the Year. And the Pittsburgh Club, co-chaired by John Zinn, were honored for their achievements.**

**News of note**

- **Gettysburg Great Symposium**
  - The American Civil War 150 Years Later
  - The University Club of Washington, DC
  - Oct. 2, 2-4:30 p.m.
  - With Gettysburg College professors: Michael Brinker ’72, P ’10, Peter Carcich, Allen Gusbek, and Scott Hancock. Hosted by Walter and Pat Moore P ’13. Contact Alumni Relations at alumni@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6518 for further information.

- **Congressional Medal of Honor Society**
  - Convention: Sept. 18-22
  - Town Hall Forum: Friday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.—noon

- **Family Weekend**
  - Oct. 25-27
  - Schedule and registration online.

- **Homecoming**
  - Sept. 27-29
  - Football vs. Susquehanna
  - Hall of Athletic Honor
  - All Lincs and IRC 25th Anniversaries

- **Legacy Admissions Experience**
  - Sept. 27
  - A packed agenda designed to introduce daughters and sons of alumni to Gettysburg and the college search process. Register online from the Homecoming page or contact Allison Singley assingley@gettysburg.edu

- **Alumni Award Nominations due Nov. 14**
  - Distinguished Alumni Award for a lifetime of professional and/or humanitarian accomplishments
  - Meritorious Service Award for exemplary service to the College
  - Young Alumni Achievement Award for career distinction or service to the College
  - Complete the online nomination form or contact the Alumni Office at alumni@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6518.

- **Honorary Degree Nominations for Commencement 2015 due Nov. 15**
  - Nominate artists, scholars, clergy, humanitarians, and other distinguished leaders for the College’s highest honor. Send nominations to: President Myra Myers@gettysburg.edu in the Office of the Provost.

**Please write!**

Your classmates would love to know what you’re up to. Please submit information to your class correspondent by these deadlines:

- Winter issue, Oct. 15
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- Fall issue, June 15

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- **Class of 1936**
  - Joe Lynch jlynch@gettysburg.edu
  - In an email from John Stoney ’51, we learned that his father, Rev. Donald R. Stoney ’36, died at his residence in Sebastian, FL on June 17. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as a chaplain during WWII. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and held as a prisoner of war in Germany. During his civilian ministry he served parishes in MD, VA, and FL.

- **Class of 1939**
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- **Class of 1941**
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Finally, a classmate sent me some news:
- William Nenstiel wrote, "At 93 years old, I’m probably one of the few remaining members and still going. My first visit to Gettysburg College was with Ted Huebner, who at that time wanted to attend the College. I was impressed with the College and signed up. The difficult part was going home and telling my mother. Where would the funds come from?"

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- **Class of 1942**
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- **Class of 1943**
  - We are sorry to report that G. Thomas Miller died July 3. Tom served as an officer with the Third Army in Normandy in WWII and with the Pennsylvania 28th Division in the Korean War. He was a prominent lawyer, residing in Dillsburg, PA, and served on the Boards of Trustees at Gettysburg College and Dickinson School of Law. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Anne G. Miller, three children, and a granddaughter. We are grateful for his years as class correspondent and express condolences to his family and friends.

- **Class of 1944**
  - 70th Reunion Year
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- **Class of 1946**
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- **Class of 1949**
  - 65th Reunion Year
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Lou Hammann arrived June 28. Life is truly great!

Police, they're writing the column, I get to tell you that I have a Texas! And because I'm writing the 1982 column, I get to tell you that I have a trip to Nova Scotia with his wife Sally. He has recovered from some serious visible.

Sidney Erhardt all died this past .,

Jr Paul F. Kase you.

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of them and will gladly send them to those who have died within the past ., Religion: A Mosaic last book. The College bookstore and

1950 Ruth (Fortenbaugh) Craley 425 College Avenue Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-4484 ruthcraley@embarqmail.com I made a promise to myself that I would not submit a column that had nothing but the unfortunate notices of classmates' deaths. And nobody knows better than you, gentle readers, how little good news we all have! So! I will simply list the names of those who have died within the past few months. We have obituaries for most of them and will gladly send them to you. Jesse D. Oltey Jr. Theodore Lindquist Jr. Paul F. Kase; and John Kenneth Vail all died this past March. Robert G. McCausland died April 11. We send condolences to their families and share happy memories of them all. I caught a brief glimpse of Larry King at Reunion. He and Barbara (Golightly) King ’55 seemed to be enjoying a beautiful weekend, but very few of us’ were visible.

1952 Margaret (Blanchard) Curtis 1015 Old Harrisburg Road #144 Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-1041 mbcurtis@embarqmail.com A note from James Hinnan ’76, an attorney and counselor at law, tells us that his father, Rev. Homer W. Hinnan, died last March. Herb was a brother of Phi Kappa Rho, which later became Sigma Nu. James ’76 was also a brother of Sigma Nu. James’ grandfather, Rev. Willis Hinnan, graduated in 1931. James says “he’s left to uphold the family connection to Gettysburg College!”

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1954 60th Reunion Year Helen Ann Comstock 200 S. 9th Street, #15 Philadelphia, PA 19144 hcomstock@earthlink.net Sad news came from Mary Jane (Smith) Emery who wrote that her husband, Robert J. Emery ’52, died last February.

Bob was a star high school athlete and is in the North Baltimore High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He spent two years with the Japanese Occupation, helping rebuild Hiroshima. At Gettysburg he majored in business and was president of the intra-fraternity council. Bob was an avid tennis player and as an avid tennis player he would always try to boost to his family. We were sorry to hear that in mid-March, Ed Livingston lost his long battle with pancreatic cancer. He and his wife Jean had retired near Knoxville, TN. They did some traveling in their later years, seeing about 3000 miles of the countryside on motorcycles.

1956 Georgiana (Boromine) Sibet 729 Hilltop Lane Hershey, PA 17033-2924 717-537-5211 bandgib@verizon.net Don Helfrich ’60 and Senor Seeger ’60 were at the dinner:

Don Helfrich 7 Jeannes Way Forestdale, MA 02644 508-774-2745 PBHHRH@comcast.net The rolling stream that bears us all away has claimed Gordon Eugene Rollins on May 31. After graduation, Gordon served in the Army from 1958–1960. For 40 years, he was employed by Fireman’s Insurance Company. He was active in many organizations, volunteering, sport, fishing, and hunting. Gordon Emery Rollins is survived by his wife Debbie, three children, and four grandchildren. Lewis V. Rawlings ’56, died on Mar. 20, 2013. Lew was married to Winnifred (Sienert) Rollings ’56 and had four children, and four grandchildren. Lew’s event is the pole vault, 75 years and older. In 2009 he took home the gold, defeating the two men who had beaten him in 2011, who had made the win even sweeter. Joe was accompanied by his wife Barbara through all of the ups and downs of the track meets. Hoyar for the gold medalist and that such athleticism, flexibility, and spunkiness are among us YES!

1958 Janet Bikle (Hoenniger) Davis 200 S. 9th Street, #35 Bethlehem, PA 18020 610-614-2100 janbikle@comcast.net The Reunion was so much fun. Thanks to all who came. Some who couldn't return were Jan (Petrella) Sienell, now a British citizen. She plans to come to our 60th Reunion, as does Rich Brunner. Jan enjoys trout fishing, gardening, golfing, and lives an hour train ride from London. Bob and Nancy Drenden were on a trip to England and enjoyed a visit to our reunion in a British pub. He hopes we'll have a reunion in less than five years. Stan Musser’s wife, Dawn (Burr) Musser ’59, was at a ceremony honoring Stan posthumously atCommunity College of Allegheny County for Senior Air Forces Officer in Montgomery, AL. Now for greetings from some who were at the dinner: ‘Mr. Writer’ Stiffler, whose family includes a legacy (or two), wrote, ‘Great to be here to see so many classmates.’ ‘Phyllis’ (Ball) and Don ’57 Helfrich, ‘Hope to be back again.” Bonnie (Bankert) Rice, ‘What fabulous friendships!’ Bobbie (Flammer) Miller, ‘Just perfect—friends forever!’ Margie (Meyers) Goodear, ‘Well planned!’ Bob Barkley. ‘It was a privilege to have played a small part in planning this event. Thanks to all who attended.’ Joyce (Ham) Elsner, ‘Just finished 12 years on the Board of Trustees of Gettysburg. We are so lucky to have a fabulous president, Janet Riggs, and a great BOT.’ Ginny (Moyer) and Don Helfrich, ‘It was great getting back from Gettysburg.’ Joan (Manges) and Bucky Walters. ‘Both retired and having Master Team Track and Field Championships. His event is the pole vault, 75 years and older. In 2009 he took home the gold, defeating the two men who had beaten him in 2011, which made the win even sweeter. Joe was accompanied by his wife Barbara through all of the ups and downs of the track meets. Hoyar for the gold medalist and that such athleticism, flexibility, and spunkiness are among us YES!’
59th Reunion Year

C. Joseph S. L. Sprung

In the last 20 years, significant travels in the last 20 years have brought me to France, England, Italy, and Spain. My wife, Ellen, is a world traveler, and a Civil War buff who gave me the a cappella sound and precision that the College choir tours. “The group had the most beautiful and powerful sound and as I watched the group sing, I felt in awe of their dedication to preserving the music.”

In March, Bruce and I were delighted to attend the Class of 1960 Reunion at the Bent of the River. It was a wonderful event and a great way to celebrate the Class of 1960 and the College’s 175th anniversary. We enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

On May 25, in Mahovla, VT, I retired from BB&T Bank and was an active member of the Salisbury County Bank. I am very happy to have been able to retire and enjoy time with my family.

We attended lectures given by some of the College’s most famous professors. “The college professors are so knowledgeable and passionate about their subjects. It was a great learning experience!”

On May 26, in Midlothian, VA, I retired from BB&T Bank and was an active member of the Salisbury County Bank. I am very happy to have been able to retire and enjoy time with my family. Bruce and I traveled from AK to CT to attend a grandson’s high school graduation in May of 1963 to start my first year at Gettysburg. He was an active participant in the business and governing community. Our prayers are with his family.

1961

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Congratulations to Fred Felcken, who will be the recipient of the National Lawyer’s Association 2013 Ed Mestor Award. The award is presented annually to a lawyer who has upheld the rule of law in the face of adverse political challenges. At the White House Council in 2007, TIME magazine described him as “the guy who helps you defend your position, stick to your principles, but tries to work out a reasonable compromise.”

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Because George “Rocky” Burnett spent some time in the Gettysburg Hospital instead of attending all of our 50th Reunion, I thought he might be interested in an update. He writes, “I retired in 2006 after having served as a licensed nursing home administrator in both ME and CT for 25 years. My retirement includes an active Christian life in the Anglican Church of North America. I am now a postulant for the ordained position of deacon in 2015. I am active in Hospice of Lower Shore of MD. I am a lay Eucharist, providing communion to hospital/nursing home residents, as well as home-bound elderly. I remain active in several prayer groups. Reading is a big part of my life, and I am active in the American Legion with five joint replacements, a spinal neuromodulator, and cancer survivor. I am a director for St. Jude Medical, calling spinal back patients throughout the U.S. sharing my experience as a volunteer for the company’s stimulator. I maintain a close relationship with a number of SAE brothers and sisters from our class. This year, I have traveled significantly in the last 20 years, having been a grandparent to my third grandchild.

Congratulations to John (Lloyd) Bankston, who has been awarded the Republican National Lawyers Association 2013 Ed Mestor Award. The award is presented annually to a lawyer who has upheld the rule of law in the face of adverse political challenges. At the White House Council in 2007, TIME magazine described him as “the guy who helps you defend your position, stick to your principles, but tries to work out a reasonable compromise.”

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What an epic 50-year Reunion Weekend! Congratulations to our classmates Richard “Dick” Butz and Rose Butz, who have been married since graduation. Attending from CA, CO, FL, SC, MD, and DE for over 25 years. My wife, Ellen, obviously loves to travel. Ellen was just ready to retire from her successful practice by building a home that is both beautiful and eco-friendly. On the final day of my visit, we decided to go to the city of Oxford and as usual, we enjoyed our Reunion weekend was Oz Sanborn, in his pajamas, kicking classmates’ butts out of the parking lot.

Congratulations to Brian Bennett who was honored with the 2013 Morris Justice Service Award. Thank you also to Trustee Don Burden and Alumni Directors Jim Vinson and Jay Kappmeyer for their service. Thank you to our Class of 1963 St. Joseph’s and St. Albert’s Class alumni awards for our outstanding Class of 1963 and our Class of 1963 St. Albert’s Class alumni awards for our outstanding Class of 1964. Please send your pictures from our Reunion to Don Burden, Oz Sanborn, or me so we can include them in the slide show for the 55th.

1962

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The morning of our departure from the College’s campus tour with personal stories of the College’s involvement in the Civil War was unbelievable. Bruce told me that I was just like Bruce Stuckel for making this happen. Taking our Reunion class picture on the steps of the White House was a highlight of the weekend. Many memories of freshman year! The dinner Saturday night completed our class reunion weekend were spectacular, and we ended the weekend with hours of laughing, reminiscing, and saying goodbye until our next meeting. The morning of our departure from the Quarry Suites, the car entrance was inadequate for the number of cars. We had to drive to our dorms. This was our weekend from the Class of ’62, and we loved every minute of it.

Thank you to the committee for making this happen. Please send your pictures from our Reunion to Don Burden, Oz Sanborn, or me so we can include them in the slide show for the 55th.

1963

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1964

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Plan to be at our Reunion in 2014! Angela (Gravino) Estes wrote: “I traveled to England at the end of May to visit my roommate, Carol (Fegley) Hall. Carol’s husband, Peter, died in the fall of 2010. Peter’s death would have helped with the healing process. Carol lives in Longworth, a charming village not far from Oxford. We enjoyed reminiscing about Gettysburg. Carol and her husband put their commitment to reducing their carbon footprint into practice by building a home that is both beautiful and eco-friendly. On the final day of my visit, we decided to go to the city of Oxford and as usual, we enjoyed our Reunion weekend was Oz Sanborn, in his pajamas, kicking classmates’ butts out of the parking lot.

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almost 48 years. Our sympathy goes to
was inducted into the Hall of Athletic
Among many sports honors, George
and treasurer. He was active in so
George W. Strouse
$2 million from
Norman Haase
Ron Race
Skip McClennen,
Don Mink
our class recently celebrated with him,
that the class of '65 will always be
him as a professor. Keep sending your
updates, and I will include your news in
the next issue!
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sights. Nancy and hubby Jeff ’74 have
relax, reminisce, and check out the
are gathering
Emory
Golladay,
O’Hara
Webster
along with
Margy
Reith,
Pawlak
Hetzer,
Jodee
Wendy,
Margy
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I hope that you’ll all start thinking about the Reunion next spring. I can’t believe we’ve racked up such a huge number. It would be great to break past attendance numbers and to see everyone back at the ‘Burg.

Joan Condray, PhD retired as a full professor from Slippery Rock U where she directed a tutoring center and a women’s studies program. She chaired and taught in the English department. She also served on one of the university’s senior personnel for nine years including service at the university’s state executive level and on the state negotiating team. Her husband Tim Chace ’75 owns a construction company, and they live in Grove City, PA. With their new free time, they’re looking forward to pursuing tennis, other hobbies, and traveling. Ed Peterson ’76, who was attended his extended Gettysburg “family” as I have been. Thank you to everyone who called and visited, and to Gary Boguski for this stunningly ugly story.

1976
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There was a small reunion at Cyn Gelay Van Order’s home in Mary, land. In attendance were Betsy (Harrison) Boyce, Margy (Cassard) Mahaffey, Wendy (Debold) Wyhocke, Jodie Hetzer, Rosie (Pawlak) Santulli, Jane Sue (Reith) Dippel, Mary and her husband lived in Houston from 1981–83 and now live in NH. She has a son in RI and a daughter in YA. She keeps in touch with Wendy, Sue, Mary “Boshack” Liewski, and Cheryl Staufer. Wendy worked as a respiratory therapist for 15 years. She then stayed home with her two boys—Andrew who graduated from Susquehanna U, and Chris, who graduated from Ursinus College. Wendy and her husband live in Williamsport, PA. They enjoy biking and kayaking. Boston and her husband live half the year in CT and the other half near Frederickburg, TX. She hopes to get to the next girls’ gathering. Betsy (Harrison) Boyce lives in PA and enjoys hiking and outdoor adventures. Ed Gotwals was encouraged by his
wife to send in this info. He received the Great Lakes Division service award from the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association for “creating a very positive spirit or image for the game of soccer.” He was a PAA high school official and a NCAA college official. He worked many Gettysburg College soccer games. Ed is sports editor at the Public Opinion in Chambersburg, PA. He also wrote for the magazine at “74 organized the event. The Class of ’76 was well represented by Bob Snee, Gary Karkuff, Ed Gotsch, Jeff Mang, Craig Purdy, Bill Dippel, Joe Cantinelli, Chuck Paul, Dan Gans, Brian Smith, Wendy Weisley, Rick Hopper, Greg Weitzenkorn, Doug Merihew, and Bryan Meekley. Everyone passed the passing of Brad Marstellar. Ed mentioned the level of “maturity” remained high. I received a letter from James S. Himnan. He graduated from Syracuse U College of Law and is practicing near Rochester, NY. He is involved in family court and matrimonial cases. He and his wife live in Ithaca, near Rochester. James attended SUNY Albany before attending law school. Hank Janczyk, the Gettysburg men’s lacrosse coach, is also from Rochester. James always kept in touch with classmates before, during, and after the events. Guest speaker for the evening was Tom Ehrhardt, a Class of ’81 who spoke about the role Gettysburg College played in his recovery from a stroke. If you ever have the chance to hear Cory speak, you will be impressed with his inspirational story. I received news of the passing of Paul Eklof, a native Staten Islander, manager of his family business Eklof Marine, and a past member of the 35th Reunion class. He passed away in 2017, and his family has a real future of all of the activities, and I know that a number of you who were not able to make the class reunion, traveling with classmates before, during, and after the events. Guest speaker for the evening was Tom Ehrhardt, a Class of ’81 who spoke about the role Gettysburg College played in his recovery from a stroke. If you ever have the chance to hear Cory speak, you will be impressed with his inspirational story. I received news of the passing of Paul Eklof, a native Staten Islander, manager of his family business Eklof Marine, and a past member of the 35th Reunion class. He passed away in 2017, and his family has a real future of all of the activities, and I know that a number of you who were not able to make the class reunion, traveling with classmates before, during, and after the events. Guest speaker for the evening was Tom Ehrhardt, a Class of ’81 who spoke about the role Gettysburg College played in his recovery from a stroke. If you ever have the chance to hear Cory speak, you will be impressed with his inspirational story. I received news of the passing of Paul Eklof, a native Staten Islander, manager of his family business Eklof Marine, and a past member of the 35th Reunion class. He passed away in 2017, and his family has a real future
students about his post-Gettysburg education and career. He then spent a couple of days assisting professors with lectures on environmental sciences and journalism. In his own words, ‘The visit was a great opportunity to share with students my experience in graduate school, as well as my work as an environmental consultant and engineer. The presentation has just launched Apollotix Mono in Europe, based upon solar cell technology developed in the U.S. They are in the process of changing up U.S. distributors for this innovative alternative solar energy solution.

Linda Tresmuth Kumapa’s daughter, Katria; Tracie (Carroll) Milford’s daughter, Charlotte; Ray Olender and Suzanne Sankey’s daughter, Shelby; and Leslie Sukssind’s daughter, Paige, are all joining the Gettysburg Class of 2017—any others out there? And our acclaimed children’s young adult author Jen (Fisher) Bryant received her Doctorate of Humane Letters at Commencement this past spring. Congrats all around! On a side note, I believe you didn’t use our column about the Super Bowl with bone cancer. He has recently written a Amazon.com bestselling book, A Call to Faith, the Journey of a Cancer Survivor.

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1984

30th Reunion Class of 1984

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This year, I got a LinkedIn connection request from Frank Bonner’s mom, whom I'd gotten to know well back in our Gettysburg days and via trips to CA. Just goes to show you that the Gettysburg connection pops up when you least expect it, and sometimes from unexpected places, as well.

Bo, all,

1988

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1983

Kathy Woodly

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Higgins ’05 attended. Steve Hand graduated from La Salle U in May 2012 with a master’s degree in elementary education and is now teaching emotional support students in north Philadelphia.

2005

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Leslie (Post) and Matthew Langan are the proud parents of Hannah Jane Langan born April 25. Allison McClellan graduated in the spring with a master’s degree in organizational behavior from Fairleigh Dickinson’s U. Ridge and Brianna Langan moved into their first home this year. Sean and Melissa (Bellman) Valentine welcomed their first child, Molly, on April 26. Amelia (Wilkins) and Philip Chadwell would like to announce the birth of their first child, Desmond Henry Chadwell. Desmond was born on Mar. 12, Amelia, Philip, and Desmond reside in Boston.

2006

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Hello, Class of 2006! Whitney (Astrong) Hallemend would like to congratulate her husband, Chris Hallemend, on completing his residency in internal medicine as of June. He has accepted a position as hospitalist and associate program director at a teaching hospital in the Tampa Bay area. This year, Devan Steiner will be a visiting fellow in French and Linguistics at Luther College in Decorah, IA. Judith Gustafson owns a freelance translation company, SJG Editing. Check out her website: http://sjgediting.com. Jenel (Owen) and husband Frank Peterson IV welcomed the newest addition to the Gettysburg family, Frank Owen Peterson V. Alston (Van Auken) Seibert was playing catch up sending in updates. On Oct. 15, 2011, Sara married Robert Lucking in a meadow in Evergreen, CO. Gettysburgians in attendance were Lauren (Puggle) Monteiro, Kathleen Ketchum, Kate Ferraro, and Jean (Demier) Seibert ’99. A marriage celebration was held in the couple’s hometown at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA May 9, 2012.

Gettysburgians in attendance included Kathleen Ketchum, Lauren (Rapoz) Greer, Sara Russell, Allew Sievers, Ali (Moyer) Flores ’08, Elizabeth Goshorn ’08, Jean (Demier) Seibert ’99, Janet and Paul Trojak ’69, Prosehol Seibert ’69, and Mr. and Mrs. John Winkelnkemper. The couple both graduated with medical degrees from Penn State in May 2012 and moved to Albuquerque, NM, where Sara is pursuing a dermatology residency again, mark your calendars for Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 27–Sunday, Sept. 29.

2007

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This past spring, Katie Myers received her master’s degree in energy and sustainability from the U of Denver. Katie Marchetti earned a dual PhD in political science and women’s studies from Penn State U. She and her husband, who also earned his political science PhD at Penn State U, are now faculty in political science at the U of Min-Twin Cities. They reside in St. Paul with their two dogs and cat.

In May, Serenity Day graduated from the Drexel College of Medicine with her MD. She is now training at Ohio State U’s Wexner Medical Center. Vincent Costello graduated from BYU Medical College earlier this year with a master’s degree in social work (MSW) in clinical social work and studied for his licensure this past summer. Matt Koncz and Dan Havas have been scuba diving off of Cape Horn, South Africa to save indigenous sea turtles. Their efforts have been somewhat fruitful, but there is a lot more work to do. McIlroy Donnelly served as the chief speechwriter to the Pawlenty Administration, followed by a time with Target. He is now with the startup Novu. He’s also earning his MBA at night and serves on nonprofit boards. Congratulations to Jennifer (Chesney) Schuler and husband Andrew ’06 who welcomed their second son, Liam Robert Schuler, on April 19. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and is 20 inches long. He is happy, healthy, and doing well! Dan Cianciarulo and Jessica Dudy got married on Dec. 28, 2012. PJ Koob, Kate (Hargrove) Koob, Jamie Burgess, Jerry Ehnot, Andrew Gill, and Matt Green got married in September.

Gettysburgians in attendance included Gabino Hernandez Guzman with a bilingual English-Spanish ceremony on a farm in Herndon, VA on May 26. In attendance were Terry Ann Hayes, Michelle Veresnik, and Molly Alexander ’06, who delivered a speech in Spanish to toast the bride and groom! Jessica continues to teach Spanish at Alexandria Country Day School in Virginia. Andrew Stinson and Stephanie Bonnes ’08 were married in a Quaker wedding ceremony at Springton Manor Farm in Glenmore, PA on June 15. There were a total of 21 Gettysburgians in attendance. The best men were Andrew Young and Joe Chongpinitchai. Tom Kramer ’06 served as a groomsman. Other Gettysburg guests included Matt Bacon ’06, Jenn Baron, Gretta Carlson ’08, Ashley Allison, and Drew Levinson. This past winter, Joe Chongpinitchai ’07 and Andrew Young ’07, Groomsmen included Tom Kramer ’06. Guests included Matt Bacon ’06, Andrea Barnette, Lara Grieco ’07, Amanda Mallonee, Anna Markowitz ’07, Jeremy Umbrino ’07, Nadia (Edwards) Womack ’07, Justin Womack ’07, and Katie Wright. Stephanie is pursuing a PhD in sociology at the U of CO-Boulder. Andrew works for the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C.

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Kelly Gibbons moved to Boston in June and works as a marketing associate for the District Management Council. Brad Tabor married Ashley Viviani on Sept. 15, 2012 and is going to NYU Stern School of Business in September. Derek Merkaway graduated from Boston College Law School in May 2012 and live with their three-year-old English bulldog Rhet. Casey finished her first year of residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital and is now pursuing a career in emergency medicine. Dr. Stephanie Bonnes married Andrew Stinson ’07 in a Quaker wedding ceremony at Springton Manor Farm in Glenmore, PA on June 15. Andrew’s best men included Joe Chongpinitchai ’07 and Andrew Young ’07. Groomsmen included Tom Kramer ’06. Guests included Matt Bacon ’06, Andrea Barnette, Lara Grieco ’07, Amanda Mallonee, Anna Markowitz ’07, Jeremy Umbrino ’07, Nadia (Edwards) Womack ’07, Justin Womack ’07, and Katie Wright.

In April, Dana Ruminer received her PhD in molecular biology and biochemistry from U of California Irvine (UCI). She started a job at Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, CA. Her boyfriend, Brent Spang, received his PhD in engineering from UCSD in 2011 and works at Fossil Energy Research Company in San Clemente, CA. Abby Geller moved back to Denver, CO after living in Chicago for three years. She is working as the LatAm sales representative for Serviesource. Nicki Puzza graduated from the U of FL College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2012 and completed a small animal internship at Animal Medical Specialist in Orlando, FL. She moved to Houston, TX to begin a specialty internship in small animal internal medicine. Mike and Ashley Mccartney ’08 opened a Sea Grant Knauss Fellow, focused in fisheries science at the U of Denver. She began working for NOAA. The newlyweds worked at the U of MD for a year and moved to Baltimore, MD. Bridesmaids included Joe Chongpinitchai ’07 and Tom Kramer ’06. Guests included Matt Bacon ’06, Andrea Barnette, Lara Grieco ’07, Amanda Mallonee, Anna Markowitz ’07, Jeremy Umbrino ’07, Nadia (Edwards) Womack ’07, Justin Womack ’07, and Katie Wright. Stephanie is pursuing a PhD in sociology at the U of CO-Boulder. Andrew works for the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C.

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5th Reunion Homecoming

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Katie Groglio is in her second year of working in the Fluid Flow Cytometry Core for the Harvard Stem Cell Institute at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) in Boston. In June, 2012, she attended the annual worldwide cytometry conference (Cyto 2012) in Leipzig, Germany where she presented on “remote cytometry” with her two lab supervisors. She also presented at Cyto 2013 in San Diego after teaching a course at Scissors College. Katie is working towards her master’s degree in biology at Harvard’s extension school.

Well done, Katie! Huge congratulations go to Dennis House and Kate (Frehyf) for tying the knot on July 7!

2012

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Andrew Means is working in donor relations and development events at the Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore. He also works as a part-time blogger for a Yankees site called “The Pinstriped Bible” which partners with Yahoo! Sports. He plans to pursue a master of liberal arts degree from Johns Hopkins beginning in the summer or fall in September.

Carolyn Poehner began working for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Jersey City as a risk management associate. As for me, I’m pursuing a PhD in chemistry from the U of MD at College Park.

Brad Tabor
George Leader '39

George M. Leader '39, former Pennsylvania governor, died at 95 on May 9. Leader, raised on a poultry farm in York County, PA, studied economics and political science at Gettysburg College and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. Before serving as state senator and later governor from 1955-69, Leader served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and returned to York County to join the family farming business. During his four-year term as governor, Leader became known for his commitment to improving social services across the state. He provided state funds to assist individuals with mental illness in community settings rather than hospitals and made special education a requirement in schools. Leader continued his involvement in politics and public service throughout his lifetime, but focused his career on launching a number of businesses in senior living. For more than twenty years, Leader worked on developing assisted living communities across PA. He and his wife founded Country Meadows in 1985 and the company is still family-owned and managed. Leader was a resident at the community where he died. In his later years, he also focused his attention on prison reform, local charities that supported students in the Harrisburg School District, and international organizations serving Africa and, in particular, Ghana.

Leader is survived by sons Michael and David, a daughter, Jane Joint, and twelve grandchildren. Leader was predeceased in death by his wife of seventy-two years, Mary Jane (Stricker) Leader, who died in 2011 and a son, Frederic. His daughter-in-law Karen Chronister Leader ’73 and grandson George Leader IV ’05 are Gettysburg College alumni.

Robert L. Kunes ’40

Robert L. Kunes ’40, 95, died at the Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg, PA on March 20. Kunes graduated with a bachelor’s degree in economics from Gettysburg College and went on to receive a master of education from Temple University. After serving as an officer in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps during World War II, Kunes solidified a career in public relations by working for more than thirty years as an executive in Allentown and Philadelphia. During these working years, he was also active on the board of directors of a number of civic and philanthropic organizations, as well as a member of professional groups, including Philadelphia’s Poor Richard Club for advertising and public relations professionals and the Television, Radio, and Advertising Club of Philadelphia. In Allentown, he was a founding member of the Lehigh Valley Public Relations Club and established his own volunteer weekly radio program called “Education in the News.” His wife Jeanne predeceased Kunes in 2002 and the couple did not have any children.

“Bob was extraordinarily generous to his alma mater and we are deeply grateful. The funds remaining in his gift annuities will endow the Robert L. Kunes ’40 and Jeanne Farber Kunes Endowed Scholarship,” said Edwin Cable, Associate Director of Planned Giving. “Thus this childless couple adopted future Gettysburg students and will provide them a priceless and life-changing education into the generations. What a legacy of love and generosity.”

Joseph Steger ’60

Joseph A. Steger ’60, died May 9 at the age of 76. The Pennsylvania native graduated from Gettysburg College with a degree in psychology and went on to earn a master’s degree in experimental psychology and a doctorate in psychophysics from Kansas State University. For most of his career, Steger worked in higher education as an educator and administrator. His teaching career at the State University of New York at Albany and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) led to administrative positions at RPI and ultimately his recruitment to the University of Cincinnati (UC) as Senior Vice President and Provost/Director of Student Life. Two years later, Steger was named president of UC where he served a nineteen-year term, the second-longest term in the institution’s history. Steger’s legacy at UC extends beyond the number of years he served as president and is evident in the transformation he led on campus. He was honored in 2004 with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. The Joseph A. Steger Student Life Center, located on UC’s Main Street district houses offices and meeting spaces for student groups and organizations. Gettysburg also honored Steger in 1987 with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Steger is survived by his wife Carol, son Marty, daughter Tracy McClure, and three grandchildren, Dillan, Natalie, and Zemme.
College under attack

In what I consider one of the greatest commencement addresses of all time, TV host and Harvard grad Conan O’Brien joked to the 2011 Dartmouth graduating class, “Today, you have achieved something special—something only 92 percent of Americans your age will ever know: a college diploma. That’s right, with your college diploma you now have a crushing advantage over 8 percent of the workforce.”

It was funny, and I only wish it were true. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only about 30 percent of Americans hold bachelor’s degrees. I think it’s never been more important for a young person to have the opportunity to attend college. I’ve spent more than 20 years studying the attitudes and behaviors of teens and young adults. In the last few years I’ve seen many young people stuck in a very deep hole, through no fault of their own—a hole that may last for their entire lifetime.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the rate of unemployment among 18–29 year-olds is about 12 percent. About 80 percent of young people say the bad economy is negatively affecting their daily lives and that their financial future may be worse than their financial present. On both the economy and their perception of the economy, young people are pessimistic and disheartened.

The long-term impact concerns me most. A generation with limited career opportunities may have to delay buying houses, starting families, traveling, or exploring their interests. A college degree is not the only solution, but it is key. And it is under attack.

Currently, there is an intense debate about the value of higher education. The anti-college argument goes like this: college is expensive, it may require taking out loans, there is no guarantee of a job after graduation, and therefore, a college graduate may be saddled with debt. My pro-college argument is simple: if you think times are tough now for young people, try sending them into the world to compete without a college education.

Without a college education, they will face immense individual challenges, and as a society, we will suffer from having fewer creative and educated thinkers to move us closer to eradicating HIV/AIDS, slowing global warming, or becoming less dependent on foreign oil (to name three).

Getting more young people to college ought to be one of our most important priorities. On a macro-level, that means finding more ways to make college affordable. On a micro-level, that means alumni like you and me contributing as much as we can to make our college accessible to more students.

Bill Carter ’91 was a writing major and a captain of the lacrosse team. He is a founding partner at Fuse, a marketing agency focused on teens and young adults—named the #1 Best Place to Work by Vermont Business Magazine.
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