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From the president

As Gettysburg College joins the nation this year in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and President Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, it is clear that not only our location binds us to these historic events. We are also bound by service.

When the Civil War made its way to Pennsylvania, Gettysburg College stood in its midst. With news of an approaching Confederate States Army in June 1863, 48 of the 116 students enrolled in the College at that time abandoned their studies and joined Company A, 26th Pennsylvania Emergency Militia Regiment, offering their service to the Union Army. The Battle of Gettysburg ensued in early July, changing our town, our college, and our country forever.

Our students jumped to action, filling a need where they saw it, in a spirit of service that has repeated itself throughout Gettysburg College’s 181 years.

Later that same year, David Wills, an 1851 graduate of the College, was appointed by Pennsylvania Governor Andrew Curtin to procure land for a national cemetery to bury the Union dead. Wills not only handled the arrangements for the cemetery, but took it upon himself to invite President Lincoln for its November 19, 1863 dedication. Wills hosted the president at his home the night before, where Lincoln is said to have finished drafting the Gettysburg Address.

It weren’t for our own David Wills inviting the president to deliver “a few appropriate remarks” at the dedication ceremony, the world’s most famous oratory might not have happened.

Our students’ passion for and commitment to service have only grown since 1863. Our goal at Gettysburg College is to help our students develop the capacity to solve big problems, resolve conflict, and improve our world — to feel a responsibility to apply their education towards purposeful action for the greater good.

I’ve spent my career working in higher education because I’m a firm believer in the power of the individual. As someone who interacts regularly with our younger generation, I’m happy to report that these young people understand that power. Making the world a better place is the promise of our students’ generation.

Earlier this year, Gettysburg College was one of five colleges and universities in the nation to be named a Presidential Awardee in the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll — the highest honor an institution can receive for its commitment to public service. More than 70 percent of our students engage in service-related activities, but our approach goes deeper than providing service. Our students engage with community members to facilitate partnerships and alliances that foster social justice and positive personal and community change.

When the world turns its attention to Gettysburg this year, I take pride in knowing that our College, which shares a name with a place that forever changed our country, prepares students who are dedicated to changing the world for the better. As cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

And change the world we will.

Sincerely,

Janet Morgan Riggs ’77
President

Third in a seven-part series in The New York Times sponsored by the College as we join the country in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.
Many students and alumni know my 90-year-old father, Elio. We stay at his house (my house!) on the way to Maine to do fieldwork. Picture a tiny kitchen and a dozen robust young people with backpacks. He always tells them, “You’re tall!” Elio is a pip!

My mother suffered from ill health her entire life. She didn’t mope around because of it. Agnes was not, shall we say, a shy woman. She never held back. She was hell on wheels. Agnes was 20 when I was born, 38 when I left for college, and 52 when she died.

My parents grew up poor. Fortified by their love and the GI Bill, they married young and forged ahead. They taught my brothers and me how to cook, clean, sew, iron, change a diaper, change a tire, shovel the driveway, mow the lawn, build things — build a life, really. They taught us to love books. To work hard, respect our teachers, and value education. To care about people with less than we had. They taught us to take a stand. Ask my students: “Doc tells us the same thing! Every day!”

Going away to college was an impossible dream for my parents. Yet here I am. I challenge my students to take charge of their own lives, to make a difference in their own hearts and souls, and then in the lives of others. On the last day of every class, I hear echoes of my parents’ voices when I ask, “If not you, then who?”

— by Liz Williams ’13
Voice of experience

Playing outdoors in suburban Riderwood, Maryland sparked my lifelong love of nature. Tree forts, illicit fires, and impounded crayfish were the fruits of my summer afternoons. It was that unsheltered world — along with a high school biology teacher — that inspired me to study biology at Gettysburg, later earning my master’s degree in landscape architecture at North Carolina State University.

I’ve worked for Natural Lands Trust for more than 23 years, including the past eight as a vice president. I helped the Gettysburg National Military Park design an open space program for its “buffer zone” and have helped save more than 30,000 acres of the 100,000 Natural Lands Trust has preserved.

Like so many matters of public interest, open space preservation follows big national trends. It became more popular in the 1980s, the beginnings of a generational shift in focus — one that emphasizes conservation within already developed areas instead of pristine wilderness.

People love trails, kayaks, and bikes. They look to open space to enrich their lives and want it close to where they live; they want both authenticity and access. I welcome this change of focus and am heartened by the egalitarianism of the new emphasis and the ways in which all Americans, not just those who live in beautiful rural landscapes, benefit from parks and trails nearby.

Natural Lands Trust’s founder, Allston Jenkins, put it well: “Let us realize the greater the development, the greater the need and the greater the value of those areas which we can preserve. Places of natural beauty serve the greater good where they can be enjoyed by the greater number of people.”

Natural Lands Trust is dedicated to protecting the forests, fields, streams, and wetlands that are essential to protecting the forests, fields, streams, and wetlands that are essential to the sustainability of life in eastern Pennsylvania and southern NJ.

Lincoln Prize book says slavery central to war

The 2013 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize went to James Oakes for Freedom National: The Destruction of Slavery in the United States, 1861-1865. The College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (GLI) chose Oakes, who is a Distinguished Professor of History at The Graduate Center, City University of New York, from among 104 nominees. He received $50,000 and a bronze replica of Augustus Saint-Gaudens’ life-size bust “Lincoln the Man” in a ceremony on April 10 in New York City.

Oakes challenges the assumption that the Civil War was originally about union and came to involve slavery only out of military necessity. “In powerful detail, he shows how slaves, free blacks, Northern whites, and secessionists all saw the war as about emancipation from the outset,” said GLI President James G. Basker.

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Grammy nominee visits O’burg

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Robert Oakes

Oakes also wrote the 2008 Lincoln Prize co-winner, The Radical and the Republican: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the Triumph of Antislavery Politics. This year’s other finalists were More Than Freedom! Fighting for Black Citizenship in a White Republic, 1839-1869 by Yael A. Sternhell.

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NEA poetry grant

The National Endowment for the Arts awarded a $25,000 creative writing fellowship to Emerging Writer Lecturer Ryan Teitman. He was one of 40 poets selected from a national pool of 1,000.

MOOCs, flips, and blends

Rather than making residential liberal arts colleges obsolete, online learning and new uses of technology promise to expand the classroom in new directions, wrote President Riggs in an op-ed that appeared in The Huffington Post.

Grad earns science honor for Bio-materials research

‘His class was where I really started to understand chemistry and it began to click for me,’” she said. “Plus, his cookies were the best.”

Campbell, who earned her doctorate in chemistry at the University of Buffalo, is the director of the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory, a facility in Richland, Wash., funded by the Department of Energy’s Office of Biological & Environmental Research. More than 700 scientists from around the globe make use of the lab’s resources. "We have people from all over the world doing science on a collection of instruments you cannot find anywhere else," Campbell said. “The science is outstanding and helping to solve real problems in energy and the environment.”

— by Liz Williams ’13

Peter Williamson ’79

open space

Snapshots

More movie nights

“Save our Downtown Movies” was the rallying cry that raised $162,000 to stave off digital doomsday and keep movies rolling at the Majestic Theater.

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MAC 100

Women’s hoops star Sue Marshall ’85 and six standout grapplers were named to the Middle Atlantic Conference All-Century Team: Henry Schwartz ’42, Joe Bavaro ’66, Scott Higgins ’67, Craig Hall ’86, Bob Ortenzo ’79, and George Maier ’79.

See more on page 16.
Bouncing around

How a gifted scholar-athlete from New Zealand landed in Gettysburg

F irst, leave your homeland for the opposite side of the planet to claim an athletic scholarship. Next, after only one year, move hundreds of miles across your new country to transfer to a rigorous academic institution. Then, earn a spot at the starting center of your new school’s basketball team — which runs an offense you’ve never seen before.

Now spend an intensive semester in Egypt. And finally, compile a 3.87 grade-point average in a piece-of-cake major like, um, physics.

That’s the itinerary Ben Constable ’13 followed to establish himself as a model scholar-athlete. The Christchurch, New Zealand native accepted a basketball scholarship at Northwood University, an NAIA Division II school in West Palm Beach, Florida. The hoops were great under legendary coach Rollie Massimino, but Constable found himself seeking something different academically.

At the suggestion of his host family — Frank and Stephanie Gaitley — Constable visited Gettysburg College. Ironically, Frank had played basketball under longtime Gettysburg Head Coach George Petrie at the Haverford School, in Petrie’s first job out of college. Stephanie is the head women’s basketball coach at Fordham University and, as head coach at St. Joseph’s University, had coached a cousin of Constable’s.

Two challenges drew Constable to Gettysburg. One was our rigorous Department of Physics. The other was the Princeton Offense, a long-time staple under Petrie but, according to Constable, a strategy unknown in New Zealand. It demands ceaseless movement, superior ball-handling and passing, and telepathic teamwork. “My teammates will laugh at me when I say this, but I actually love the Princeton Offense and how it’s run,” Constable said. “It’s funny because a lot of the time it doesn’t wind up with me taking a shot. But I love running it because you explore every single option on the basketball court.”

His exploration of the world of physics has proved equally rewarding. “We have small classes and very enthusiastic, engaged faculty,” Constable said. “I think I’ve had a class with almost every department member. Each one of them has been fantastic. Each one has an open-office policy, and they’re always asking what you’re looking for in physics.”

In 2010 – 11, his first year on the Bullets’ hardwood, the six-foot-seven post player helped the Bullets reach the Centennial Conference playoffs. He learned from one of Gettysburg’s all-time bests, backing up all-time leading scorer, Andrew Powers ’11.

The next year, Constable saw more playing time, starting six games. Strong and tough to defend down low, he showed flashes of dominance, once posting 23 points and 11 rebounds in a game. He was on the court when Cory Weissman ’12 made headlines with his inspiring return on Senior Day.

In the fall of 2012, Constable studied abroad in Egypt at the American University in Cairo. Though it meant missing the team’s first eight games, the decision was a no-brainer. “To be able to spend four to five months in a new country in a program that provides you with the security to go and explore — that was definitely something I didn’t want to miss out on,” said Constable, who snorkeled in Sharm el Sheikh, visited the Luxor Temple, and observed protests in Tahrir Square. “You had one foot in the Western world — you were with these very privileged Egyptians who could afford university and their parents were sort of upper class. You would split your days with them and going into Cairo where you’d see people protesting just for their rights to vote or you’d see people working on plantations. Twenty-five percent of the population lives on less than a dollar a day. It was an experience in luxury, contrasted with seeing some extreme poverty.”

Constable returned to the team in late December, and — though he downplays the connection — the Bullets promptly won eight of their next 10 games after a rough start. During the stretch, he averaged career highs of 9.9 points and 5.9 rebounds per game as the Bullets entrenched themselves in the Centennial Conference playoff hunt.

“He’s just really an amazing individual,” Petrie said. “To sustain consistency in the classroom, on the court, in conditioning, and handling all of the issues of being an international student is commendable.”

— by Braden Snyder
Board of Trustees adds seven members

A. Bruce Chamberlin ’86 is senior associate director of admissions at Georgetown University. He has been an active volunteer in alumni outreach and fundraising for Gettysburg College and was appointed to the Alumni Board of Directors in 2006. He is the recipient of the College’s Linnaean Award (1985) and Young Alumni Achievement Award for Service (2001). The economics major completed his masters and doctoral studies in education at the College of William and Mary.

Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy, trustee from 1997 to 2003 and Commencement speaker in 2007, is director emeritus of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. (NASPA). Before joining NASPA in 1995, Dungy was associate director for the Curriculum and Faculty Development Network at the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

Holly Keller McDevitt ’87, P’17 is a managing partner of Mockingbird Holdings, a real estate investment company that she and her husband, Matthew McDevitt ’87 founded. She is on the board of Children as Catalysts for Change, a nonprofit organization that provides grants to schools in Philadelphia and India to enable children to become self-sufficient members of their communities.

W. Jeffrey Siegfried ’81, P’14 is president and CEO of Omni Cable Corporation, a national master distributor of specialty wire and cable to electrical and electronic wholesalers with 11 locations across the U.S. Siegfried, who majored in business administration, has been a Gettysburg Career Connections volunteer since 2011. He is an advocate for and a generous supporter of career development for Gettysburg students.

Deborah M. Smith P’11, ’13 serves ex-officio on the board as co-chair of the Parents Advisory Board. Smith is staff gynecologist in Women’s Health at the Elizabeth Taylor Medical Center Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C. and a past member of both the ACOG Committee on Gynecologic Practice and the Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women.

Douglas P. Stuart ’04 serves ex-officio on the board as the ‘Burgians of the Last Decade (BOLD) Council chair. Stuart is associate director of alumni relations at Haverford College and active in the Philadelphia Regional Alumni Club. He was co-chair of his fifth reunion and is a class agent.

F. Kevin Tylus ’78, P’03 is president, CEO, and a director of Royal Bank America. He was president of Yardville (Pa.) National Bank from 2004 to 2007 and a regional president with PNC. He also held leadership positions in the financial services, insurance, and health care industries and was a management consultant with Touche Ross (Deloitte Consulting), where he became a partner. The business administration major earned his M.B.A. from La Salle University.

Civil War CD on the way

After a grueling three-day recording session on the Majestic Theater stage, the College Wind Symphony, including Keith Gromis ’13 (pictured), is set to release a CD. Info is at www.gettysburg.edu/bandrecordings. Prof. Russ McCutcheon conducted “Unknown Heroes of the Civil War” by Craig Thomas Naylor, the composition of which was commissioned by the Sunderman Conservatory, and other pieces related to the war’s sesquicentennial. The auditioned ensemble’s 50 members include music and non-music majors.

McCutcheon likened the disc to publication of a scientific paper co-authored by a professor and students. “Our students came out of the process as much better listeners and ensemble players,” he said.

— photo by Jim Hale
Conversations

Last issue’s story about collaboration between biology Prof. Steve James ’80 and his students prompted many responses.

Maggie O’Rourke ’95 wrote to James: “You really were a great mentor (even if you weren’t my assigned mentor) to me and inspired me to continue pursuing a field in science as well, so I concur with all the praise the quoted students shared. I’m still in health care public relations (just celebrated 9 year anniversary).”

Meagan White Phelan ’05 also contacted James: “I, too, was truly motivated to dig a little deeper into my quest to understand various aspects of biology, genetics, and beyond after taking your course. Thank you!”

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Susan Eisenhower, founding director and first president of the College’s Eisenhower Institute, wrote an opinion piece published in Jan. 17’s Washington Post under the headline “The NRA’s diabolical ad.”

In 2008, just after Barack Obama was elected president, I gave a television interview regarding what the Obamas might do, their family. I was asked specifically how Malia and Sasha’s lives would change. For a start, I said, they won’t play outside anymore without armed guards.

“I know nothing about that. For the eight years that my grandfather, Dwight Eisenhower, was president of the United States, I had Secret Service protection. Known as the ‘Diaper Detail,’ these armed agents protected my sisters, brother, and me from potential kidnappings or other targeted attacks. Such threats might be aimed at hurting us, but they would also strike a devastating blow to the president and possibly our national security.”

News that the College was honored with a presidential award for service brought kudos. Sarin Matthew’s ’07 wrote, “I can attest that Gettysburg College is dedicated to opportunities not only helped those in need, but provided models of how students can make an impact in the world. Thank you for showing us how much of a difference we can make if we work together and think outside of the box. The CPS has made me who I am today.”

Similar sentiments and words of praise for the Center for Public Service and CPS founder Karl Mattson were added by Stephanie Adamec ’05, Keith Swarney ’94, and others.

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To add your voice to Conversations, visit the College’s Facebook page, follow the College on Twitter, or send a letter to alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu
War & memory

The battle that engulfed the campus 150 years ago forever changed the College, infusing it with memories of sorrow, sacrifice, and the promise of peace.

A LANDSCAPE INEXORABLY DARKENED

In the waning hours of July 1, 1863, the knock at the door of Pennsylvania College Prof. Charles Schaeffer must have been a shock. For the better part of the day, hellish battle had been waged north and west of his home along Chambersburg Street before careening through the streets of Gettysburg outside the professor’s windows. The knock brought a strange visitor: Frederick Lehmann, a 15-year-old student in the College’s Preparatory Division. He was seeking refuge and the professor let him in.

Lehmann’s morning, like Schaeffer’s and the rest of the town’s, had begun like most others. The students of Pennsylvania College awoke and headed from their rooms, which were also in what would become Penn College’s Edifice (modern day Pennsylvania Hall).

There were very few left to study that morning. All told, fewer than 20 students remained in their rooms, which were also in what would become Penn Hall. Dozens had fled their alma mater for safer climes; others had joined the Commonwealth’s hastily organized militia. (See photo on opposite page.) For the first time in three years of war, it truly looked like the Mason-Dixon line might not be the wisest choice.

Classes soon were interrupted by the echo of cannon. The few students rushed outside to see what excitement they could find. Senior Michael Colver and junior Henry Watkins decided they didn’t need permission to see what was going on. “Let the faculty go to grass and you come on,” Colver shouted to his friend as they both bounded toward the Lutheran Seminary west of town. Climbing to the Seminary’s cupola, they caught sight of the opening shots of the Battle of Gettysburg before being scared down by just how close to their ears shells were bursting. The two lost each other in the chaos and wouldn’t be reunited until days later.

Frederick Lehmann, though, didn’t let the prospect of bursting shells and whizzing bullets scare him. He sought adventure. Lehmann’s father was away from their Pittsburgh home serving in the United States Army. Now was the young man’s turn to try his mettle and defend his native state. Wandering to the front lines, Lehmann plucked a musket from the hands of a dead soldier. He stripped the man’s cartridge box from his lifeless shoulder and slung it over his warm one. And then the young man plunged into hell.

As some were charging toward the fray, others were escaping the maelstrom. College President Henry L. Baugher sought refuge in his home on campus (the modern Norris-Wachob Alumni House). Baugher and his wife Clarissa had lost their son Nesham (a graduate of the College) to rebel bullets the previous spring after the Battle of Shiloh. Now Southern lead clattered against the walls of their home. The stream of wounded men passing outside the home must have become too much for the Baugher women, as Clarissa and her 21-year-old daughter Alice brought nearly 20 of them into their home. Private George Kimball of the 12th Massachusetts remembered Alice’s courage as she nursed his wounds, remarking that “every time I opened my eyes in my brief periods of returning consciousness during that eventful afternoon her kindly face was looking down upon me.”

July 1 saw the retreat of the federal army through the streets of Gettysburg. Prof. Michael Jacobs and his family dove into their basement for protection and heard dead soldiers falling on their doorstep as the battle raged in town. And up on Seminary Ridge, Frederick Lehmann, the student-turned-soldier, found himself captured and in enemy hands. Without the intervention of a kind lieutenant on his behalf, the 15-year-old might have found himself in a harsh Southern prison. Instead, the rebels let the young man go, and he scurried to the door of his German professor, Charles Schaeffer, to wait out the battle in relative safety. Two days later, curiosity got the better of the boy as he sneaked out to see the latest excitement. A Confederate rifle drilled a bullet through his leg: he would walk with a limp for the rest of his life.

Battle raged for two more days south of the town and the campus. For a month more, the College Edifice served as a hospital for dying soldiers from the South. The College and its students were forever changed. “Our books and furniture were scattered,” student John Mumma Young remembered, “so that it was almost like making a new start.” Surrounded by death, Pennsylvania College’s students soldiered on. Young was once offered buttons and cloth cut from the grave of a rotting rebel corpse. He turned it down, not because it was a man’s burial shroud, but simply “because the odor attached to it did not appeal to me.”

Such was life in Gettysburg after the battle. The town stood, a landscape inexorably darkened. And its college would forever bear the stains of war, sorrow, and loss.

— by John M. Rudy ’07, adjunct instructor of Civil War Era studies and National Park Service ranger. He is writing a book, Every Purpose Under Heaven: Pennsylvania College and the Civil War.

Two weeks before the battle, many students enlisted to defend their state, forming Company A of the 26th Pennsylvania Emergency Militia Regiment. Five days before the battle, west of town, the green troops fixed one volley at a veteran brigade marching in advance of the invading army, but the students were quickly routed. The rebels captured dozens of members of the regiment, whom they later released in the town square. Right, Company A in 1892 at the dedication of their monument at Chambersburg and West streets. (Photo by William H. Tipton. Courtesy of Special Collections / Musselman Library, Gettysburg College.)

Pennsylvania College, July 1863, photo by Mathew Brady. Courtesy of Special Collections / Musselman Library, Gettysburg College.
**THE LAST REUNION AND THE LIGHT OF PEACE**

From June 28 to July 6, 1938, nearly 2,000 men clad in blue and gray invaded Gettysburg once more. This time, however, the opposing forces leaned on crutches and canes. From across the country, the grizzled veterans (their average age was 92) arrived to mark the 75th anniversary of the greatest battle in American history. Downtown, a small army of Boy Scouts and College students besieged the trains conveying Johnny Reb and Billy Yank and escorted them to campus, where a veritable tent city and eight days of speeches, military demonstrations, and fireworks awaited them all. Gettysburg College knew a thing or two about hosting reunions of Civil War veterans. A delegation of Pennsylvania veterans rented on campus during the battle’s silver anniversary in 1888. Then, during the great “peace jubilee” — the saccharine festival of sectional reconciliation in which more than 50,000 veterans returned to Gettysburg in 1913 — students offered up their dorm furnishings and linens for use by the veterans and visiting dignitaries. Dozens of students likewise snapped up plum summer jobs as clerks, pages, and battlefield guides. Rather than return home for the summer, other students planned to linger about town in hopes of securing a last-minute position — a scheme that President William Granville, in the pages of *The Gettysburgian*, deemed an “absurdity” and “poor” economics. But in 1938, with Pennsylvania State Senator John Rice ’21 at the helm of the battle anniversary commission, the College assumed the leading role in the “final reunion” of the Blue and the Gray. President Harry W.A. Hanson committed the College “wholeheartedly” to the celebration, offering the commission unlimited use of its buildings and grounds. Chairman Rice staked his tent on the lawn of Breidenbaugh Hall. The stately Huber Hall, tapped as the general headquarters for the reunion, also housed Pennsylvania Governor George Earle. From the fourth floor of Glazebrook, NBC transmitted the reunion proceedings around the globe, while print journalists took up residence in both Weidensall and McKnight halls. The U.S. Army Band and Drum Corps bunked in Eddie Plank Gymnasium, and, appropriately enough, Old Dorm became a hospital once more.

Meanwhile, construction crews quickly transformed the northern fringes of campus into a canvas maze, pitching Union tents on the east side of Mummauburg Road and Confederate tents on the west side. Veterans settled into A-frame canvas tents, replete with screen doors and mosquito netting. Every effort was made to ensure that the veterans, who were required to bring an escort along, had a comfortable stay. Tents were furnished with two iron cots, pillows and blankets, and even floor rugs and electric lamps. On the afternoon of Friday, July 1, following an invocation from the chaplain of the leading Union veterans’ organization, Rice welcomed the veterans and their attendants in a ceremony in the College Stadium. Meanwhile, thousands gathered along Oak Ridge awaiting the 21-gun salute announcing the arrival of President Roosevelt, who would dedicate the Eternal Light Peace Memorial. Hoping to catch a glimpse of the presidential motorcade, the Fortenbaugh family crowded on the roof of their Broadway home. Roosevelt’s speech, like the estimated 250,000 people in the audience, marveled at the “achievement” of lasting national unity and the hearty old warriors who, after many decades of acrimony and bitterness, had finally clasped hands across the bloody chasm. The resolve of a reunited nation was likewise on display the following day, as fighter planes simulated an aerial attack above the College Stadium and modern artillery and cavalry units drilled on the field below.

The next afternoon, the veterans paraded through town to the cadences of the Army Band and Drum Corps. But the “high-water mark” of the entire celebration was July 3. The day began at the Christ Lutheran Church on Chambersburg Street, where history Prof. Robert Fortenbaugh spoke on the church’s role during the battle. Later that morning, the pastor of St. Francis Xavier celebrated a military field Mass at the College Stadium. Meanwhile, thousands gathered along Oak Ridge awaiting the 21-gun salute announcing the arrival of President Roosevelt, who would dedicate the Eternal Light Peace Memorial. Hoping to catch a glimpse of the presidential motorcade, the Fortenbaugh family crowded on the roof of their Broadway home. Roosevelt’s speech, like the estimated 250,000 people in the audience, marveled at the “achievement” of lasting national unity and the hearty old warriors who, after many decades of acrimony and bitterness, had finally clasped hands across the bloody chasm. The resolve of a reunited nation was likewise on display the following day, as fighter planes simulated an aerial attack above the College Stadium and modern artillery and cavalry units drilled on the field below.

But then it was over. Volunteers escorted veterans to their trains, tourists packed up, reporters filed their stories, and tents were folded up into the dusty pages of history. Within a decade, only a handful of Civil War soldiers remained. The last, 108-year old Union drummer boy Albert Woolson of Duluth, Minnesota, died in 1956. When Roosevelt, with the aid of a Union and a Confederate veteran, unveiled that limestone shaft atop Oak Hill, he dedicated it as a memorial to all Civil War veterans. But there is another, less conspicuous monument to those ex-soldiers on the Gettysburg battlefield. Today, our nearly manicured campus endures as a tribute — not only to the sprawling tent cities that once blanketed its acres — but also to those tottering survivors of war who, for at least a few days, called Gettysburg College home.

By Brian Matthew Jordan ’09, adjunct instructor of Civil War Era studies. He is finishing a book, *When Billy Came Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War*.

Nearly 2,000 veterans returned for the 75th anniversary and what would be their final reunion. 1: The view of the entire Veteran’s Camp. 2: 3rd Cavalry Parade and 3: Light Tanks from the 66th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md. (Photos by the Signal Corps, U.S. Army, courtesy of Special Collections, Musselman Library, Gettysburg College.)
Last fall’s murder of the American ambassador to Libya sent shock waves to the four corners of the world, including history Prof. Karen Pinto’s classroom. Intense discussions in her U.S.-Middle East Interaction course evolved into a series of “reach-in” forums for the whole community in the Wedensall Hall lobby. Dozens attended the informal events, which grew to encompass topics such as the uprising in Syria and the shooting of Pakistani women’s literacy activist Malala Yousafzai.

The College’s new program and minor, Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS) enables students in any major to explore their interests in this region. “An American liberal arts education cannot be complete” if it turns a blind eye to the topic, said anthropology Prof. Amy Young Evrard, who coordinates MEIS. “With the U.S. heavily involved militarily, economically, and politically in the Middle East, we have a duty to understand more about this region — and to interrogate our assumptions about those who live there.”

The program not only adds the College’s first tenure-track professor of Arabic languages and cultures — Abdulkareem Said Ramadan, who earned his Ph.D. in applied linguistics at the University of Damascus in Syria — but also spans disciplines from religious studies to psychology.

Such breadth attracted Kate Landis ’14. “I became hooked on studying the Arabic language and wanted to learn more about the societies it represents. It is this interdisciplinary aspect of the program that I think makes it so relevant today and such a great addition,” she said in the fall 2012 newsletter of the College’s Language Resource Center. “Any region is so much more than political headlines — it has its own histories, religions, languages, and cultures. One of the best things about the MEIS Program is that it is becoming this great network of students who are also eager to share their enthusiasm campuswide.”

Direct experience of other cultures is central to MEIS, which emphasizes study abroad through programs including a partnership with the American University in Cairo, Egypt (AUC).

Of course, in today’s globalized high-tech world, direct experience doesn’t always require physical travel. Via Skype, a live online audio-visual hookup, political science Prof. Yasemin Akbaba co-taught her Turkish Politics course with a colleague at Izmir University in Turkey. MEIS funds sent two of her students there to further their research, and the College brought two Turkish students to campus for 2011’s Celebration research colloquium.

Six students have declared the new minor, including Mollie Greenwood ’13, a globalization studies major. She has been involved in MEIS since it began taking shape in 2010 as the result of a four-year $532,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. “I came to Gettysburg hoping to study the Middle East,” she said, beginning with the Arabic self-instruction program then offered on campus thanks to a federal grant. “I went on to study Islamic history, the religion of Islam, and anthropology in the Middle East. Gettysburg even helped me study abroad in Amman, Jordan for four months, where I got to conduct independent research. I have been proud to watch my favorite professors unite into a cohesive program and start holding extracurricular events, like this year’s Eid al Adha dinner.” Greenwood was also on the College’s Model Arab League team, which won “outstanding delegation” honors at last year’s competition at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. “I’ve become passionate about the Middle East,” she said. “While I don’t know what post-graduation life holds for me, I know that I have a strong support system of professors to give me advice.”

Greg Williams ’10 experienced just such support. MEIS was not in place during his student days, but professors who are now part of the program “helped me get to where I am,” he said early this year. “For example, Karen Pinto suggested I contact a professor at the University of Chicago my senior year. I am right now in Jericho, Palestine working on a project with him.” And it was a course with Evrard that “ultimately got me very interested in archaeology,” said Williams, who completed his master’s in Islamic art and architecture at AUC and is applying to Ph.D. programs in archaeology. “I am glad Gettysburg has developed this minor for students like myself, interested in a variety of disciplines with a common geographical region,” he said. “If you can get a good base of modern standard Arabic in college, you will have a leg up if you go on to graduate school or intensive programs overseas.”

— by Jim Hale
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To mark the students’ passage into alumni status upon completion of their first semester, they followed an illuminated path to Pennsylvania Hall. They presented President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 with a Class Book detailing their fondest first-year memories and sang the Alma Mater as the sun lingered just below the horizon.

The event drew inspiration from the Alma Mater’s first verse, which describes “a band of good fellows” who gather “to sing in the twilight hours.” The last verse provided a fitting finale: “Forever am I thy debtor and whatever else I may do; I’ll love, I’ll defend, and I’ll honor the glorious orange and blue.”

Those closing lines — suggested by Ralph Mahaffe ’22 to ATO brothers and Alma Mater composers Paul Gilbert ’22 and Fred Reinartz ’24 — express a bond that began at the institution’s founding and has been nurtured by tradition ever since.

But do campus traditions still make sense in the 21st century? Admittedly, some of the traditions exalted by colleges and universities around the globe can appear trivial to outsiders. But, for participants, traditions still resonate and create connections that knit a community together. In that light, the Twilight Walk was no mere snowy trek through campus to sing a venerable song. Instead, it was a warm welcome for a new generation of Gettysburgians, some 770 members strong, as they joined a world-spanning network of more than 26,000 alumni.

“Traditions should constitute a way for an institution to distinguish itself,” said Prof. Emeritus Charles H. Glatfelter ’46, former chair of the Department of History and dean of the College. (Prof. Glatfelter passed away this year. See page 47.)

Glatfelter — who devoted his professional career to the advancement of Gettysburg College and literally wrote the book on the institution’s traditions and history, A Salutary Influence: Gettysburg College, 1832-1985 — believed that successful traditions stem from the collective identity of the people who first employ them.
“The Gettysburg Hello is an example of a tradition that connects everyone,” said Susan Pyron ’83, assistant vice president of annual giving, alumni and parent relations. “It created a sense of community and illustrated that you were part of something bigger.”

Anna Jane Moyer, retired campus librarian and author of To Waken Fond Memory: Moments in the History of Gettysburg College, shared Pyron’s sentiment: “The Gettysburg Hello was a great tradition that made people make connections. It promoted campus unity. If you’d say hi, it would symbolize that ‘we’re all in this together.’”

So where’s the Gettysburg Hello today?

Some alumni believe the tradition’s gone and offer potential explanations for its demise: today’s students hail from larger communities that long ago waved goodbye to pleasantries; students are distracted by portable technology like phones and iPods; and even a new millennial interpretation of the campus experience, with students treating the residency as a mere pit stop on the way to career success, shrugging off the concept of campus unity.

Other alums feel the tradition has merely adapted to the times. “In my mind that tradition has continued, in that it is still a very friendly campus and a welcoming place,” said Joe Lynch ’85, executive director of alumni relations. “I think that legacy of friendliness and community has lived on. It is a tradition that has evolved, but it is still a part of the campus culture.”

Let’s talk turkey

It’s hard to argue that the campus is starving for community if you’ve ever celebrated Thanksgiving at Servo. Practically the entire student body lines up along Lincoln Avenue in anticipation of a massive meal served by staff and faculty volunteers.

Fresh turkeys — so many that Dining Services orders them by the pallet load — are brought to the table whole so students can carve and share them. The legendary feast requires more than 800 pounds of stuffing and 1,500 slices of pumpkin pie.

But the vast repast is about much more than food. It nourishes community by bringing the campus together to accomplish a remarkable logistical feat, and it serves up family-style togetherness as students talk, laugh, and create lifelong memories with their friends. Begun in the 1970s, Thanksgiving’s mighty meal obviously has staying power, sticking to the campus’s ribs. Conversely, since the College’s birth in 1832, dozens of other observances have come and gone — which is only to be expected, according to sociology Prof. Charles Emmons. “Modern industrial societies are changing so rapidly that traditional culture becomes obsolete, especially from one generation or age cohort to the next,” he said. “Traditions might be considered less important in this society, actually, than in many societies.”

Emmons would classify Gettysburg’s Thanksgiving Dinner — along with Homecoming, the Snowball, and other campus celebrations — as “cultural survivals,” behavioral patterns that hang on against the odds.

So what’s the secret that transforms a passing fancy into treasured tradition? For Lynch, the answer’s easy — people care. “I think people have institutional pride and enjoy various levels of connection with other humans,” Lynch said. “To say you’re an alum of the same school — maybe you majored in the same thing, had the same professor, played the same sport, were members of the same fraternity or sorority, or even studied in the same cube in the library — these are invaluable shared connections alums are passionate about.”

Dinks, dots, and gratitude

The strongest traditions forge — and reforge — connections amid moments that are charged with emotion. New students are just beginning to think of themselves as Gettysburgians as they nervously

‘My favorite tradition was the ‘Gettysburg Hello’ because it distinguished the College in a way that was desirable,’ he said. The Gettysburg Hello was a custom in which first-years, and later all students, made a point of greeting everyone they passed on campus. The tradition, one of many promulgated in the “G-Book” code of conduct formerly distributed to new arrivals, prompted them to help create a hospitable campus environment.
their names and hometowns while donning funny little beanies called “dinks” during Orientation and the fall semester. Dinks came in many sizes and designs, including green with a yellow button from 1909 to 1912 and orange with a blue button in 1938. “Dinks and first-years wearing poster board signs bonded the classes when we were smaller,” Moyer said. “People really cherished those things. It is a little more of a grown-up approach [today], more in the nature of the world they are entering.”

Symbolic items are still important on campus today — and worn to powerful effect. Each April, newly admitted potential students visit campus on Get Acquainted Day. They are asked if they’ve “Got the Dot,” a round orange sticker on their name tag. If they do, it means their college search is over: they’ve chosen Gettysburg and have made a deposit to ensure their place in the incoming class.

And at Commencement, each graduate receives a Stole of Gratitude from the Alumni Association and wears it during the ceremony. Afterward, often tearfully, each grad presents his or her stole to someone — frequently a professor or parent — who has played a crucial role in their Gettysburg experience.

— by Michael Baker

What traditions did you experience? Please send memories and photos to alumniimagazine@gettysburg.edu

As large as an enthusiastic crowd at Commencement or Reunion, or as small as an orange dot, whether a tug of war between first-years and sophomores in 1913 or the First-Year Walk of 2013 (see below), traditions are powerful and precious, for it is through them that “thoughts shall be turned, Alma Mater, old Gettysburg back to thee.”

— by Michael Baker
On May 19, the newest flock of Gettysburgians will receive their diplomas and join our ranks as alumni. I love working with liberal arts students and alumni. They tell the most fascinating tales and weave the most intricate tapestries in their careers. If they are like the rest of us, their career paths may wander a bit and lead to a career filled with great and unexpected experiences. I think wandering is something that liberal arts majors have perfected and can be proud of. Those of you who might be feeling stuck or ready to try something new will receive their diplomas as a career transition strategy for a little healthy wandering at all of life’s stages.

During that time, I worked in rehabilitation counseling, a field that first exposed me to the needs of liberal arts majors. Many of my students were psychology, sociology, and teaching majors. I put together a rehabilitation counseling program at a local music store. From there it was on to a master’s degree in social work, and eventually to a PhD in psychology, and teaching: a detective solving a mystery; an appreciation for art, music, and film; and always finding fulfillment through helping others.

In other words, I wandered. Wisely, as it turns out, because I can’t picture a better career or life. And that is the beauty of a liberal arts degree in the career search: it simultaneously prepares you for nothing while it prepares you for everything, because you will add your unique skills, talents, and interests to the degree.

When the tables turned and I was in the role of advising students about their career search, I found myself frustrated with the simplistic 5 Steps To Finding A Job articles that never seemed to address the needs of liberal arts students (although those steps usually work well for lawyers, accountants, engineers, and some business careers). The articles all started with “Step 1: Set a Goal” — but most of my students didn’t have a goal. Or at least not goals that follow the obvious SMART (specific, measurable, etc.) format. And they didn’t know any more about the job search than I did when I was their age. So my goal became making them feel OK with that, and not worry or think they are doing something wrong if they don’t know what they want to do. I wanted them to know that wandering really can be a career strategy, particularly when it’s done wisely. Even in this economy — maybe especially in this economy where career flexibility is key.

My Wise Wanderings career system, published in my book, You Majored in What? is based on chaos theory: the notion that the job search is complex (like the weather), new and unexpected events are always emerging, and the best you can do is not waste your time predicting and planning too far in advance. A liberal arts education is the best preparation for complexity.

Don’t misinterpret wandering to mean you just do anything. Or that you can “wander” into a dead-end job you don’t enjoy and just stay there. No, wandering here has a purpose. It’s to find out what you will enjoy next in your career. Wise Wanderings means moving forward as you learn and develop new skills. And wanderers do set goals for projects and ideas, as long as they don’t allow those goals to keep them from finding what they really want.

Are you thinking of a career transition? Not to worry: you “transitioned” into a career when you graduated from Gettysburg. After all, very few psychology majors are psychologists, sociology majors sociologists, philosophy majors… well you get the idea. You are already an expert at transitions. What’s one more?

Start identifying your threads or themes. What has been and continues to be important to you? How would you like that to be expressed in your current or future job? Create a great metaphor to identify yourself. You’re no longer a job seeker: you’re a corporate anthropologist, an investigative reporter, or a detective. You’re seeking clues and information about your new career. Ask yourself some great questions.
A running start, a leg up

Most students begin their wandering while they are still in school through internships, externships, and job shadowing. These — and other real-life experiences like study abroad, service learning, and faculty-student research and creative projects — connect students with their interests, pointing them towards their next steps and future goals.

63 percent of the graduating class has held at least one internship

There are

5400 alumni, students, and parents on LinkedIn

The Center for Career Development is in the midst of the Career Connector Challenge, a drive to create 1,832 new career-related opportunities for students by 2014. At last count, we neared the halfway point: alumni, parents, and friends of the College have provided more than 900 new opportunities.

In today’s extremely challenging job market, your support is not only necessary for Gettysburg students to prepare for the job market, your support is not only necessary for Gettysburg students to prepare for the job market, but is also a difference in their lives.

2300 students have participated in a career program on campus this year

Evaluate your current job (if you have one!). What works and what doesn’t? What’s next? What would you like to focus on in your next job?

Evaluate yourself. What skills do you possess and what skills do you want to acquire? With whom do you want to work (clients and/or co-workers)?

Why do you want to do the work you’re thinking of doing? What meaning will it have for you? Why is it important that you do this work? What will you bring to the job that no one else will?

Do your homework. What education do you need for your new field? Can you acquire experience on the job or do you need to find another way through volunteering or part-time work?

What experiments can you conduct as you work your way into your new career? How can you learn more and develop experiences even if you’re staying in your current job for the moment?

Develop an action plan for switching to your new career. Cultivate patience. Create a one-year plan if needed. Use social networking to connect to people in your new field.

What if your next move is retirement? What will give your life new meaning now that things have changed? What is the legacy you would like to leave?

Have you considered wandering? The same ideas apply: notice what you enjoy and move toward it.

In today’s extremely challenging job market, your support is not only necessary for Gettysburg students to compete, but the right thing to do — and an important way for you to make a difference in their lives.

Contact career@gettysburg.edu

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Now I know what some of you are saying—’hey, isn’t this wandering kind of unfocused? Don’t I need a goal — particularly in this economy?’ Sure. Here’s your goal: learn. Find something to do while you’re looking for the ‘perfect’ thing to do. Oh, and by the way, lose ‘perfect.’ Look for what works for the moment. Discover what you like about it and try to do more of that.

Believe me. Wandering works well.

Or as T’olkien so eloquently said, “Not all those who wander are lost.”

A little wandering

James Russell ’08 is in sales with Siemens Healthcare. The management major and writing minor was a three-time letterman in football and member of Phi Delta Theta. His story was published previously on lendexperience.com, a website developed by Fred Reimer ’07 to encourage collaboration and career connection.

A little over a year ago, I decided to explore a career change. After four years of data analysis and consulting work for colleges and universities, I decided that I wanted to pursue a career in sales.

Since I was not coming from a true sales or health care background, it was essential that I updated my résumé and crafted professional experiences to real-life scenarios that a sales representative faces day-to-day.

My consulting experience, as well as my leadership roles in my fraternity and on Gettysburg College’s football team, was a huge factor throughout the interview process and allowed me to communicate my potential value to the company.

Another focus throughout the interview process was communicating my flexibility on locations where I would be willing to accept a position. Showing that you are willing to relocate for an opportunity establishes your desire for the position and ultimately boosts your stock with the group you are interviewing with.

Ultimately, I was offered the position at my preferred location and was able to begin my career in health care sales. Changing careers may seem like a daunting process. Staying on top of your résumé, networking within your desired industry, seeking informational interviews with mentors, and being flexible when it comes to location can simplify this process and provide you with the opportunity you are looking for.

Part of my experience involved working with university research hospitals, medical centers, which piqued my interest in the health care industry.

I leveraged my professional network and reached out to mentors, family, and friends in order to learn more about health care and find an interview opportunity in this field.

Through these discussions I was able to learn about a new division at Siemens Healthcare that was hiring sales professionals nationwide. My contacts who worked at Siemens were able to submit my résumé and open up an opportunity for a phone interview with HR.

One of the key challenges for breaking into a large company is the competition from internal candidates who have also applied for this job. It’s an uphill battle that requires you to consistently sell yourself, while communicating what skills and value you will bring to the company if hired.

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Diversity Peer Educators

Classism, racism, sexism, homophobia, and disability discrimination are tough conditions to live with and can be tough to discuss openly. Yet, in an increasingly interconnected world, feeling at ease with difference is crucial. That’s why a group of students is determined to make a difference — by making difference more natural to talk about.

The Diversity Peer Educators (DPE) came together in fall 2012 with a vision to help make Gettysburg a more inclusive intellectual community. Like the discussion forums eRace and rGender (facilitated by the Center for Public Service), they want to make the campus a place where people feel they can’t relate,” said Laura Koenig ’13. “A white middle class student may think, ‘I have nothing to give to that,’ but we all come from different places, with our own stories and our personal differences."

Facilitator training offered by College Life prepared DPE members to help hold a two-day Social Justice Institute in February. The group also promotes understanding of differences and commonalities by hosting informal “Servo Talks” over meals in the dining center and discussions in residence halls.

“Servo Talks” about differences are becoming comfortable with discomfort. “One of the blocks to conversation is that people are afraid to make a mistake,” said sophomore Monae Evans. "Bringing issues out in the open is the only way to bring about change. We address uncomfortable topics and sometimes being uncomfortable is the only way to have impact.”

A banner crammed with the signatures of students, faculty, staff, and President Riggs (see photo above) demonstrates the breadth of their outreach. The banner reads, “I pledge to contribute to the goal of an inclusive campus community by educating myself and advocating for issues of diversity and inclusion among my peers.”

The public declaration is encouraging to Evans. “Honestly, when we started out, we weren’t sure there could be a difference made. It is really good to see people care about the same things we care about and to have people say, ‘Keep it going.’ And we will.”

Gettysburg College was named a President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Gettysburg was one of only five schools to receive this distinction, which is the highest honor a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. With a community-based engagement program dating back to 1991, Gettysburg College and its Center for Public Service (CPS) prepare students to be active leaders and participants in a changing world. Students don’t have to go far to see firsthand this changing world — or be a positive force in it. Seventy-two percent of students engage in community service.

“Congratulations to Gettysburg College, its faculty and students for its commitment to service, both in and out of the classroom,” said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National & Community Service. “Through its work, Gettysburg is helping to improve the local community and create a new generation of leaders by challenging students to go beyond the traditional college experience and solve local challenges.”

Lincoln and the Bible

Prof. Emeritus Edwin D. Freed ’43, P’73 is the author of Lincoln’s Political Ambitions, Slavery, and the Bible (Pickwick Publications, 2012). It is the nonagenarian’s 10th book.

In it, Freed searches Lincoln’s rhetoric for clues about the thinking and motivations behind the 16th president’s use of biblical references. About the prevailing view that Lincoln’s use of scripture demonstrates piety, Freed writes, “Lincoln’s use of the Bible is paradoxical in that his language is replete with biblical words and phrases, allusions to it, and some exact quotations, but his knowledge of its content is neither deep nor profound.”

Freed majored in classical studies. He received his bachelor’s of divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He taught religion and biblical studies at Gettysburg for 36 years, retiring in 1986. He is a member of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, the prestigious international society of New Testament scholars.
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Since I have not heard from any of you for this edition of class notes, I’m going to tell you of my Gettysburg experience. In December, I went to New Jersey for a Lederle Retirees luncheon. I was going to visit a friend in Pompton Plains, but I was early so I decided to walk through a Target. When I parked, there was a car parked in front of me with a blue and orange “G3”. Since it was still the first semester, I assumed it was a parent’s car, so I left a note saying that I went to Gettysburg College from north Jersey and now live in Gettysburg. I told him/her that the maroon Volvo was my car. When I came out, the car was gone and this note was still there. “Hi! Don’t be upset! You’ve got my ‘G’ magnet! Beat! My daughter is K, Class of 11.” I made a plan to see the game. Now, I need some stories from you!

1953

60th Reunion Year
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All of you attending the reunion of the class of 53…drop me a note about the “good times,” and the classmates who were there.

1954
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Several classmates wrote that they are looking forward to our 60th class Reunion in 2014. Who ever thought we’d get so old! We have a lot of busy, active, interesting classmates, so plan to be at the Reunion. Carol (Jones) Watts is very active in many ways. She writes that she has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Further, she babysits for her 8-year-old great-granddaughter, which means she begins to watch her at 5 a.m., takes her to school, and picks her up after school. In addition, Carol keeps busy with activities of her teenage grandchildren. Somehow she finds time to go to aerobics five days a week, has dinner and plays cards with friends once or twice a week, and goes to senior events and luncheons each month. Well done, Jonesy!

October, Patricia (Weikel) White and her husband, Les, enjoyed a cruise on the Royal Clipper, a real clipper ship with mod cons. They spent 18 days enjoying the treasures of Italy and the Adriatic. Betty Jean (Stickwood) Reder ’53 joined them on the cruise. On their last night, passengers on the cruise were treated to an arietta by Betty Jean, who continues her career as an opera singer. Recently, she had engagements in an opera and in a Bach concert.

R. Barry Deikler met with Bon Merry ’51, his Sigma Nu brother, and a former Marine, at Homecoming last fall. They met with all of the brothers at the house and had a fine reunion. Barry noted: “As Zeta Sigma #1, I gave them some memorabilia and stories of Gettysburg’s historic significance. Bon is 85 years young and lives in Gettysburg.” Last fall, Barry and his wife, Judy, also met with DJ and Art Alken for a long delighting visit. November was deer season, and Barry had a great time hunting with his son-in-law, grandfather, and his granddaughter. His grandchildren are good hunters, and they enjoyed their time together. Alan Comory was on a three-day golf trip to Virginia at the end of April. He went last year and roomed with Enos Eberly. As freshmen, Alan and Enos were on the same floor in Old Dorm. Alan and his wife, Phyllis, are planning a weekend trip to San Francisco in May to visit Yosemite and the Monterey Peninsula.

Notes, “We already have tickets to see two games of my lifelong favorite team, the World Champion, San Francisco Giants!” Safe travels, Alan. Glenn Pannell writes: “As for me, I’m still raising money for some good causes. I thought I was done after all the years raising money for our favorite alma mater. Most recently, I was appointed chair of the advisory committee for the Trinity Terrace Foundation here in Fort Worth. It’s going to be a tough year. Other than that, I enjoy life! I hope this issue of class news finds you, too, enjoying life and keeping active.

1955
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Ted Reiner was among the few who responded to the alumni office’s reminder to submit class notes. Ted wrote that his “bide” treated him to a southern Caribbean cruise to celebrate his 75th birthday and the 58th anniversary of his marriage. Their oldest son and spouse accompanied them. Ted also wrote that when he heard about the track of Hurricane Sandy, he was a bit anxious for a sister who was in Connecticut. Though they were together, he was without power for several days, they managed to camp out with a daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, who had a back-up generator. The Reiners reside in Sarasota, Fla. A couple of regular email contacts include Bruce Maberry, Francis Scalzi, Nelson Scalzi, and Connie Sump. Ralph Fischer ’54 coordinates luncheon gatherings for TEKES of the 1950s. We see Ralph and Evelyn frequently since they moved to a ranch near, yet back to Bethlehem, Pa. Please note a change of address in the notes above (thanks to a hurry, again!). We noticed that 50 percent of our class this year contributed $17,241 to the College. Now if we can get the other 50 percent to contribute that amount or more, we could be complacent! Do it today. Since the mid-1950s, any of the alumni in the Allentown, Pa. area are looking forward to the Gettysburg College Choir concert scheduled at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown.

The choir, under the direction of Professor Rob Ratter, is looking forward to campus after a near-east tour, with Allentown being the final stop.

1956
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I had a delightful phone conversation with Alan Ruby who has been very busy studying at Hyde Park, N.Y. He spent some time studying the Roosevelt papers. He will be using this information in some of his upcoming lectures. Alan has also been doing presentations for Landis Homes Pathways Institute for Life Long Learning in the Lancaster, Pa. area. Let me hear from you, so we can have some more class news!

1957
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Transitions, travels, and tributes seem typical among us. Bob Schultz and his family, Phyllis, placed a box of one hundred years of employment opportunities ranging from financial manager to private entrepreneur to fiscal director of a nonprofit organization in western Pennsylvania by way of Texas, New Jersey, and finally Greensburg, Pa. He does wish that accounting was still included in the courses at Gettysburg. (ed: note: indeed it is!) I hope to see him and all of you at the 55th Reunion.

Phyllis (Ball) Helfrich enjoyed her fourth visit to England last June. As a member of the Beatrix Potter Society, she and friends revisited the homestead and the surrounding National Trust areas of the incredibly beautiful Lake District. She and Don ’57 will be coming to our 55th Reunion. Rich Brunn sent information that Major General (retired) Stan Musser, who passed away on Oct. 8, 2012, will be interred with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on March 14. His condolences again to Dawn (Musser) Voltz ’54 and her family. I hope to see all of you for Reunion May 30—June 2. Elaine (Bonnell) Sib and I have fond memories of the choir, where we met, sang, and the rest is history. How fond were those memories? For the next issue of the alumni notes, I remember to submit your notes by June 15th.

1958
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Karl Johnson’s granddaughter, Ashleigh Zicker, is in the Class of 2013 following in her grandmother’s footsteps by majoring in economics. He knows that his economics major prepared her for the first 50 years of employment opportunities ranging from financial manager to private entrepreneur to fiscal director of a nonprofit organization in western Pennsylvania by way of Texas, New Jersey, and finally Greensburg, Pa. He does wish that accounting was still included in the courses at Gettysburg. (ed: note: indeed it is!) I hope to see him and all of you at the 55th Reunion.

Baillie (Helen) Helfrich found the “good times,” and the classmates who were there.

1959
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After living over 10 years on the eastern shore of Virginia, eight of them as B&B owners, Wayne and husband, Mike Carpenter, retired and moved to a retirement community near Lancaster, Pa. You can now reach them at 300 Willow Valley Lakes Dr., Apt B200, Willow Street, PA 17584. From all reports, they are settled and enjoying what Bruce and I call the “easy living” in a retirement community. We express our sympathy to Nancy (Hood) Young ’56 whose husband, Sam Young ’56, died in July. Nancy says she keeps busy running the thrift shop at her church and is looking forward to spending time in Florida in March. Ben Buckley wrote to tell us of the death of William Enterline in October. Bill lived in West Chester, Pa., and worked in industrial sales for 40 years. It was nice to hear from Barbara (Borke) Baumgardner. Barbara and husband, Wayne Baumgardner, get the “travel prize,” having visited 72 countries in their 54 years of marriage. They now divide their time between Hilton Head, N.C., and Deer Valley, Utah. Donald Merriman has been practicing law for 50 years following graduation from the University of Pennsylvania. Don now practices law by himself. He likes to keep on doing what he enjoys. It is great that Joe Lynch’s email prompted classmates to write to us. If you don’t write to us, we cannot know what you do or the way you live as you make them. July 1—3 will mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. The city of Gettysburg was designated by both CNN and AP as a top travel destination this year. You can be sure the town will be full. The College is offering alumni access to residence halls during the first week of July. You should want to be a part of the festivities (see page 30).
It's baseball season again, and we Ozone fans are fired up, Rod and I, with tickets to see the York Giants, sports memorabilia and friends, American history, the New York Giants, and "As a retired Navy guy, I'm excited about being so close to Mayport Naval Base." I've been retired for 30 years and have lived in New Jersey with pool, bridge, new friendships, and proximity to Philadelphia's theaters and museums. She takes classes in creative writing and geology at Temple's Lifelong Learning program. She has traveled far and wide, sometimes with one of her seven grandchildren, including "an amazing trip following in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark from St. Louis to Oregon." She continues to say, "Remember how old our parents and grandparents are because they were lucky enough to turn 75! Aren't you glad we are still so young as we reach that milestone!" Peter and Mary Bonetti have lived in Pasadena, MD 21122 and are still practicing law in Hollidaysburg, PA. They have vacationed on a cruise, rented a big house in Orlando, and gathered at Gussie's in Naples to enjoy time together in the warm Florida weather. Bob Linders published a new book titled "No Safe Route." It is a collection of sermons and essays and can be ordered through your local bookstore or by contacting him at rdenders@doylestownlutheran.org.

1965

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Since retiring two years ago, Ginny Morgan and her partner, Debbie, have been traveling the world, especially in Alaska, Costa Rica, Panama, Kenya, and Tanzania. They've also been with "Barb" Roberts at Willowbend, Calif. Al,” who has semi-retired from a 38-year career in management and ownership of her own real estate firm in northern Texas. She celebrates her 1962, where she became a Canadian citizen. He remanered and spent 25 years as a product manager with a national building material distribution company. He also spent 10 years on the board of Calgary Co-op. Now retired again, he plays lots of golf! Glenn Spangler keeps busy with science, molecular modeling (Hartree Fock and density functional theory) reactions observed in ion mobility spectrometry and mass spectrometry. He consults various government agencies and companies on this topic and will give an invited paper this spring. He can also be found visiting...
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Spring Gettysburg memories: water ballons loopin’ out of dorm windows, after hours dorm water battles, sun bathing in the quad. Where are you, classmates?
John Baumgardner
served in public education for 30 years, initially as a secondary science teacher and then vice principal. He’s been in medical record coding since 1998. He and his wife Pat live in Carroll County, MD, near their three adult children and grandchildren. Another science teacher, Emerson Charles Heffner, retired after 31 years in the Danville, Pa. school system. Robin (Schmidt) Winfree took her grandchild on a Road School tour, white water rafting in the Grand Canyon last summer. She highly recommends these intergennial trips they met Steve Celio ’87, part of a three intergenerational tour.
Brian Christman and wife Linda live in Delaware with their children and three grandchildren nearby. He retired two years ago. When his wife reports on the spring weather, I join many of us looking at relocation options. Fred McNally and wife, Barbara, spent their winter in Florida, enjoying warm weather, beaches and fishing. The rest of the year, they are back in their Bethany Beach, Del. home. Fred keeps in touch with several SAES, including Dale Henry, with whom he reconnected with over a year ago. They will be living in Maryland for six months and Florida for six months.

1967
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Several Phi Dels got together at a Moravian College basketball game to see Jim Walker ’65 coach. Jim has 358 wins in 27 seasons at the helm of the Greyhounds. Attending to watch were Dick Hughery, Lew Manger, Chuck Wiger, and Craig Lord, along with Skip O’Connell ’65, Ron Race ’65, Don Mink ’65, Norm Haase ’65, and Budsy Walters ’68.
Fred McNally (Alexander) served 12 years as a volunteer fireman, a task he has been in Folsom, Calif. For 17 years, moving from the Baltimore/D.C. area long ago. She is active in theater in her community, both as a performer and director. Judy was a part of Owl & Nightingale at Gettysburg. Gethers three children, including a daughter’s family in Folsom that includes Judy’s two grandchildren.

1968
45th Reunion Year
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Michael Mercer reports that he planned to retire at the end of 2012 and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 45th Reunion.
Marcia (Walker) Boote notched a lifetime aquatics record since June, but is busy traveling and working with Kiwanis. I know that you are tired of me saying this, but I must plan to attend our 45th Reunion from May 30 – June 2. Call some of the people you haven’t seen and get them to come also.

1969
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Glen Berman, former judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, has joined one of New Jersey’s leading law firms, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP. Glen has authored published articles comprising all four divisions of the Superior Court and was designated to preside over the landmark 2010 cyber bullying case, State of New Jersey v. Dharun Ravi. Following a 17-year career in public practice, he was appointed prosecutor as a superior court judge in Middlesex County, after which he was appointed prosecutor for Middlesex County.

In 2002, he returned to the bench and served in various capacities prior to his retirement on Jan. 1, Richard Diekmann has been called to the pulpit of Brookmeade Congregational Church in Nashville, Tenn. He began his ministerial duties on Feb. 17th.
Terrance (Terry) Dignan retired from the University of Delaware (UD) and the Delaware House of Nightingale at Gettysburg. She has three children, including a daughter’s family in Folsom that includes Judy’s two grandchildren.

For many years he kept in touch with his classmate our freshman year who moved in Dorm D and pledged Kappa Delta Rho. He transferred to the University of Tennessee, Following graduation in 1968, he attended Coast Guard Officer Candidate School and eventually retired as a captain. His civilian life included periods at PALEO, CNIC, Cape Cold, the CFTC, and the FDC, from which he retired in 2003. Ron after work, Barbara, a NASA retiree, have been doing a lot of part-time counseling, traveling, Republican campaigning, and volunteering.
They live near Leesburg, Va. and have three grown sons in the area. Russ said that for many years he kept in touch with Dr. Stato before his death. He has kept up with the College through the Gettysburg Notes but has written in the last column that Kris (Stine) Griffith and husband Ted were last year’s homecoming for the induction of their daughter, Becky (Griffith) Bacon ’98, into the Hall of Athletic Honor. They visited with George Lorah and Rob Legg while at Homecoming. Kris and Ted live in Denver, Colo.

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I am writing from the northeast where we are in the icy grip of winter. However, all of our classes is experiencing that cold. Doug Miller sends his greetings from Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Doug has honed his landscaping skills to an incredible level based on the pictures he sent us of the stony location where he and wife Chris have retired. Both were Army colonels and both have failed at retirement. Doug is now working with Veterans Affairs in research and development, and Chris is a budding...
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To my Gettysburg and to the Class of ’81, our president is the Board of Trustees. The Class of ’81 is represented by:

1982
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Hello, friends! We’re a light night on our 30th Reunion at the moment, so I’m using this column as our idea starter. Hope to hear from you soon! Topic one: legendary careers – work. Another topic is also spreading my plea for help, this column will be empty. Rhonda is the main contact person, and will be the one to contact if you’re interested. Please contact Scott Woodcock, who works as marketing director/APAC for Huntman Corporation, who has been hosting a Gettysburg student externship program. As Rhonda’s shown, one person can make a difference. Come on men of the Class of ’83, we want to hear what you’ve been doing, or something to that effect. I hope to see you all at our 30th Reunion. It’s hard to believe so many years have passed when we’re still so young at heart.

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My warm thanks to Rhonda (Linnett) Graber, my hero and sole source of information for this issue, but without her, I hope to see you all in May at our 30th Reunion. It’s hard to believe so many years have passed when we’re still so young at heart.

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1986
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Greeting from Cedar Rapids. I hope you are all well and settling into life! I continue to stay busy in Iowa, and after six years with SecurityCoverage, I made a job change to a position that utilizes my management of human resources with Genova Technologies. This is a much larger technology company with offices in Iowa, Arizona, and Baltimore. Hopefully there will be lots of travel in my future! I heard from Barbara Trautman (class of 1977) who has written a book entitled, Change Intelligence: Use the Power of OD to Lead Change that Sticks. The book will be published on May 14. Congratulations, Barb. We wish you much success with your book. I also learned that Bruce Chamberlin was recently elected to the Gettysburg College Board of Trustees. Bruce will officially start his term in early May. Congratulations to Bruce on such a wonderful accomplishment! No other news to report from our class, but I hope to hear from more of you soon. Have a safe and happy summer, and as always, if you are traveling through Iowa, give me a shout!

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Mariam (Taft) MacGregor has a new book coming out in April. It joins all of her previous books and materials that make up the Building everyday Leadership curriculum series from Free Spirit Publishing.

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Jim O’Donnell (j圣地@ad.com), his wife Amanda, and their daughter Molly visited me in New Hampshire this past August as they traveled north for an O’Donnell family reunion/birthday celebration. The O’Donnells love living in Durham, NC. I am glad to catch up with them. Jim sent news of our good friend Steve Mannion. Steve, a partner at DeCotiis, Filippicaro & Cole, LLP, in New Jersey, was sworn in this past November as a United States Magistrate Judge. Mannion, a partner in Delaware, New York, and Washington, D.C., is now a member of the Litigation and Labor and Employment practice groups. He regularly appears in state and federal courts, both at the trial and appellate levels, and has substantial jury trial experience. He now devotes about one third of his time to civil and criminal cases brought by statute or delegated by a district judge. In order to become a federal magistrate, candidates must receive a majority vote of active district judges where the magistrate is assigned. This prestigious honor speaks directly to Mannion’s command of the law and his considerable court room experience.* Congratulations, Steve, you deserve this honor, and we know that you will do well. I wish Steve lives in South Orange, NJ, with his wife, Sherry, and their children. Debbie (Dent) Young (dubbsyd@gmail.com) and her daughter Meghan (11) visited me recently in New Hampshire for a synchronized skating event. Meghan is a very talented participant of Chesapeake Synchronized and her and her team performed in the Colonial Classic in Lowell, Mass., coming in first place. In addition, Debbie and Meghan traveled to Cape Cod and Hershey, Pa. Next up, Lake Placid. Good luck, Meghan! The Young family lives in Glen Arm, Md.

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Iowa, give me a shout!

2009
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Hello, Class of 99ers! I haven’t heard from anyone — perhaps winter has frozen you? It didn’t have snow school season, so you have winter Gettysburg got over 5,500 applicants for just over 700 incoming first year spots! I am impressed and also glad that I got to when I did. Please take a minute and share your updates with me and the rest of our glorious class. I always love hearing from you all!

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It was so great to hear from many of you. Please keep the news coming.

2021
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They are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Lucas Jules, on April 30, 2021. Angi Hoptak-Solga wrote that she and her husband were contestants on Wheel of Fortune when they taped in Los Angeles, and the episode aired on Jan. 31. They were part of Diane Sawyer’s Famous: Making Memories contest and competed as a couple. Brian and Brooke (Slokker) Schwenk welcomed their third child, a son, Colin. Rutgers Schwenk, on Nov. 21, Brian is still working for a private equity firm in Philadelphia, and Brooke works per dem as an adult nurse practitioner for a Main Line Health family practice.
In Collegeville, Pa. The couple welcomes Megan (Gibbs) Weller ’02 and Tony (Flowers) Stagman ’97, their first twins, all the boy/girl pair: Christopher (Chris) John and Hannah (Hamp) Rippey, who welcomed their third child, Lilian Elizabeth, on April 16, 2012. Big brothers, George (6) and Colin (4), are thrilled with their sister. Seeking out a bit more square footage for their expanding family, they moved across town in December, but remain in Fairview, Corry. Jamie and Maureen (Miller) Elliott were married Sept. 1, 2012 on a beautiful lake in the Poconos Mountains of Pennsylvania. Karen (Messner) Kirchner was in the wedding party, and Sara Sprekel, Heidi (Schmidt) Schulein, Jennie (McLeod) Witt, and Jim Booth were in attendance. Maureen teaches high school chemistry and environmental science at the Westminster Schools in Atlanta where he was awarded a travel grant to travel to East Africa to study the wildlife of “The Great Migration.” Cameron and Lauren Carse welcomed their first child, Carter, on Dec. 19. They join big sister Layla who is about to turn two.

Noah Bryson, on Dec. 19. They join big sister Layla who is about to turn two.

Melissa Sedlacko (Shirley Rahman), on June 7, 2012. Nicole Steves and husband, Ian, welcomed baby girl, Sophie Grace Biggins, on July 3.

Amy Cameron welcomed their first child, Carter Cameron, on Dec. 20. He was weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. The family is enjoying their new addition! Jacklyn (Diamond) Brubeck and husband, Ben ’03, who married in Gettysburg in 2009, love their new baby girl, Hannah Mary. She was born on Nov. 24 at 8:29 p.m., weighing 5 pounds, 2 ounces and 19.2 inches long. They are doing well, and Jacklyn is staying home with Hannah until the spring when she returns to her nursing job part-time.

2003

10th Reunion Year

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2004

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We have had some wonderful news and events in their lives! Andy Ward married Catherine (Cathie) Vultaggio (Vallano) on June 23, 2012 in Jackson, Wyo. Michael Orlando and Tyler Prime were engaged to be married, by Adam Breene. Michael DeGeorge. Tim O’Brien, Danielle Marchetti, Kristy Ryan, and John Scalise were married after the 10th Reunion. Jasen and Shannon (Sweitzer) Jones are diabetes patient care instructors at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She has been working on her fellowship in Endocrinology at Dartmouth since Feb. 2009, and they’ve liked her so much that they created this new position for her!

2005

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Sara (Trovato) Furlow was married Yury Dyatlovitsky on Oct. 20, in Dallas, Texas; Gettysburg ’05 alum in attendance included Jamie Walsh, Maggie Cirrito, Meredith (Alfson) Beichoff, Elizabeth (Shaak) Maelina, Jennifer (Cronin) O’Hara, Jessica Maria, Andrea Pesce, Kaytie (Greenwood) Giles, Paul Vuczinski, and Stephanie (Mann) Miller. David Graham ’03 also attended the wedding. Bonnie (O’Brien) Hartung had another baby to the family, Mollie Jane Hartung, in August. Jay and Leta Palaia welcomed their second child, Nicholas Hans Palmer, on Dec. 12. Hope everyone has a happy 2013!

2006

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Andy Ziegler passed the bar and is working at an energy law firm in D.C. Kristine Ross relocated to southern Florida and is working at Lee Memorial Hospital’s Out Patient Behavioral Health Clinic as a clinical psychotherapist. She is now licensed to practice in New York, Florida, and North Carolina. Sarah Quinn, Megan McGregor, and Massina Fraterrilli spent the weekend visiting Sarah Spencer in Providence, RI. She helped her daughter for a new job working as a counselor in a progressive and innovative charter school. Holly Lewis welcomed her second child, a daughter, Euna Marie Casonlo, on Sept. 20. Holly Lewis shares that Lauren (Elekzo) McNally and husband Michael welcomed baby Samantha Bryn on Sept. 18. Lynn Groon received her Master of Education with a concentration in special education from Arcadia University in fall 2012, graduating with honors. Liz Wesolowski now works as the assistant director of special education for the Darien Public Schools in Darien, Conn. She is also pursuing her Doctorate of Education at the University of Connecticut this spring! TJ and Abby (Huntington) Hall, and big sis Teegan, welcomed Thomas,8 boys, 30 months, 29 pounds, 2 ounces and 19.5 inches long. They were married at a wedding at Arcadia University.

2007

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Congratulations to the many ’07 newborns! It seemed to be a popular year for weddings! On May 27, 2012, Chris Berleth wed Kali Snyder of Millville, Pa. The couple was married by fellow Gettysburgian, Brian Parker, Jeremy Amaismeier ’05, Andrew Johnson ’09, Mike Talercio ’18, and Tim Pacek ’08. Chris and Kali live near Williamsport, Pa. where Chris serves as a district executive for the Susquehanna Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Katie Sawyer married Geoff Calver ’08 on Oct. 20, in Gettysburg. A fair amount of Gettysburg alumni attended, including the bride’s parents, Richard and Sally Sawyer ’66. The couple resides in northern Virginia. D.C. Katy Cronin and Greg Thomas tied the knot on Nov. 24, in Bethesda, Pa. Many Gettysburg alumni attended, including Stephanie Hafer, Katie King, Kristen (Carthas) Litchfield, Sheri (McNamara) Kempsey, Beth (Bazilli) Bolen, and Jamie Burgess. Betsy Hamlett married Thomas Heim on New Year’s Eve in a small ceremony surrounded by close family and friends overlooking the water in Annapolis, Md. Stephanie Hafer married Tyler Shaak on Dec. 1 in Reading, Pa. Katie King served as a bridesmaid. Other Gettysburg guests included Kristen (Carthas) Litchfield, Katy (Cronin) Thomas, Sheri (McCarty) Preece, Erin (Whelan) and Jeremy ’06 McNamara, Erika Hempey, Betsy (Bazilli) Bolen, and Jamie Burgess. The news was welcomed by fellow Gettysburgians as well. Many Gettysburg alumni attended or participated in the wedding. On Sept. 11, the couple hosted a post-wedding celebration at their home in Douglassville, Pa. In other news, Katie Ryan will graduate from Seton Hall University School of Law in May. Congratulations to Sara Fry, who made the big move to Los Angeles last summer. Elizabeth (Bedford) Dorry and her husband, Brian, welcomed their daughter, Olivia Anne, on Nov. 15. Megan Gorsuch is the proud new owner of the Children’s Fitness Center, where she serves as director for the last five years. The company is a franchise of My Gym Children’s Fitness Center, a leading fitness, sports, and gymnastics facility for children ages 6 months to 13 years, located in Timonium, Md. near Baltimore. Scott Sheppard is in his third season of teaching and coaching at Immaculata High School in Timonium, Md. near Baltimore. He is currently promoted to the position of defensive coordinator for the Immaculata Spartans football team. Keep the news coming, my fellow classmates! It’s such a joy for me to put this column together every season, so I hope you enjoy reading it all the best to you and yours.
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In memory

History Prof. Emeritus Charles H. Glatfelter ’46, 88, died Feb. 6 at his home in Gettysburg. “Whenever I have a question about the history of Gettysburg College, I turn to Charles Glatfelter’s 2-volume tome, A Salutary Influence,” said President Janet Morgan McFarland. “No one was better equipped to guide me in my work.” Glatfelter was born in Gettysburg on April 1, 1924, and attended Gettysburg College, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha. He received his B.S. in mathematics from Texas A&M University, and his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Illinois. Glatfelter was executive Director of the Adams County Historical Society from 1969 to 2001. He was a past president of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, former director of the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Board of Theological Education, Lutheran Church in America. His wife of 62 years, Miriam G. (Krebs) Glatfelter, died in 2009. He is survived by his children, Christina E. Glatfelter and Philip H. Glatfelter, and half-brother, Roger K. Girut.

Theatre arts Prof. Emeritus Omer Jerome Hanson II 68, died Jan. 27 at his home in Lake Mead, Pa. He joined the faculty in 1984, designed more than 200 productions, and chaired the department from 2005 until his retirement in 2010. He received the Faculty Appreciation Award for 2007 for excellence in teaching and led students on productions of Middletown, Balto, and Bali. He also directed and produced summer theater tours for children in Appalachia and New England and led theater projects with children of migrant workers.

Dates 2013 unless noted

88 John G. Brehm Sr., Dec. 9, 2012
43 Edgar A. DeYoe, Dec. 1, 2011
434 Eleanor Zimmerman Horn, Dec. 4, 2012
146 Russell J. Aungst, Feb. 20
43 Charles H. Glatfelter, Feb. 6
43 Barth E. Holdaway, April 9
49 Betty L. Outz, Jan. 25
50 Harry E. Johnson, Dec. 22, 2012
50 Walter H. Shippe, March 2
50 James K. Kipp III, Jan. 17
50 Joseph N. Manganaro, Jan. 9
50 William Nebinger, Jan. 21
52 Ned Brownlee, Feb. 8
4120386 George F. Francis, Feb. 13
53 Barbara A. Aristerost, Dec. 29, 2012
53 Thomas G. Faulkner, Feb. 5
53 Walter E. Snyder, Jan. 21, 2012
53 Wilson A. Heefner, Feb. 16
53 David R. Johnson, Feb. 24
53 Jane Bauer Kupn, May 20, 2006
53 A. William Sells, Jr. Jan. 16
53 Richard L. Shanagahan, March 1
53 Martin E. Mose, Nov. 11, 2012
53 Philip E. Paulson, Dec. 12, 2012
53 Andrew F. Gurley, Jan. 7
53 Isaiah (Bud) Students, Nov. 22, 2012
53 Mary Frantz Moore, Feb. 19

--Jerry was an incredibly enthusiastic teacher and mentor. He loved the theater deeply, and he loved his students deeply," said Chris Kauffman ’92, now a professor in the College’s theatre arts department. "He introduced the practice of having his graduating senior paint the names on the wall of the catacombs under the stage. There are hundreds of names down there. When he retired, we asked Jerry to paint his name on the wall, and there’s big, big letters, surrounded by the students who learned so much from him, and who carry on their hearts.

Mathematics Prof. Emeritus Leonard I. Holder, 86, died Sept. 28, 2012. A faculty member since 1960, Holder received his B.S. in 1947 in aeronautical engineering, his M.S. in mathematics from Texas A&M University, and his Ph.D. in mathematics at Purdue University. A college professor for 40 years, he taught at Arlington State College, Texas A&M, and San Jose State College before coming to Gettysburg in 1964. The mathematics professor also served as the campus director of the National Science Foundation Research Training Program for 19 years. In 1975, he was chosen by then-President Arnold Hanson as Dean of the College. After four years, he returned to his former position with the mathematics department. Holder conducted postdoctoral research and study at Cambridge University in England and at Harvard University. He was a recipient of the Lindback Foundation Award in teaching and author of five college math textbooks. He served as the campus director of the National Science Foundation Improvement Program, under which Gettysburg College purchased its first computer. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean Holder, sons William and David Holder, and granddaughter, Stephen Andrew Holder of Eugene, Ore, and sister Jessie Irene Jones of Richardson. He was predeceased by his brother, Rear Adm. Billy Douglas Holder, and one sister, Janette Sirk.

So many ways to connect

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Taking action in Sandy’s wake

Once power came back on for most of my New Jersey family and friends last November, I was struck by images from communities that hadn’t been as lucky — and had been forever changed on October 29. I’m a Jersey girl … so reaching out to those “back home” wasn’t an option, but a necessity.

My husband and I could think of no better way to spend Thanksgiving weekend than to give whatever support we could to families who’d lost so much. I began researching options during those early days post-Sandy, as I did so, I theorized that others may wish to help, but not know how. As a marketer and writer by trade, I craft words designed to inspire people to learn more or make a change for the better … so, making it easy for others to participate was an obvious connection for me.

In the early stages, with little infrastructure, information was hard to uncover. I researched needs and chronicled findings on my own Facebook page … but soon set up a targeted group for sharing opportunities long-term. Curating accurate info and volunteer assignments was tricky at times, but with a bit of diligence I connected with on-the-ground folks who are doing great things.

For that first trip, which I announced on Facebook, local donations arrived on our porch for days prior to departure. We were honored when Gettysburg College loaned us a transport van; we packed it floor to ceiling and departed on Thanksgiving eve, delivering to distribution centers en route to our volunteer destinations. Since last fall, our efforts have focused on Highlands and Union Beach, where so many full-time homes were damaged or destroyed … but honestly, the need is great throughout the region.

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We saw devastation up close during that first trip — which remarkably, was nearly a month after Sandy tore her way up the coast. Emptv foundations, impassable roads, pieces of homes strewn from blocks away; the stench of breached sewer lines and mold that had already settled in; and partial structures that seemed to defy gravity. House numbers were painted on exterior walls, to aid the canvassing process; some had “we are okay” spray painted on them, too.

Time has passed and we’ve made subsequent trips, seeing various levels of change. Many debris piles are gone; remaining ones are snow-covered. Temporary trailers with duct-tape-attached mailboxes sit beside gutted homes, housing families working to rebuild. In mid-February, I discovered three enormous nests in walls of a house that finally, four months in, had “hands on deck” for demo. And homes we helped gut in November and December sit waiting … for insurance money, FEMA relief, or whatever funding can help replace the moldy materials we removed so many weeks ago.

The volunteer infrastructure has improved, but the story has fallen from the media cycle. Grassroots organizations and groups like AmeriCorps, Jersey Cares, and Occupy Sandy NJ continue to rally a diligent (yet shrinking) body of volunteers. At press time, there are unending opportunities to provide “people power.” We’ll continue to do what we can.

I am humbled by the sense of community pride, selflessness, and gratitude that we’ve witnessed while doing our small part to bring families home. After a day of demo in Highlands, as I stood covered in sheetrock dust and gunk, I was presented with a pair of heart-shaped earrings by the appreciative homeowners, who’d had “we are okay” spray painted on their exterior walls, to aid the canvassing process; some had “we are okay” spray painted on them, too.

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Photos by Kelly Woods Lynch

Kelly Woods Lynch ‘82 is a creative consultant/freelance copywriter who lives in Gettysburg with her husband, Joe ‘85, executive director of alumni relations.

“I often think about how different my life would have been had I not been able to receive the aid that I did.”

Keith ’66 and Marie Woodman recently established Gettysburg’s first flexible deferred gift annuity, and Keith spoke about what inspired this special gift.

“My primary reason for making a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) gift to Gettysburg College was gratitude. During my junior year, my father’s business went under and it looked like that could be the end of college for me. I met with the financial aid officer and he put together some scholarships, fellowships, and student loans so that I could stay at Gettysburg and earn my degree. At the time, I never gave much thought to where that money came from. Now, I have a much better idea of how endowments and funding work and wanted to be a contributor. I often think about how different my life would have been had I not been able to receive the aid that I did.” Keith also noted the real financial advantages of a CGA, including a tax deduction in the year of the gift and fixed income that is partially tax-free. Flexible annuities provide an additional benefit, allowing donors to decide later when their income payments will start. The longer they wait, the higher their fixed payments will be.

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