from the president

Excellent faculty are the indispensable element of an excellent academic experience. But what does it mean to have an excellent faculty?

At Gettysburg, it means that faculty are teacher-scholars, dedicated to both undergraduate teaching and active engagement in their disciplines’ scholarly pursuits and creative activities. At some institutions these activities may be seen as mutually exclusive, but at Gettysburg we see a wonderful synergy that enhances teaching.

First, faculty who are actively engaged in their fields stay up-to-date with new developments, which inform their teaching. You would be hard-pressed to find a Gettysburg faculty member using the yellowed notes that you might remember from decades ago.

Second, being an active scholar or performer creates an invigorating mix of enthusiasm and humility. Enthusiasm for one’s work overflows into interactions with students both inside and outside the classroom and is often contagious, igniting intellectual passions in our students. On the other hand, critique of one’s work by peers provides healthy context for faculty as they critique students’ work. Intuition tells me that this experience makes for a more compassionate faculty member.

Finally, our faculty often take students with them on their intellectual adventures, collaborating with students on research and creative projects. Students become research assistants, data collectors, experiment designers, collaborators onstage and in the studio, co-presenters at conferences, and co-authors. These are invaluable learning experiences that provide excellent groundwork for graduate or professional school. These experiences are often the fodder for life-long mentoring relationships.

Of course having an excellent faculty requires significant institutional support for teaching and scholarship. Being able to promise this support is essential to attracting the best faculty. Providing the professional development opportunities that our faculty need and want is critical to providing an academic experience for students that is among the best in the nation.

One of our campaign priorities is to raise endowment for faculty support. Endowed funds can accomplish great things:

$50,000 provides $2,500 each year to support a faculty member’s research expenses, participation in a teaching conference, or development of a new course or teaching methodology.

$1.5 million provides a named professorship for a current faculty member, which is a wonderful way to honor and support that faculty member and secure that faculty position into the future.

$2.5 million allows us to establish a new named faculty position and attract a new faculty member who will expand the offerings we can provide to our students. For example, a recent gift from the Carrell Foundation will provide initial funding for a sorely needed new position for the vibrant Environmental Studies department described in this issue of Gettysburg magazine. Our goal is to secure an endowment to support that position into the future.

If you have an interest in supporting our faculty at any level, we would be pleased to discuss this with you. Endowments, both large and small, assure that faculty at Gettysburg will remain truly exceptional and will have the support they need to provide the high-quality educational experience for which Gettysburg is so well known.

As always, on behalf of today’s students and those to come, thank you for the many ways in which you support Gettysburg College.
Alumni and parents boost students’ career development

In fields from neuroscience to marketing, alumni and parents played key roles in summer externships and this fall’s campus Career Week coordinated by the Center for Career Development (CCD).

“When I was a student at Gettysburg, I was able to set up research experiences in labs at Hahnemann and Temple,” said Dr. Ray Truex ’63, a neurosurgeon at Reading Hospital in Reading, Pa., who hosted two students for a two-week externship, including Shane Thorp ’14, a biochemistry and molecular biology major, pictured above in the OR with Truex. “I got to scrub into every procedure and stand right next to him at the operating table as he worked,” Thorp said. “No matter how many questions I asked, he would always go above and beyond to ensure that I really understood. He was by far the best teacher I would always go above and beyond to ensure that I really understood. He was by far the best teacher I worked with, and he always made sure that I was comfortable with what I was doing.”

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Nick Johnson ’90, senior vice president of digital media sales at NBC Universal, hosted three externs. “I’m a huge believer in providing access to students,” he said. “I think it provides a great career trajectory and allows students firsthand access into their lives once they enter the job market.” Other externships were with MasterCard, Elmwood Park Zoo, Purna, L.L. Bean, the Office of Senator Robert P. Casey Jr., the American Cancer Society, Jazz at Lincoln Center, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Nets Basketball, and AT&T.

The summer also included one-day road trips. Students visited Barclays Capital in New York City with Louis V. Molinari P’13, global head of capital introductions and hedge fund consulting. Other NYC trips focused on alumni working in the media, including Brendan Ripp ’99, publisher for Time, and Brooke Engeldrum, a huge crowd to the CUB Ballroom.

“The 14th annual Blavatt Lecture was a huge crowd to the CUB Ballroom. Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC’s Hardball, spoke on “Presidential Leadership: John F. Kennedy and Barack Obama.” The Eisenhower Institute cosponsored Nov. 14’s event.

I am the father of Nicholas J. Kelly ’83. In reading the 2011 fall issue of Gettysburg, I particularly enjoyed the article about Nick’s fellow classmates serving in the Army’s JAG Corps. Of particular interest was the picture on page 10 of Chris O’Brien ’83 (at right in photo) and his colleague. It just so happens the colleague is another brother of Nick. Jack and Chris O’Brien crossed paths in Baghdad. Jack had sought legal advice from Chris and in so doing noticed his Gettysburg diploma on his wall. One thing led to another and Jack learned that he and Nick were classmates. Nick wrote to Jack and said after 28 years as an alum he, Jack, beat him into the magazine.

Sincerely,
John A. Kelly Jr.
College earns top rankings

Gettysburg College received high ratings recently from news and higher education groups in a wide range of areas.

Fulbright Program — For the second consecutive year, Gettysburg College has been named a top producer of students who receive grants from the Fulbright Program, the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program.

Princeton Review — Gettysburg fared well in the Princeton Review’s resources for college applicants. We were included in 2012’s The Best 376 Colleges, which focuses on excellent academic programs and, for the second time, in the Guide to 311 Green Colleges, which was developed in partnership with the United States Green Building Council.

U.S. News & World Report — Gettysburg was in the Top 50 national liberal arts colleges again, placing 47th this year. To be included, colleges must emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half of their degrees in the arts or sciences. In selectivity, which is the percentage of applicants admitted, we outperform schools ranked near us.

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance — Named one of the top 200 Best Values in Private Colleges, we placed 42nd thanks to our high four-year graduation rate, low average student debt at graduation, good student-to-faculty ratio, excellent on-campus resources, and overall great value.

Forbes.com — Forbes ranks the best schools in the nation from the students’ point of view based on the quality of education, student experience, and outcomes. Gettysburg stands at 100th of 650 undergraduate institutions.

Smart Money Magazine & Payscale.com — Gettysburg ranked 44th, ahead of many peer institutions, in return-on-investment calculations based on college costs versus graduates’ pay levels in the working world.

The Chronicle of Higher Education — As one of the “2011 Great Colleges to Work For,” Gettysburg was recognized for programs that encourage work-life balance, professional development, employee wellness, and a collaborative environment between faculty and staff.

President’s National Service Honor Roll — The Corporation for National and Community Service named the College’s Center for Public Service to the 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Institute of International Education — With 286 students, Gettysburg ranked eighth nationally among baccalaureate leading institutions for study abroad of mid-length (semester) duration for 2009-10.

G’burg hosts faculty diversity conference

The College hosted some 50 scholars Sept. 16-18 for the 10th Consortium for Faculty Diversity (CFD) in Liberal Arts Colleges professional development conference, which convened here for the first time. Its goal is “to build a sense of camaraderie between CFD scholars and to provide them with information related to careers at liberal arts colleges,” said CFD Coordinator Kerry Pannell.

Gettysburg’s Derrick K. Gondwe Scholars in Residence, Jennifer “Jai” Hale-Gallardo and Jeruvia Jones, joined other campus faculty and staff at the conference, which included panel discussions, workshops, seminars, and networking opportunities. On a panel, Hale-Gallardo discussed how diversity of racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and national background makes a difference at Gettysburg. Jones presented a documentary he produced about Gondwe, who taught economics at Gettysburg for 27 years and founded the Africana Studies Program and International Relations Council. Candidates for his namesake program are drawn from the CFD’s database.

Photo of the Day winners named

An image of the campus’ autumn beauty won the People’s Choice award in Gettysburg College’s third annual Photo of the Day contest. The shot by Ashleigh Zicker ’13 earned 299 of 728 votes in an online poll. “I took this picture in the fall of 2010, after my last class of the day,” she said. “As I walked across campus I tried to capture the tranquil feeling and transcendental beauty of Penn Hall.” Zicker, who took third in last year’s contest, won a $250 College Bookstore gift card.

The same prize went to Lyndsie Guy ’12, who won the Editors Choice award for an image she shot in the summer of 2010. While teaching English in Nakayiba, Uganda as one of the Center for Public Service’s Heston Summer Program interns, she captured one of her students pondering a creative writing assignment.

Second in the People’s Choice poll, and awarded an honorable mention in the Editors Choice contest, was an image of Ted Broderick ’12 scuba diving near a sunken Moai off Chile’s Easter Island. For third place, Jonathan ’00 and Heather (Brown) Gibson ’00 submitted a black-and-white study of clouds over Glatfelter Hall. Contestants submitted 70 images.

Photo of the Day submissions are always welcome. Anyone is eligible. Email a jpg attachment to POD@gettysburg.edu. Photos can be taken anywhere, anytime as long as there is a connection to the Gettysburg College community.

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Eisenhower Institute fellows connect past and present

America needs real leadership
By Kasey Pipes, Presidential speechwriter

More than 50 years after his presidency and 40 years after his death, Dwight D. Eisenhower’s legacy remains alive and well. New books appear almost every year re-evaluating the 34th president’s achievements. His stock among historians has never been higher.

But to see Ike’s legacy, we need not look at history books. A glance at today’s headlines will do. As America continues to face domestic and foreign policy challenges, Ike’s record provides clues as to what the hero of D-Day hoped for this great nation and its leaders.

A struggling economy? Ike believed government should be run like a business: balance the budget and make key investments to produce long-term dividends.

A world on the brink? Ike understood the grim realities of the Cold War and believed America should seek cooperation where possible but not fear confrontation when necessary. The result? A delicate peace that lasted until the chaos of the 1960s.

What united these policies was Ike’s belief that America needed leadership. He knew how to evaluate policy options, examine risks, and make difficult decisions, as he did during 1957’s Little Rock Central High Crisis. After Gov. Orval Faubus refused to admit nine African-American students to the school, Eisenhower carefully worked through a thicket of legal and political challenges. How would he enforce integration without enraging public opinion that was lukewarm at best on civil rights? How would he establish a legal precedent for enforcing Brown v. Board of Education? How would he keep the Little Rock Nine safe from mob violence?

He responded by working behind the scenes, building political support, and pressuring local leaders. When all else failed, he used military force to disperse the mob and protect the children. It worked. Within days the mob had disappeared and the integration of Little Rock Central High had succeeded.

For the past three years, Gettysburg College and the Eisenhower Institute have sponsored Inside Politics, a seminar where Gettysburg students study the art of politics up close and personal by meeting with Washington policymakers and conducting original research. Why do leaders make decisions? What motivates them? How different do challenges look from inside the White House versus outside? Students also probe Ike’s handling of Little Rock to see how a leader makes decisions in the heat of battle. Nearly 50 students have participated; applications increase each semester. But perhaps the best measure of the program’s success is the students who have gone on to intern or work in Washington, D.C.

We are proud of these students. Ike would be too. Four decades ago, he had this advice for young people: “Always try to associate yourself with and learn as much as you can from those who know more than you do, who do better than you, who see more clearly than you. Don’t be afraid to reach upward.”

… not polarized politics
By Jennifer Donahue, media commentator

“I despise people who go to the gutter on either the right or the left and hurl rocks at those in the center.”

— Dwight D. Eisenhower

During this period of incredible political polarization, President Eisenhower’s words have a special meaning. A truly bipartisan leader, Eisenhower was an advocate for the gridlock rules the day.

When I talk to voters and to the students I teach at Gettysburg College, the thing I hear most is that Congress, with an alarmingly low approval rating of 9 percent, is not fit for the job of governing.

The Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution at a time when party came second to principle, and I think they would not have imagined the divisiveness in Washington that exists today. The distrust between the parties is huge, and that has led to an angry and confused electorate. During the time of Eisenhower’s presidency, it wasn’t left-right politics that ruled the day, but governing for all of America’s citizens.

I worry about the movement of Democrats and Republicans away from having respect for other viewpoints, and their movement away from the mainstream of American politics. It concerns me when our leaders’ discourse has lost its civility. How can we teach the next generation of leaders to work in a collaborative fashion when there are so few role models of that kind of conduct?

Here is what reassures me: the discourse and enthusiasm of the students I have taught in the Eisenhower Institute’s Women In Leadership program. We have spent many hours discussing political leaders, and met with a vast array of leaders both in the political sphere and in the worlds of media, business, academia, and sports.

The students have responded with an openness and earnestness that have restored my faith that the cynicism we often associate with leadership has not dispirited this group of young people. The students in Women In Leadership have shown an amazing capacity to look beyond the current partisan tone, to learn from leaders of both parties and all walks of life, and have echoed back the lessons they have learned throughout the semester.

Eisenhower said during his presidency, “I have one yardstick by which I test every major problem — and that yardstick is: Is it good for America?” Only with this kind of yardstick can those in politics get beyond the quagmire of partisanship we are stuck in today and do what is truly best for America.

And despite the challenges we face today as a country, I see a young group of Americans in today’s students who are truly getting the message that what is best for the country, not what separates us, is what true leaders aspire to.

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Cardin Fellow of Public Policy and Expert In Residence at the Eisenhower Institute, regularly provides live commentary for MSNBC’s Hardball with Chris Matthews, CNN’s American Morning, and Anderson Cooper 360, and appears frequently on national network news. She is a featured contributor for The Huffington Post, and provides commentary for numerous radio networks, including National Public Radio.

Kasey Pipes
Norris Fellow of Public Policy and Expert In Residence at the Eisenhower Institute, has spent 10 years in politics as a communications and policy advisor. Pipes was chief campaign speechwriter to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and a speechwriter for President George W. Bush. His 2007 book, Ike’s Final Battle: The Road to Little Rock and the Challenge of Equality, was an Amazon.com national bestseller.

The Eisenhower Institute is Gettysburg College’s distinguished center for leadership and public policy, with offices on campus and in Washington, D.C.
What may be the most “liberal arts” program on campus is also the one most likely to be called by the wrong name. It’s not “environmental science.” It’s environmental studies (ES). And few programs match its academic scope: the social sciences, including public policy; the humanities, including film studies; and, yes, the natural sciences.

If you want to be an ES major, you’ll have to dive into them all, even the ones you’re not good at or interested in — yet. That’s because the interdisciplinary approach is “the hallmark of our department,” said Prof. John Commito. And it has been since the beginning. As the 1990s began, rising interest prompted the College to establish an ES program and offer a minor. Many students went further, creating individual majors through the Interdisciplinary Studies Program. By 1995, a regular ES major was in place. As the new century dawned, ES graduated to full departmental status.

Some 20 years after the initial ES minor, interest continues to grow. In fact, ES’s popularity is also a predicament, with the equivalent of less than six fulltime faculty serving the eighth-largest major on campus. ES also includes what Prof. Sarah Principato called “a tremendous number of service courses for non-majors. At least a fourth of the students on campus take an ES course.”

Despite such challenges, an outside review of the department by faculty from other top liberal arts colleges lauded what Principato called a remarkably “harmonious atmosphere for students.” Students and profs often lunch together in the ES office area. Moreover, Commito said, “they’ve been to our homes. We’ve been to theirs. We know their parents, boyfriends, girlfriends. We’ve been to their weddings.”

Research is central
But don’t mistake the collegiality for a lack of rigor: Principato noted that the reviewers praised the department as “one of the best examples of the teacher-scholar model.” The research experience is at the center of it all, Commito said. “I’ve published lots of papers with students, and presented together at conferences. We all have. We’ve blurred the line between teaching and research.

“It’s a continuum.”
— Prof. John Commoto

Natasha Gownaris ’09 studies a fish species found in Kenya’s Lake Turkana as part of her Ph.D. research at Stony Brook University.
through an ES lens

ES major Brian Kelly ’10 earned a prize previously won by Steven Spielberg, Ken Burns, and Ron Howard for his documentary "On the Fence." The CINE Golden Eagle Award recognized Kelly’s film about a 480-kilometer electric barrier at a national park in Botswana, where he studied abroad.

One of his chief inspirations, he said, was ES Prof. Salma Monani’s Environmental Film course. Kelly is pursuing an MFA in environmental filmmaking at American University in Washington, D.C.

Prof. Monica Ogra takes classes into Washington, D.C. to study sustainable development and the roles of governmental agencies and NGOs. Her students investigate micro-finance as an anti-poverty tool for NGOs. Her students investigate sustainable development and the roles of governmental agencies and NGOs. Her students investigate micro-finance as an anti-poverty tool for NGOs.

Prof. Salma Monani, who studies how cultural media shape and are shaped by environmental issues, took students to the Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival in Ithaca, N.Y. This semester, her film class is going to D.C. to visit past ES major and award-winning filmmaker Brian Kelly ’10 (see box above). In Monani’s food seminars, students connect with local social service agencies to learn about farming and food justice issues. One of her courses is Environmental Writing.

Prof. Rutherford “Rud” Platt and his students use satellite imagery to assess environmental changes from urbanization, bark beetle infestations, floods, and deforestation. Platt’s students are working with College officials to develop a detailed campus sustainability plan. His current National Science Foundation sponsored work focuses on modeling wildfire hazard and land use change in the western U.S.

Prof. Randy Wilson taught last year in Great Britain, including a seminar focused on London’s efforts to become a sustainable city. He takes students to D.C. to interact with policymakers, and to Colorado, where he studies public land management and sustainable rural development. His seminar on sustainable communities has won honors from Adams County and the State of Pennsylvania. He co-chairs the campus Sustainability Committee and advises the Painted Turtle Farm, the student-run organic garden. This year, a Fulbright Fellowship takes him to Austria’s University of Vienna.

The faculty’s wide reach enables the department to offer both a bachelor of arts and a bachelor of science, which focus different lenses on the intertwining of culture, politics, and science that is environmental studies.

real-world issues

“It’s really a broad posture on life,” Commoto said. “We have one of the highest percentages on campus of students abroad. We have past majors in law school and graduate programs in many different disciplines, like urban planning, film, chemical oceanography, and civil engineering. Our students are really a special breed. They have to take on all three areas—social sciences, sciences, and the humanities. They can’t just play to their strengths. They’re forced to take courses in areas where they’re weak and develop strengths they didn’t know they had.”

“Our students are really able to make the connection to real world issues,” Monani said, pointing to numerous winners of Fulbright fellowships, Goldwater scholarships, and other honors, and to the great work of alumni and current students.

ES alumni make it clear that they would not be where they are today without their Gettysburg College mentors.

From books to laws, ES alums make impact

Sara Cavley ’11 received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Copenhagen, focusing on collaboration’s role in creating the Danish national park system.

Jackie Powell ’09 and Sneha Shrestha ’10, a globalization studies and studio art major, won a 2010 children’s book award in Nepal for their environmentally-oriented In Search of a New Clean Home. Powell is in Guatemala with Aqua para la Salud (Water for Health), which builds community and school water systems.

Emily Chessin ’06, who worked at the World Resources Institute, is pursuing her master’s in international affairs at Tufts University, with a focus on energy and environmental policy.

Tess Barton ’06 is based in New York City as the marketing director for Community Energy, which focuses on developing wind and solar power.

Olivia Campbell ’02 is the legislative director for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Julie Markus ’09, one of three Goldwater Scholars produced by the department, earned her master’s in geology at Ohio State University, and plans a career in glaciology or hydrology. “After taking Sarah Principato’s Earth System Science class, I became fascinated with polar studies and glaciology, which I ultimately focused on in my graduate studies,” said Markus, an ES major and Spanish minor. “I learned from research experiences and ES class field trips that I loved field work. I think that there is no substitute for going out and seeing objects and concepts you are learning about in the class room and participating in hands-on research.”

Goldwater Scholar Natasha Gownaris ’09, an ES and biology double major, did undergraduate thesis research on mussel beds in Maine with Commoto as her advisor. “He epitomizes the idea of being a mentor rather than just an advisor,” said Gownaris, a Ph.D. student at Stony Brook University’s School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences. “There are times I will call him for advice on my graduate work,” which examines the effects of climate change and hydroelectric power development on fish in Lake Turkana, Kenya.

Brittany Jones ’12 is the third Goldwater Scholar. The ES major continued on page 44

Grant lays groundwork for the future

Helping to set the stage for new capacities for ES is a grant of some $600,000 from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, which supports programs that relieve suffering and enhance quality of life in a sustainable manner.

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Story by Jim Hale and Nikki Rhoads

"We wanted to increase dialogue about sustainable food on campus and in the community," said Freya Gibbon (left), a 2007 graduate who worked with environmental studies Prof. Randy Wilson (right) to establish the Painted Turtle Farm, a student-run organic garden, on campus in 2005.

Jackie Powell ’09 examines a water storage tank in Guatemala as part of her work with Aqua para la Salud.

"...because field trips and research. It’s a continuum..."
Gettysburg College sent 207 alumni into the Civil War—a considerable number given that the entire host of alumni in 1865 totaled around 900. Only 99, however, were in actual combat service. The rest served in non-combatant roles such as surgeons or chaplains, in temporary militia service, or as civilians with agencies like the U.S. Christian Commission.

More surprising still is that 14 alumni served in the armies of the Confederacy. But the biggest surprise of all came when one of those rebel alumni not only marched into Gettysburg with the Army of Northern Virginia on July 3, 1863, but also participated in Pickett’s Charge, was wounded and captured, and then performed the ultimate act of alumni chutzpah by wandering cheerfully around the town with a pass, dropping in on his old professors, and sitting down to dinner with his former instructor, College President Henry Baugher.

He was James Francis Crocker, born in 1828 and a member of the Class of 1850. He came to Gettysburg as an 18-year-old because elite families of the Old South loved sending their sons to high-profile Northern colleges. Southern institutions of higher education were often small and poorly funded, so families who could afford it dispatched their fair-haired boys to mingle with the North’s best and brightest. One of Robert E. Lee’s sons went to Harvard; Confederate President Jefferson Davis was an honorary member of Whig Hall at Princeton; Davis’s Secretary of the Treasury was a Yale. So it made sense to “Frank” Crocker’s family, a social fixture of Virginia’s Isle of Wight County since the 17th century, to send their youngest child to what was then Pennsylvania College.

Crocker had an aptitude for study, graduating as valedictorian. But he also had a streak of undergraduate naughtiness. In a draft of his graduation address, he “took notice of the great excitement then prevailing” between North and South over the Compromise of 1850, and added this provocative flourish: “Who knows, unless patriotism should triumph over sectional feeling but what we, classmates, might in some future day meet in hostile battle array.” President Baugher, however, had the last word and firmly “struck this part out of my address” as too inflammatory. “But alas!” Crocker remembered, “it was a prophetic conjecture.” Crocker went from Gettysburg to teach mathematics in Ohio, then practiced law at home in Virginia. He also had an aptitude for politics, getting himself elected to the Virginia legislature in 1855, then joining the law firm of Goodwin & Crocker.

With the outbreak of war, Crocker enlisted as a private in the 9th Virginia Infantry and soon rose to lieutenant and regimental adjutant. His enlistment papers describe him as six feet tall, with “light complexion, grey eyes, light hair.” Despite his Yankee education, Crocker endorsed Virginia’s secession. “My whole being responded in approval and applause of that act of my State,” he exulted. “I rejoice in recalling with what willingness I was ready to give my life in its support, and it is the summation of the pride of my life that I served humbly in her cause.”

His rejoicing gained little reward at first. The 9th Virginia spent the first year of the war on garrison duties in the Norfolk area. Safe and unexciting as the duties were, they at least afforded the regiment a ringside seat for the fateful clash of the ironclad warships, the Monitor and the Merrimac. Seven of the 9th’s enlisted men actually volunteered to help serve the Merrimac’s guns.

Crocker’s regiment finally saw action in the summer of 1862 during the ill-starred Peninsula Campaign, when Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia threw back the Union army from almost the gates of the Confederate capital, Richmond. Crocker was wounded at the last of the campaign’s battles, Malvern Hill. “I was shot through the throat, through the shoulder and through the arm,” and was certain he would die, but recovered to rejoin the 9th Virginia for the Confederate victory at Fredericksburg in December.

When the 9th Virginia marched north in June 1863, it was one of four regiments under Brigadier-General Lewis Allen C. Guelzo, Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era

The Confederate who came to dinner

After Pickett’s Charge, a wounded rebel alum strolled through town and dined with the College’s anti-slavery president.

by Allen C. Guelzo, Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era
Our Civil War programs

Our location offers rich opportunities for the First-Year Walk, when the new class marches to the National Cemetery to hear the Gettysburg Address, as students and citizens did in 1863. The College’s 2013 Committee is planning commemorations of the Battle and Address.

The Department of Civil War Era Studies, created in 1998 thanks to the Henry R. Luce Foundation and directed by Prof. Allen Guelzo, offers a minor and the Gettysburg Semester, an immersive experience for students from other schools.

The Civil War Institute, founded in 1993 by Prof. Emeritus Gabor Boritt, is directed by Peter Carmichael, the Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies. It engages academic and general audiences in interdisciplinary dialogue on Civil War history, public interpretation, preservation, policy, teaching, and research. It offers a summer conference, supports student internships, and administers the Michael Shaara Prize for Civil War fiction. Both entities collaborate with the Department of History, of which Guelzo and Carmichael are members.

The $50,000 Lincoln Prize, awarded yearly by the College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, recognizes scholarship work on Lincoln or his era.

James F. Crocker, class of 1860, in his 1915 book, Gettysburg — Pickett’s Charge and Other War Addresses, broke down, did the unprepared camps swell with enormous numbers of POWs and become hells-on-earth like Andersonville. But even in that easy-going atmosphere, Crocker’s request was a tall one. He must have smiled when the hospital officer, seeing no reason not to, wrote out a pass and let him walk off “alone, unattended.” They needn’t have worried that he would try to escape. “They somehow knew — I know not how — that I could be trusted, that my honor was more to me than my life.”

And so, Lt. James Francis Crocker — survivor of Pickett’s Charge, late of the Army of Northern Virginia, College Class of 1850 — proceeded to ramble around Gettysburg, unrestrained and almost unnoticed. Even Crocker realized that it must have been “a queer, incongruous sight to see a rebel lieutenant in gray mingling in the crowd, and apparently at home” in a town swarming with Union soldiers who, only a few days before, were busy trying to kill anyone answering to Crocker’s description. But Crocker “met so many old friends” in the town “that I soon felt at home.” Among them was “my dear old professor of mathematics,” Michael Jacobs. “He whispered to me in the kindest, gentlest way not to talk about the war,” and Crocker was happy to oblige.

Crocker caught up on alumni news, old girlfriends, and 13 years’ worth of life in Gettysburg. And finally, strolling toward the College itself on Washington Street, he crossed paths with H. Louis Baugher (or “Baughey,” as he was known colloquially), the son of President Baugher, who extended “a cordial invitation to dine with him and his father.” (It’s not known whether they dined at the “White House,” built in 1860 for the president and his family, and today known as the Norris-Wachob Alumni House. It was filled with the wounded, as were Pennsylvania Hall and many other local buildings.)

Dinner with the president would have been a bridge too far for anybody but James Francis Crocker. “Old Dr. Baugher…was of a very positive and radical character” on the subject of slavery, wrote Crocker, and the unannounced appearance of an unrepentant academic prodigal son — not to mention rebel-in-arms and living fulfillment of his own prophecy — might have made for a highly indigestible meal. Not for Crocker. He thought whatever problem there was in breaking bread with the forbidding old abolitionist lay entirely with Baugher. And he brusquely sent the invitation back to the president and his family. “The venerable Doctor saw before him only his old student, recalled only the old days, and their dear memories.”

Allen C. Guelzo directs the College’s Department of Civil War Era Studies and is the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era. He is the author of Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President in 2000 and Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America, both winners of the Lincoln Prize.
A relentless drumbeat of downbeat economic news is drowning out a real success story: two straight years of growth for Gettysburg College’s endowment, thanks to a virtuosic performance by our financial professionals.

But even a virtuoso cannot coax a world-class sound out of a so-so instrument. Gettysburg’s endowment totaled nearly $246 million in mid-2011, demonstrating the College’s basic financial soundness — but our endowment remains hundreds of millions of dollars smaller than those of our peer institutions.

In a ranking of 865 U.S. and Canadian institutions’ fiscal 2010 endowment market values, the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) and Commonfund Institute listed Lafayette College 108th, Bucknell University 131st, Dickinson College 199th, Franklin & Marshall College 211th, and Gettysburg 236th.

College President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 was characteristically candid:

“The data and the landscape are very clear. We have less money to spend on the educational experience we offer than the colleges we compete with most closely for students — Bucknell, Lafayette, F&M, and Dickinson.

“Each of those institutions has more endowment per student than does Gettysburg. Each can count on more annual giving from their alumni than can Gettysburg. In recent years each has even charged a little more for tuition than Gettysburg.

“Although we should be proud that we have remained competitive despite our smaller resource base, I worry that we can’t keep this up forever.”
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Some expenses proved more stubborn than others. For instance, the College employs a highly educated work force — and that does not come cheaply. The College could increase class sizes, Riggs said, but that would risk undermining the personalized education that attracts both students and faculty. The College also must ensure students have access to the latest technology, afford its students. “It forced us to focus on what I don’t remember us ever going through, and it’s not all bad,” Riggs said. “It forced us to focus on what we needed and what we could live without.”

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Subsequent steps have included refinancing debt and diversifying investments, without abandoning the College’s traditionally conservative approach. Before the downturn, the College’s debt reflected a mix of fixed and variable rates. Now, the College has shifted all of its debt into fixed rates, reducing risk.

College officials and trustees also took a closer look at assets held in the endowment. Like any investor, the College favors a diverse mix of investments designed to ensure overall growth. If one asset, such as domestic stocks, falls in value, another, such as real estate, might rise. After the meltdown, everything fell together, Konstalid said. Market volatility, meanwhile, has been rising.

The College’s shift in asset allocation, designed to reduce exposure to volatility, includes a bigger stake in hedge funds offering low leverage and effective risk controls, which were selected with the help of a new consultant, Cambridge Associates. “For a small endowment like Gettysburg ... it wasn’t prudent for us” to hire additional staff, the College’s Associate Vice President of Financial Services Chris Delaney said during a roundtable hosted by the authoritative international newspaper Pensions & Investments. “We felt that (outsourcing to Cambridge) was the most cost-effective way of getting the capabilities and the resources that we need.”

“And because we have a relatively small endowment compared to our peers, we have always been a little bit more careful,” Konstalid said. “We have less of a backstop to fall back on if we make a bad decision.” Of course, poor decision-making is not part of the College’s track record. Confidence in Gettysburg’s fiscal prudence was demonstrated recently when Moody’s reaffirmed our debt rating and Standard & Poor’s upgraded it.

But the College can only reallocate investments, refinance debt, and cut costs for so long and still hope to keep attracting and supporting the most talented students and faculty. What’s needed, trustees and administrators agreed, is a sustained uptick in alumni donations to boost the endowment, allowing for greater financial aid and a richer student experience.

“Educators can’t afford simply to maintain the status quo,” President Riggs said. “We are preparing students for a world that is changing, so we have to be thinking about programs and initiatives that help them achieve their goals. Our task is to ensure adequate resources are available to support and enhance that experience now and 10 years from now.”

President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77

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Why I Give
Andrew M. Parker ’79

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A creative gift of his airline miles, Parker made that trip possible (see Gettysburg magazine, spring 2005, p. 30). Since then, he has provided funds for one or two course-related trips each year.

“I’ve had the opportunity to travel quite a bit for work, which has taken me many places around the world. I strongly believe that traveling to other countries gives one a very different perspective on life,” Parker said.

“I enjoy giving to causes when I can understand the specific use of my donation — it’s extremely satisfying that I can tie my contribution to a particular trip. I love helping students get this opportunity to witness other cultures. Beyond perspective, it also gives a deeper understanding of issues, a higher degree of tolerance, and hopefully helps a person become more thoughtful about the polarized issues we see in the press so frequently these days.”

One Great Weekend

With a sea of orange and blue and a seasonal nip in the air, alumni, parents, family, and friends joined forces to celebrate Gettysburg College during One Great Weekend, combining Homecoming and Family Weekend Oct. 21-23.

The weekend included talks and receptions in academic departments, announcement of the Photo of the Day winners, celebration of the Hall of Athletic Honor inductees, the President’s address followed by the Veterans Memorial Dedication, and a second-place finish in football against Johns Hopkins.

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“Show, don’t tell.” Andy Parker ’79

In 2004, Parker told his Gettysburg education prepared him for his work in international finance and for living abroad. At a lunch after his talk, he learned that Profs. Caroline Hartzell and Robert Bohrer were trying to get their Contemporary Civil Conflict class to Belfast, Ireland to gain firsthand experience of the effects of conflict there. With Parker’s father, Robert ‘48, was an economics major. Amy was a double major in economics and physics. Today, he is a managing director at Lazard Wealth Management LLC in New York.

He made his first gift to Gettysburg shortly after his graduation. As a Cupola Society member, he has made gifts to the Gettysburg Fund and the Orange and Blue Club.

“I view this as both ‘giving back’ as well as being an investment in the future. I’m a big believer in a liberal arts education with a broad mix of courses like math, history, science, or literature. Gettysburg didn’t ‘prepare me’ for a Wall Street career — it prepared me for lots of things. I think college is a place to develop a broad base of interests, curiosity, and to ‘learn how to learn,’” Parker said. “I am impressed with what I see the school doing and Janet Riggs’ leadership, and have fond feelings for the place and my experience there.”
Veterans Memorial unveiled

More than 200 people gathered for the dedication of the new Gettysburg College Veterans Memorial on Oct. 22, during the One Great Weekend celebration.


The granite memorial to the right of the main entrance of Musselman Stadium features an inscription of appreciation, flagpoles, and emblems of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, and Merchant Marine.

The lead gift came from the family of the late Marine Corps veteran Al Reese ’50. K. Richard Brunner, Jr. ’58 led the memorial. The firm of Chris Binner P’14, Valley Forge Flag Company, donated state, U.S., and College flags.

Graduates reach across generations to mentor young leaders

The Garthwait Leadership Center (GLC) and BOLD (Burgians of the Last Decade) are collaborating to provide a mentoring program for alumni interested in furthering their leadership ability.

Now in its pilot year, the Young Alumni Leadership Program (YALP) pairs 12 BOLD alumni with 12 alumni from the last four decades. Mentors have demonstrated leadership experience and have made it clear that they want to help young alumni leaders emerge.

The first on-campus workshop and formal kickoff took place Oct. 22 in Penn Hall’s Lyceum. Mentor Meredith Bove ’97 said she became involved with the program because of her professional work in leadership and human development.

“My experience at Gettysburg College fundamentally changed the direction of my life. It gave me a platform from which to leap into the world and to create change as an activist, as a community leader, as a mother, and as a corporate leader,” said Bove. “I want to share what is possible — engaging with young alums on their professional and personal journeys, and deepening my own experience as a result.”

Communications & Marketing Council formed

For years, Gettysburg’s advisory group of experienced journalists, editors, and writers has helped hone the magazine’s look and content. But to reach all of today’s audiences, the College also needs the web, social media, and video, and more. To aid those efforts, we’ve created an expanded Communications and Marketing Advisory Council (CMAC), which first met during the Volunteer Leadership Summit on campus in September.

The CMAC “will draw upon the combined strengths of our members,” said Chair Kelly Lynch ’82. “Our expertise includes communications, publishing, journalism, creative writing, broadcast media, social media, and outreach marketing. I’m eager to see the ways in which the strategies and techniques we bring from our business careers can help enhance Gettysburg’s messaging and communications.” If you’re interested, contact Paul Redfern ’00 at predferrn@gettysburg.edu or Susan Pyron ’83 at spyron@gettysburg.edu.

Food awakens fond memories

What’s the best thing you ever ate on campus? That question gained 80-plus comments on Facebook, including chocolate milk, tuna melts, and Thanksgiving dinner. There was no biggest winner or loser, though Servo cookies were often mentioned. Why no consensus? A post by Allyson King ’10 illustrated the dilemma: “I loved it when they had grilled sausage and potato pancakes, but now that I’m reminded of the honey mustard chicken salad, I think that was a very close second. Or the potstickers and broccoli tempura.”

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Celebrating a century

Attending a 100th birthday celebration for Dimi Johnson ’33 at the Dobbin House in Gettysburg were, from left: seated, Gretchen Parkison Steunpfl ’56, Dimi Johnson ’33, Hal Dunkelberger ’36; standing, David Johnson ’65, Rolf Johnson ’61, Jack Bream ’57, Carol Burchfield Bream ’58, Joe Lynch ’55, Kelly Woods Lynch ’82, Pat Ness Smith ’61, Janet Morgan Riga ’77, Bob Smith ’59, Earl Little ’62, Dick MacNott ’62.

Mentor Bill Heyman ’74 and Meredith Bove ’97 (foreground) break the ice in the opening exercise of the Young Alumni Leadership Program workshop.
A century after Mary Gingrich Stuckenberg organized a women’s group to raise funds for College religious programs and activities, the College’s first female alumna president celebrated the addition of the Woman’s League to the Benefactors Wall.

During Oct. 19’s ceremony, President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 lauded the League’s long history of helping to sustain Gettysburg College, from the support that regional sub-leagues provided for scholarships, library books, and academic programs to their continued dedication after the College became permanently coeducational by 1935. “The League called their campaign ‘Gifts for Girls’ and they raised $30,000 to renovate and furnish Huber and Stevens Halls for the new Women’s Division,” Riggs said. “Over the years, the League has contributed $1 million in support of Gettysburg College.”

Riggs thanked League members, past and present. Their inscription is the 37th added to the Wall, a campus landmark honoring contributors of $1 million or more. In 1915 the League led a campaign to fund a new campus YMCA — now Weidensall Hall — and the precursor to the College chaplaincy. Also to the League’s credit are renovations to the Chapel, Pennsylvania Hall, Glatfelter Hall, and the Dining Hall, plus an endowed scholarship fund, and support for the Center for Public Service, Musselman Library, and music programs.

At its peak, the Woman’s General League comprised 20 sub-leagues with 6,000-plus members. Over time, membership decreased and in the late 1990s, the General League formally dissolved. One group, the Philadelphia and Suburban Woman’s League, remains active under the leadership of Mary Jane Brenneman ’60.

During the ceremony, longstanding member and Trustee Emerita Angie Haines ’45 said the League “must celebrate our joys, our success, and our friendships given to us by our association with the Woman’s General League of our beloved Gettysburg College. Through the years the efforts of those gathered here today, together with those of many, many more League members, have impacted the lives of thousands of students.”

One such student, Luke Cuculis ’12, added his thanks. “Four years ago, I was wrestling with the decision of whether or not I should attend college,” he said. “It is the generosity of supporters of Gettysburg College, such as the Woman’s League, that has afforded me the incredible opportunity to be a Gettysburg College student.”

Full bios of the inductees are online. President Riggs is third from right.

Left: Also, outstanding teams were recognized as they celebrated anniversaries. The 1981 women’s lacrosse team earned the program’s sole Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) title and its first appearance in a national tournament. The 1975-76 wrestling squad won the program’s first MAC championship in 21 years and finished eighth overall at the NCAA Division III Championships.
Kevin Burke ‘90 takes flight with Spread Wing offense

Long before becoming his alma mater’s offensive coordinator and deploying one of Division III’s most potent scoring machines, Kevin Burke ‘90 faced a rude awakening.

Amidst his first-year seminar with Prof. Gabor Boritt, the history major realized his line of thinking was all wrong.

“I don’t remember exactly what the question was, but I remember I answered and he proceeded to tell me in a very polite way that basically I was very superficial and that I had to think deeper,” said Burke. “It was right at that moment I realized ‘I’m not going to get by with charm here.’”

“Everything we do here,” Burke continued, “teaches you to analyze, teaches you how to be a problem-solver, and teaches you to think analytically in such a way that might be a little different and a little outside the box.”

The lesson stuck. Nearly 20 years later, in the spring of 2005, Burke and longtime football Head Coach Barry Streeter thought outside the box to create an innovative offense known as the Spread Wing. The new set combined elements of the Wing-T — a rush-heavy staple that produced a slew of All-America running backs under Streeter — and the Spread, a pass-boosting formation that Burke employed to huge advantage as head coach at Juniata College.

The Spread Wing unleashed an offense that has proved to be wildly successful and exciting to watch.

Exhibit A: Homecoming 2009. The Bullets produced three — yes, three — 100-yard rushers and racked up a school-record 526 rushing yards in a 59-14 triumph over Juniata.

Exhibit B: Family Weekend 2010. Trailing 50-27 against Susquehanna University with just 18 minutes left, the Bullets reeled off 34 unanswered points, earning an improbable 61-50 victory.

Burke, who moved up to fulltime offensive coordinator in 2005 after a one-year interim stint, has been instrumental in making Gettysburg a potent scoring machine, helping the Eagles set school records in nearly every offensive category. The Bullets have led the league in total offense every year from 2006 to 2010, peaking in 2009 at 493.1 yards per game, good for fourth in all of Division III.

It’s no surprise Burke found his way back to his roots. Even as a prospective student, he knew Gettysburg was home. “I fell in love with the place when I first stepped out of the car,” he said. “We parked in the Glatfelter lot, and my mother said she could tell from my face that this is where I was going to go. It had a wow factor back then and it still has a wow factor now.”

A self-proclaimed Civil War buff, the Bethpage, N.Y. native was a two-sport athlete, both under Streeter as a quarterback and wide receiver and in multiple track & field events for Head Coach Ed Riggs ’77. Burke didn’t make headlines as a student-athlete, but his positive experiences were the seed that grew into his coaching career.

“When I really looked up to our coaches,” he said, “One of the things that impressed me about Coach Streeter was that he expressed a passion every day for football, and it was a passion that did not manifest itself in negative language. The other thing was that, even though I wasn’t one of the main guys, so to speak, the way Coach Streeter and Coach Riggs treated me was always really positive and I always felt part of what we were doing. When you coach, you’re in an extended family, and I don’t think I wanted to be outside of that environment.”

Like many new coaches, Burke moved constantly. Over eight years, he made stops at four institutions. “My wife [Julia ’93] and I had a lot of boxes that she will tell you were unopened,” he said. They finally landed at Juniata in 1998. As the school’s 19th head football coach, he helped the Eagles set school records in nearly every offensive category with a Spread variant dubbed the “Eagle Stretch.” He also helped the school to a program-best second-place conference in 1999.

“When Gettysburg needed an interim offensive coordinator in 2004, Streeter didn’t think twice before bringing back his former pupil. “I was thrilled he was able to be with us,” said the head coach. “He’s got a very good mind as far as X’s and O’s are concerned. But even more important, I know he really cares about the kids. He pushes them hard, but he cares about them as people, which is really a great thing. And he cares about Gettysburg College — he loves the place.”

Streeter stepped away from coaching during Burke’s first year back to attend a family health situation. It was then that Streeter became more keenly aware of the Spread and its potential, especially in conjunction with the Wing-T. When Streeter returned in the spring of 2005, the Spread Wing took flight.

“We had a great few months of just meeting and learning from each other,” said Streeter. “We had to start with the ground floor and that was really a neat thing.

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Deadlines

When sending news to your correspondent, please keep in mind that the lead time for each printed issue is two months—which means that news for the spring issue must reach the correspondents no later than Feb. 15, 2012.

The summer issue appears only on the web, so correspondents for the summer issue are entirely through Gettysburg.

Deadlines for the year are:

Winter issue — No. 15
Spring issue — Feb. 15
Summer issue — July 15
Autumn issue — Aug. 15

Class Notes Editor Sue O'Carroll

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1941
It was a busy year since the last column after reunion weekend in Sept. I attended the Volunteer Leader-ship Summit, which included interesting discussions and activities, and ended with the gala Cuppa Dinner. I met many old and new Gettysburg alumni and friends. I spent Sept. 28 through Oct. 6 in Huntsville, AL, with my sisters Shelley Whitney and her family and their grandmother. There is no better way to celebrate a birthday than with family and friends. We spent the time in the beautiful town of Huntsville.

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1944
It seems that G’burg keeps perking along with very few of us attending any functions, and it has no history of famous speakers, plays, and musical events. Through the usual channels I know that MARGA-RIT BROWN DODGE went on Feb. 27, 2011. She lived in Pitman, Camden, and PA. She was a retired schoolteacher. Survivors include two daughters, a grandson, and a great-grandson. EINA FISHER BURGESS passed away in CA. She had a 1999 Distinguished Alumna Award. She worked for the family practice in Emmitsburg, MD, in 1948 and in Collegeville, PA from 1951. She is survived by her partner, Charles R. Williams, and their family.

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1946
Here I go again requesting someone to take notes of the reunions—right now—get notes! CHARLES H. GIEDEZ died in June, leaving a son, two daughters, and three stepdaughters. He earned his doctorate at Princeton University and taught history at New York Institute U in Del Mar, CA. RICHARD L. LEHRHARD died on Nov. 10, 2011, leaving three daughters. He was an active member of the faculty of Ursinus College (Mc-Caney) Detah, daughter, two grandchildren, and three children. He served a Lutheran ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lutherville, MD, and in Liberia, West Africa. He also served as pastor in Williamsport, PA, and Dover, where he was a member of the board.

1947
I’m still in close contact with PEG HARVEY and your support of your alma mater. When sending news to your correspondent, please keep in mind that news for the spring issue must reach the correspondents no later than Feb. 15, 2012.

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1948
JOE CERVENA reports that wife AUDREY (OD-SON) HOBSON has been in a nursing home since a serious accident some time ago. Joe visits her daily for several hours, and they have children nearby who visit as often as they can. He feels very fortunate for and knows that she’s well loved. Since Joe’s new the housekeeper, he makes lists of things to do daily and they try to do a few things for her each day. For his age that sounds pretty good to me!

1949
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1950
The only unfortunate part of this fellowship is that is that I receive obituaries of classmates from only a handful of newspapers. Their names and readers may call me to hear the information that I have. Most often the obituaries contain a personal statement and could be published in their local papers. These classmates include JAMES E. RUMBERGER, JOHN M. HOCK, NANCY A. H. HANSON, PATRICIA S. MORSE PALMER, and RICHARD D. CARSON. We send our condolences to the families and have many happy memories of these classmates.

1951
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1952
Time flies, and it’s time to think about returning to the College on June 1–3, 2012, for our 60th reunion! GERALD ROYALS met with Joe Lynch in ’85 and came up with plans for the weekend. They will gather Friday evening at Gatcliffe Lodge to meet and greet those who arrive early. On Saturday we’ll attend the Heritage Luncheon and our class photo will be taken, and Saturday evening we’ll meet at the Gettysburg Hotel for cocktail hour followed by dinner. Put this on your do-to-list, and see you in June 2012.

1953
Follow graduation ANN (FOOSE) DENNIS worked at the Settlement House in Wilmington. She taught in the arts and music department and then spent two years in Germany with the Army, directing recreational programs for enlisted personnel. She received a master’s degree in vocational educational from U of WA. Now retired, she lives in Issaquah, WA.

1954
NANCY MCKELDahl died in Sept. 10 at her home in Gettysburg. She taught in the arts and music department and then spent two years in Germany with the College, directing recreational programs for enlisted personnel. She received a master’s degree in vocational educational from U of WA. Now retired, she lives in Issaquah, WA.

HOBERT HINRS and his wife enjoy life in Charleston, SC. ALLEN PANNELL reported the gathering that Hank ’54 and Jean ’57 hosted for the Aeckles, fraternity brothers from the 1950s and their spouses. Allen and Tina have three children and seven grandchildren. In his retirement Allen serves as court counselor in the 18th Judicial Dist, in Montgomery County.

I received word of the death of JOSEPH BIRD. After playing baseball as a teenager, he played for the York White Roses, and after graduation from college, he went to work in the coal mines. A cave-in changed his mind, and he went into life insurance, which was interrupted by several years in the military in World War II. After basketball and baseball at York Junior College, Joe joined Gettysburg College and graduated with a degree in education. He taught at Harrah Penn Middle School in York, coaching baseball, basketball, football, and tennis. DAVID KELBER married Joanne Goltz, and they now reside in a cruise on the Adriatic Sea. They have six grandchildren and enjoy periodic luncheons with G’burg teachers.
1956

More tidbits from our 55th reunion dinner in June. BERT ANDREWS and wife June have been married for more than 55 years. They live in Virginia Beach, VA. Their marriage has been celebrated with 55 years of happy living in Mt. Laurel, NJ. They spend summer on Prince Edward Island, Canada. Hal says, “I remember well the time I spent on the island! I was surprised by finding many of the islanders were from the States.”

1957

Congratulations to STEVE VIER! A new building at the Sisters of Charity Hospital of Buffalo, NY has been named in his honor. It is the M.D. Center for Women’s Health and Wellness. This is indeed an honor and tribute to Steve for his professional contributions to the community. Steve recently completed his term as the President of the Executive Committee of the hospital and the Chair Emeritus of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo.

WALTER WAGNER tells of his varied ministerial career. For seven years he served as Director of the Church Work with Older Adults for the Lutheran Church in America. He spent his career in business administration positions, including in public schools. He was also treasurer of the Board of the National Ministries of the NALC Ministries of the American Baptist Churches, USA.

FRED MASTERMANN and wife Pat have been married for 56 years. They live in Phoenix, MD, and are the parents of three grown children. They live at 15022 Eastern Shore, enjoying the Wye River and the Chesapeake Bay. Fred spent his working years at various locations in the Chesapeake Bay area. He then became a real estate business and, after ten years, retired in 2000. They have eight children and 15 grandchildren.

ROBERT KASER and wife Marilyn recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking their whole family of 15 to the Canadian Rockies. Bob retired after 22 years as a pastor of a suburban Rochester, NY, Presbyterian church. Then since then he has served part-time nine churches either in conflict or retired. ALAN KRAWELL and wife Naomi were pleased to attend the reunion. It has been 55 years since Alan has been back. He now resides in the countryside and teaches at the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine on Long Island. They have 13 grandchildren to keep them busy.

RICHARD PLATT still lives in Greensville, PA. Steeter County! Dick retired in 1986 and enjoys his six grandchildren, who are situated between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. He also enjoys traveling, including visits to Mexico and the Italian Riviera. He looks forward to many more adventures in retirement. In Georgia we hope we hear about this trip in a future column. ROBERT LUPINOTTI and wife Arlene came to the reunion from New Jersey, where she is employed along with her husband. He’s a dentist at Cantor’s Chatterton Valley Hospital, and he and Arlene visit and enjoy their children and grandchildren and their families.

I still have a few tidbits from the reunion and others also, but they have to wait until the next reunion for publication in June 1959. Keep the news coming. Everyone has a great winter. Hope there’s not too much snow here in central Maryland.

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John Zinn info sought

Jeanne Scott Robinson ’57 is seeking stories and photos for a biography of her late father, Dr. John Zinn, who taught chemistry at his alma mater from 1927 to 1957. She needs information for a possible book to finish by reunion. Contact her at janne@theoldbank.net, 443-415-3938, or 1700 Belt Street, Baltimore, MD 21230. Photos will be returned.

John Zinn was the chemistry department chairman at the Naval Academy for 26 years and brought to the academy a fresh approach to the teaching of chemistry. He was appointed to the Academy in 1927 by Secretary of the Navy, the late Charles B. Woodward.

John Zinn was a member of the Academy’s faculty from 1927 to 1957, when he retired due to ill health. He received a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Johns Hopkins University in 1926 and had previously taught at the United States Naval Academy from 1920 to 1927.

In 1938, John Zinn was appointed chairman of the chemistry department at the Academy, and he served in that capacity until 1957. During his tenure, he was instrumental in modernizing the chemistry curriculum and introducing new teaching methods.

John Zinn was a respected chemist and educator who made significant contributions to the field of chemistry. He was known for his ability to make complex concepts accessible to students and for his dedication to teaching.

John Zinn was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemists. He was also a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

John Zinn was married to the late Alice Zinn and they had one daughter, Mary Zinn. John Zinn passed away in 1957 due to complications from a heart attack.

Jean Zinn is the daughter of John Zinn and Alice Zinn. She has been involved in various charitable organizations and has dedicated her life to helping others.

Jean Zinn is a prominent figure in the chemical community and is known for her contributions to the field of chemistry. She has served on numerous committees and has been a vocal advocate for the advancement of women in science.

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1962 50th Reunion Year
Classmates, return to 50th reunion! This is the most important day of your life. Let us get together and enjoy each other’s company. We will have fun and make memories that will last a lifetime.

1963 Memories of the reunion linger. How sweet it is (literally, when we eat a cake). My mailbox has been empty—why? Mike and Tracy Holmes are in Panama City. I’ll be there in a week. I’ll put the reunion on our calendar and try to attend. Thanks to all of you—everyone will be in touch.

1966 50th Reunion Year
Jackette, alumni newsletter for the Class of 1966, is a member of the alumni association. I was a homemaker. However, with her time, she continues to do interior design and travel. Her husband also works full-time as a homemaker. She's a great assistant designer and travel agent. Her husband is a homemaker and travels extensively. She has traveled to many places around the world, including Canada and New York City.

1970 After graduation, Deitz was employed by the Army as a physicist at APG, where he began working with lasers. After four years, the Army enabled him to continue his education and training. Since then, as now, I would not have traded away the exceptional experiences gained outside of my major.

1973 After more than 20 years as a professor and director of the Alpha Pi and Executive Director, Deitz was named Executive Director of the Association of Missionaries and Evangelists (AME). This position allowed him to work with high-achieving students with disabilities. It has 61 chapters in colleges and universities in 21 states. It's with this emphasis that he has continued his work with students and adults with disabilities.

1976 45th Reunion Year
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1987 50th Reunion Year
Susan (Cunningham) Euker had taught me how to think, and had built my communication skills. She served for 23 years as a justice of the peace and supported one of their major job-training grant programs. She has authored or co-authored more than 70 technical papers, including a U.S. patent and a book in 2009 on the analysis of ballistic threats against mobile ground systems as targets.

1990 NANCY OLODER told me that several classmates gathered for a softball game party in Atlantic City. Those celebrating included BARBARA LEVIERE, BLANK NICHOLSON, GARY HENRIQUEZ, PERRY KUNKEL, JANE JASINSKI, MAURICE VALLERY, and鲑鱼川内. Sounds like a great time!

2006 BOB MORRISON has written a new book on exoskeletal organism, or gospeling. Sounds interesting! More info available at morrison@bloomington.com

2007 Deitz majored in physics, minored in math and music, and sang in the College Choir. He received an email from RAY SHAFFER, whom he had married in 1967, while he was working in Germany as a tank platoon leader and an intelligence officer. He held several civilian jobs, including a stint in academia, and has landed finally in Washington, DC, with nonprofit foundations.

2009 ALTA LESHER’s best memory of her life was her involvement in the League of Women Voters and became its president in 1973. Polly also served as chair of the Democratic Town Committee in the 1960s and worked as the business manager of the Washington Montessori School in the 1980s. She served for 23 years as a justice of the peace in Woodbury, and in that capacity she handled hundreds of cases of families. Polly’s survived by her husband Neil, daughter Kate and son-in-law David Bragg, sister Linda and family, many wonderful friends.

2011 We live in Dallastown, PA, and have three children and three grandchildren. I’d like to see some of you at the reunion.

2013 BOB HERSHEY remembers Prof. Coulter’s lectures and Edith, his wife, who was a homemaker and travel agent. Her husband is a homemaker and travels extensively. She has traveled to many places around the world, including Canada and New York City.

2015 After retirement, my husband was asked to consult for six months for Chery Auto in Wuhu, China. We live in a nice company-provided apartment in a small city about 20 miles from Wuhu, which is a big, crowded city. We’re touting Chinese meals—so much to learn!” They were asked to return to China in 2015 to probably no reunion but “it’s on my calendar.”

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25th Reunion Year
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2017 50th Reunion Year
Carol Powell, several nieces and nephews, and daughter Kate and son-in-law David Bragg, sister Linda and family, many wonderful friends.

2018 I’m sad to report the death of KATHRYN “POLLY” CRUZ VARNAVA. After graduating from Gettysburg, Polly worked in the insurance and banking field, but when she and husband Neil moved to Woodinville, she joined the Law Institute and became its president in 1973. Polly also served as chair of the Democratic Town Committee in the 1960s and worked as the business manager of the Washington Montessori School in the 1980s. She served for 23 years as a justice of the peace in Woodinville, and in that capacity she handled hundreds of cases of families. Polly’s survived by her husband Neil, daughter Kate and son-in-law David Bragg, sister Linda and family, many wonderful friends.

2019 “A liberal arts experience brings insights not only into things that you know and you may understand, but shows you that you don’t even know exist. Learning in this context transforms individuals in significant and unanticipated ways,” said Paul H. Deitz ’64. After 48 years at American Boarding School’s (AGP) Ballistic Research Lab, Deitz reflected on how Gettysburg prepared him for a scientific research career.

2020 Continue to send your news.
I heard from one other classmate through Facebook: the kitten hanging from the tree branch). For this through a Capital Campaign is difficult in and we’ll then undertake the renovation of the along nicely. The new dog area’s almost finished, and we’re moving the animal shelter’s moving to next one.

It was a very informative and fun weekend in the Volunteer Leadership Summit at the end of September. I stayed with daughter Siri, her husband, and most importantly, my grandson, Harrison, and my daughter Amy has two children, and John’s a nurturing grandfather. He loves his grandchildren, and we all look so good. Keep in touch! Now for the 40th Reunion Year.

I guess it’s a busy time of the year for everyone. I stayed with daughter Sara. Daughter Amy has two children, and John’s a nurturing grandfather. He loves his grandchildren, and we all look so good. Keep in touch! Now for the 40th Reunion Year.

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Debra Wolgemuth ’69 and fellow researchers in New York City are closing in on the first marketable male contraceptive pill, which could have worldwide impact. Wolgemuth, who holds advanced degrees from Vanderbilt and Columbia, has spent 40 years conducting experimental research, mentoring grad students and post-doctoral fellows, and working with global health organizations. She is a trustee of Gettysburg College.

Where do you work?

I am a tenured professor in the Departments of Genetics & Development, Obstetrics & Gynecology at Columbia University Medical Center. I direct a research laboratory of 12 investigators including technicians, master’s and Ph.D. students, and post-doctoral fellows. Melissa Weisbach ’09 is a technician in my laboratory. I also serve as the Associate Director for Research and the Director of the Ph.D. program in Nutritional and Metabolic Biology at the Institute of Human Nutrition, and directed the Division of Cancer Genetics and Epigenetics at the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center for 15 years.

What are you working on?

All three projects relate to the regulation of sperm production. The first involves genes controlling bромодомains and their role in chromatin remodeling. The second involves genes controlling male germ cells undergoing mitotic division and meiosis. The third, which has received a lot of media attention recently, involves the development of a male contraceptive pill. My team and I came across a paper by researchers at Bristol-Myers Squibb that discussed the use of synthetic derivatives of Vitamin A for treatment of several diseases. Bristol-Myers stopped the experiments after finding the drugs resulted in testicular toxicity. These results intrigued us, so we obtained the compound that was used and began our own study. We found we were able to inhibit sperm production in mice using even lower doses of the nonhormonal drug. The mice regained fertility when taken off of the drug. We are collaborating with medicinal chemists at the University of Minnesota to develop compounds that may be more specific to the particular protein that the drug inhibits. We are also preparing to study how long an animal can remain on the drug and still remain fertile.

How did your Gettysburg College liberal arts education prepare you for your work?

I am not a scientist, but I’ve continued on my writing, analytical, and communication skills, whether it is in reference to writing manuscripts or grant proposals, or delivering seminars at other universities or national conferences. The most important thing that process, which helped establish more independent living opportunities for students, is the friendships I developed at Gettysburg have lasted decades. I keep in touch with my Gamma Phi sorority sisters, women from my living units, and both men and women I met my first day on campus.

What advice would you give to students interested in your field?

Get as much experience doing research as possible through your coursework and summer research opportunities, whether with Gettysburg faculty or alumni-supported research fellowships. I continue to hear from Gettysburg students who performed research in my lab, and they have gone on to do many great things. While it takes networking and initiative, working with alumni can help shape their career.
on the school board. He’s sorry he missed the 35th reunion.

MIKE HAAS started his 36th year of teaching health and physical education in Sept. and says he’ll retire in the spring. Mike retired from football this year but still coaches track and field. He has daughters Emily ’04, who practices medicine for publication and commission. He and his wife Margaret have been married for 31 years. Daughters Laura (15) and Sarah (10) continue to take after Larry’s musical interest by playing flute and piano and having a leading role in their school’s musical.

JESS KEMMERER wrote on Hallawen as the snow fell in Hershey. Jeff continues to work at the Hershey Company, 28 years and counting, and is vp-global services shared among 3-1/2 years as vp finance for Hershey Canada while living in Toronto. He and wife Lisa, who retired for 18 years, celebrating his 31st year of marriage. Over the years, they’ve been a hockey family as Bryan (CB), who grew up playing hockey, wins numerous gold, silver, and bronze medals at the 2009 World University Games. Laura, junior Laura, has also been involved in mission work, and Sarah seems to follow Jeff’s musical interest by playing flute and piano and having a leading role in their school’s musical.

LAWRENCE RAPPOOLD was the first of two from Gettysburg who graduated from ‘07. Thanks Larry, I know it was hard to get that mail into the box with all the dust that collect. Am I dropping that mail into the ‘Burgh? He graduated with a major in Economic history and a minor in history and a focus on Iberian studies. He also times spending time at the Gordon State Live in Saddle River, she’s been a long-time consultant to the NJ Dept. of Education and is her 10th year of teaching. He has been in the Gordon State Board of Trustee’s Trust. Lindsey and her husband Gary Stewart have three daughters, two of which graduated from G’burg in 2009. Gary was married in Aug. Middle daughter Charlotte is a Columbia U grad with a masters in human nutrition and is working on another in epidemiology. Youngest daughter Mary Joan, a vocal recitalist, to excellence so much as he has that Christmas album on Tunes. It’s worth checking out, and she’s donating 100 percent of the proceeds to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation. New to his book in your hands be your reminder to send me something so I have news for everyone else. Please email now. The next deadline’s 6/30, 2016.

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At the peak of his profession

College Trustee Joe Biernat ’75 was named a Fellow of the CFA Society of the United Kingdom, which represents some 10,000 lending members of the investment profession. The honor recognizes his service to the society and profession. An independent financial consultant, he is a past chair of the society and has held many leadership positions, including chief investment strategist for European Credit Management. CFA means “chartered financial analyst.”

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...and they had a wonderful time. Anybody looking to vacation in Telluride, CO, should contact JEAN FRANKENSTEIN. She lives and works there for the Telluride Montrose Regional Air Organization. She works with various airlines to get them to fly into Telluride and Montrose. Jean has children Ella (12) and Astrid (7). Jean says that she wants to visit for skiing or the fabulous summer festival.

Have any of you heard of Krate Bryan? JOE CAINE trained Krate from 1995 to 2004 and was the head strength and conditioning coach for the LA Lakers from 2004 to 2008. Somehow he managed to find time to get married to wife Christy, and they have sons Michael (12), AJ (11), and Nicholas (9). Joe got tired of traveling with the NBA and moved his family to NYC, where he teaches physical education at the TEF Charter School (www.tepcharter.org). Joe’s in the movie American Teacher. Way to go, Joe! That comes as no surprise that after JAMIE D’AGOSTA’s memorable lip-sync performance or during Greek Week he’d be one day part of a band; Jamie recently joined Traneciek, a classic rock band that plays out of northern NJ. He plays the conga and various percussion instruments. KATHY (BADE) MILES and GAIL (PARRIS) LATONE caught one of his gigs this past fall and said, “It rocked!” Check out Traneciek on Facebook. That’s it for now. I write to you from Cedar Rapids, IA where it’s freezing. Feel free to visit, but you might want to wait until spring! Liz LaForte 502 Green Valley Terr. SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403-3256 319.270.2160 missyaro93@hotmail.com

1987
25th Reunion Year
As was trumpeted in previous class notes and various G’burg mailings, our 25th class reunion’s set for June 1–3. Here we go. Co-chairs BILL PEVAROVAR and various G’burgers have put together quite a committee (one of my column contributors said it appears on a daily basis, such as hunger, illness, and poverty) that works to alleviate poverty and assist those affected by disasters. The apocalyptic, non-religious organization also helps resolve other struggles people face on a daily basis, such as hunger, illiteracy, and disease. Claude Stone and his staff have been addressing challenges in Bangladesh and in Bolivia. Olney, who majored in political science, and Spanish, believes his Gettysburg College education and associated experiences helped prepare him for his future in international relations. He spent his junior year studying in Costa Rica, where he joined the Republican Caucus and volunteered in refugee camps during the Contra War.

Prior to serving in his current position, Olney was Save the Children’s global vice president for emergencies in Washington, D.C. He has also served as the country office director in Bangladesh and in Bolivia. Olney is the president of the World’s Children, a global nonprofit organization that works to alleviate poverty and assist those affected by disasters. The apocalyptic, non-religious organization also helps resolve other struggles people face on a daily basis, such as hunger, illiteracy, and disease. Claude Stone and his staff have been addressing challenges in Bangladesh and in Bolivia. Olney, who majored in political science, and Spanish, believes his Gettysburg College education and associated experiences helped prepare him for his future in international relations. He spent his junior year studying in Costa Rica, where he joined the Republican Caucus and volunteered in refugee camps during the Contra War.

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Kevin Burke '90
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I enjoyed it like crazy.”

“We talked about all kinds of things,” said Burke. “How we were going to do some things, of some of the base terminology. We just had a lot of fun going through it.”

“There are components in [the Spread Wing] from when I was head coach and O’C in Douglassville, PA to OC at Norwich that are still in today’s package,” he said. “And there are things that are very different that Coach Streeter and I developed together. It’s all an evolving process. I think any offense evolves, and we’re always looking for ways to stay ahead of the curve. I think looking at what your problems were before the year and deciding on how to get them fixed has been important for us.”

But what makes the Spread Wing go at Gettysburg?

“We’ve got good players!” said Burke without hesitation. “And I’ll go one step further than that – we have good players who have bought into what we’re teaching.”

And exactly what are the players learning?

“We try to attack the defense at its weakest point,” said Burke. “That may mean one week we have 300 yards rushing, and the next week we have 400 yards passing.”

At press time, the Bullets’ offense was scoring at an unprecedented clip, notching school and conference records for consecutive 40-point games (six) and consecutive 30-point games (eight), spanning the 2010 and 2011 seasons.

“What makes this place special is that we try to do things right here,” said Burke. “We try to provide outstanding facilities for our athletes. We combine our academic mission and our athletic mission exceptionally well. You feel good about recruiting kids here because you know they’re going to get a tremendous experience. We have great kids here, and they’re here for the right reasons.”

Story by Braden Snyder

husband David live with their children in Media, PA, where Donna owns a dance studio. The studio had an exciting news this year, with Donna’s children (and students) playing a significant role. Donna’s son, Brandon (8), was on the first place team in the national dance competition. Donna’s daughter Kristianna (6) performed a jazz program. Daughter Kristianna (6) performed a jazz program. Donna’s son, Brandon (8), was on the first place team in the national dance competition. Donna’s daughter Kristianna (6) performed a jazz program. Donna’s daughter Kristianna (6) performed a jazz program. Donna’s daughter Kristianna (6) performed a jazz program.

wife Michelle welcomed first child Claire in June 2010 (which is why they missed the 19th game). Claire rules the roost, leaving Paul just enough time to work as an email consultant for the energy utility industry, catch a Giants game, and look for his golf ball. The Symanski family lives in Columbus, OH and would love visitors if anyone’s in the area.

Checking in from Madison, NJ, are NICK JOHN- SON (Nick.Johnson@nbcuni.com) and wife Kirsten. Nick and Kirsten welcomed first child James Andrew on July 17 in Santa Monica, CA. Matt’s the asst. dean for development at USC Marshall School of Business, and Kirsten’s a freelance communications consultant.

NICK HENRY BURNS and husband William ’81 welcomed son William Albert on Aug. 2. Big sister Maggie loves her role as big sister. We have a new addition in our home as well. Catherine Lyrace was born in Nov. 1. Big brother Benjamin and big sister Grace are wonderful helpers with their new sister.

Please keep the news coming!
John Thomas and Emily (Robertson) Miller moved to D.C. Emily graduated and earned an MFA in higher education from Michigan State in May. John Thomas teaches physics at E. L. Haynes, a charter school in D.C. They have sons Charlie and Henry. Erika (Beerink) LeWest lives in Shaker Heights, OH, with husband Charlie and daughters Sofia (4) and Elia (1-1/2). Charlie’s in his 3rd year of residency at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Erika stays at home with her daughters, sits on the board at her daughter’s school, is a member of the Junior League of Cleveland, and works with several nonprofit agencies in the Cleveland area. Chessa (Miller) Oliver and husband Mike welcomed 2nd son Nathan Alexander on July 9. Nate was welcomed home by big brother Will (2). “We’re all doing well and settling into life as a family of four—while we house hunt. My husband recently started a job with Chewy, and we’re moving from Batton Rouge to the Covington-Mandeville, LA area,” Chessa reports. Richard Lucas married Camille Laurin on Sept. 10 in Sunset Beach, NC. Peter Crumbaker married Caroline Laurin on Sept. 10 in Savannah, GA. Emma joins big brother Ethan (9). Robert McLain married Shannon Jenkins on Sept. 27. Emma joins big brother Ethan (12), Robert McLain married Shannon, Jennics, at Whitehall Manor in Bluemont, VA, in October. Attending the wedding were John Whapney (Ironsides), Daniel and Rachelle (Sireco) Paumi, Kevin Jayne, Mike Barr ‘98, Rick Vanderlin ‘77, and Barbara Vanderlin-Wens ‘84. Bob works as the deputy Commonwealth attorney for Fairfax County, and Shannon’s a management analyst for the county. Miratana (Smith) Darr and husband Charlie finished a two-year term with the Peace Corps in Sept. Miratana taught and Charlie worked on environmental issues in Benin, West Africa. Before heading back to the U.S., they traveled through Europe. Thanks to everyone who submitted updates. I look forward to hearing about the exciting things everyone has in store for the next few months. Kathryn (Ferguson) Adams 18 Peach Tree Trail Fairfield, PA 17320-7907 717-842-9254 klad711@gmail.com 2001 10th Reunion Year Congratulations! We received just a few updates. Andrew Gross and wife Tara have three boys and live in Ithaca, NY. Andrew owns Finger Lakes Xtreme Fitness LLC, a personal fitness training and boot camp business and is a weekly guest speaker on ESPN Ithaca Radio, promoting health and wellness. Megan (Angelo) Weiss and her husband George welcomed son John Allen on Sept. 6. They live in Silver Spring, MD, and are surrounded by friends and family. Megan teaches elocution, speech, and Howard County, MD. Jesse Peterson and husband Sgt. Maj. Damon Sharer welcomed Talula Grace on March 22, 2010. All are doing well. Congrats to both families on your new additions! Our ten-year reunion’s just around the corner! Do you have hotel reservations? Mark your calendar for June 2-3, 2012! If you’re interested in helping the planning committee, contact KRISTIN D’HARA, PEARSON or JOHN PONTIUS via Erin Stronger at the College. Catherine (Dietrich) Pulse 1386 Canterbury Way Potomac, MD 20854 301-806-0762 cath1dietrich@hotmail.com 2003 Elizabeth YATES married Matt Seemann on Oct. 8 in Bethesda, PA. The reception was held at the Club at Megan Hill in Easton, PA. Megan (Androzzi) Fox was a bridesmaid. Emily (O’Donovan), Dianna (Gospodarek) Klee, Kate (Hoffman) Kellor, Kathy (Bunin) Nave, and Josh Navi attended the wedding. The couple spent their honeymoon in Antigua, and they now live in Bethesda, where she’s the dir. of resilience life and Greek life at Moravian College. It’s always great to hear from everyone—career updates, new degrees, weddings, new addresses, and babies—so please continue to send your updates to me. Jenn O’Hara 26 Main Southport, CT 06890 jennoch25@gmail.com 2004 Hello! Leslie Rappaport graduated from Rutgers with an MFA in writing with an emphasis on fiction. Her short stories are available in The Broken Plate and South Philly Fiction. Her book Writing and Experiential Education: Activity and Exercise Plans to Enrich Learning is available from Woods ‘N Barnes Publishing. She’s a prof. of composition at Monarch State U. Susan Buckwalter is doing a full time MBA program at Cornell’s Johnson School of Business and was a brand management intern at Campbell’s Soup last summer. Nathaniel Ross married Jessica Sawyer on July 4 in Laguna Beach, CA. Ashley J. S. Thompson married Alisa Sinex on June 18 in Lutherville, MD. Michael Jordan Marsella, Wand Anderson, Mahter Miller, Meghan Moore Miller, Alexander Nicas, Jim Gollis, Casey Gustis, Laura Mooney, Rich Gallager, Sue Mingack, BG Gehof ’15, Brooks Klime ’15, Russell Kemmer ’16, Katherine Koren ’16, and Andrew King ’16 attended the wedding. Janet Cassarino and husband Steve Wolfe welcomed first child Paul Albert on Mar. 18. Kelli Zuvonko Watkins and husband Jamie also welcomed daughter Mackenzie Leigh on Mar. 18. Autumn (Taylor) and David Yates welcomed first child Annaleigh Taylor Yates on Apr. 22. All are doing well at their home in Oakland, CA. Alum and prof prepare retrospective at Schmucker Gallery “I’m excited to see the exhibition in its final form and discover if people can find the commonality through the years of my work,” says Agard. The exhibition “Jim Agard Retrospective” will be open from Jan. 27 to March 9, 2012. Agard’s work is frequently a means to pursue a quality of perception somewhere between mind and body and the ever-changing nature of illusion and reality, usually in the form of drawing, sculptures and maquettes. He has participated in numerous solo and group exhibition and competitions, and his work can also be seen in private collections. Agard received his bachelor of science in art education from State University of New York at New Paltz and his MFA from Rutgers University.

Kerri Rosenstein’s work often poses to themes of impermanence, presence, and the cycling nature of things, usually in the form of drawing, sculpture, installation, and large collaborative efforts. Her work has been shown nationally and internationally, including an exhibition at the Schmucker Art Gallery in 2010. Rosensteins has curated art spaces since 2000 and maintains various roles as an arts educator and facilitator for both academic and alternative programs.

—By Lindsay Preucl ’12

Joy! Congrats to both families on your new additions! After 50 years as an artist, including 30 at Gettysburg College, art and art history Prof. Jim Agard is nearing retirement. After being approached by the College’s Schmucker Art Gallery to produce a retrospective show of his work, he decided to go forward when alumna and good friend Kerri Rosenstein ’98 (at right, above, with Agard) offered her assistance. Rosenstein, once a student of Agard’s, has curated art spaces and exhibitions for the past ten years and will select the work for the show and prepare the corresponding catalogue. Agard recalls that his relationship with Rosenstein started when she was a talented freshman in his Intro to Drawing class. Rosenstein, passionate about art and looking for an on-campus job, became Agard’s student assistant for four years. After graduation, Rosenstein received her master of fine arts (MFA) in painting from University of Montana. Missoula and credits part of her desire to attend graduate school to Agard’s encouragement. Agard and Rosenstein have maintained correspondence since Rosensteins’s graduation, always keeping each other updated on their current work and continuously learning. “We’ve both been students with one another and both been teachers for one another,” says Rosensteins. “There are so many rich opportunities for learning and growth in fostering relationships with faculty. I feel very grateful.” When approached to curate the exhibition for Agard, Rosensteins did not hesitate. She and Agard worked closely for months to place the finishing touches on the exhibition. Those who visit the exhibition can expect to see many different pieces...
2010
TARYN CHRISTINE DETRICK is in art eduction master’s program at Columbia U’s Teachers College. KATE EISLER works as a lecturer at the Université de Caen in France. Last summer and autumn KATLYN JONES worked as an intern at ADP. She has studied in bilingual education in Seville, Spain, where she has had a job as a teaching assistant. She is earning an MFA in interior design at George Brown College in Toronto.

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2012
City and teaches 9th grade biology at an innercity school where she works as a volunteer.

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bio-design and molecular biology minor, who traveled to Iceland and Marfa with ES faculty, also attended the Class of ’06 reunion in Oct. For some it was the first time back since graduation; others came to see family and friends...
Fred Reimer ’07 gives back, helps students find their passion

From left, coworkers Jonathan Koury ’09, James Adams ’10, and Fred Reimer ’07 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Fred Reimer’s Gettysburg experience helped him find his passion in the field of energy and commodities trading and logistics. Now, the 2007 grad helps students find their way in the chaotic job market.

As a global product manager for OpenLink Financial, LLC — a leading provider of energy commodities trading and logistics solutions, in New York — Reimer responsibility for trading and logistics software related to oil, liquefied natural gas, bio-fuels, and other energy commodities. His work takes him all over North and South America, Europe, and Southeast Asia.

Reimer manages a team that includes several Gettysburg alumni: James Adams ’10, Rob Daito ’10, Jonathan Koury ’09, Kerry McKenna ’10, Ben Sufrin ’08 and Kevin Wagner ’09. This summer, Nevena Todorova ’11 joined the ranks of Gettysburg so that they can use their time at Gettysburg to focus their efforts and be competitive in the job market.,” said Reimer, who continues to work closely with econ prof. Brendan Cushing Daniels to do just that.

Reimer found his inspiration during an internship on Capitol Hill. “Although I immediately found out that I didn’t want to go into public policy, I did realize that I wanted to pursue energy since it drove a lot of important topics,” said Reimer, who visited campus recently to urge students to take advantage of Gettysburg’s resources. At the Center for Career Development, he answered questions and offered tips for success in today’s job market.

Gain as much technical knowledge as possible from coursework. Courses in computer science, math, physics, and economics all develop problem-solving capabilities.

Use spare time to learn something new and connect with others, on campus and beyond, who share your interests. Creating a blog and reading others’ are easy ways to forge intellectual connections globally.

Take advantage of national networks, such as Greek or honor societies, via organizations that you’re a part of at Gettysburg, which can help increase your network by hundreds of thousands.

Experience is crucial to any resume. Internships and experience abroad, especially in Asian countries, stand out to employers.

Don’t worry about working for free to gain experience in a field you want to pursue. Connections and revelations made during internships or travels abroad can be priceless.

Reimer hopes to help students realize that they have the power to change their direction. “Make the change yourself,” he said. “Better things can come out of challenges and obstacles.”

Fine print
Allen Vearer ’49 donated a copy of the “Smallest Book in the World” to Musselman Library. Purchased at the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, Germany, the tiny tome measures 3.5 by 3.5 millimeters and contains the Lord’s Prayer in British and American English, French, German, Spanish, Dutch, and Swedish. Helpfully, it came with a magnifying glass. The picture, snapped by Catherine Perry, was Dec. 15’s Photo of the Day on the College website.

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- Winter 2012
I made this all too clear, telling her how lowed around by your adoring parents. Though I grudgingly appreciated her presence, I barely tolerated it. College was in Gettysburg or at some other venue in Pennsylvania, Maryland, or Delaware. When we got to the starting line, she was always there, whether that starting line was in Gettysburg or at some other venue in Pennsylvania, Maryland, or New York. She didn’t drive, so she had to work the phones every week to get a ride from one of my siblings or another teammate’s parent. But this is not a story about me or my teammates. It’s about our patron saint — my mom, Marcella. Each week, when we got to the starting line, she was there, whether that starting line was in Gettysburg or at some other venue in Pennsylvania, Maryland, or New York. She didn’t drive, so she had to work the phones every week to get a ride from one of my siblings or another teammate’s parent.

Though I grudgingly appreciated her presence, I barely tolerated it. College was not a time when you want to be followed around by your adoring parents. I made this all too clear, telling her how embarrassed I was when she would yell, “Go, son, go!” Yet she dutifully showed up each week, matching my disdain with her dogged loyalty.

Among other things, my mom was apparently responsible for our new uniforms. The story sounds almost apocryphal. At home meets we sometimes started the race on the track during the first quarter of a football game and finished on the track at halftime. At one such meet during my sophomore year, my mom was standing in the bleachers and cheering us on as we crossed the finish line. A man was standing beside her. As reported to me, their post-race conversation went like this:

Mom: “It’s great that they have these kids run during halftime, so people can actually see them run. Don’t you think it’s great?”
Man: “Yes, it is.”
Mom: “And look at those ragged uniforms. These kids look like the poor souls in purgatory. Don’t you think they should get these kids new uniforms?”
Man (more tentatively): “Er, yes, yes, I see your point.”

When she sat down, another parent sitting behind her asked, “Do you know who that was, Marcella? That was President Glassick.”

A friend of mine chimed in, “Boy, Mrs. Masicocchi, you were brave talking to the President like that.” My mom had been speaking with then-President of Gettysburg College, Charles Glassick. Not known for her political activism, my mom wasmortified. But the next fall we got new uniforms.

What my teammates appreciated most, however, were her homemade Italian meals. Whenever our away-meet schedule took us near or through my home town of Hershey, Pa., my mom and aunt would put together a marvelous post-meet repast. We would cram into her little apartment and stuff our faces with Italian soups, pork roasts, pizza, pasta, cakes, and pies. Everything, of course, was made from scratch, including the pasta and the pizza dough. After several such meals, my teammates chipped in and sent her flowers. The guys never forgot her. Years later, when the 1978 team was recognized at the annual Hall of Athletic Honor dinner, we returned to Gettysburg for the ceremony, and of course, I brought my mom with me. At the alumni meet that morning, the team greeted her like an honored hero (see picture). Later that evening, we reminisced with her about those incredible meals, though we didn’t need all those calories anymore.

In the past few years my mom ran a long-distance race of her own. She became severely anemic and needed regular blood transfusions. The transfusions were day-long ordeals, no fun for a woman in her 80’s who was also suffering from virtually every other malady afflicting the aged: arthritis, diabetes, osteoporosis, and high blood pressure, to name just a few. She endured, trying to keep herself alive to see my nephew graduate from high school. But she didn’t quite make it to the finish line.

When she died in 2010, friends from many phases of my life trekked to Hershey to mourn her passing. My former teammates, Ed Vitt ’81 and Joe Guty ’81, came with their wives, and there was more reminiscing. She defined the word “loyalty,” and she had earned theirs.

In the fall, the crisp air, turning leaves, and freshly-moved grass remind me of when I was younger, thinner, and better-conditioned. I can still see my mom watching me and a pack of other runners go once around the track, cross the field, and disappear into the woods. And now there is a new image. I can see her in the clouds, in the first row of stands at the celestial cross-country meet, watching the angels run.

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