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Basket Case: Reflections on Cost and Value

Pundits have spilled oceans of ink on the topic of college costs: why they have risen so fast and so much, how families can cope, whether the government should get involved. It's likely that no other topic – other than the even more rapidly increasing cost of health

care – preys more persistently on families' minds, especially at this time of year when our College and most others are announcing their student charges for next year.

Where does Muhlenberg stand on this issue? What I have to say is not likely to delight my readers, but I hope it will inform, enlighten and perhaps even pleasantly surprise you.

Let's start by agreeing that nobody would call a Muhlenberg education cheap. If you want cheap, the place to look is large state universities that enjoy huge taxpayer subsidies and offer large classes but little personal attention. Some might argue that state universities are more efficient, but that depends on your definition of "efficiency." If you believe that students' ability to complete their degree is the key criterion, some recent statistics from Pennsylvania are relevant: Muhlenberg graduates an average of 85% of its students within six years of matriculation. The average for other private institutions in our state is 73.5%. The average for the Pennsylvania state system of higher education is 52.8%. Does this mean Muhlenberg should be oblivious to cost? Far from it – the College has worked hard to retain its position as a value leader among its admissions overlap group (our fees averaging 10% below those of our competition).

Even so, it's fair to ask, why does tuition so consistently outstrip the rate of inflation - and so sharply? Surprisingly, there are statistics that demonstrate that the average net tuition at private colleges has actually declined slightly over the past decade once you subtract grant aid and adjust for inflation. Much of the credit for this goes to those who have contributed endowed and expendable scholarship funds to institutions they love (see my last Muhlenberg essay, "Freedom Fighters"). More than 80% of grant aid (more than \$12 billion in a recent year) comes from institutional sources (including successful fundraising efforts), compared to only 20% from federal sources. It is regrettable, to put it mildly, that the federal government has stepped back from helping families educate their children, but admirable that private support has increased to address this need.

A friend of mine used to remark that private college tuition had stayed pretty much the same as the cost of a new car over the last twenty years, and there's some truth to that. If you check old newspaper ads as I did recently, you'll see that Muhlenberg's annual tuition since 1986 has consistently fallen between the cost of a Chevrolet sedan and a Pontiac Bonneville. Of course, a new car today is an entirely different beast from its 20-year old ancestor – but so are undergraduate colleges. It is hard to imagine any bright high school graduate choosing to attend a Muhlenberg that had not changed since 1986: no personal computers, no campus network, no internet access, a single phone booth in each dormitory corridor, no electron microscopes or NMRs in the labs, a library with no on-line databases, minimal health and counseling services, no fitness center, no lighted playing fields, fewer athletic opportunities for women (no soccer or golf), no interdisciplinary majors in environmental science, neuroscience, biochemistry, international studies or political economy,

and no interdisciplinary minors or concentrations in African-American studies, environmental studies, Jewish studies, or women's studies.

Critics may argue that most of the increased cost is spent on "frills" – but one student's frill is another's necessity. For serious dance students an expensive sprung wood floor is essential to avoiding injury. For virtuoso musicians, a recital hall with good acoustics is indispensable. Budding scientists who want to be competitive candidates for top-flight medical schools require access to instrumentation for DNA sequencing, gel electrophoresis, centrifugation, scanning microscopy, gas chromatography and rigs for studying electrophysiology. Accounting, business, and economics majors depend on graphing calculators, spreadsheet programs, and datasets that were scarcely conceivable twenty years ago.

"Administrative bloat" is another charge often leveled at colleges and universities, but is baseless at Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg's percent of FTE professional staff in the executive/administrative category is one-half the median percentage for our comparison group of liberal arts colleges. We have invested resources in staff that directly benefit students, and if you want to meet some of the fiercest defenders of these additional positions in academic support services, counseling, the health center, and disability services let me introduce you to the parents whose sons' and daughters' lives were changed by the timely intervention and assistance of skilled and caring Muhlenberg staff.

In short, a college's "market basket" is bigger and more complex than it was in 1986, and it is filled with a mix of items very different from those in the individual consumer's market basket. In contrast to the "standard" market basket that is the basis for the Consumer Price Index against which rising College costs are invariably measured, Muhlenberg's market basket is much heavier on technology, on energy, and most of all on personnel – faculty and staff who devote impressive personal attention to students, but who also expect competitive salaries and (most expensive of all) reasonable health benefits.

There is another reason why a first-rate liberal arts education – like first-rate health care – costs so much. It cannot be outsourced or mechanized. Our "customers" expect Muhlenberg faculty and staff to be right here on campus, to care passionately, to teach energetically and to be personally invested in their students' lives. After all, the stakes are high. The values, the intellectual tools and the friendships they develop at Muhlenberg must serve our students and society for a lifetime. Some things are too important to compromise on quality.

That does not mean we cannot and should not be frugal. That is important, too. We must be and we will be judicious in how we deploy our limited resources. Our choices must always be in favor of quality – ensuring that a Muhlenberg education is not only worth the cost – but, as an asset that endures a lifetime – that it is a bargain.

Peyton R. Helm
President, Muhlenberg College

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Door to DOOR

NEWS FROM
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Wescoe School Launches Healthcare Concentration

The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College has announced that it will expand into the healthcare field. Beginning in May, the Wescoe School will offer an accelerated bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in healthcare management, a unique program of study that responds to the field's growing employment opportunities.

"Healthcare related jobs are the fastest growing occupations in the nation and in the Lehigh Valley," said Nancy Dischinat, Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. "This growth is expected to continue for the next 10 years, and we need to respond to this trend with a well-trained workforce."

The Wescoe School's new healthcare management concentration will provide students with the competitive edge necessary to separate themselves from other aspiring leaders.

The accelerated degree program is perfect for individuals already working in the healthcare industry who are looking to earn a bachelor's degree, or for individuals looking to make a career transition into healthcare. Students will learn to apply sound business principles to specific challenges of the healthcare industry.

According to Simon Priest, Ph.D., Dean of the Wescoe School, "Management positions in healthcare organizations require a unique set of skills that are not typically addressed in clinical training. The concentration offered at the Wescoe School will prepare tomorrow's healthcare leaders by developing their abilities in key areas, such as interpersonal communication, critical thinking, strategic planning and ethical decision making."

In keeping with the philosophy of other accelerated degree programs at the Wescoe School, courses will be project-based and focused on practical application.

The curriculum will help prepare students for careers such as: assisted living manager, director of nursing, health information specialist, healthcare facility admissions director, home care agency manager, hospital materials management director, healthcare project manager, managed care professional, medical practice manager, medical records administrator, nursing home administrator, registered nurse assessment coordinator, therapy services director and more.

For more information, contact the Wescoe School at 484-664-3300 or www.muhlenberg.edu/wescoe. ■

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Fair Trade Market a Success

For the third consecutive year, the College hosted the Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Market, which pays artisans a fair wage for their work. The sale profited more than \$18,000 – the largest amount brought in for the organization at this location.

For 58 years, Ten Thousand Villages has worked with talented artisans around the world to provide vital, fair income for their beautiful handcrafted items. The Muhlenberg-hosted (and student-operated) sale gave Lehigh Valley residents a chance to help artisans around the world feed, clothe and educate themselves and their families.

The craft items on sale included jewelry, holiday ornaments, children's toys, folk art, ceramics, textiles, baskets for the home, exquisite jewelry, scarves (made from recycled silk) and other garments, musical instruments and many others. A fair trade coffee sale in connection with the Fair Trade Market also took place. ■



Shoppers enjoying the Ten Thousand Villages Trade Fair

College Announces Research Fellowship Recipients

Muhlenberg College recently granted the Donald B. Hoffman Research Fellowship to Dr. P. Alec Marsh of the English department and the Class of 1932 Research Professorship to Dr. Tammy Lewis of the sociology and anthropology department.

The awards will be formally presented to Lewis and Marsh at the Honors Convocation this spring. ■

Faculty Members Awarded Tenure

The Board of Trustees approved tenure awards to the following faculty members at their meeting on January 26 – 27, 2006:

Don Dale, Ph.D., associate professor of accounting, business and economics

Diane Follet, Ph.D., associate professor of music

Jason Kelsey, Ph.D., associate professor of environmental science

Trevor Knox, Ph.D., associate professor of accounting, business and economics

Pearl Rosenberg, Ph.D., associate professor of education

Francine Roussel, M.F.A., associate professor of theatre arts

John Sullivan, Ph.D., associate professor of media and communication

College Hires New VP for Student Affairs

The College is pleased to announce the hiring of Karen Green, currently Dean of Students at Wells College in Aurora, N.Y., as the College's Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students. Green will begin her duties on June 15, 2006.

Green will replace retiring Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg, who has been a part of the College community since 1994.

"Karen Green is a dynamic, energetic woman with excellent experience in the student affairs area," says the College's President, Randy Helm. "We are excited that she is joining our staff. She engages students and understands student needs and expectations. She will be a tremendous asset to the College community."

Green received her baccalaureate degree from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta in 1986, where the Karen

Green Human Relations Award was created in her honor. She went on to earn her Masters of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1997.

She began her administrative career as a Resident Director at Spelman College, later served in the Admissions office at Agnes Scott, and subsequently became Director of Orientation, Residence Life and Student Activities at her alma mater before leaving Atlanta to accept the position of Director of Multicultural Affairs at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y.

She held additional leadership positions in student life at Agnes Scott, Emory and Hamilton before assuming the position of Dean of Students at Wells College on September 11, 2001.

At Muhlenberg, she will oversee



more than 70 full-time employees and several departments. Athletics and recreation, campus safety, community service, Greek life, judicial affairs, residential services, student activities, the counseling center, the health center, student leadership and Seegers Union/campus events will all be under her supervision. ■



Israel at Heart Basketball Team Visits 'Berg

On November 7, 2005, the Muhlenberg College men's basketball team played the Israel at Heart basketball team in a one-time exhibition game.

The team is part of the Israel at Heart organization, whose purpose is to be goodwill ambassadors and to promote awareness and understanding for the State of Israel. They have sent their teams all over the United States and Latin America in order to enlighten audiences about modern day Israel.

Team members were present on campus and spoke in political science, elementary Hebrew and Hebrew literature classes at the College. They also met with children at the local Jewish Day School. ■

Spotlight on Philanthropy

Preserving History

Alumnus Timothy A. Birch, Esq. '80 Honors Professor Daniel Wilson with an Endowed Scholarship

For nearly 30 years, Dr. Daniel Wilson has brought a unique perspective to teaching history at Muhlenberg. As former student and thesis advisee Tim Birch '80 describes it, "Dan came to Muhlenberg in 1978, at a time when American history was expanding beyond the political. To my knowledge, he was the first person in the department to take an interdisciplinary approach to history, to focus on the history of ideas and incorporate literature and art into his lectures."

Recently, Birch decided to honor his former professor by establishing the Daniel J. Wilson Endowed Scholarship Fund for rising seniors in American History. "Dan has spent his professional career educating students at Muhlenberg," says Birch. "I believe there is a degree of recognition that should come with that."

Wilson remembers Birch as one of the first students he taught at Muhlenberg. "I came to Muhlenberg at the beginning of a semester and replaced a professor who was supposed to teach a course called 'Great Presidential Decisions,'" he says. "I am not a presidential historian, so I changed the course to 'Environmental History.' When I met the class for the first time, I realized that it was neither the course nor the professor that the students had signed up for, and that some would leave."

"Tim was in that class," he remembers. "He was one of the ones who stayed."

Of course, Wilson has not had to worry about students dropping out of his classes en masse since that first semester. In fact, 'Environmental



Dr. Daniel Wilson

History' is being offered again this spring. The course has been cited by several students – even those outside of the history major – as their favorite class. Clearly, "Environmental History" – and Wilson – have stood the test of time.

"The course is non-traditional," Wilson admits. "I have students read Thoreau's 'Walden' and study the art of the Hudson River School, for example. We look at cultural history, how Europeans first regarded the new land and how Americans regard it today. We also examine the environmental movement and the move from exploitation of the land to conservation."

Wilson remembers Birch as an excellent student. "Tim was creative and was a good writer. He was engaged in his learning and not afraid to challenge his professors."

In turn, Birch remembers Wilson as an excellent teacher. "In large

measure, the way Dan taught and how he engaged and challenged his students inspired me to return to school to earn my master's degree in American History 15 years after earning my law degree," says Birch, who is an attorney with Finn Dixon & Herling, LLP in Stamford, Connecticut. "His expansive view of history had quite an impact on me and my studies."

"My hope is that recipients of the Dan Wilson Scholarship will be as fulfilled by Muhlenberg's history program as I was," adds Birch.

This year's recipient, Heidi Kulik '06, of Allentown, has enjoyed the program and plans to follow in Wilson's footsteps and become a history teacher. She credits the scholarship with making it possible for her to attend Muhlenberg.

"The Dan Wilson Scholarship is a wonderful opportunity to encourage history students to pursue their goal," she says. "I hope to follow Dan Wilson's example in inspiring students and sharing my love of history."

Says Wilson of the honor, "Professors often have no indication of the ways they have made an impact on students, so I was very surprised and pleased when I heard about the scholarship. I think endowed scholarships are a wonderful way for students to honor their professors—in large part, because it helps other students."

"It's giving back in the best possible way." ■

Endowed scholarships are a great way to recognize a favorite professor, staff member or loved one. For more information, please contact Tilghman Moyer at 484-664-3247 or moyer@muhlenberg.edu.

The Muhlenberg Fund staff is pleased to announce the addition of Jacqueline "Jackie" Jones as Director of Reunion Class Giving and Parent Relations. Jones has been with the College for 18 months as a major gift officer. Prior to her appointments at Muhlenberg, she worked for the annual fund at Lafayette College, where her responsibilities included Reunion Class Giving, and as Dean of Students at Cedar Crest College.

Jones loves working with alumni and says she is very excited to begin working with Muhlenberg parents, who, she says, consistently demonstrate their commitment to their children's education through strong financial support.

"Parent giving at Muhlenberg is incredible," says Jones. "Let's face it – parents are already making sacrifices to send their child to college. To give more means they recognize that Muhlenberg is a premiere institution and they are committed to giving their child the best possible education."

Last year, 64% of parents who

MEET THE NEW DIRECTOR of Reunion Class Giving and Parent Relations



were solicited made a gift to the College, which surpassed larger institutions – even Harvard (45%) – and was double the national average (32%).

Jones also plans to work closely with the Senior Class Connections Campaign to encourage students to

commit to a lifelong relationship with the College, beginning with stewardship in their senior year. "Many Muhlenberg students already understand the importance of giving back to their alma mater," she says. "Their support ensures that future students are given the same opportunity for a top-notch education." (This year, seniors have an extraordinary opportunity to make their gift count twice! For more information, see below.)

Jones says she is extremely grateful to start her new job with such strong support and looks forward to continuing to develop and maintain relationships with Muhlenberg students and parents. "I consider myself to be one of many resources available to families," she says. "My goal is simply to ensure that a parent's Muhlenberg experience is as good as his or her child's experience."

To contact Jackie Jones, Director of Reunion Class Giving and Parent Relations, call 484-664-3748 or email jjones@muhlenberg.edu. ■

"A Toast to Success... A REUNION CHALLENGE!"

As you know, alumni giving is an integral part of Muhlenberg's reunion program. Throughout the year and during Reunion Weekend, the office of alumni relations asks all alumni who are celebrating their reunion to make a gift to the Muhlenberg Fund—and we challenge many alumni to stretch a bit in their gift giving to recognize this milestone.

This year, we have created a special challenge for all Reunion Classes to help them raise support. Called "A Toast to Success...A Reunion Challenge," the College will provide a champagne toast at start of the class dinner to all Reunion classes who achieve their class participation goal (listed below).

When making your gift, please remember that while the size of your gift is important, all gifts are crucial to Muhlenberg's ongoing success. In fact, participation is a very important measure of

fundraising success—so important that *U.S. News and World Report* factors fundraising participation rates into its annual ranking of America's best colleges. You can make an impact by improving Muhlenberg's participation rate while celebrating your reunion.

We will announce the winners of the champagne toast before Reunion weekend—check out your class page at www.myMuhlenberg.com to find out how your class is doing and for more information about Reunion Weekend 2006! ■

2006 Reunion Class Participation Goals

Class	Percentage Goal
1956	45%
1961	47%
1966	50%
1971	50%
1976	42%
1981	40%
1986	35%
1991	30%

CALLING THE CLASS OF 2006: Meet the Challenge!

Did you know
that your gift to The Muhlenberg Fund will be doubled if 60% of your class makes a gift before May 2, 2006?

Board Chairman Richard Brueckner '71, a current Muhlenberg parent, has promised to match every gift that is made by the Class of 2006—dollar for dollar—but only if the challenge is met. Make your gift online today at www.myMuhlenberg.com. ■



Alumni in the Classroom Week 2005 a Success

During the week of November 7-11, more than 30 alumni arrived back on campus from various fields of work to participate in Alumni in the Classroom Week 2005 (AICW). Alumni shared information with students about their careers, provided helpful insight into their specific jobs and spoke about their personal experiences and the decisions they made while at Muhlenberg in order to be successful. Abby Harvey '03 remarked, "I had a great time talking to the students and visiting with old professors!" Students from many different majors and class years came out to speak with these alumni, who acted as mentors and provided proof that there is life "beyond the red doors."

Since its inception in 1994, nearly 400 alumni have participated in AICW, which continues to grow by leaps and bounds. This year in addition to the traditional in-classroom presentations, students



and alumni were able to participate in informal departmental lunches and roundtable discussions. Lori Singerman '06, who attended the psychology roundtable discussion, stated, "It's reassuring to hear information from a person who was in your place only a few years ago." One of the most popular events, Dine for Success, allowed alumni and students to chat informally over dinner, while refreshing their dining etiquette tips!

Thank you to the following alumni for participating in AICW 2005:



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| Mark Abraham '90 | Shannon Kearney '96 | Rob Schmidt '01 |
| Marny Baxt '00 | Tae Kwak '03 | Abby Schwartz '03 |
| Lance Bruck '89 | Regina Lee '98 | Joshua Schwartz '00 |
| Edward Bonekemper III '64 | Jillian (Lovejoy) Lowery '00 | Lauren (Greber) Shanahan '87 |
| Justin Buchbinder '04 | Marilyn (Macknik) Marles '75 | Tom Simon '01 |
| Bill Bushnell '85 | Jennifer McKee '02 | Jeff Slotterback '04 |
| Carolyn (Meder) Buzzard '61 | Gavin Morris '03 | John Speridakos '84 |
| Robert Buzzard '62 | Bert Mukkulainen '90 | Lindsay St. Lawrence '02 |
| Amy Camilleri '98 | Karen (Nave) Scott '92 | Jeff Vaughan '89 |
| Traci (Luckenbill) Falco '92 | Allison (Cornish) Perrucci '97 | James Walton '93 |
| Tom Hanlon '80 | Susan Rhoads-Procina '03 | Hayim Weiss '94 |
| Abby Harvey '03 | Kate Richmond '00 | Gladys (Dayoub) Wiles '90 |
| Reynold Jaffe '98 | | |



The next Alumni in the Classroom Week will be held in the spring of 2007. If you would like further information or are interested in becoming involved with the program, please call 484-664-3308 or e-mail Lipschutz@muhlenberg.edu. ■

SPOTLIGHT ON AN AICW VOLUNTEER

Dr. Lance Bruck '89 came back to campus to speak with current students and faculty about his job as the Director of Gynecology at Jacobi Medical Center in Bronx, N.Y. Throughout his day on campus, Bruck had a wonderful experience. He spent time with pre-med students and was even able to reconnect with old friends. Bruck applauds the Alumni in the Classroom Week (AICW) program: "I strongly believe that all students should take advantage of AICW. The opportunity to have questions answered in an unbiased fashion is important in making decisions about a career. In addition, the potential to network with successful alumni may help in opening a door in the future." To other alumni, he notes, "The opportunity to give back to the College in this program is a chance to assist future success stories and the Muhlenberg graduate!"

Bruck had a great experience as a student at Muhlenberg. "Muhlenberg provided me with a superior education and so many fond memories," he says. The Muhlenberg education provides a solid liberal arts background and instills the framework for critical thinking which is so essential to succeeding in the real world. My life as a surgeon is a reality secondary to the analytical skills I learned at Muhlenberg." Although Bruck had not been back to visit the campus in several years, he states, "The minute I arrived on campus, a multitude of memories returned. The atmosphere is unchanged from the picturesque campus and buildings to the smell of the late autumn air. As I toured the campus and interacted with the students, I craved to return as an undergraduate student." ■



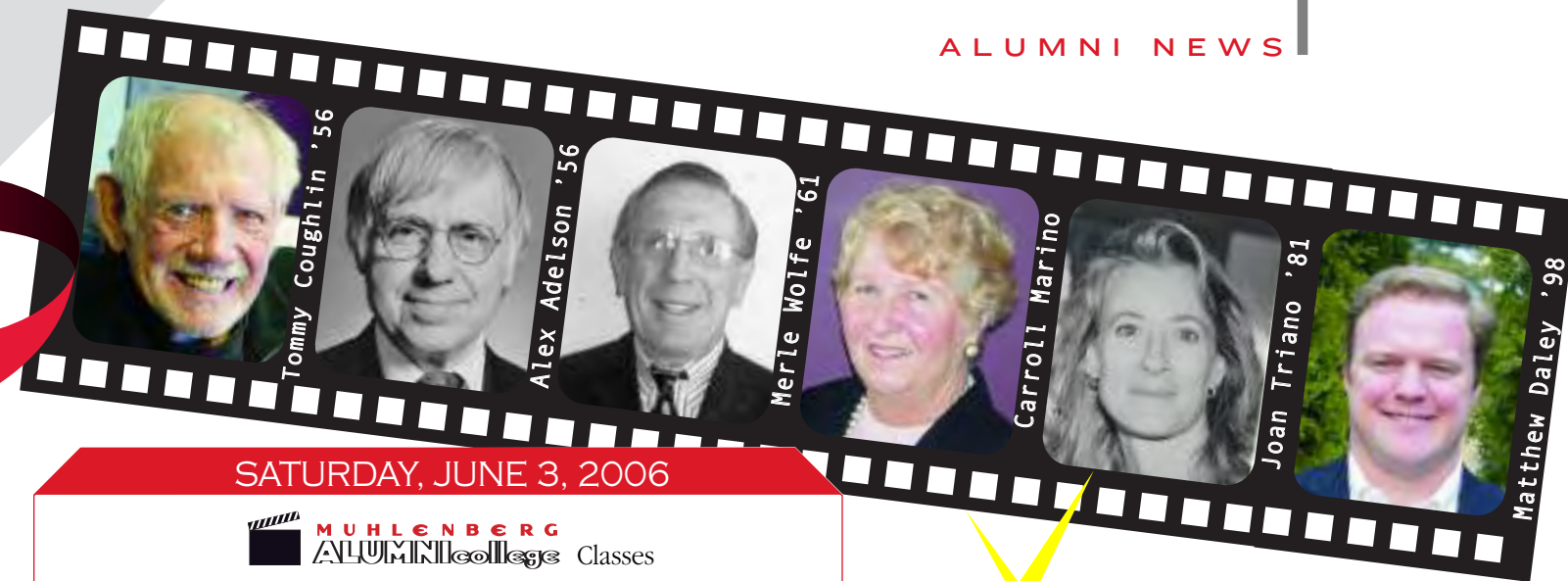
Lance Bruck '89 with his twin children, Ella and Ethan

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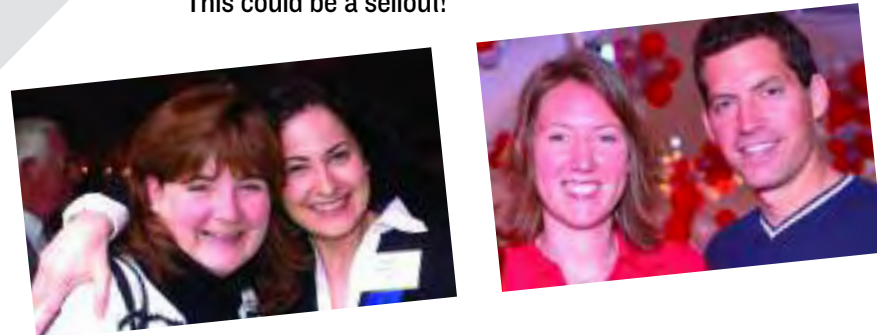
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Starring Alumni from the Class Years Ending in "1" & "6"

Gather your friends, family and classmates and come back to the 'Berg for what's sure to be an Oscar-winning performance! Shanahan and Falco give it two thumbs-up; "...a riveting production with some of the best alumni around. You won't want to miss it!"

Keep checking myMuhlenberg.com and watch your mail for the latest schedule and your opportunity to purchase tickets. This could be a sellout!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2006



- Campus Tours
- "Rolling Out Reunion" Kickoff Lunch
- Class of 1956 Reception with President Helm
- "Back at the 'Berg" Buffet Dinner
- Coffee & Dessert Bar with Entertainment



Back to the Classroom.
Take 2...or more!

Reunion provides a special opportunity to step back into the classroom without the stress of a lengthy syllabus or studying for an exam! The Alumni College program offers a variety of cultural and intellectual opportunities for

alumni, and features classes taught by Muhlenberg faculty and friends. Take advantage of this opportunity to enrich your mind and explore your spirit by enrolling in one or more of our featured classes for this year:

- Backstage at the Muhlenberg Theatre Tours
- Bird Watching Expedition
- Graver Arboretum Tour
- Fitness Class in the Brueckner Family Wing of the Life Sports Center
- Estate Planning Panel Discussion
- Wine Tasting Adventure

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006



- Muhlenberg Alumni College Classes
- Campus Tours
- Continental Breakfast Buffet
- Heritage Reunion Breakfast with the President
- Picnic with the Stars: Muhlenberg Faculty and Family
- Alumni Achievement Awards Luncheon
- President Helm's State of the College Address
- Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony
- Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society Reception
- Red Carpet Reunion Reception
- Individual Class Dinners
- Evening Entertainment Extravaganza
 - Coffee & Dessert Bar
 - Casino Night
 - Karaoke Dance Party

Celebrate our Outstanding Alumni

Annually since 1952, the Muhlenberg Alumni Association has honored individuals whose activities in life reflect substantial credit on the College and the Alumni Association. Mark your calendar and plan to join us in honoring this year's Alumni Achievement Award winners at the **Alumni Achievement Awards Luncheon Saturday, June 3, 2006 12:30 p.m.**

- This year's award winners are:
- Tommy Coughlin '56**, Alumnus Service to the College
 - Alex Adelson '56**, Alumnus Service to the College
 - Merle Wolfe '61**, Alumnus Lifetime Achievement
 - Carroll Marino**, Service to the College by a Friend
 - Joan Triano '81**, Alumni Leadership

In addition, the Alumni Association is pleased to announce the following Alumni Recognition Award winner, also to be honored at the Alumni Achievement Awards Luncheon:

Matthew Daley '98, Outstanding Young Alumni Recognition Award

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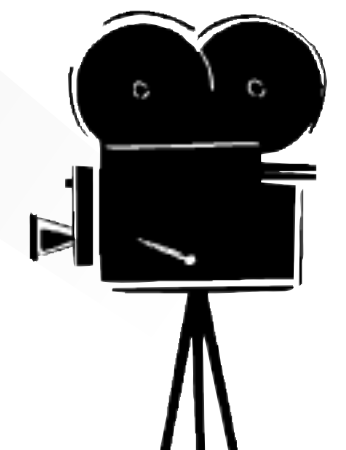
- All Reunion Classes Brunch
- 75th Chapel Anniversary Worship Service



Heritage Reunion...a continuing tradition. Reconnect with fellow Muhlenberg graduates of more than 50 years as they return to campus. Welcome the Class of 1955 to the Heritage Reunion group with a special pin presentation at the Breakfast with the President. Then enjoy the full weekend of reunion programming.

If you graduated prior to 1956, you don't want to miss out on this opportunity to return to campus!

Heritage Reunion 2006 . June 2, 3 & 4.



The Friend of Keats

by Grant F. Scott

Sometimes Boswell can be as interesting as Johnson. The artist Joseph Severn is best known today for his association with John Keats – for his unflagging devotion and for his numerous memoirs and portraits of the poet. But he lived another 58 years after Keats's death and his eventful life is rarely mentioned.

Admittedly, the story of Keats's final months is one of the most riveting in literary history. And the only sustained account we have of it comes from Severn. On short notice, he left his home and family to accompany Keats, who was dying of tuberculosis, to Italy. He nursed him in the last five months of the poet's short life, enduring isolation, long periods of sleeplessness, money problems and abuse from the Italian authorities. Nonetheless, Severn still found the energy to chronicle these events in a series of harrowing letters he sent to his friends in England during the winter of 1820-1821.

A recent discovery of new letters has broadened our knowledge of Severn's life, however, and encouraged us to consider his own career as an artist and a diplomat. As it turns out, he had a lot more on his mind than Keats.

The initial idea for a new edition of the works of Joseph Severn occurred to me some years ago while reading the most recent biography of Keats. In describing the poet's final months, Andrew Motion makes some errors of chronology and transcription which prompted me to wonder about his sources. Where had he gotten his information?

His footnotes revealed that much of his account derived from William Sharp's *Life and Letters of Joseph Severn*, a biography that had been published in 1892. After a little detective work, I discovered that many key manuscripts on which Sharp had based his own account had mysteriously vanished soon after he had completed his book – which meant that Motion, along with all of Keats's modern biographers, had relied on Sharp to fill in crucial events in the poet's life story.

Since a good many of Severn's surviving letters and memoirs are located at the Houghton Library at Harvard, I thought it might be a good idea to pay a visit to Boston and see what I could find.

When I began comparing Severn's existing manuscripts with Sharp's published text I discovered that Sharp was a rather inaccurate copier. He not only spliced together accounts from different years, but also altered Severn's language – embellishing and censoring as he “translated” the original memoirs into his own book.

The close study of these surviving documents fueled my appetite to find the missing material. Persistence with curators and a thorough search of rarely used accessions files yielded a thrilling discovery – a faded index card with the penciled scrawl, “The Severn Papers.” An accessions code appeared at the top of the card, but it turned out that the material had never been formally catalogued and so was not listed in any public database or record. When the reference librarian hauled out six boxes of letters, diaries and memoirs I was stunned. The trove had been languishing in an obscure corner of the Houghton Library for 30 years.

A careful reading of the Severn papers not only confirmed my sense of Sharp's unreliability, but also convinced me that a new and accurate edition of Severn's work was essential. The book was to prove a daunting task, however. Unlike Keats's letters, Severn's are dispersed in public and private collections around the world. And unlike Keats, who died at 25, Severn lived to a ripe old age and so wrote hundreds, perhaps thousands, more letters than his friend.

I began immediately sending out inquiries to libraries and collections as far flung as Australia and Norway. Clearly the most important quarry, though, were Severn's surviving descendants. If the Severn family's itinerancy was a bane, their fertility proved to be a blessing. I soon discovered that England and Scotland were crawling with Severns and that each family still clung to small hordes of artwork and letters.

By far the greatest revelation came from Severn's great-great granddaughter who lives near Banbury in Oxfordshire. She informed me that she had “about 50 or so” letters from Joseph Severn to his wife Elizabeth. This would indeed be exciting news since no letters between the couple had been published or even known. I jumped on a plane to England as soon as the term was over.

What I discovered in the attic of her family home made my earlier adventure in

Boston pale by comparison. Rather than 50, there turned out to be nearly 700 letters from Severn to his wife, spanning the years from 1833 to 1861. And they were in extraordinarily good condition, despite the fact that they had been held together by twine, bundled into aprons and shirt boxes and stored for years in the family horse stables.

The excitement of discovery was considerable, though nothing matched with the experience of unfolding one day a letter written in January 1841. At this time the Severn family was preparing for a move to London after 20 years in Italy. In May 1840, Elizabeth had gone ahead to England to house hunt and to see about schools for their two boys. Severn had stayed in Rome to continue his painting.

By January, Elizabeth had been gone for eight months and Severn missed her deeply. In the letter he tells of a trip he takes to the verdant grounds of the Villa Doria-Pamphili on the outskirts of Rome and reminisces about “the many delightful visits we have made there with our dear little ones scrambling for the flowers.” As a memento of his visit, he includes “an Anemone & a Violet & I hope they may not cost you as many tears in looking at them as they did me in gathering them.”

Miraculously, the flowers had been preserved in the letter and drifted out as I unfolded the leaves. Touching them was like a direct line to the past, as if I were eavesdropping on the shared memory of husband and wife. I realized that the last time the letter had been opened was probably by Elizabeth herself and that, wordlessly, she had sent the flowers on to me.

As the reproduction shows, Severn's letters have a patchwork beauty all their own, which derives from their having been “crossed” to save postage. He began conventionally, then turned the letter on its side and added more lines across the path of the first. As a result, the letters are a minor wonder to behold, though a maze to decipher. It is a challenge not only to read his spidery script but also to join the crosshatching of his narratives and then parse the sequence of his postscripts. Which comes first? Where do these journal-letters begin and end? Often I found that reading them was like decoding the diagram of an electrical circuit.

Sometimes it took days to transcribe a single letter and weeks to identify specific words and annotate names and references.

In the end it was the correspondence with Severn's descendants that proved as rewarding as the labor of making the book. On publication, I was invited to give a talk at Keats House in London. There I was delighted to find myself in the midst of a Severn family reunion. They had come from all corners of the British Isles to hear about their famous ancestor. Afterwards we dined at an Italian restaurant in Hampstead, toasted our man and drank happily into the night. ■

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Verso of Joseph Severn's letter to Elizabeth (Montgomerie) Severn, November 3, 1840.



STATE OF THE
ARTS

by Ken Butler

Going for the Silver

If you're a fan of musical theatre, your favorite composers – whether they're Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, Frank Loesser, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin or a host of others – have undoubtedly had their work appear on the stages of the Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre, which celebrated its 25th Anniversary in summer 2005.

Curtis Dretsch, Professor of Theatre, Charles Richter, Professor of Theatre, and Jeremy Slavin, Instructor in Music, founded the Summer Music Theatre, or SMT, in 1981 with the idea of mounting productions of classics of the American musical theatre, which, in 1981, seemed to be a dying art form (some would argue that it still is). They also wanted to showcase certain plays which, though not American in origin, were progenitors of the musical theatre form, such as the operettas of Gilbert & Sullivan.

Nearly 60 mainstage productions later, the SMT is known as one of the finest producers of quality musical theatre productions in the region. Over 100 professional theatre artists, musicians, Muhlenberg students and high school interns are employed each summer to mount three large-scale productions and one show for children, and to staff a high school acting workshop and a summer arts camp for children.

As important as it is to put on a good show, it is equally important to provide 'Berg students with an experience that is as educational as it is fun. Along with the professionals engaged to work with students, alumni of the theatre and dance program are also involved to act, direct and design. This gives students a broad range of experiences from which to learn. Alumni are directly involved with students, having been in the same place in years past, and derive great pleasure from passing on summer theatre traditions to the newest members of the department.

Jeffrey Simno '01 has appeared with the summer theatre three times since his graduation: he originated the role of Vinny in the world premiere of Stephen Wiener '74's new musical, *Once Upon a Time in New Jersey*, 2002; he starred as the Boy in Harvey Schmidt's *The Fantasticks*, 2003; and played Pangloss/Voltaire in the 2005 production of Leonard Bernstein's *Candide*. Though he enjoys passing on experience and lore about the summer shows, he is aware that he learns as much as he teaches.

"Coming back to Muhlenberg really helps me appreciate my college experience. During college you get so caught up in the next audition, the latest show, the next test, the last book you were supposed to read but didn't, and staying up all night writing your next 10-page paper, that it's difficult to sit back and realize how much you enjoy being on campus, being with your friends, working on things you love, and being educated by teachers who are not only great professors, but also great friends. As an alumnus working on SMT, you get to see the school from two sets of eyes: from your own alumnus view and from the perspective of the current students who are, for the most part, still unjaded, enjoying school more than they realize, and simply thankful that they're at college."

Neil Hever '82 was a student when the SMT began and has performed in an astonishing 30 of the 60 productions that have been mounted. Playing everything from chorus roles to leads, Neil's face is familiar to anyone who's seen a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta here; he lists the Major General in *Pirates of Penzance* as one his favorite roles and a sheep in *Iolanthe* as one of his most unusual. Though he is currently Program Director for WDIY-FM radio, he still makes time to return to the SMT stage, most recently as Chief Sitting Bull in the 2004 production of Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun*, another of his favorite roles. The hardest thing he ever did on stage? Standing stone still in a suit of armor for half of the second act of G&S's *Ruddigore*, waiting to come to life as one of the ghosts who haunt young Robin Oakapple. "About three minutes into Act Two, sweat would start to roll down my back into my shorts. Very distracting!"

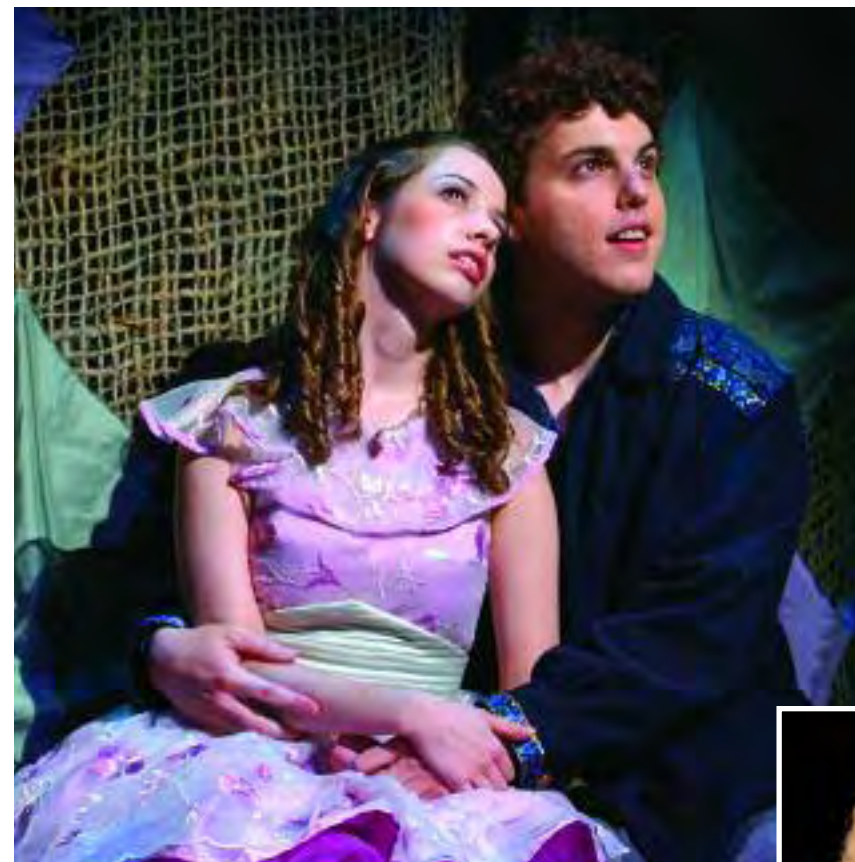
Musicals for 2006 will range from the classic – Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Carousel* – to the new: the long-running Off-Broadway hit *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, a 1996 musical by Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts. Subscriptions may be ordered by calling the Theatre & Dance Box Office at (484) 664-3333. ■

Ken Butler is Executive Assistant to President Randy Helm. He's provided musical direction for SMT productions of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat*, *Dames at Sea* and *Godspell*.

MUHLENBERG Summer Music Theatre

PRODUCTION HISTORY

1981 The Student Prince The Mikado Candide	1990 On the Twentieth Century H.M.S. Pinafore	Guys and Dolls
1982 H.M.S. Pinafore The Most Happy Fella	1991 Saint Joan My Fair Lady	2000 Forever Plaid The Music Man Dracula
1983 Iolanthe Fiddler on the Roof	1992 The House of Blue Leaves Of Thee I Sing	2001 You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Crazy for You The Last Night of Ballyhoo
1984 The Pirates of Penzance Oliver!	1993 The Pirates of Penzance Gypsy Lydie Breeze	2002 Once Upon a Time In NJ Damn Yankees Dames at Sea
1985 Ruddigore The King and I	1994 The Boys From Syracuse The Sound of Music	2003 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat A Chorus Line The Fantasticks
1986 The Yeoman of the Guard Kiss Me Kate	1995 Evita Fiddler on the Roof	2004 Godspell Annie Get Your Gun Made in America
1987 Patience Kismet	1996 42nd Street Oliver!	2005 George M! Candide My Way: A Tribute to the Music of Frank Sinatra
1988 The Mikado The Music Man	1997 Man of LaMancha Into the Woods	
1989 Carousel The Red Mill	1998 South Pacific	
	1999 A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum	



Stephen Hatzai '65 and Neil Hever '82 in Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun*; 2004
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right, Rodgers & Hart's *The Boys from Syracuse*; 1994
photo: ©1994 Curtis Dretsch
Set Design: Duane Gardella



below, Frank Loesser's *The Most Happy Fella*; 1982
photo: ©1982 Curtis Dretsch
Set Design: Curtis Dretsch



above, Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*; 1993
photo: ©1993 Curtis Dretsch
Set Design: Curtis Dretsch



above, Sigmund Romberg's *The Student Prince*; 1981
photo: ©1981 Curtis Dretsch
Set Design: Curtis Dretsch



above, Leah Goldstein '05 and Jeffrey Simno '01 in Harvey Schmidt's *The Fantasticks*; 2003
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Set Design: David Esler

Keeping Up With the Browns

By Mike Falk, Sports Information Director



In the 1906 *Ciarla*, John David Miller Brown was portrayed as a romantic, “gazfingl ... with that fond, far away (possibly forty miles) love look in his celestial orbs.”

Maybe that distant look was seeing 100 years into the future, where Brown is still very much a part of Muhlenberg College. He lives on in the name of a building and in the pursuits of his great-grandson.

John D.M. Brown’s legacy includes three further generations of Muhlenberg students, all of whom were and remain involved in Mule athletics: J. Henry (Hank) Brown ’44 was manager of the basketball team, Geoff Brown ’79 wrestled for four years, and Mike Brown is a current sophomore on the lacrosse team.

“I think it’s extremely cool,” says Hank Brown of his family’s Muhlenberg connection.

John D.M. Brown would undoubtedly feel the same way, although he might use a different word. He came to Muhlenberg after graduating from Lebanon High School in 1902 and quickly established himself as a literary scholar. A lover of reading and writing, he was a member of two literary societies, treasurer of the Press Club, assistant editor-in-chief of the Muhlenberg newspaper and editor-in-chief of *Ciarla*, which flatly stated “John is big, mentally.”

He certainly was not big physically.

A small man, even for his time, John did not participate in athletics but was a passionate sports fan. He would bring young Hank Brown to every Muhlenberg football game and enthusiastically followed the exploits of Muhlenberg graduates who went on to play professionally.

After graduating, John went on to Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, where he was ordained as a Lutheran minister. He returned to his alma mater as an English instructor in 1912 and became a full professor in 1920. John remained on the Muhlenberg faculty until 1949, serving as department head the last 23 years.

“John D.M. Brown served his alma mater with a zeal and devotion that have enshrined him in the hearts of all who love Muhlenberg College,” wrote the 1950 *Ciarla*. “It was his destiny to devote the best years of his life and his own high attainments to revealing to the youth of his day the breadth and depth of human experience as expressed in undying beauty by the great masters.”

One of those youths of the day was Hank Brown, who happily attended Muhlenberg, although he avoided taking his father’s classes. Shortly after enrolling in 1941, Hank enlisted in the Marine Corps and was placed in the V-12 program, which gave potential future officers the opportunity to continue their education until they were needed to serve. He was assigned back to Muhlenberg, where he compiled enough credits to graduate in three years.

Muhlenberg’s V-12 officer candidates, who came from a variety of colleges big and small, were a boon

to the athletic program. The 1943-44 basketball team, for which Hank served as manager, featured players from Long Island University, Marshall, Hofstra and Gettysburg, among others. It won 20 games and was invited to the National Invitation Tournament, at the time the most prestigious postseason college basketball tournament.

“That was a thrill,” recalled Hank, who as manager got to be the official scorekeeper at Madison Square Garden when Muhlenberg faced DePaul and future legend George Mikan in the first round. “There we were, in the big leagues. That team was a phenomenon – there was only one Muhlenberg basketball player left, and all these other guys just sort of wandered in.”

Hank saw active duty in Guam and China near the end of World War II before returning home. He worked as a reporter for *The Morning Call* for seven years before moving on to public relations and advertising. He was advertising manager for a chemical company in Philadelphia for 16 years, retiring early in 1979 to start a business as a public relations consultant.

On Oct. 18, 1961, Hank Brown returned to campus to attend a dedication ceremony for what had been known as West Hall since its construction in 1916. The building was renamed Brown Hall in memory of the revered alumnus and English professor who had passed away 10 years earlier.

Although 3-year-old Geoff Brown did not attend the ceremony, he has a framed dedication program as a

memento. Geoff did spend much of his childhood around the Muhlenberg campus, however, visiting the Walnut Street house that his grandmother continued to live in until her death in 1989 at age 95.

When it came time to attend college, Geoff was “looking for something in a smaller setting, and a nice distance from home [in Doylestown, Pa.]. I wanted a small liberal arts environment where I knew I would have the opportunity to wrestle.” Sounds like Muhlenberg, and although he applied to six schools and was not pressured by his parents, he wound up exactly where his grandfather and father had spent so much time.

Wrestling was an important part of Geoff’s college experience. While at Muhlenberg, he competed all four years. As a senior, he was a team captain and set a school record with 49 team points.

Geoff, who has been working in the lumber industry ever since graduation and currently is president of The Lumber Yard, a chain of suppliers in Pennsylvania, adopted the same hands-off approach when his sons began looking at colleges.

“There was a part of me that wanted to see this legacy continued, and I was thrilled that it did, but I didn’t want to push [Mike] at all,” he said. “And as proof of that, we have an older son who was accepted as well. He decided not to go to Muhlenberg and I was fine with that.”

Like his father, athletics was a big factor in Mike’s college choice. A lacrosse and soccer player all throughout high school, he applied to several schools in the Mid-Atlantic region where he could play lacrosse. His best recruiting visit by far was to Muhlenberg, so he was able to add a fourth generation and a third different sport to the Brown legacy.

“It just seems to fit some of our personalities,” said Mike of the College. “My brother is different than me so I didn’t expect him to come to a place like this. He has different things that he likes and different preferences than me. My dad and his

brother are the same way.”

In addition to attending Mike’s lacrosse games as often as possible, Hank and Geoff continue to support the athletic programs they were involved with as students. Hank is a longtime contributor to the Scotty Wood Tournament, and Geoff supports wrestling by attending matches and contributing to the team’s “Take Down Cancer” program.

Says Geoff, “There’s a sense of loyalty and obligation. It meant so

of the College has changed, and not just for athletics, since the days when John D.M. Brown was teaching Shakespeare, in many ways it is the same place. “I’m really impressed with how Muhlenberg has gone through its development without changing the general appearance and feel and character that is Muhlenberg,” remarked Geoff. “The atmosphere on campus really hasn’t changed a lot.”

“It seems to be the same friendly



From left to right: Mike Brown '08, Hank Brown '44, Geoff Brown '79



much to me when I was in college to have people in the stands supporting me. Not giving back to the sport might be shortchanging the kids now.”

Although they put the support to good use, the current wrestlers are already a few steps ahead of where Geoff was when he attended Muhlenberg. He jokes about the single Universal machine that served as the “weight room” and the wrestling room that contained two big concrete poles – a far cry from the facilities in the new Life Sports Center.

But while the physical appearance

place it always was,” agrees his father.

That character will still be there in another 25-30 years, when Mike Brown’s children are ready to look at colleges. “I think what I’m going to do is exactly what my dad did for me because he made it so easy,” he says. “I know this place was perfect for me so I’ll tell them that, but I’m going to make sure that I take them to a bunch of schools and let them pick whatever they want.”

Don’t bet against one of them choosing Muhlenberg. ■

Anthony Azizi '91

by Jillian L. Lowery '00

Anthony Azizi '91 has a lot on his mind right now. He is a regular on ABC's new hit drama, *Commander-in-Chief*, a show that stars Geena Davis and Donald Sutherland and was nominated for three Golden Globes and a People's Choice Award. He appears in a film, *Wrist-Cutters: A Love Story*, that was selected to compete at this year's Sundance Film Festival. And he has been spending time in Washington, D.C., meeting lobbyists to promote a campaign to raise awareness about genocide.

Yet despite his hectic schedule and blossoming career, this 'Berg alumnus hasn't forgotten his alma mater. In fact, he still counts some of his college buddies as best friends, and he frequently speaks to a former professor to whom he credits much of his success.

Azizi, who has had many guest roles on big television shows (he has played two different characters in the cult hit *24*, and has appeared in episodes of *Gilmore Girls*, *NYPD Blue*, *The Shield* and *JAG*, to name a few), starred in the series *Threat Matrix*.

He is thrilled to return to a network series – particularly one with so many big names attached to it. For many actors, performing a scene with the likes of Geena Davis and Donald Sutherland would be daunting, if not downright terrifying. But Azizi takes it all in stride.

"It's not exactly intimidating," he says. "But there are moments when I'm filled with awe, since I have such respect for their talent. They're both sort of legends in this field. You just can't get too wrapped up in that. I'm confident in my own work, and a lot of that is because I'm confident in the training that I received at Muhlenberg."

On top of the joy of working with such a remarkable cast, Azizi is pleased with the direction his character is taking. He plays Vince Taylor, the chief aide to the President (played by Davis) – a character who recently

admitted chemical dependence and has come out as both gay and HIV positive.

All this suits Azizi just fine. "I'm thrilled to have such an emotionally and politically charged storyline," he says. "It's an actor's dream come true."

While he ended up double majoring in theatre and political science, when Azizi came to study at Muhlenberg, he had plans to play for the soccer team and envisioned himself taking the pre-med route. Due to an injury, he never made it onto the soccer field, and his plans to practice medicine soon faded away.

Azizi credits his initial pull to join the theatre department to the physical structure of the Center for the Arts.

"I was always just drawn to it," he mused. "I think it's one of the most beautiful buildings in the country. When I think about it, my eyes tear, and I get chills. I would spend free time there, studying and socializing. Eventually, as I was floundering in my science classes, the possibility of studying theatre became more and more attractive."

Once he decided to change his curriculum, Azizi found both support and challenge in Charles Richter, who was, at the time, head of the theatre department. "Charlie is tough but fair, and he did a lot to shape me as an actor."

Azizi also felt that Richter sometimes took a chance on him, casting him in roles for which he might not have normally been considered. Azizi, who is of Iranian descent, never felt that his ethnicity kept him from being cast in productions at Muhlenberg.

After graduation, however, he ran into some discouraging roadblocks. Azizi, born Kamal Rowshan, found that assumptions were made about him simply because of his name. While auditioning for parts in New York, he quickly realized that casting directors were not sure what to make of him. "I went to auditions and was handed scripts in Hindi or Arabic. I might have been born in Iran, but I was raised in Brooklyn and the Lehigh Valley. I was surprised

that people didn't expect me to read or speak English," he said.

Changing his name to Anthony Azizi was a choice that he came to slightly reluctantly. "I'm in no way ashamed of my heritage," he said. "In fact, Azizi is my mother's family name, and a common Middle Eastern name. In that way, I've retained and continue to celebrate my Iranian heritage. But I really do believe that since choosing a more Americanized first name, more doors have opened to me."

Ethnicity and ethnic diversity are issues extremely close to Azizi's heart. When he's not shooting *Commander-in-Chief*, he's frequently in Washington, D.C., meeting with lobbyists about his campaign, One World One Love Organization. In addition to raising awareness about genocide, such as the recent atrocities in Darfur, he also wants to promote positivity for the Middle East and people of Middle Eastern descent.

And while he loved his time and Muhlenberg, calling it a "profound experience," Azizi does lament that the campus was not more racially diverse.

"I think education is of the utmost importance, and Muhlenberg is a wonderful school," he said. "I just wish that there was greater diversity in the student body. I'm happy to hear that they're trying to increase the minority population. I think all private colleges need to reach out more to talented students from diverse backgrounds."

Like so many of the College's alumni, Azizi has gone on to enjoy a successful career. He has traveled from Muhlenberg, the C.A. and classes with Charlie Richter to ABC, the White House and scenes with Geena Davis. As Azizi's star continues to rise, he admits that he feels "as though the stars are aligning" for him.

"I've been so lucky to do this well in such a hard business," he said. "I just have this burning desire to act, to make my voice heard. It's such a privilege to be able to do what you love." ■

Not Just Looking Backward:

'Berg Faculty Keeps History Pertinent

By Kristin (Nikki) Dilks '06 and Jillian Lowery '00

When the phrase "that's ancient history" is used conversationally, the speaker generally is referring to something that is outdated, dull or otherwise passé. Unfortunately, it seems that history sometimes gets the reputation for being one of the more sedate social sciences.

Of course, this is a myth – and an unfair one at that. The department of history at Muhlenberg is determined to turn this misconception on its head and does so through its focus on making history, ancient or otherwise, both accessible and topical.

'Berg's history faculty is a dynamic lot who inject their own enthusiasm into their lessons – in fact, their strength was recently noted by the Princeton Review, who deemed the department "excellent" in their college rankings.

John Malsberger, Ph.D., professor of history and the department chair, praises the staff on its ability to cover a wide range of material while maintaining personal relationships with students.

"One of our strengths, I believe, is that despite the relatively small size of the department, we do a fine job of covering most major topics and eras in history," he says. "At the same time, we are small enough that we get to know our students fairly well, both in class and outside of class."

At Muhlenberg, the study of history focuses on critical analysis, writing and research – not the simple regurgitation of facts that is an unfortunate reality in some high school curriculums.



Susan Clemens, lecturer in history, teaches students enrolled in one of her classes, "The American Dream."

"I've found many students pleasantly surprised that they aren't asked to march lock-step through history in our classes," says Judy Ridner, Ph.D., associate professor of history. "Students are given sources and asked to assess them. It's important to get students involved in the subject matter, drawing their own interpretations, instead of accepting everything as 'fact.'"

Faculty members create courses that are both of interest to them personally, and that will draw students. "We try to meet a wide range of student interest," says Dan Wilson, Ph.D., Professor of history. "I think we're a department open to new approaches to history."

Gary Jones, lecturer, comments that, "Faculty are encouraged to teach courses that draw upon their own areas of expertise and to be innovative and creative in all aspects of their work. Each of us strive to fulfill those goals in his or her own way."

Edward Bonekemper, Ph.D., '64 keeps his students engaged by bringing four veterans of World War II into his course titled "Military History of World War II."

"Personal insights are being provided by a former German soldier, an American sailor in the Pacific, an 82nd Airborne infantryman, and an Army Air Force flier over Europe. The students interact quite actively with these special guest teachers," says Bonekemper, a lecturer in the department.

Susan Clemens, lecturer in history, cites the American history courses as particularly interesting and innovative. "Instead of the concept that American history

must be taught in a linear fashion, which simply can't be done in one class, we teach classes that focus on a theme or topic in American history and study how it changes over time," she says.

The result is classes such as "The American Dream" and "Disorderly American Cities" which are based on scholarly books and articles, but also integrate other primary sources, like music, poetry and novels, as well as other forms of media.

'Berg's history department is also unique in that it is home to the only Middle East historian in the Lehigh Valley. Mark Stein, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, who was hired prior to the events of September 11, 2001, is the sole professor in the region who teaches Middle Eastern history. Currently, his most popular class is "The Arab/Israeli Conflict."

"This is a great class to teach, because many of our students have an interest in this area of Middle Eastern history," says Stein. "I have students on both sides of the debate in class, and it makes for interesting and lively discussions. I encourage students not to focus on convincing one another of a particular position, but rather to consider and question their own assumptions."

The department reaches out to cover the Far East as well, with Bob Croskey, Ph.D., associate professor of history, who teaches classes on Chinese and Japanese history. Croskey also teaches Russian history and World War I.

Faculty members are also encouraged to teach on areas of personal interest that might be outside of their specialties.

Wilson, an American historian who specializes in philosophical and intellectual history, is a prime example of this. 'Berg's strong reputation in the sciences and in pre-med preparation, along with Wilson's own problems with post-polio syndrome, led him to broaden his own knowledge of, and develop a course on, the history of medicine.

The class, "Disease and Medicine in American History," is a popular one, often filled to capacity.

Wilson recently published his latest book, "Living with Polio: The Epidemic and its Survivors," which has enjoyed many favorable reviews. "There was a nice synergy in terms of scholarship and writing on this project," said Wilson. "Often, what I read and studied for class helped me in the writing of the book."

The department's newest member, Thomas Cragin, Ph.D., associate professor of history, is also teaching courses in modern European history that complements his own scholarly project – a book on the French popular press and how it covered crime and murder.

Bill Tighe, Ph.D., associate professor of history, mainly teaches British and European history, but his knowledge of religious history has made him a favorite with the media. This past year, Tighe was quoted extensively in publications that ran stories on papal succession.

One of history's most interesting foibles is what gets documented and by whom, and what is brushed under the carpet and for how long. Several members of the history department have noticed gaps in the histories of various communities and sought to help fill them.

Anna Adams, Ph.D., Professor of history, dealt with this phenomenon first hand as she planned to teach a course on the history of Latinos in the United States. As she was preparing for the course, she decided to use the large Latino community in Allentown, Pa., as a case study for her students.

Her search for knowledge led her to the Allentown Public Library where, strangely, she found very little written about the history of Latinos in Allentown, despite the fact that the area's Latino population is strong and vibrant.

"There was nothing in the history books. Latinos were mentioned only as a 'problem,'" Adams reports. Adams set out to find the unrecorded history of the Latinos in Allentown, though her search was not simply driven by her need for

course material.

"I was not just doing it for my students, it was for the Latino community itself, so that they know that they do indeed have a history, a rather illustrious history" says Adams.

The end result of her search was her book, "Hidden from History: The Latino Community of Allentown, PA.," which she uses as a text for her course titled the "History of Latinos in the United States."

Adams continues to use Allentown as a living laboratory, this time for her students. During the Fall '05 semester, Adams' class participated in a project in which they tutored Latino children

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at an after school homework program run by Casa Guadalupe, a non-profit organization in Allentown.

Adams has also brought members of the Latino community into the classroom, with speakers ranging from artists to attorneys. These speakers touch upon on a variety of issues such as education, immigration, identity issues and politics.

Clemens and Ridner, both American historians, are currently at the helm of the Black African Heritage project, an endeavor that 'Berg has been involved in over the past three years.

Initially a project involving a member of the psychology department, it became clear that historians needed to be present, as the project delved into the previously unrecorded history of African-Americans in the Lehigh Valley.

"African-Americans are another community ignored in local history," said Ridner, who has taught African American history, among other topics, since her arrival at 'Berg in 1998.

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Williams, number 78, as a student in a 'Berg football game.



Spotlight on Dennis Williams Jr.

by Kristin (Nikki) Dilks '06

“Who says you can’t go home?” This question is posed by rock legends Bon Jovi in their latest album and is especially relevant to one Muhlenberg alumnus, Dennis

Williams, Jr., who graduated from the college in 1997. This year marks his first as the principal of Hatboro-Horsham High School, the school he attended as a student a mere 12 years ago. He has returned home as the youngest principal in the school’s history, at the age of 30, and is also the first African-American principal in district history. As if that doesn’t keep him busy enough, he has been married to his wife

Keisha for four years, and they have a two-year-old daughter named Maya Denise, whom the proud father proclaims is “a future Mule.”

Williams’ passion for educating began at his second home, Muhlenberg, where he was a history major who also pursued an education certification. He has fond memories of his days in the classroom and says that the lessons he learned from two professors in particular, Dr. Ed Baldrige,

emeritus professor of history, and Dr. Michael Carbone, Professor of education and chair of the education department, still resonate with him.

“The knowledge that they had on various subjects and their ability to disseminate that to the class was great. But it was their enthusiasm and real-life stories which always made classes enjoyable,” says Williams. In addition to his course work, he was a varsity football player, discus thrower and an All-Centennial Conference selection. He also found the time to compete in intramurals, was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, worked for the Alumni Relations office, was a tour guide and a member of the Multicultural Club.

Williams demonstrated that exceptional ability to be well-rounded, which is one of the qualities that make a Muhlenberg education so unique. Williams reports that this ability to balance many extracurricular activities with academic work has helped him in all of his endeavors. “The leadership opportunities that I experienced at ‘Berg and the experiences in the classroom were instrumental in

all my successes thus far,” says Williams.

After graduating from Muhlenberg in 1997, he continued to involve himself in a number of different activities. His first job was teaching social studies at Cheltenham High School, where he got involved in the school’s extracurricular life by becoming a class advisor and coaching both football and track. He knew instantaneously that the education field was where he belonged.

“The classroom was an immediate fit for me,” recalls Williams. “The education and training that I received at Muhlenberg put me in a position to where I was extremely comfortable in the classroom during my first year.” While teaching at the high school level, he continued in his education and received his master’s degree in education from Gratz College as well as his education administration certificate from Gwynedd-Mercy College. These degrees helped him to make the move from teaching to an administrative position.

Williams continues to use his Muhlenberg education and the leadership skills he acquired here to run Hatboro-Horsham High School, where he reports that there are three former Mules on his staff. He is responsible for overseeing the high school’s curriculum and instruction. He has also undertaken the challenge of facilitating the redesign of the school’s academic program to a more prescriptive curriculum as well as making the senior year educational while also preparing students for the future. On top of all of that, he is in charge of working on the building budget for the next school year and is responsible for personnel decisions of faculty and staff.

Williams credits his ability to undertake all of these responsibilities in large part to his Muhlenberg education. “In my particular position, there is constant communication with various stakeholders – parents, students, faculty/staff, community members, central administration and others – all with different ideas on what education should look like. My time at Muhlenberg taught me a lot about how to deal with various types of people and their personalities,” says Williams.

His degree from Muhlenberg has not only helped him to get where he is today, but has also impressed educators on a national level. Williams reports, “This fall I had the opportunity to present at state and national education conferences. When I mention where I graduated from college, people still raise their brows in approval, showing the overall reputation of Muhlenberg College.”

Williams continues to look back on his days of Muhlenberg fondly, and though he has returned home to oversee the high school from which he graduated 12 years ago, he still has a home at Muhlenberg as well. “The friends that I made, the responsibility that I learned and the entire Muhlenberg atmosphere is one that I will never forget,” says Williams. ■

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“Though it’s a small community, it’s one whose history needs to be told.”

The Black African Heritage project is a joint endeavor between Muhlenberg College, the Lehigh County Historical Society and the Touchstone Theatre. Ethel Drayton Craig, Ph.D., director of the College’s office of multicultural life, has been involved from the project’s inception.

With the help of trained student researchers, Clemens and Ridner are both researching newspapers and other documents, as well as interviewing older African-American residents of the Lehigh Valley to collect their oral histories – historical study meets investigative reporting. Eventually, the goal is to produce a published document of 20th Century African American history in the Lehigh Valley.

Ridner, with the help of Deb Kipp, assistant vice president of corporate, foundation and government relations, recently submitted a grant proposal to the State of Pennsylvania to continue funding for the project. Regardless of whether or not they receive the funding, both Clemens and Ridner agree that they’ll continue with the project.

Ridner put it simply: “It’s very rewarding. It’s good work.”

As Malsberger reflected, “There’s no limit to what one can do with a history major – writing, research and critical and analytical skills can take a person just about anywhere.” Other than the obvious path to law and graduate school or secondary education, he has seen students succeed in the business world, and even go on to medical school.

“I tell my students that I’m not necessarily trying to turn them all in to history majors, but that I am trying to help them to feel positively about history in general,” said Wilson. “I’m happy if, after taking a history class here, a student is more prone to switch their televisions to the History Channel, pick up a book that’s historical in nature or, later in life, take their children to a place like Colonial Williamsburg.”

“In a world that’s increasingly globalized, as good citizens we really must know about other societies and their histories,” said Stein. “It’s fortunate that, at Muhlenberg, we’re able to cover so much ground, historically speaking. It’s rare for a college this size to offer the breadth of courses that we do.”

Whether it’s through a compelling guest speaker, an out-of-classroom encounter or simply their own unbridled enthusiasm for the topics that they teach, the faculty in ‘Berg’s history department succeed in making their respective subjects jump off the page and in challenging the stereotypes that follow the study of history. Not just reading about past events, Muhlenberg history majors develop knowledge of the political, social, cultural, economic and institutional developments that have shaped the contemporary world. ■



Keisha, Maya and Dennis Williams

Photos courtesy of Dennis Williams

CLASS Notes

1946

Dick Bergman commented to a tall man standing in back of him at the November 5, California election, "Gee, you come tall in California. In Pennsylvania at 5'11", I was one of the tall ones, but here in California, I'm a short one. The gentleman replied, "I graduated from a small college in Pennsylvania." I asked, "What college?" He answered, "Muhlenberg." This was **Herb Loeffler '61**, who was on the basketball team back then. Herb and I are the two living alumni in Chico, Calif.

1956

After graduation, **David Arnold** joined the U.S. Army and served three years active service. He spent 21 months overseas in Germany. When he returned to the States, he completed his advanced education degree at Kean University, Montclair, N.J. In 1959, Dave began teaching at Rahway High School in New Jersey; he was athletic director and also coached the varsity basketball team for 10 years. Dave retired in 1990 concluding a 30-year career in education. Dave and his wife Rosalie have been married 18 years and have one son, Tom, who was recently married and lives in Cooper City, Fla. Dave and Rosalie divide their time between the mountains of Hendersonville, N.C., in summer and New Port Richey, Fla., in winter. Any spare time they have they enjoy traveling. During his undergraduate years, Dave played varsity tennis, served on the *Weekly*, was a member of the M Club and the Jazz Society. (727) 372-9342 • edave@juno.com ■ During his undergraduate years, **Bruce E. Francois** was a member of Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity. Bruce was the only member of our graduating class to letter in three sports, varsity wrestling, varsity soccer and varsity fencing. He played intramural sports and was a member of the M Club. Bruce was also active in WMUH, the Business and Economics Club, DeMolay Club, Muhlenberg Christian Association, and the Mask and Dagger Society.

Following graduation, Bruce went on to earn an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickenson University and an M.P.A. from Long Island University. Bruce served two years in the U.S. Army, 25th Infantry Div. in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Upon returning, he worked in finance with Witco Chemical and Curtiss Wright. He then went on to work as an operations research analyst for American Power Jet and the Helicopter Division of Boeing Aircraft. This involved two six-month trips to Vietnam in 1965 and 1967 to study helicopter maintenance and utilization. After five years of management consulting to commercial and hospital clients, he joined Wayne General Hospital in Wayne, N.J., and left in 1987 as senior vice president. Partially retired, he worked for several years as a General Liability insurance investigator. He currently works part time at the Route 84 Welcome Center guiding visitors, and substitute teaches elementary school in Port Jervis, N.Y. Bruce has three children, Corrine, Christine and Bruce, plus two grandchildren, Ava and Alma. In his spare time, Bruce enjoys playing volleyball, golf and tennis. (570)491-2042 • bruce.francois@juno.com ■ During his tenure at Muhlenberg, **David G. Washabaugh** was a member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity and Worthy Keeper of the Annals in his senior year. He participated in varsity soccer, varsity fencing and intramural sports. Dave was also a member of the Intercollegiate Conference on Government and the Pre-Law Club. After graduation, Dave attended Temple Law School for one year, but made the decision to work for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* in its advertising department. Dave began his 40-year career in finance by joining the Beneficial Finance Company as a manager and worked for them for nine years. In 1968, he joined the Continental Bank and through subsequent bank mergers retired in 1997 as a vice-president of the PNC Bank. During the course of Dave's career with the bank, he was involved in numerous community charitable organizations and events, chiefly the American Cancer Society, Tylenol Kids' Classic for Cystic Fibrosis, Devon Horse Show and County Fair (for the benefit of Bryn Mawr Hospital), Eagles Fly for Leukemia, Wayne Lions Club and the Main Line Charity Ball, to name a few. Dave and his wife Sandra have been married 47 years. They have one son, David, a daughter Robin, and seven grandchildren. Dave and Sandra enjoy traveling and have managed to visit every continent except Antarctica. Dave continues to be active in his

Church, St. Alban's Episcopal, and served on the vestry for 15 years. He is also a church school teacher, lay reader and member of the choir. Last year with a group from his church, Dave spent two weeks as a nurses' assistant in one of the homes founded by Mother Teresa in Calcutta. The group did the daily cleaning, feeding and gave comfort to terminally ill patients under very primitive conditions. As Dave put it, "I feel so blessed I thought it was time to give something back." (610) 353-2718 • PapaWash@aol.com ■ **Tommy Coughlin** sends this note for all his classmates:

Happy New Year to you all, may 2006 bring you health, happiness and peace.

Remember to mark your calendars for June 2-4th – our 50th reunion. This is a very special occasion for us and I am looking forward to seeing all of you back at 'Berg.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding special events, tours, hotels, etc., please do not hesitate to call one of the people listed below:

Jacqueline Jones – Muhlenberg Coordinator
(484) 664-3748

Bill Greenawald - Reunion Chair
(610) 433-1038

Joe Donchez – Class President (856) 692-3724

Tommy Coughlin – Class Correspondent & Reunion Co-Chair (610) 530-9565

1958

The American Society of Transplantation (AST) is pleased to announce **Dr. Richard N. Fine**, an internationally renowned pediatric nephrologist, has recently been appointed as Stony Brook University's Dean of the School of Medicine. Fine is the first president in AST's 23-year history to be appointed dean during his or her term.

1962

Robert Kitchen is now serving as the Intentional Interim Pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg, Pa., and traveling 23 miles to the church from his new home in Mount Wolf, Pa. He anticipates that after this one-year term of service he will either retire or serve a half-time interim position for another year. At age 67 it will be time to engage in three other activities on his list — genealogy, golf and travel.

1966

Eleanor (Hermann) Damhesel and husband, Franz, have moved to the mountains of North

Carolina. She has been consulting for a project sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb now that she has retired from teaching high school French in the suburbs of St. Louis, Mo.

1968

Mary (Stahley) Johnson retired in June 2005, after 37 years of service with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, including over 31 years as executive director of the Pike County Assistance Office in Milford, Pa. She is enjoying traveling with her husband, who also retired in June, and just relaxing at their home in beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono Mountains.

■ **Dr. Jon A. Schlenker** was elected President of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) for 2005-2006, which includes honors programs at over 800 colleges and universities throughout the United States. Also, he completed his 31st year teaching at the University of Maine at Augusta, as professor of sociology and anthropology, director of the honors program and coordinator of social sciences.

1974

Wynne (Perlman) Bude writes, "Better late than never! I have just received my master's degree in English language teaching and learning from the University of Liverpool, U.K. I am an English teacher in a high school in Melbourne, Australia. I previously taught high school English for many years in Tel Aviv, Israel."

1978

Bryan E. Zeiner competed in the Toastmasters International District 38 Fall Humorous Speech Contest, which was held November 5, 2005, in Mt. Laurel, N.J. Bryan was his Division's representative, having won the Reading Area and the Divisional contests earlier this year. District 38 includes all of Eastern Pennsylvania from State College to the Delaware River, and Southern New Jersey from Princeton to Cape May. Bryan won the District 38 Humorous Speaking title back in 1991 with an original speech entitled "My First." This year he presented a speech called "Clip Clop," which was an expose on the "Bad Boys in Black - The Amish Mafia Revealed." Bryan got his start in humorous speaking while competing as a member, and then the President, of Muhlenberg College's Forensics Team from 1974-1978. He is a member of Reading Toastmasters Club 714, which meets at Alvernia College twice a month.

1979

Jackie (Bernstein) Weisman received a master of science in education from Cabrini College last May. She has been a seventh-grade biology and astronomy teacher in the Marple Newtown School District in the Philadelphia suburbs for almost five years. The new math teacher who is right next door to her at school is **Nick Richardson '05!** ■ **Dr. Leonard I. Zon** was elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies. The nation turns to the IOM of the National Academies for science-based advice on matters of biomedical science, medicine and health. A nonprofit organization specifically created for this purpose as well as an honorific membership organization, the IOM was chartered in 1970 as a component of the National Academy of Sciences.



Clifford Sachs '80

1980

Allan deGuzman, Ph.D. was appointed Chief Physicist at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Department of Radiation Oncology. He was also chosen as the Physics Director of the WFU Gamma Knife Program, which is the only one in North Carolina. ■ **Clifford Sachs** writes, "I started a second career this year when I accepted a position as a part-time ski instructor at Wachusett Mountain. During the 2005 ski season, I taught 161 people how to ski. I qualified for and passed the level one certification exam of the Professional Ski Instructors of America. Ironically, my part-time job paying a little more than minimum wage led to a peak life experience at Arapaho Basin in Colorado, where I skied off-piste on the East Wall (double black diamond). I initially became a ski instructor to improve my personal skiing. I exceeded that goal, became a snowsport professional and in doing so, rediscovered a fundamental truth, that what you get out of your life and work is what you put into them." ■ **Beth (Jenkins) Zwerin** writes, "We moved to Kane, Pa., which is located in the Allegheny

National Forest in the northwest corner of the state, in 2003. I work as a counselor to pregnant and parenting teens through Project RAPPORT of The Guidance Center in Bradford, Pa. I thoroughly enjoy my work! My husband, Steven, still works in telecommunications. Our son, Ryan, is about to graduate from Penn State and will attend medical school in the fall. We share our Victorian home with our son (when home) and two wonderful cats. We were recently visited by **Bob '82** and **Donna (Martindale) Jankelunas '81**, and their two children, Leanne and Kathryn."

1981

Lloyd A. Darlow, M.D. was named chairman of the Department of Family Practice at Cayuga Medical Center, Ithaca, N.Y.

1982

Daniel Berek left the regular education field, where he taught Spanish, to start a specialty in special education. Dan is currently employed at Matheny Education and Medical Center, Peapack, N.J., working as a teaching assistant for children with multiple needs, in particular cerebral palsy. Working with these wonderful and beautiful children is rewarding beyond compare; upon completing the requirements for a N.J. teacher of students with disabilities certification at Centenary College, Dan hopes to become a regular teacher at Matheny.



Daniel Berek '82 with wife Cheryl, and daughters Stephanie and Sara

1985

Jeffrey S. Berdahl, CPA, CSEP is pleased to announce the formation of Berdahl & Company, P.C., Certified Public Accountants and Consultants in Center Valley, Pa. His firm offers tax, accounting, business consulting and financial planning to small-to-medium-sized businesses and executives. Berdahl was affiliated with several local and leading accounting firms. ■ **Renée L. Rosenfeld** reports that the human



Dr. James D. Bové III '87 shaking hands with Robert Mashioff, D.O., FACOS; immediate past-president of the ACOS. Also pictured is Jerry Gaston, D.O., FACOS, PCOM chief surgical resident 1994, who was Bové's sponsor for this designation.

resources department at Holy Family University was named 2005 Greater Philadelphia/Delaware Valley HR Department of the Year in the category of employers with 500 employees or fewer. The awards program is designed to identify and recognize HR departments that have demonstrated service excellence to their organizations. Criteria for evaluation included service orientation, communication, employee relations, professional knowledge and performance. Renée is the assistant vice president for human resources at Holy Family University.

1987

At the 2005 Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Specialists, Dr. James D. Bové III received the distinction of FELLOW of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. Fellowship is awarded to those specialists who have accumulated significant experience in several categories, including academic, clinical and community service. Dr. Bové continues to practice general and thoracic surgery at The Smith Clinic, the largest multi-specialty physician group in north central Ohio.

1989

Hutchison+Mason PLLC, the preeminent law firm serving the technology community in the Southeast, is proud to announce that Allen Baum, a partner in the firm, has been named president-elect of the Licensing Executives Society (USA & Canada), Inc. (LES). LES, established in 1965, is a professional society comprised of more than 6,000 members engaged in the transfer, use, development, manufacture and marketing of intellectual

property. Baum was installed as LES' president-elect at the group's recent annual meeting in Phoenix, Ariz. ■ Paula Park is pleased to announce her new role as senior vice president in the Wachovia Tax Exempt Group. Her primary responsibility is new business development. ■ Jill L. Stetz, VMD, is pleased to announce that she commenced ownership of Narberth Animal Hospital in March 2005. Narberth Animal Hospital is a small and exotic animal hospital located on the Main Line. She has been busy improving the hospital technology as well as making many renovations and improvements. She recently relocated to Chester Springs in Chester County, where she resides with her fiancé, Joseph Lewis, and their 2 dogs, parrot and horse. ■ Michelle Gisolfi Tauber ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., on October 30, 2005. She completed the 26.2 mile race to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She's proud to report that she was the third highest fundraiser for St. Jude! Many thanks to the fellow Mules who supported her efforts for this worthy cause: Ian Tauber '89, Doug Keck '86, Jeff Lesko '89, Stacey Gilchick Codlin '90, Erik Qualben '89, John Gisolfi '85, Joyce Shirer '99, Toni Saby Schaller '93 and Arlene Gisolfi (music department.) It was the experience of a lifetime!



Michelle (Gisolfi) Tauber '89 at the Marine Corps Marathon

1993

Margie (Kotler) Hinsdale along with husband John and son Noah (almost 2) have relocated to the Princeton, N.J., area. Margie is working part

time as a physical therapist for Princeton Medical Center. ■ Michael Schram recently opened an Asian fusion restaurant called Maxxum Asian Fusion Grill, which was voted as one of the top Chinese restaurants in West Chester, Pa., in a Daily Local News dining poll.

1994

Jennifer (Fago) Gorman and her husband William were married on December 13, 2003. Bill is an associate athletic director at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass. Jen, a 1997 Northeastern University School of Law grad, has recently joined the firm of Ropes & Gray LLP in Boston, Mass., after years at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP and more recently, Regnante, Sterio & Osborne LLP. She is a corporate associate practicing in the fields of private equity and venture capital. Jen and Bill recently purchased their first home in Winthrop, Mass., and are enjoying the wonderful world of home ownership.



Kate (Manzo) '95 and Sean Reilly

1995

Kate Manzo was married on October 8, 2005, to Sean Reilly (Ursinus College, 1993).

1996

Christopher Gates received his Ph.D. from Seton Hall University and is currently an active duty army captain serving as a clinical psychologist in the 10th Sustainment Brigade of the 10th Mountain Division. He was deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in early 2006. ■ Meredith O'Gorman and Christopher Marlin were married at the Egner Memorial Chapel on November 6, 2004.

The reception was in Bethlehem, Pa. Muhlenberg alumni in attendance were Lisa Whitlock-Tigh '97, Lesley Grunbaum '97, Jennifer Blair '97, Jacquie Haag '97, Stacey Munsky-Acquaro '97, Lauren (Ralph) Munshower '96, Beth Rogers-Ho '97 and Robyn Gardner '97, who was a bridesmaid. The Marlins currently reside in Glen Ridge, N.J., with their dog, Moose. Meredith is a compensation manager at Novartis.

1997

Jeffrey Essig is currently a Field Artillery Captain serving with the Third Infantry Division in Baghdad, Iraq, looking forward to redeployment to Savannah, Ga., around the beginning of 2006.

1998

Sue Carney graduated from Penn State in August 2005 with a Ph.D. in biology. She is currently a postdoctoral scientist in the Manatee Research Program at Mote Marine Lab in Sarasota, Fla. ■ Alli (Braus) Fronzaglia now lives at 5,340 feet above sea level in sunny Boulder, Colo. Husband Gil has joined Izze Beverage Company as Executive Vice President, Operations, and Alli continues to enjoy staying home with 18-month-old daughter Isabel. Despite being welcomed to their new home by a bear, they are happily settling into the laid-back Boulder lifestyle. ■ Marcy (Emanuel) Keltai was married to her boyfriend of six years, Ken Keltai, in New City, N.Y., on October 16, 2004. Also in attendance for the celebration were fellow Muhlenberg graduates Jamie (Savino) Killeen and Julia Hensley. Marcy and Ken bought an apartment in Forest Hills, N.Y. Ken is a landscape architect, and Marcy is a senior program manager for Aon Consulting in Manhattan. ■ Kelly McCormick and Sam Horowitz were happily married on September 4,



Kelly (McCormick) '98 and Sam Horowitz

1999

Aaron "David" Kapner is performing in a production of "After the Fall" by Arthur Miller, directed by a teacher from Circle in the Square Theater School in New York City. He has also performed as a singing elf in Macy's department store's children's puppet show in their Santaland amusement section over the holidays.

2000

Erin Burke and David Boelker '99 were married on Sunday, September 4, 2005, at Central Baptist Church, Wayne, Pa. The bridal party included several Muhlenberg alumni—Best Man Mark Niemiec '99, Michelle Drucker, Drew Bitterman, Daniel Burke '01 and John Burke '99. The wedding celebration continued at the Lakeside Inn, Limerick, Pa., where many other alumni were in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Ireland and London and continues to make their home in Phoenixville, Pa. ■ After completing her Pennsylvania teaching certificate, Annie Karl now teaches fifth grade at the Julia R. Masterman School in Center City, Philadelphia. Masterman was recently listed in Philadelphia Magazine as the number one public school in the Philadelphia region. ■ In fall 2005, Michael R. Ebert published his third book, entitled "Diary Of A



Ken Keltai and Marcy Emanuel '98

2004, at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge, N.J. Alumni in attendance were: Amy (Brown) Gamarello '97, Noreen McCormack, Sue Carney and Jodie (Beaver) Lefebvre '98. Kelly is an assistant project manager for Langan Engineering and Environmental Services in Elmwood Park, N.J., and Sam is an associate vice president with Equis Corporation in Iselin, N.J. After a honeymoon in Aruba, the couple resides in Westwood, N.J. ■ Lauren Ravit is excited to announce her engagement to Denis Franceskin of Gignac, France. The couple is planning an October 2006 wedding in New York and a June 2007 wedding in France. The two met, live and work in New York City.



Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Erin Burke '00 and David Boelker '99 included: (L to R, at top) Jill Mullin '00, Sarah McMillin '00, Annie Karl '00, Aaron Dorfman '00, Julie (Goldberg) Dorfman '02, Erin Burke, David Boelker, Mark Niemiec '99, Jennifer (Dite) Weaver '99, Darren Weaver '99, Beth Mosher '00, Michelle Hansen '00, (2nd row from L) Michelle Drucker '00, Ellen Gazlay '00, Melissa Schiess '00, Kristi (Gourlay) McAleer '00, Amy (Nelson) Burke '00, JoAnn D'Orazio '00, Dan Burke '01, John Burke '99, Drew Bitterman '00, Kimberly (Titze) Briner '99, John Briner '99

(Bottom row from L) Josh Northridge '99, Tade Reen '99 and J. Patrick Boyle '99

M I N I M U L E S

1972

Vernon C. Wehrung announces the birth of his first grandchild, Jeffrey Paul Wehrung Jr., on September 25, 2004.

1989

Nancy (Bernardin) Bebel writes, "Our daughter Abigail Lynn was born on November 14, 2004. Her twin brothers Eric and Ryan, age 5, enjoy their little sister." ■ Joanne Wunderlich and David Askew are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Claire Elizabeth Askew, on June 12, 2005. Their first child, Joseph David, is 2 years old.

1990

Antonella (Masucci) Beck writes, "My husband Scott and I were blessed this year as we became proud parents to our twins, Christian James and Sydney Juliet. Christian and Sydney were born five weeks early, on May 16, 2005. However, that hasn't seemed to affect them one bit. We never imagined how much joy becoming parents could be!" ■ Dawn (Lombardy) Stoecker and Ronald Stoecker Jr. welcomed their first child, daughter Amelia Rose, on June 10, 2005.



Amelia Rose Stoecker



Nora Zekkaria

1993

Todd A. Dennys announces the birth of his second daughter, Laina Anne Dennys, on November 28, 2005. Laina weighed in at 7 lbs, 2 oz and was

20 5/8 inches long. ■ Jennifer (Von Woert) and Cuong Tran '91 proudly announce the birth of their baby girl on December 30, 2005. Isabelle Mai-Lan Tran was 6 lbs, 13 oz and 20.5 inches long. Both mom and baby are doing great.



Ashley Nicole and Devon Elise Ulmer

1995

Lisa (Diamond) Loewenstern writes, "My husband Daniel and I are pleased to announce the birth of our daughter Hannah Bethany on January 12, 2005. She joins her big sister Samantha. I am a proud stay-at-home-mom of two future Mules." ■ Shelly and Chris Ulmer are very proud to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Ashley Nicole Ulmer and Devon Elise Ulmer. Ashley and Devon were born at Lehigh Valley Hospital on August 5, 2005. The Ulmer family currently resides in Bethlehem, Pa. ■ Scharmagne and Paul Volovich are pleased to announce the arrival of their son William Thomas on November 5, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs, 2 oz.



Rylee Abel

1996

Cari Herrmann Abell and Tony Abell would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Rylee Marie. Rylee was born on May 5, 2005, at 2:29 a.m. She was 6 lbs, 12 oz and 19 inches long.

1997

On May 4, 2005, Eleanor and Gregg Bevan welcomed their first daughter, Eva Louise, to the world. ■ Dan and Courtenay (Cooper) Hall are thrilled to announce the birth of their second daughter Lauren Grace. Lauren was born on



Lindsey and Lauren Hall



Olivia Clair and Isabella Grace Panza

June 29, 2005, and joins her big sister Lindsay, who is 2. ■ Jonathan Panza writes, "Olivia Clair Panza is added to the Panza family ranks. Isabella Grace Panza, her older sister, is also pictured." (at left)

1998

Daniel and Rebekkah (Raider) Corbett are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Elsie Anna Corbett. Elsie was born July 22, 2005, in Pittsfield, Mass. She weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz and measured 19 1/2 inches.



Elsie Anna Corbett

■ Adam and Alissa (Desiderio) Heide '01 welcomed their first son, Benjamin Ronald, on September 8, 2005. Benjamin weighed 5 lbs, 10 oz and was 19.5 inches long. ■ Abby and Alan Leipsner are proud to announce the birth of their son, David Matthew, born on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 5:37 p.m. David weighed in at 7 lbs, 2.4



Kaitlyn Anne Vannelli

oz, 20 1/4 inches and is extremely handsome. ■ Patrick and Donna (Healey) Vannelli are thrilled to announce that on September 25,

2005, Kaitlyn Anne Vannelli was born. She weighed 7 lbs, 2 oz and measured 20 inches long.

1999

Joshua and Anne (Hundzinski) Scott and big brother Jonathan are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Elizabeth, on December 9, 2005.



Laura Elizabeth Scott

2000

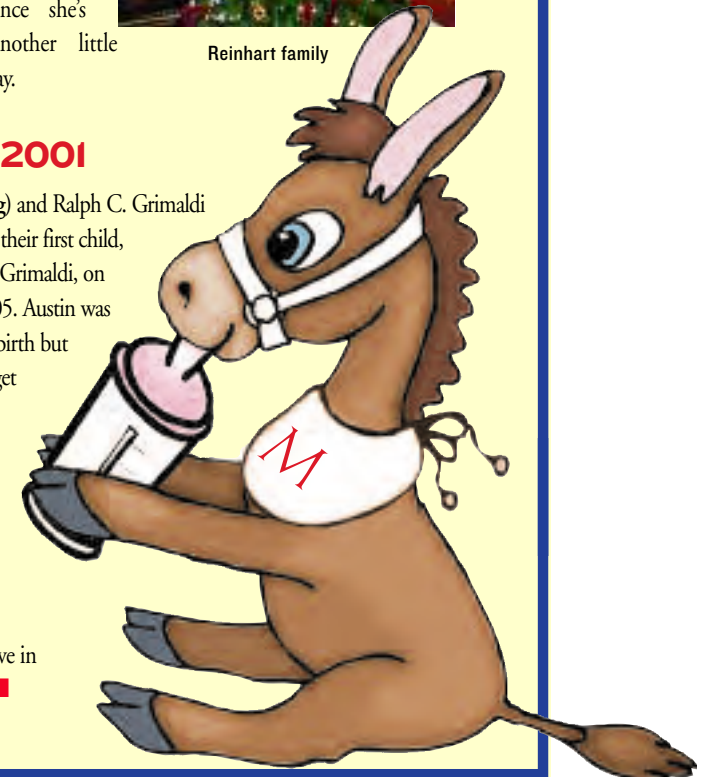
Amy and Dean Rinehart officially adopted Dylan Evans Rinehart into their family on December 27, 2005. He has been with them as a foster child since he was 3 months old. Older sister Jasen couldn't be happier, especially since she's expecting another little brother in May.



Rinehart family

2001

Rebecca (Berg) and Ralph C. Grimaldi III welcomed their first child, Austin Ralph Grimaldi, on August 3, 2005. Austin was 7 lbs, 1 oz at birth but continues to get bigger every single day. Rebecca is now staying at home with Austin. They continue to live in New Jersey. ■





Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Erica Lessig '00 and Zachary Lindon were:
Front row: Louis Lessig '93

Second row: Jennifer Mendelsohn '00, Amanda Lessig '03, Michael Weiner '67,
Dr. Harry Lessig '67 and Rachael Lessig '01

Third row: Kent Brustlin '92, Michelle (Lemech) Brustlin '93, Lisa Glatzer '00, Lauren Brief '00,
Erica (Lessig) Lindon, Zachary Lindon, Jennifer Kloin '00, Ilana Lior '03 and Jennifer Reck '00

Shy Guy." The nonfiction text is currently available via all Internet bookstores. ■ **Matthew Hittinger** has a handful of recent publications: the poem "The Fresco Worker Appears Suddenly in the Picture" appears in the anthology *Best New Poets 2005: 50 Poems from Emerging Writers*; the poem "Silkscreen: Pome in a Bowl" appears in Issue 17 of the journal *American Letters & Commentary*; and three poems, "This Is Not About Pears," "Pared & Canned," and "A Side of a Fruitbox Crate," appear in Issue 5.5 of the journal *DIAGRAM* (available on-line). Finally, the Fall/Winter issue of the journal *Meridian* will publish his poem "The Bartered Bookcase Travels Blocks." ■ **Erica Lessig** and Zachary Lindon were married on May 29, 2005, at Adeth Jeshurun synagogue in



Holly (Schwab) '02 and Chris Moraitis '00

Elkins Park, Pa. Many alumni were in attendance. Erica just completed her masters in education at DePaul University in Chicago and presently works for the Akiba Schechter Day School. The couple resides in Chicago. ■ **Jen Mendelsohn** recently switched law firms. She now is working as an associate attorney for the firm of Guston & Guston, located in Glen Rock, N.J. She practices primarily in the areas of real estate transactional law, municipal court, adoption and general litigation. Aside from practicing law, Jen started a program called "Jeans and Teens," which involves once a week



The wedding of Cheryl (Taft) '01 and Frank Reheis

discussions with eighth through 11th grade students from the Jewish community about the Jewish views on relevant teenage topics of today. She loves both jobs! ■ **Mariah J. Minges** teaches journalism and ninth-grade English at Joppatowne High School in Maryland. After being there only a year, she is the yearbook adviser, the LEO sponsor and a curriculum writer. She resides in Havre de Grace, Md., with her guinea pigs, Aggie and Lil. ■ **Chris Moraitis** and **Holly (Schwab) Moraitis '02** celebrated their first anniversary on October 30, 2005. They were married in Princeton, N.J., in front of many alumni. Those in attendance were: **Brian Bonanno '98**, **Rich Bruckner '00**, **Elise Cavanaugh '02**, **Mike DePalma '99**, **Jimmy DePreta '01**, **Ryan Fescina '99**, **Melissa Goldkopf '02**, **Tim '01** and **Tara (Smith) Haberbush '01**, **Theodore Inglesse '61**, **Dan '98** and **Stefanie Kelly '97**, **Mark Lezinski '99**, **Heather Mickey '03**, **Robert Miller '97** and **Allyson (Schwab) Miller '00**, **Mike Morris '02**, **Harra Sandrow '02**, **Rob '99** and **Jessica Schmidt '99**, **Audrey '70** and **Bill Schwab '70**, **Michael Queenan '98** and **Nicole Vartan '03**. ■ **Adam Newman** is currently a production editor at the American Institute of Physics on Long Island. On the weekend, he's a stats logger for NBC Sports looking for the most obscure stats on record to be used for the highlight show. ■ **Jane Pizzolato** graduated from Michigan State University with a Ph.D. in educational psychology. She is now an assistant professor of applied developmental psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. ■ **Chad and Erica (Pristash) Saleska** were married on July 11,

2005, in Maui. The couple resides in Henderson, N.C. ■ **Kara (Maciorowski) Weir** earned her M.B.A. in marketing from the University of Phoenix in October 2005.

2001

Christopher Hilfiger recently proposed to **Randi Korenman**. The couple will be married in June 2006. They currently reside in Baltimore, Md., where Randi is an event coordinator. ■ **Ashley Perlman** is engaged to Marty Jenoff. The couple is planning a wedding for the summer of 2006. ■ **Rachel Shapiro** just made her Chicago directing debut with The Open Door Ensemble at Northlight Theatre in Skokie, Ill. (There was an actual paycheck!) The Open Door Ensemble is comprised of senior citizens from the Chicagoland area who write and perform their own work. Rachel will also be participating in Open Door's "On the Road" series, which brings these shows to other community centers around the city. In addition, Rachel recently appeared in the "Essential Mark Twain" in Chicago, directed by Muhlenberg alum, **Ryan Gardner**. Rachel and **Chrissy (Benner) Gardner '00** sing regularly at Davenport's Cabaret, entertaining many intoxicated, yet appreciative, people nightly. **Ian Alderman '00**, Rachel's man and fellow 'Berg alum, is in the Chicago Premiere of "Maybe Baby, It's You," which has been getting rave reviews! And, yes- it is quite windy in this city at the moment. ■ **Cheryl Taft** and **Frank Reheis** were married at the Captain Linnell House in Cape Cod, Mass., in July 9, 2005. Alumni in attendance were: **Patrick Carley**, **Christine Carre**, **Andrew Cooper**, **Steve '98** and **Kristin (George) Faella**, **Kerry Lambert**, **Kelly Milo**, **Brandon Minde**, **Dan Nolan**, **Liz Pildes '03**, **Dylan Sapir**, **Chuck Tummino**, **Reina Tyson '02** and **David Wolf**.



Lisa Bottitta '02 and Scott Busfield

2002

Christina Berchock recently became engaged to Bryan Shook, who will graduate from law school in May 2006. Christina is starting a doctoral program in clinical psychology. ■ **Kathy (Tomaschko) Blachowski** was married to her boyfriend of five years, Jason Blachowski, in a beach-side ceremony in Milford, Conn., on August 20, 2005. Also in attendance for the celebration were fellow '02 Muhlenberg graduates **Erica Schmitt** (bridesmaid) and **Sam Hochberg**. Jason and Kathy moved into their



Erin Provost '02 and fiancé Jonathan Ferguson

first house a week after the wedding and currently are residing in Walworth, N.Y., with their two cats. Jason is a network administrator, and Kathy is a conservation district technician for Ontario County. They traveled to southern California for their honeymoon over the Christmas/New Year holidays. ■ **Lisa Bottitta** and **Scott Busfield** were engaged in October 2005. They are planning to marry in the summer of 2006. ■ **Ellen Bourquin** writes, "In May, I moved to New York, to become the retail business planner of shoes, at Loehmann's Corporate Office. I live just outside the city in Westchester County. For the past three years, I was living in Boston, working as a business planner for the TJX Companies, parent



Reina Tyson '02 and Dylan Sapir '01



The wedding of Kathy (Tomaschko) '02 Blachowski and Jason Blachowski

company of TJ Maxx, Marshalls and Homegoods." ■ **Carla Caggiano** recently accepted a position with Atlantic Health Systems at Morristown Memorial Hospital as a Service Coordinator. Under her new position she is working for the New Jersey Early Intervention Program serving children from birth to three years of age showing developmental delays. ■ Law firm Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP is pleased to announce that **Carissa Illig** has become an associate with the firm. ■ **Kate Laufer** is going on her fourth year living in New York City and currently works in the PR industry at Evins Communications. She is the director of media and group manager, and she handles luxury hotel clients around the world. She recently launched the Vera Wang Suite at Halekulani and frequently travels to Hawaii and London on business. ■ **Erin Provost** became engaged to Jonathan Ferguson in July 2005. Jon is from Landenberg, Pa., and is a 2001 James Madison University graduate. Both live in the Washington, D.C., area and met on a blind date. The couple is looking forward to a 2006 wedding. ■ **Meredith Rose** and **Adam Weil '01** became engaged in June 2005, and have an October 14, 2006, wedding date. ■ **Josh Sacks** is excited to have recently purchased his first home in Jersey City, N.J., and is looking forward to life out of the suburbs. He is still the director of legal services for The Glenmont Group, where he has worked since shortly after graduation. ■ On September 28, 2005, **Dylan Sapir '01** and **Reina Tyson** were engaged in Allentown, Pa. The couple recently bought a house and moved back to the Lehigh Valley. Dylan is a math teacher at Phillipsburg High School and Reina works at a medical consulting firm in Bethlehem while she finishes her paralegal certification. The couple is planning for a Summer 2007 wedding!



Dana (Arons) '03 and Andrew Lewisohn '03

2003

Dana Arons and Andrew Lewisohn recently got married, July 3, 2005, at the Madison Hotel in North Jersey. ■ Jennifer Corman got married on June 26 to a reconstructionist rabbinical student named James Greene. He is in his third year at RRC in Wyncote, Pa. Jennifer is still working at Lehigh University as the assistant lighting coordinator at the Zoellner Arts Center. They live in Lansdale with their dog, Maggie, and cat, Ella. ■ Natalie DePauli and Jon Snow '04 are engaged and have set a wedding date for May of 2007. Natalie now works at Kutztown University's Office of Institutional Research and Planning as a statistical assistant (soon to be reclassified as a research analyst) and is about to graduate from a master's program in student affairs in higher education/administration. ■ Tracy Mengel is graduating from Widener University School of Law a semester early, and was scheduled to take the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams in February. She currently works for the District Attorney's office in Lehigh County (right near good old 'Berg.) She currently does juvenile adjudications and appellate briefs and is looking for a permanent position, hopefully as an Assistant District Attorney. ■ Gavin Morris recently had two paintings accepted for a juried show at the

Quadrant Bookmart, a charming used-book store and coffee house at 20 N. 3rd St., Easton. Gavin also has three paintings hanging in The Farmhouse Restaurant, in Emmaus. Gavin is a member of ACE, the Arts Community of Easton (www.eastonart.net). There is a link from their website to Gavin's page, where a few of his paintings can be viewed. ■ Justin Rubenstein is currently enrolled at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in the school psychology program. ■ Paula Weinberger recently became engaged to her boyfriend of over a year. They are planning a spring 2007 wedding.

2004

Joe Getz and Lindsey Aspinall were engaged on Lindsey's 24th birthday, December 30, 2005. Lindsey is the senior associate editor at a publication in Fort Washington, Pa., and Joe works as an independent contractor. A spring



Lindsey Aspinall '04 and Joe Getz '04

2007 wedding is planned. ■ Lindsey (Moore) Knepp and Ryan Knepp '03 were married on June 5, 2004 in the Chapel at Muhlenberg. Lindsey is currently the assistant director of community service at Muhlenberg College. ■ After dating for five years, Jennifer Pieczynski and Christopher Brown '03 are engaged and planning a wedding for November 2006. Jennifer works in New Hope Solebury School District, teaching kindergarten, and Christopher works in Pennridge School District, teaching fourth grade and coaching football.



Alumni at the wedding of Jennifer (Corman) '03 and James Greene



Lindsey (Moore) Knepp '04 and Ryan Knepp '03

2005

Meghan Horner accepted a position in the New York City office of TransPerfect Translations, one of the largest translation, interpretation and language services companies in the world. She works as a project manager in the interpretation and media services department. ■ Jenny Peters will be performing in the national tour of "42nd Street" with Big League Theatricals from August 2005 thru May 2006. She is a singer/dancer in the ensemble and is also understudying the lead role. Go to www.ticketmaster.com for dates and venues. ■ Joshua Rittenberg became engaged to Emily J. Rosen on December 22, 2005. The wedding is tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2006, in Rochester, N.Y. ■ Marc Rogol recently accepted a position as production stage manager for George St. Playhouse. Marc is the production stage manager for the Playhouse's Educational Touring Theatre Company, providing theatrical presentations to local elementary and middle school students throughout the state of New Jersey. Marc will also be working with George St. Playhouse on their mainstage production of "Inspecting Carol" for the winter season as an electric's apprentice. ■ On October 10, 2005, Mike Schlossberg '05 and Rebecca Ehrlich '06 became engaged. They will be married in October 2007, in upstate New York. Mike is now working towards master's degree in political science at Lehigh, and Rebecca started her master's degree in theology at La Salle University in Philadelphia in January. ■ Shannon Solheim recently accepted a position at CNN as the team assistant for the advertising sales department. CNN is located in the new Time Warner Building in Columbus Circle, NYC. ■

IN MEMORIAM

- 1937 Dr. George S. Boyer died on November 15, 2005. He is survived by: his wife, Betty M. (Deibert) Boyer; and his daughters, Susan E. Kretz, Wendy J. Seier and Nanette G. Nevis.
- 1938 William F. S. Fluck died on August 18, 2005.
- 1940 Ralph Frederick Wetmore died of kidney failure on October 24, 2005. He is survived by: his wife of 63 years, Freda Christine (Buffington) Wetmore; a daughter, Wendy J. Fendt; and son, Ralph F. Wetmore.
- 1941 Dr. Donald Evans died on October 23, 2005. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mora, and two sons, Donald and James Evans.
- Marvin A. Shaffer died on November 30, 2005. He is survived by: his wife, Ann (Smith) Shaffer; daughter, Ruth Vargo; and son, Jack.
- 1942 John W. Schmitthener died on September 2, 2005. He is survived by: his wife, Jessie.
- 1943 Cleve L. Kennedy died on November 27, 2005. He is survived by: his wife, Beverly Otey Kennedy; and children David L. Kennedy and Judith A. Hallman.
- 1944 Frederick M. Hassold died on December 10, 2005. He is survived by: his wife, Janet; daughter, Caral Reed; and a son, Rick.
- 1947 Ocsar R. Baldwin died October 31, 2005, in his home. He was predeceased by his wife, Adele (Fegley) Baldwin. He is survived by: two daughters, Wanda Jo Frace and Pamla Jeanne Baldwin Smith.
- David W. Lukens died on June 15, 2005.
- 1949 Dr. Seymour Guyer died on November 2, 2005, of heart failure. He is survived by: his wife, Charlene Guyer; daughters Stephanie Tessler and Denise Guyer; and a son, Steve.
- William F. Hrisko died on December 17, 2005.
- 1950 William K. Douthit died on July 27, 2005.
- John C. Kuss died November 15, 2005. He is survived by: his wife of 50 years, Jeanne (Cottrell) Kuss; and children Susan Humphrey, Jody Kuss, Katie Kuss, John Kuss and Jamie Cissel.
- Ralph E. Wallace died on October 30, 2005. He is survived by: his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Jane Poffenberger Wallace; his two daughters, Barbara Pottorff and Mona Harding; and his two sons, Daniel and Andrew Wallace.
- Peter Wyckoff died on June 24, 2004.
- 1951 Dr. Kenneth C. Back died on November 6, 2005.
- 1952 H. Thomas Lewis died on June 25, 2005.
- 1953 Robert R. Black died on April 29, 2005. He is survived by: his wife, Virginia, and sons, Robert and William.
- 1955 The Rev. Dr. John Adam died on October 27, 2005. He was a Life Trustee at the College. He is survived by: his wife of 47 years, Dorothy, and his two sons, Paul Michael Adam and Stephen Robert Adam.
- Carl B. Trollinger died on November 19, 2005. He is survived by: his sons, Steven and David. His wife, Ruth, predeceased him.
- 1957 Jack E. Swartz died on November 2, 2005. He is survived by: his wife, Jean; and sons JoDell (Rick) Perthel and John.
- 1967 Kathleen Wangerien died on October 9, 2005. She is survived by: her husband of 38 years, Rodger Wangerien; a son, Brian Wangerien; and a daughter, Carole Pritchard.
- 1983 Marc P. Sire died on November 1, 2005.
- 1984 Sylvia L. Weisbrod died on March 27, 2005.
- 1996 Theodore J. Allard died on March 14, 2005.
- 1999 Adam Matyseck died on December 14, 2005.

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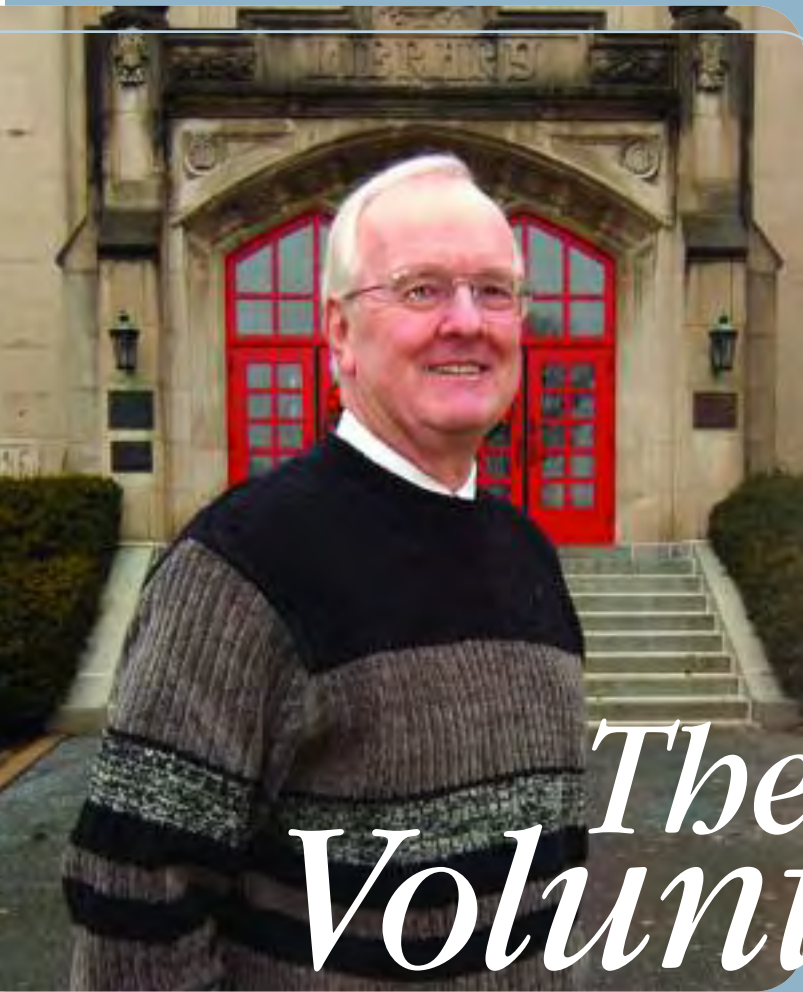
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The Unsung Hero.



The Volunteer.

Lee Kreidler is a member of Muhlenberg's Class of 1959. He has not forgotten the College he called home for four years or the classmates he graduated with almost 50 years ago. Lee has remained connected to 'Berg by volunteering in the Muhlenberg Fund Office as a Class Fund Chair. Going above and beyond the position's duties, Lee has written letters to his classmates that not only emphasize the need for support, but also direct information to suit the activities, lifestyles, and personalities of all 1959 graduates.

Realizing that about 75% of the class live more than 50 miles from campus, I have tried to reconnect my classmates with each other and with the Muhlenberg campus. It has required a considerable time commitment, but it has also been very energizing and rewarding.

Over the years and across the miles, Lee's emphasis on providing information that is pertinent to 1959 graduates has resulted in numerous re-acquaintances and a well-informed class that has increased their Annual Fund participation 20% over the past four years.

To the credit of my classmates, they have responded far beyond expectations in support of the College.

Lee is one example of an alumnus who supports Muhlenberg with his initiative, dedication, monetary commitments and time.

I support Muhlenberg based on the premise that my contributions assist today's students who may not otherwise have been able to attend the College. Serving as a Class Fund Chair is one small way of supporting Muhlenberg and today's students.

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