Musical Talents on Campus

Facilities is a hotbed of musical talent. Featured here are three such fine, devoted, talented musicians who just happen to work for Gettysburg College Facilities.

Joe Sieck knows his notes!! He has been playing the trumpet for many years. Joe began his career in Facilities 21 years ago and currently works in the College Union Building.

Joe hails from Baltimore County. He played with the Conewago Band for 14 years and has played with the Apple Core Band for some 26 years. They play at nursing homes, church functions, and veterans’ ceremonies. Joe loves to see the smiles on peoples’ faces. You can find ACB on Facebook, where you can see Joe in action.

Joe also plays solo performances. His wife is an organist at their church, and they play duets. He plays taps at Retiring of the Flag ceremonies for Ira E. Lady American Legion Post 262 in Biglerville. Thank you, Joe, for sharing your time and talent!

Noll Slaybaugh is an electrician in Facilities and has been employed by Gettysburg College for 10 years. Noll plays guitar for the band Robbing Noll. His band started playing in 1998, together now for 20 years. The band writes their own songs, has been on TV, and have played opening acts for famous bands. You can check them out on Facebook and YouTube.

Dave Swisher, employed at Gettysburg College since 1970, is well known on campus as a project coordinator and locksmith. In 1975, Dave joined the 11th PA Volunteer Infantry Fife and Drum Corps as a drummer.

Dave has played for living history programs, parades, various ceremonies, reenactments, and Change of Command Ceremonies (ask him about it sometime), and at Carnegie Hall with other fife and drum corps from all over the world. Dave was contacted by the TLC show Who Do You Think You Are to play the drum beats for Liv Tyler in an episode that aired in April 2017. Dave has enjoyed teaching his grandsons, Austin and Justin, how to play. While the guys play, Dave’s wife, Joan (Health Sciences), and daughter Steph, dress in period costumes. It is a family affair that has and continues to build wonderful memories. Thanks, Dave, for sharing your talent with others.
President’s Post

Janet Morgan Riggs

Upon the recommendation of the Campus Climate Study Implementation Group, we are in the process of establishing a new body called the College Council. This group will consist of two representatives from the Faculty Council (Kathy Cain and Ivanova Reyes), the Support Staff Council (Janey Breighner and Carol Coon), and the Administrative Advisory Council (Ron Wiafe and Susan Fumagalli-Mahoney), as well as four representatives chosen by Student Senate (including two representatives of Senate’s Diversity Committee). I will chair the group, and Executive Vice President Jane North will assist me.

The purpose of the Council will be to advise the President on issues and policies that affect campus community life, to recommend and advise on general institutional policies, and to enhance communication across constituent groups. Members of the group will solicit suggestions for agenda items from their respective groups and will report back on the Council’s discussions and recommendations. In addition, the Council will publish an annual report of activities.

We are viewing this as an experimental year, learning as we go from our experience as we determine the best way for the College Council to function. If you have thoughts you’d like to share, please feel free to be in touch with one of your representatives or with me.

My thanks to the Campus Climate Study Implementation Group for advancing this idea!

Have you Heard?

Kristi Waybright

Gettysburg College is introducing a new health insurance plan in 2019. Partnering with Highmark BlueShield, a Qualified High Deductible Health Plan (QHDHP) with a Health Savings Account (HSA) will be offered.

To learn more about this new health insurance plan with a HSA, mark your calendar to attend one or more of the upcoming meetings.

Open Enrollment Meetings:

- October 30 12:00pm – 1:00pm Lyceum
- November 8 5:00pm – 6:00pm CUB 260
- November 14 12:00pm – 1:00pm Lyceum
- November 19 9:30am – 11:00am McCreary 204
- November 20 10:00am – 11:00am Lyceum

Go to the Benefit Website for more information regarding the 2019 benefit plan options.

Also, watch for important emails about the current FSA plan IF you are planning to enroll in the new QHDHP. An employee may not have funds in a FSA Healthcare Account and a HSA at the same time, which is why all health care related FSAs funds must be exhausted by the end of the calendar year.

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All Campus Picnic 2018

June 5, 2018

Click here to view additional picnic photos on Flickr.
Friday Afternoon Social Hour!
All Gettysburg employees (staff and faculty) are welcome!
Join us at any of the remaining FASHs listed below for the fall semester.

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SAVE THE DATE!
Gettysburg College’s Employee Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, November 28th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Majestic Theater.

This year’s movie “Paddington” will start at 5:30 p.m. in the main theater. The Reception starts at 4:30 p.m.

The shuttle bus will be circulating between Constitution Lot and the Majestic Theater beginning at 4:15 p.m., with the last return to Constitution Lot at 7:45 p.m.
At the start of the new fall semester, the renovations of the CUB came to a close. The Bullet Hole has returned with seating for approximately 350, more spacious and better than ever. And adjacent to the Bullet Hole is the new Commons Café and Junction.

Q&A
What offices have relocated to the new College Union Building?
- Garthwait Leadership Center (CUB 202)
- Center for Career Engagement (CUB 204)
- Office of Student Activities and Greek Life (CUB 210)

What new meeting spaces are available?
- 8 person seminar room (CUB 206)
- 30 person seminar/40 person lecture room (CUB 208)

Dining
The new Atrium is located on West side of Servo (formerly the temporary Bullet Hole). The Atrium is open for faculty, staff and their guests for lunch. Grab your meal and dine at the Atrium where there’s ample seating, or head on over to the former Specialty Dining area where you can still go to enjoy your meal.

Borrow or Lend a Book
Maybe you are in need of a good book but you don’t have time to run to the library, or you have just finished a book that you think other Support Staffers would enjoy. Take a stroll over to the Support Staff Lounge, located on the ground floor of the Chapel. Here you will find a collection of gently used favorites to borrow. Also a great place if you are cleaning out after a yard sale or thrift shop shopping spree and you find your shelves at home over flowing!!

Check out the reviews for a few favorite books from Support Staffers below.

THE UNUSUAL RULES by Joyce Maynard

So many of us have grown up listening to the stories our parents tell us about the day our beloved President, John F. Kennedy, was shot. They tell us where they were at the time and exactly what they were doing, thinking, feeling that day. The next generation, my generation tells their children the same account for Sept. 11, 9/11, where we were and what thoughts ran through our minds the moment we heard and saw on so many TVs around the world, the most unexpected and horrific sight of our lifetime. The moment our country was under attack right before our eyes. Joyce Maynard goes a step further and retells the story through the eyes of Wendy, a thirteen-year-old girl, living in Brooklyn with her mother (who works in the Twin Towers), step-father and younger brother to whom Wendy, is his whole world!
Maynard describes the moments when each student is picked up from school that day and Wendy waits only to find it is her step-father and little brother that come to retrieve her from school. The pain-staking and heart wrenching days that follow waiting for her mom to come home from work and then the realization that she never will. Wendy’s life has changed forever. She is forced to grow up and must come to grips with the unimaginable. The story is one of pain, loss and hope that comes when a blended family is forced to deal with death and to lean on each other in ways that few people ever must do. I highly recommend this book for anyone that has had to deal with loss and has experienced the strength a family’s love can provide when dealing with a tragedy. It is a testimony to the strength of a blended family and provides inspiration to any family!

(Contributed by Andrea Switzer)

OUTLANDER by Diana Gabaldon

In the 1940’s, Claire Randall, a British Army nurse and wife is transported to 1743 through mysterious stones while on holiday with her husband in Scotland, and lands in the middle of what she thought was a reenactment; fighting men in kilts and redcoats. While trying to get back to her car, she is attacked by a man who resembles her husband (who she later learns is his 6 times great-father), then rescued by a large Scotsman. Confused and scared, she learns that she would have to do whatever is necessary to survive upon suspicions of being a witch. Claire is forced to marry the Scotsman, but continues to try to get back home. She falls in love in the process and is torn between her current love and the life that is waiting for her in her present time. There are 8 books in the Outlander Series, and I’m currently on #5! Diana Gabaldon has drawn me in each time with her amazing story telling, sweet and sincere plots and her attention to detail throughout each book. (This book contains mature content, violence and language.) Outlander is also on Starz, and Seasons 1-3 can be checked out in Musselman Library.

(Contributed by Kristi Waybright)

THE DOLLHOUSE a novel by Fiona Davis

Set against the New York City skyline in 1952 and 2016, Fiona Davis’ The Dollhouse revives the glitz & glamour of city life at the famous Barbizon Hotel for Women. The story weaves between 1952 as we follow the young and impressionable Midwesterner, Darby McLaughlin who has just arrived at the Barbizon to begin her education at one of NYC’s secretarial schools, and 21st century Rose Lewin, a former high-profile news anchor turned journalist and current inhabitant at the Barbizon. The lives of the two women intertwine in an effortless and unexpected way. (This book contains mature content and language.)

(Contributed by Lynn Garskof)
New at the Bookstore!

Sue Holz, Academic Administrative Assistant for the Economic department and senior Visual Arts major has been very busy and creative lately! Sue’s favorite medium to work with is ceramics, but she shared with me that it always frustrated her and made her sad to see the beautiful artwork that students throw out at the end of the year because they may not have the resources to take home or ship somewhere. She put that frustration to work and came up with a plan to market and optionally sell student artwork. As with any good idea, a plan to implement must follow and that usually means money, and support is needed. Sue was encouraged by her department to consider the Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation Initiative (E-SII) right here at Gettysburg College, supported by alumni, parents, and friends of the College. Their mission; to empower and encourage students to use their education to become successful entrepreneurs. Sue took it a step further and applied for the Entrepreneurial Fellowship and was awarded with the money to put her idea into action! It wasn’t all easy. Sue had to write and submit a proposal and then present it to a group of alumni, faculty, and students in order to be awarded the student fellowship.

The plan came full-circle with a partnership with the Gettysburg College bookstore. “It is a win-win” says Sue. This gives students something they can put on their resume while at the same time showcases students work at our very own College bookstore. A majority of the proceeds go back to the student, 10% goes to the bookstore and the remaining funds to the clay club. This initiative provides students the opportunity to get their art work out there as well as provides startup funds for the clay club to keep the project going for future students.

Another major accomplishment worth mentioning, Sue will graduate this spring after taking college classes for 12 years! Sue says the classes were supported in part by the Support Staff Training and Development Grant. Sue is proof that at Gettysburg College anything is possible! Way to go Sue! Keep up the Great work!

Zumb’ing!

I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Janey Breighner, Support Staff Council Chair and Bullet Hole supervisor. My interest with Janey was two-fold, I wanted to understand more about how the Support Staff Training and Development Grant worked for her to obtain a personal goal as well as to talk about where she sees the Support Staff Council going this year.

SUPPORT STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT!

Janey has been zumb’ing for the last 10 years. She describes herself in the beginning as somewhat of a “Zumba groupie”. She would find an instructor she liked and follow them wherever they taught. Recently she had come to a point in her life where she craved the need to feel capable and strong. She needed to find something that made her feel good about herself. She decided to look into the Support Staff Grant to get her start. The Training and Development grant can be used for more than just books and classes. It can be used to help support staff employees reach a goal that enriches
Zumb’ing! (continued)

Their wellness and personal growth. She believes that Zumba has done that. Janey describes herself as when she is teaching a class, her mind is focused on the moves, she is totally in the ZEN moment which provides her mind a “break” from the stress that bombards her constantly throughout the day! Doing Zumba is a chance to recharge and clear your mind so that when you go back to your work you can be fully present and more efficient. In addition to the wellness factor, it has given Janey a good healthy boost of self-confidence. Twice in the past year she has had to fill in and step up and speak at Support Staff events. Zumba gave her that confidence to speak in public in front of a large group. I saw this first hand while we were having our interview, Janey jumped up and demonstrated a few Zumba moves right there on the Bullet Hole patio in front of students. I’m not sure I could have done that! This girl has got it! Thanks to Gettysburg College and the Support Staff Council Training and Development Grant, Janey was motivated to set a goal and reach it.

What stronger quality can you ask for in a chair of a committee! Janey says her mission for the SSC is to get more information out to Support Staffers. The challenge has always been, the “how”. Janey has a bright, fun, exciting idea...they are “going on the road”...if support staffers can’t get away from their posts at lunch time to attend BBLs or they don’t have constant access to a computer, they may miss digest posting and emails that can enlighten them of all the benefits offered to support staffers. Janey’s idea is to go to them. Get the information out to the staff. Watch out, she may be coming to your office and before you know it, you will be zumb’ing too!

New Support Staff Hires—
since March 2018

- Sarah Appedu Library Scholarly Communications
- Juliane Bard Bullet Hole
- David Bass Religious & Spiritual Life
- Shane Binkley Bookstore
- Justin Bowser Bullet Hole
- Lauren Bradford Library Administration
- Pankil Chander Athletics Office
- Triada Chavis Interdisciplinary Studies
- Thomas Cipolli Physics
- Gabriel Clarke Bullet Hole
- Dave Cortina Grounds Services
- Katherine Crandall Dining
- Tamra Frederick Student Rights & Responsibilities
- Michael Gardner Custodial Services
- Anika Jensen Library User Services
- Michelle Jones Admissions Office
- Karen Kane Registrar’s Office
- Michael Kane Athletics Office
- Bryan Lopez Bullet Hole
- Leah Maring Department of Public Safety
- Aaron Mooney Bullet Hole
- Larry Moser Custodial Services
- Linda Shaffer Custodial Services
- Amanda Shull Multicultural Engagement
- Olga Smith International Student Services
- Jaymie Thomas Advancement Systems
- Nicholas Ulassin Athletics Office
- Christina Wakefield Athletics Office
- Teresa Wax Development Office

Support Staff Transfers—
since March 2018

- Lindora Myers IDS to Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Support Staff Retirees—
since March 2018

- Michael Arendt Maintenance Services
- Gary Hummer Physics
- Deborah Rinehart Development Office
- Linda Sponseller Advancement Systems
- Joyce Sprague Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

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