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ONCE TO EVERY GENERATION



My father once told me that he looked at life as a string of beads: each generation is responsible for making sure that its contribution to the strand should be as perfect and beautiful as we can make it. I don't remember what prompted this offering of paternal wisdom, but I'm sure he was trying to persuade me

not to do something that fell short of Helm standards, such as picking up a date without wearing a jacket and tie or heading off to Haight-Ashbury for the "Summer of Love."

Though I've forgotten the precise context, I've never forgotten the metaphor and its lesson: each of us will be judged by future generations in comparison with those who have gone before us as well as those who come after. How we behave (or misbehave), whether we are kind and generous, however much we try to make the world better, we will be adding our bead to the string. Inevitably we will be judged – and remembered – on the basis of what we do. This is, quite simply, the stuff of history.

My father's world was defined, with two exceptions, by Louisville, Kentucky, where he was born, raised and reared a family. The exceptions were his college, Washington and Lee, where he spent four happy years, and Boston, where he was posted during World War II. He adored his alma mater and his eyes would fill with tears when looking at pictures of the campus. When he died almost three years ago, this member of "The Greatest Generation" was honored and remembered in Louisville as someone who had made a difference as a volunteer, leader and contributor to many institutions: our church, a nursing home, a local school, Recording for the Blind, the legal community. He was also remembered at his alma mater, where he had established a planned gift to fund a scholarship.

If you are reading this essay (and I am pleasantly surprised by the number of people who tell me they do read my contributions to the magazine), it is probable that Muhlenberg College is or was part of your life in some significant way. Most of the people I talk with in the course of each year – alumni, current students, parents of students or graduates, staff, faculty – tell me that Muhlenberg has been an important, positive force in their lives. The enduring friendships, the intellectual habits and the values that define them were powerfully shaped by their experiences here.

I'm delighted to hear this, of course, but I take no credit for it. Past generations have created the extraordinary institution that Muhlenberg has become. Their support constructed the buildings that grace our beautiful campus; their gifts created the endowment that underwrites, to some extent, the student scholarships we offer and the faculty/staff salaries we provide. Past generations of the Muhlenberg family accomplished this despite the Civil War, two World Wars, the Great Depression and countless other social and economic upheavals. They accomplished it not because they had more leisure and more wealth than we do, but because they shared a vision of what Muhlenberg could become and because they were driven by the conviction that a liberal arts education is not a private luxury but a public necessity. They knew that if they did not sacrifice their time, energies and resources to move this College forward, it would inevitably fall behind.

Now it is our turn. As I write this, our society enjoys more wealth and a higher standard of living than ever before. Even the "poorest" members of the Muhlenberg family take for granted comforts that my father's generation would have considered positively sybaritic. Muhlenberg, for its part, has never been stronger. But complacency can be a trap. The future for higher education has, in fact, seldom been more perilous:

- The number of 18-year olds will decline by more than 10% over the next decade; the number of potential applicants whose families can pay full

freight for a private liberal arts education will decline by more than 17%. Muhlenberg's budget is tuition-driven: more than 86% of our annual budget depends on student charges. In the years to come we will have to compete much, much harder for the best students, and that means we will have to offer more financial aid, state-of-the-art facilities and an even stronger academic and co-curricular experience.

- The cost of technology, library acquisitions and energy continues to rise much faster than inflation. (In Pennsylvania, deregulation is scheduled to increase our energy costs by a shocking 40% in 2010!) We cannot meet these costs simply by increasing student charges if Muhlenberg is to remain accessible and affordable to deserving students from diverse economic backgrounds.
- Muhlenberg is competing for the best students and faculty against much better funded competition. Because we are committed to fiscal restraint, our key benchmark institutions charge an average of \$4,000 more per student than Muhlenberg. Their average endowment per student is triple ours. Our faculty and staff are already working harder and smarter than the competition – but we need to close this gap if Muhlenberg is to retain its place among the best.

For those of us who are committed to leaving Muhlenberg stronger, better, more diverse, more accessible and more nationally respected than we found it, the stark truth is that we need significantly more money than we can get by raising tuition. Muhlenberg's distinction is inevitably and inextricably bound to the philanthropic support of those who care about its future, and that brings me back to the point of this essay: what will we do now that it is our turn to step up to the plate?

This April we launched the most ambitious fundraising campaign in our College's history. The goal is over \$100 million, and we must secure at least this much in commitments by June 30, 2010. The priorities are endowed financial aid, faculty development, library support and campus improvements. We are off to a strong start with the completion of the new Brueckner Wing of the Life Sports Center, the new and renovated science facilities, an expanded student union and new residence halls. But there is more work to be done. Much more. At stake is the continued momentum of an institution that has, against all odds, moved upwards in the ranks of national liberal arts colleges like a rocket.

Success will ensure that every Muhlenberg degree appreciates in value. Failure is unthinkable. The Campaign is called "The Talents Entrusted to Our Care" because it is our responsibility to steward this marvelous institution that previous generations have created. It is our responsibility to leave it better than we found it. When history records this moment and this bead is added to the strand, we must ensure that it gleams with a brilliance that outshines all the others. This is our task. I ask you to reflect on what Muhlenberg has meant in your life: the professors who challenged you, the teammates who supported you, the coach who inspired you, the classmates and fellow performers who helped you discover yourself and your talents. I ask you to consider how important it is for future generations to have these experiences. And I ask you to join me in bringing this future to fruition.

Peyton R. Helm
President, Muhlenberg College

Door to DOOR

NEWS FROM
MUHLENBERG
COLLEGE

Dunham Wins 2008 Beckenbach Book Prize

Dr. William Dunham, Koehler Professor of Mathematics, was named the recipient of the 2008 Beckenbach Book Prize by the Mathematics Association of America for his work *Euler: The Master of Us All*.

The Beckenbach Book Prize is presented to an author of a distinguished, innovative book published by the MAA. Established in 1986, the prestigious Beckenbach Book Prize was named for the

well known mathematician Edwin Beckenbach and replaced the MAA Book Prize, created in 1982. The Beckenbach is not awarded on a regularly scheduled basis, but instead only awarded when a book is deemed exceptional by the MAA.

Dunham's *Euler: The Master of Us All* chronicles the prolific mathematician Leonhard Euler and his innovative and influential work in mathematics. Dunham's chapters highlight the groundbreaking contributions Euler had on eight different fields of math. Dunham's work also includes knowledge prior to Euler's work and the lasting influence Euler had on the mathematics field and subsequent mathematicians.

Described as "entertaining, accessible and clear" Dunham's book was awarded as much for his presentation and writing style as the biographical and historical content.



Upon learning of the recognition, Dunham called the award a "career highlight." In addition to writing *Euler: The Master of Us All*, Dunham has authored four other books, including *The Mathematical Universe*, which received the Association of American Publishers' 1994 Best Mathematics Book award. He has also received the MAA's George Poyla Award (1992), the Trevor Evans Award (1997), and Lester R. Ford Award (2006) for expository writing.

Dunham holds a B.S. and M.S. from the University of Pittsburgh and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Next year, he will spend one semester teaching at Cambridge University and the other teaching at Harvard. ■

Helm Elected to NAICU Board of Trustees

President Randy Helm has been elected to sit on the board of trustees for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He was formally ratified on February 6 by the NAICU membership during their annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Helm will serve a three-year term for the NAICU, which acts as the leading national representative for private higher education. It serves to unify nearly 1,000 independent

college and university presidents, as well as executives from specialized, state and regional associations.

"Dr. Peyton R. Helm was selected by his peers because of his expertise in the field, proven leadership and commitment to America's college students," said NAICU President David L. Warren. "He assumes his responsibilities at a time of great challenge and transformation for American higher education."

While on the board, Helm will

help the NAICU establish its agenda on federal higher education policy. He will also help oversee the financial administration and actively promote various NAICU-sponsored priorities and initiatives.

NAICU's president David L. Warren listed "federal budget deficit, growing student financial need, increasingly competitive global economy and today's culture of accountability" as key issues Helm will face during his time on the NAICU board. ■

FACULTY MEMBERS AWARDED TENURE

The College's Board of Trustees approved the following faculty promotion and tenure awards:

- **Dr. Clif Kussmaul** has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of computer science. Kussmaul earned his B.A. and B.S. from Swarthmore College, his M.A. and M.S. from Dartmouth College and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis. Along with his duties as associate professor, Kussmaul is also the chief technology officer and principal consultant for Elegance Technologies.
- **Dr. Paul Meier** has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of biology. Meier earned his B.A. from SUNY at Oswego and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Ohio University. Meier's research work includes studying the social and genetic structure of vertebrate populations.
- **Dr. Mark Stein** has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of history. Stein received his B.A. in history and a certificate in Asian studies from Northwestern University. He went on to get his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Stein's historical training came through focusing on the social and economic history of the Ottoman Empire, a topic he continues to explore in his current research. ■

College Names Wilson, Sherk Recipients of Faculty Research Awards

The College has announced the recipients of the Class of 1932 Research Professorship and the Donald B. Hoffman Research Fellowship.

The Class of 1932 Research Professorship has been awarded to Dr. Daniel Wilson, professor of history. This professorship allows for a year to pursue full-time research. Previous historical research by Wilson includes studies in the history of American philosophy and, more recently, a cultural study of America's polio epidemics.

Wilson graduated with a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater before attending Johns Hopkins, where he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. He has been a faculty member at Muhlenberg since 1978.

The Donald B. Hoffman Research Fellowship award recipient this year is Dr. Scott Sherk, professor of art. This fellowship award is given to encourage scholarship, research or creative activity that results in publication, performance or exhibition.

Sherk received the Class of 1932 Research Professorship in 1996-1997 and previously won the Hoffman Fellowship for 1992-1993. A sculptor, Sherk has had work exhibited in New York, Philadelphia, California and Alberta, Canada.

Sherk earned his B.A. in fine arts from Haverford College, his M.F.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and spent time at the New York Studio School of Painting, Drawing and Sculpture. He has been a member of the Muhlenberg faculty since 1985. ■



Dr. Daniel Wilson



Dr. Scott Sherk

College Mourns the Loss of Ed Robertson '42

Edward Hamilton Robertson '42, a Life Trustee of the College, formerly of Flossmoor, Ill., and a 26-year resident of Winter Park, Fla., died on December 5, 2007, his 87th birthday.

He is survived by his wife, Lois, with whom he shared their 60th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2007; his nephew, John Thompson (Karen), of Seffner, Fla; two grandnieces, Dayna and Leigh; Dayna's child, Maggie; a brother-in-law, Reinald McCrum (Dory), of Allison Park, Pa.; a niece, Marti; a nephew, Scott; and Scott's children, Robert, Kelly and Bridget. Robertson also leaves behind scores of friends, neighbors and former students and colleagues.

Robertson Hall, a dormitory that opened in 2002, was funded by a gift to the College from the Robertsons.

Robertson served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps in Oran, Algeria, during WWII. Following the war, in 1948, he graduated with an M.B.A. from Columbia University.

He joined the accounting firm of Price Waterhouse in September 1947, and retired from the firm in 1981.



Robertson Hall

Moving to Winter Park that same year, he became an instructor for the School of Accounting at the University of Central Florida, a position he held until 1997.

The Robertsons were involved in many charitable



Edward Hamilton Robertson

capacities over the years and were particularly known for their love of music and education. Together they founded the Lois and Edward Robertson Foundation, which provided a scholarship to a graduating senior from Winter Park High School who planned to major in the performing arts.

Robertson was a member of the Illinois Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the American Institute of CPAs; and the Florida Institute of CPAs. In addition, he was a member of the Citrus Club of Orlando, the Mid America Club of Chicago, the Flossmoor Community Church, Flossmoor, Ill., and the Winter Park Presbyterian Church. ■

06-07 PHILANTHROPY REPORT CORRECTIONS

Muhlenberg College regrets that the following donors and volunteers were omitted or listed incorrectly in the 2006-07 Philanthropy Report.

Michele Moser Deegan was listed in the "Friends" section, but not the "Faculty and Staff" section.

Lona M. Farr '62, P'94 was listed incorrectly without her parent year.

The David M. Friedman Memorial Scholarship in Film Studies should have been listed in the "Endowed

Funds" section.

Arlene Gisolfi P'85,'89 was listed incorrectly with only one parent year.

Robert E. Mentzer '34 was listed incorrectly under the Class of 1935.

Tilghman H. Moyer IV was listed incorrectly without his wife, **Kimberly H. Moyer**.

Kimberly Missmer Policarpo '95 was listed incorrectly under the Class of 1996.

Suzanne Altman Offit '84 was listed

incorrectly without her husband, **Andrew S. Offit**.

Jill M. Poretta '93 and **Michelle DiMatties '93** should have been listed in the "Alumni Couples" section.

Lorraine B. Schuette was listed in the "Friends" section, but not the "Faculty and Staff" section.

Jeanne Sharp Wells should have been listed in the Century Club group of the "Friends" section. ■

Mike Barclay '94 invents "Burp Armor"

After struggling with messy feedings and burpings, Kristin and Mike Barclay '94 decided to take action – to create a superior burp-cloth that is both parent-friendly AND earth-friendly. Burp Armor is "Organic by Nature and Cool by Design."

"The idea came to me one very late night after an especially 'soggy' feeding with my newborn son," says Mike. "I knew I wasn't the only parent who could use a more comfortable, durable and practical burp cloth. The very next morning, I started sketching our ideas."

Burp Armor is kidney shaped and completely covers the shoulder and upper arm. It is constructed with two layers of hemp/organic cotton fleece and a layer of hemp/organic cotton corduroy for stay-put traction. All materials are organic, the packaging is recyclable, and the inks are soy-based.

Additionally, the Barclays are donating 5% of each sale to Children's Hospital in Boston.

"In many ways, while my time at Muhlenberg gave me a great education, it gave me an even better education for life and not being afraid to take risks," says Mike. "Burp Armor is a huge risk, but it is one we think is really worth it."

For more information about Burp Armor, contact 1-888-280-BURP or visit www.burparmor.com. ■

MUHLENBERG Summer Music Theatre

Summer Theatre Schedule Announced

The Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre Festival, now entering its 28th award-winning season, has announced its mainstage productions for 2008. For ticket information, please contact the box office at 484-664-3333.

June 11-29

The opening musical will be *Kiss Me, Kate*, with lyrics and music by Cole Porter and book by Bella and Sam Spewack; and orchestrations by Robert Russell Bennett. Inspired by Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, Cole Porter's *Kiss Me, Kate* is a boisterous blend of romance, comedy, music and dance that exposes the hilarity and the wisdom in resolving the battle of the sexes both on stage and backstage. Muhlenberg will produce Broadway's original 1948 Broadway version of *Kiss Me, Kate*.

July 9-27

The second musical will be *The Who's Tommy*, classic '60s rock opera with music and lyrics by Pete Townshend; book by Pete Townshend and Des McAnuff; and additional music and lyrics by John Entwistle and Keith Moon. *Tommy* is an exhilarating rock musical about family, redemption and forgiveness that takes a young boy on an amazing journey from pain to triumph. ■



Max Maven

Ten Years of Magic at Muhlenberg

In March, the College celebrated 10 years of magic with the return of The Theory and Art of Magic. Muhlenberg continued the tradition of its nationally recognized, award-winning program with special guests and events to mark its 10th anniversary.

Muhlenberg's own Dr. Lawrence Hass, a magician and professor of philosophy, created The Theory and Art of Magic pro-

gram, which is the first on-going academic symposium of magical arts. The series uses appearances from world-class magicians and theorists to perform, teach and lecture about magic as a performing art and as an important human experience. In addition to astonishing live performances, magicians appeared in workshops and classrooms to present the scholarly and philosophical side of magic.

The Theory and Art of Magic has always featured some of the finest performers and teachers of magic in the world. This spring, featured guests included Eugene Burger, Max Maven, William Kalush and Dr. Hass.

On March 26, David Blaine surprised audience members at Kalush's lecture on Houdini and participated in a question and answer session. ■



Larry Hass, David Blaine and William Kalush

Playing the 'Match' Game

by Erin E. Cooney
Donor Relations Manager

Thousands of companies and corporate foundations match gifts to non-profit institutions such as Muhlenberg. Matched gifts are a very important source of support for the College and can double or even triple the impact your gift has on the campus community. The following feature illustrates just how dedicated Muhlenberg alumni, parents and friends are to promoting and even establishing this type of program.

Joan Triano

When Muhlenberg Trustee Joan Triano '81, started her new position as director of commercial planning and marketing at Intrta, she immediately sensed she had joined a company that set high expectations for their employees and offered generous benefits in return. In addition to the standard medical and life insurance programs, the shipping technology company promotes a culture of philanthropy among its workers through the Intrta Community Action Fund (ICAF). Triano was pleased to discover annual ICAF sponsored projects such as food drives, blood drives, toy banks and other community initiatives.

However, she was surprised to learn of a very important benefit her employer was lacking – a matching gift program.

Once Triano realized Intrta did not have such a program in place, her mission was clear. Creating a matching gift program would help to support one of her most passionate priorities – giving back to Muhlenberg. Triano also wanted to “inspire colleagues to do something above and beyond our day-to-day business.” So she contacted the new director of human resources with her idea and was met with positive feedback. If she would do the research and prepare a proposal, they would consider it.

Triano explains her objective, “The program gives employees the opportunity to have philanthropic donations to eligible organizations and institutions matched. The rewards are infinite. The entire campus community at Muhlenberg benefits from both the generosity of the donor and the matched gift. The company benefits from the cultivation of a relationship with Muhlenberg, as well as the publicity generated through word-of-mouth communication and listings in College publications.”

Triano joined forces with Deb Kipp, assistant vice president for corporation, foundation and government relations at Muhlenberg, who agreed to work with her on the project. Kipp and Triano completed some benchmark research of peer institutions and corporations with plans already in

place, and, slowly but surely, a framework took shape. Kipp was glad to be a part of the process and “proud to have members of the Muhlenberg family working hard to pioneer such programs in celebration and promotion of charitable giving not only to Muhlenberg, but other non-profits as well.”

Triano's hard work paid off when Intrta's chief executive officer appeared at her office door one day in January. “He extended his hand and said, ‘Congratulations... your program has been approved,’” she recalls. She later learned from the director of human resources that the upper management team assembled to consider her proposal was so pleased with the idea that they interrupted the presentation after only two sentences and said, “Done.”

Reminiscing about her time at Muhlenberg, Triano reflects on the motivation for her involvement in such philanthropic initiatives, “I formed friendships that have lasted longer than I ever imagined. Every time I reconnect with a classmate or meet a new friend from Muhlenberg, I'm reminded of these bonds.” She encourages others to look for new and creative ways to give back to the College. “Think with an open mind and push forward any thoughts – even the seed of an idea. You'll be amazed where it takes you!”

Susan Eisenhauer

Deloitte, one of the “big four” accounting and financial advisory firms worldwide, has had a matching gift program



in place for years. And in New York City, someone is making sure her fellow employees and Muhlenberg alumni know about it! Susan Eisenhauer '77, a director within Deloitte Tax LLP, took the initiative to champion the matching gift program and further promote an already solid relationship between Deloitte

and Muhlenberg.

Eisenhauer has found that building a rapport with Deloitte's college recruiter is a great way to reach out to the

newest bunch of Muhlenberg hires. “It really is a simple concept. We develop a good name with the College in order to attract the best and the brightest, and I encourage alumni to take advantage of our matching gift program in support of Muhlenberg. I’m grateful for the opportunity to step up and take a role in making that connection for both institutions,” Eisenhauer says.

Updates about current recruiting efforts at Muhlenberg have proved an effective way for Eisenhauer to engage alumni at the company. She also finds time once or twice a year to make phone calls and send e-mails to remind her colleagues of the benefits of matched gifts. But with more than 50 Muhlenberg alumni currently employed at Deloitte, and nearly 8 to 10 Muhlenberg graduates hired annually, Eisenhauer has her work cut out for her. Fortunately, “the majority of Deloitte’s Muhlenberg alumni are centered in Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York, so proximity and word-of-mouth networking tends to help. They see each other often and are able to continue promoting the program among themselves,” Eisenhauer explains.

Eisenhauer’s efforts are certainly paying off, and Muhlenberg is grateful. As the College begins a new round of renovations to Seegers Union, one project’s funding can be directly attributed to the generosity of alumni donors and their matched gifts from the Deloitte Foundation. At the recommendation of Paula Irwin, professor and coordinator of Muhlenberg’s accounting program, Eisenhauer began soliciting gifts for a named space in the newly planned, expanded Career Center.

Over half of the employee money has been raised for the “Deloitte Foundation Interview Room,” which is being matched by the Deloitte Foundation. Although the Deloitte Foundation also matches gifts to The Muhlenberg Fund, this idea generated a lot of excitement, especially among young alumni, several of whom have agreed to help Eisenhauer reach out to fellow alumni. They feel that this naming opportunity will provide a concrete and lasting reminder of the connection between Deloitte and Muhlenberg and will be visible to all students using the Career Center.

However easy it can be to overlook or forget this benefit, Eisenhauer advises other Muhlenberg alumni to look into matching programs at their companies and provide a leadership role in encouraging other alumni to participate. When asked what makes her feel so strongly about her philanthropic support of Muhlenberg, Eisenhauer’s answer

“Where Credit is Due”

Kristin Wannisky ’91 and PA’s EITC

Through her responsibilities as assistant vice president at Embassy Bank in Allentown, Pa., Kristin Wannisky ’91 discovered an interesting concept – the Educational Improvement Tax Credit, or EITC. According to Pennsylvania’s Department of Community and Economic Development website, www.newpa.com, the program offers eligible businesses the opportunity to contribute gifts to a scholarship or educational improvement organization in the community in return for up to a 75 percent tax break with a one-year enrollment or up to 90 percent for a two-year enrollment.

Wannisky scanned the directory of approved non-profit institutions and was overjoyed to see a very familiar name, Muhlenberg College, on the list. She immediately got in touch with Deb Kipp, assistant vice president for corporation, foundation and government relations, to search for a program in tune with the bank’s mission “to serve the people of the Lehigh Valley with a focus on the future of the community through need-based outreach for at-risk children.”

Kipp suggested Camp Imagine!, a four-week, Muhlenberg-based summer camp that enrolls inner city children from the Allentown school district in a curriculum that fosters flexible ways of thinking; strengthens academic performance in reading, writing, speaking and listening; and improves interpersonal and conflict resolution skills. Thanks to Wannisky’s hard work and suggestion, the connection was made, and Embassy Bank’s Board of Directors decided to give this year’s contribution to Muhlenberg’s Camp Imagine! program.



was two-fold. “I loved my years at Muhlenberg – they were such an important time in my life. But on the other hand it was truly something instilled in me from a very young age. My family taught me that when one is lucky enough to benefit from an experience like attending Muhlenberg, the responsible thing to do is to give back and ensure that others can enjoy the same benefits in the future.” ■

Make the connection for your employer today!

For more information on Muhlenberg’s matching gift program, please contact Kim Anderson, Director of The Muhlenberg Fund, by phone at 484-664-3219 or by e-mail at anderson@muhlenberg.edu.

Alumni NEWS

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Save the Date!
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Mark your calendars now
for September 26-28!
Enjoy an exciting autumn weekend
on campus. Numerous events
are planned, including plenty
of mini-mule activities and the
Classes of 1998 and 2003 Reunions.
Don't miss this opportunity to
reconnect with friends, classmates,
faculty and staff.

Learning Together

By Louis R. Lessig '93



How many times have you received this magazine from Muhlenberg and opened it from the back? It is the first thing many of us do, checking out our Class Notes section for people we know. Obviously, if anyone really sat down and thought about it, whether the Class Notes are in front or back makes no difference because wherever they are located, that is still the first place many look when this publication arrives.

It is amazing to me to take a few moments and look beyond my own Class Notes to see what other alumni have done. I find myself in awe of what some of our fellow alumni have achieved. Success has so many definitions, and it is all about perspective. To some it is having a wonderful family. To others it is pursuing a dream. Sometimes it is just being in the right place at the right time.

One way to see what others have done is to take a look on myMuhlenberg.com and read about our Alumni Achievement Award winners. Each one is amazing in his or her own right. Each has done things that should make every alumni of Muhlenberg proud to be a part of this community.

A wonderful part of working for all of you is learning about all of your amazing stories, and these awards winners are no exception. We'd like to hear more. In fact, I am sure that there are wonderful, amazing and interesting things being done by alumni around the world as you sit at home and read this article. Just in case you were not sure, these awards are reviewed and considered very seriously by your Alumni Board and specifically by the Alumni Achievement Awards committee. However, we can only review and consider the individuals that we learn about from alumni as well as from the College and its larger community. Do you know someone who is worthy of consideration for one of the prestigious awards that the Alumni Association gives out each year?

Perhaps you know a more seasoned alumni who would be a fantastic choice for Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award, or you have friend who has done a truly stellar job on a project that is worthy of the Alumni Service to the College Award. I would think that you may even know someone who you think probably bleeds cardinal and grey, who should be considered for the Alumni Leadership Award. In the event that no one you can think of fits into one of these categories, you may know a young alumni, who has done some outstanding work and should be recognized with the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. At this point I am sure you are thinking of people that you know, but don't leave out those who have supported our alma mater and yet are not alumni, because they too have a place with us as we honor them with the award for Service to the College by a Friend.

The next time you think of anyone who should be considered for these awards, I encourage you to send their names in so they can be considered for recognition by your Alumni Association. If you want to learn more about our past award recipients feel free to check out myMuhlenberg.com, Alumni Association link.

Finally, I just want you all to know how hard your Alumni Board is working for you. In the coming months you will be hearing about new initiatives, new successes and how we look forward to engaging you in the months and years to come. ■



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Office of Alumni Relations, in partnership with the Regional Alumni Support Team, congratulates Marlene Galzin '67 for her winning entry in the Muhlenberg Cares T-shirt design contest!

Marlene's design was selected out of a handful of entries by the Regional Alumni Support Team and appeared on the front of the Muhlenberg Cares T-shirts, worn by 'Berg alumni from regions around the United States volunteering for Muhlenberg Cares events during the month of April.

Muhlenberg Cares is an annual program in which alumni throughout the country perform community service in their cities and towns. 14 Muhlenberg Cares events were planned throughout April in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago and more! ■

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REUNION 2008



Muhlenberg is Rolling Out the Red Carpet for the Reunion Classes of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988 and 1993. So gather your friends, family and classmates and come back to 'Berg to walk the red carpet June 6-8, 2008. Traci Falco '92 gives the schedule of activities two thumbs up: "It promises to be an action-packed weekend with the best alumni around!"

Volunteers from each class are hard at work organizing weekend activities and reaching out to fellow classmates. Visit www.myMuhlenberg.com/reunion2008 for schedule, accommodation and Reunion Challenge information, as well as individual class Web

pages. This award-winning weekend will be a sell-out, so be sure to register early!

The action-packed schedule includes the annual Alumni Achievement Awards Luncheon, a Star-Studded State of the College Address, individual class events and much more! Additionally, alumni in Reunion classes can take advantage of some new programming this year including

affinity events for former athletes, members of Greek Life, science and theatre majors and even baseball fanatics interested in Allentown's new AAA baseball team, the IronPigs. Also, be sure to visit myMuhlenberg.com for information on child care services.



Celebrating 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 in honoring this year's Alumni Achievement Award winners at the Alumni Achievement Awards Luncheon Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

This year's winners are:

Priscilla Schlenker Kinney '64
Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award

Nancy Thornberry '79
Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award

Melanie Mason '83
Alumni Service to the College

Patti Mittleman
Service to the College by a Friend

Diane Mammon '88
Alumni Leadership

Christina Coviello '02
Young Alumni Recognition Award

Heritage Reunion

Reconnect with fellow Muhlenberg graduates of more than 50 years as they return to campus. Welcome the Class of 1958 to the Heritage Reunion group with a special pinning ceremony followed by a week-end of Reunion programming. If you graduated prior to 1958, you don't want to miss out on this opportunity to return to campus!



Schedule of Events

Friday, June 6, 2008

- All-Access Campus Tours
- Reunion Premiere Dinner
- Honoring Our Legacy: Class of 1958 and Heritage Reunion Reception
- Class of 1993: Welcome Wine and Cheese
- After Party: Coffee and Dessert Bar

Saturday, June 7, 2008

- Action Packed Bird Watching Expedition
- Celebrating the *Circle of 1848* Recognition and Information Breakfast
- Cast and Crew Continental Breakfast Buffet
- Behind the Scene Stars: Volunteer Brunch
- Backstage at the Theatre Tour
- All-Star Athletic Reception
- Beyond Microscopes and Research: Science Reception
- Picnic with the Stars
- Alumni Achievement Awards Luncheon
- The Glam of Going Greek
- Star-Studded State of the College Address
- All-Access Campus Tours
- Spotlight on Haps
- Alumni Couples: Center Stage
- Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society Reception
- Red Carpet Reception
- Multicultural Walk of Fame Reception
- In Memoriam: A Tribute to Our Deceased Alumni
- Individual Class Dinners
- Encore Evening Extravaganza

Sunday, June 8, 2008

- Class of 1963 Brunch with the President
- That's a Wrap: Reunion Brunch
- Chapel Worship Service
- IronPigs 'Berg Baseball Reception and Game



Choosing to Play Division III

STUDENT-ATHLETES LOOK FOR A TOTAL “COLLEGE EXPERIENCE”

By Peter Bennett '08

Bucknell had just won the Patriot League soccer conference, and they wanted me. So, on a Saturday in April of 2003, my dad and I made the two and half hour trip to Lewisburg, Pa., for their junior recruitment day. I was with players from around the country: St. Louis, Boston, Atlanta, and one from just outside Philadelphia.

A year and a half later, I walked into my first meeting as a member of the Muhlenberg College men's soccer team and there was that same kid from just outside Philadelphia – the same kid who had toured Bucknell's campus alongside me a year and a half earlier. There sat Karim Assous '08, my teammate.

Sitting down among 20 other new teammates, I began to think about how we both ended up here at Muhlenberg -- a school neither of us had heard about a year earlier. Part of it, according to Karim, was that “my mom woke me up on a Sunday morning and said we had a tour here.” Simple as that.

But what had moved us away from a rising Division I soccer program and other Division I programs? For that matter, what lured other Muhlenberg athletes away from the Division I level? After all, doesn't every athlete dream about getting that Division I scholarship?

When I started the recruiting process, my dad likened college athletics to marriage: in Division I, you marry the athletic program; in Division III, you marry the school. And here at Muhlenberg, men's soccer coach Sean Topping '98 has a similar philosophy. “One question I always ask players is ‘if soccer doesn't work out, will you be happy here?’”

Being content with a school seems to be on the mind of most athletes around campus, including Kaitlyn O'Malley '10 of the women's basketball team. “The main reason I decided on Division III sports is because I wanted to play the sport that I love, but still have a college life,” she says. “At Muhlenberg, I still have the opportunity to meet my academic requirements and have a social life.”

But what puts Muhlenberg on the map for Division I recruits? I interviewed five athletes who considered Division I programs and, including myself, only one had heard of Muhlenberg prior to their recruiting process. “I had a cousin who danced here, so I knew the name



Karim Assous '08

from her – and from living near Franklin and Marshall College, but that's it,” says Matt Johnson '08, tight end for the Mules football team.

Women's basketball forward Erin McSherry '09 echoed Johnson's thoughts. “I had never heard about Muhlenberg or its women's basketball program before I began looking at schools,” she says. Now three years into her Muhlenberg career, McSherry has been a member of two Centennial Conference championship teams and has made two trips to the NCAA playoffs. Not bad for someone who hadn't heard of the program.

Johnson experienced similar achievements, finishing his career with third team All-American accolades and adding two Centennial Conference Championships to Muhlenberg football's history, along with two trips to the NCAA playoffs. And that history will be used to attract future recruits just as Muhlenberg's athletic history and tradition originally attracted Johnson.

Athletic tradition played a major role in all the interviewed athletes decisions, and coaches around 'Berg know that. “We're mostly competing with Patriot League schools like Bucknell, Lafayette and Colgate, all very similar schools academically. So the soccer team's history becomes pretty important when trying to get players to come here,” said Topping.

Each athlete interviewed listed their respective team's history as being a key factor in choosing Muhlenberg. Just as important as the teams' athletic tradition is the quality of education at Muhlenberg.

Golfer Garrett Carpenter '08, who transferred to Muhlenberg from Rutgers during his sophomore year, says,



Erin McSherry '09



Garrett Carpenter '08

"The difference between Rutgers golf and Muhlenberg golf is that at Rutgers it seemed the students came to school to play golf, and at Muhlenberg students came for an education first and golf second."

Women's basketball coach Ron Rohn reiterated this emphasis on academics. In fact, Rohn talks about his team's academic success like a Division I coach might talk about placing former players into professional sports. According to Rohn, "I show recruits the number of students we have sent on to medical school, law school, other post-graduate programs, and the careers our basketball alumnae currently enjoy."

That knowledge was especially important for someone like McSherry. "I wanted a liberal arts school, because I was not sure what I wanted to study, so I wanted a chance to explore," she says. The examples Rohn provides show the ability of athletes to compete in their respective programs while still being successful academically. He tells his players, "You will be a Muhlenberg College student who plays on a great basketball program, not an athlete who is trying to attend college in their spare time."

But education is only part of the experience at Muhlenberg. Each athlete listed the people, from coaches to teammates to peers, as being key factors in choosing Muhlenberg.

One thing Johnson took away from his visit to Muhlenberg was the camaraderie. "It took me two seconds to learn that whether you were a freshman or a senior, you were all friends. There was no discriminating." Johnson pointed to this as a main reason for choosing 'Berg over other options like James Madison

University and Duquesne University.

For Assous and McSherry too, it was the people who had an impact on them. They both cite their respective coaches as being one of the people who had the biggest influence on their decision. According to Assous, "Coach Topping toured me around, showed me the field and set me up with an overnight visit, which showed me the team had good chemistry."

This visit had a lasting impact on Assous similar to the impression McSherry's overnight visit had on her. "I stayed with four girls on the team, and they were all so welcoming and kind that it made me feel right at home," she says. It was a feeling that never left her and confirmed her decision to attend Muhlenberg.

Many athletes are looking for much more than playing sports in college. It's true, we all want the opportunity to succeed on our respective playing fields, but success for athletes at Muhlenberg seems to be measured as much by educational achievement and personal relationships as it does by conference trophies and NCAA tournament invitations.

It's a funny thing when your daydreams about playing professional sports turn into daydreams about a career in business, law, science or education. As my graduation approaches, it's hard to resign my soccer cleats and goalie gloves to pickup games and men's open leagues, but it's also exciting to think about where my four-year Muhlenberg experience will take me. ■

Editor's note: Peter Bennett was co-captain of the soccer team and earned All-America honors. He spent the spring semester as an intern in the public relations office.

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Composer George Crumb Spends a Semester at Muhlenberg

by Jillian L. Lowery '00, Director of College Communications

Since 1943, 60 composers have received a Pulitzer Prize in music. (There were no winners in the years 1953, 1964, 1965 and 1981, and Elliott Carter received the distinction in both 1960 and 1973.) Until this spring, not one had appeared in the Lehigh Valley.

George Crumb, who celebrates the 40th anniversary of his Pulitzer this year, joined the Muhlenberg community as this year's Baker Artist-in-Residence.

Funded by gifts from the Dexter and Dorothy Baker Foundation, the Baker Artist-in-Residence program brings professional guest artists to Muhlenberg to teach students and to participate in a performance program. In recent years, Baker Residents have included vocalist Marni Nixon, dance choreographer David Dorfman, playwright Maria Irene Fornes and jazz musician Gary Burton.

Dr. Douglas Ovens, associate professor of music and department chair, vividly remembers the first time he heard Crumb's music as an undergrad. He is thrilled that he was able to bring the composer to campus.

"When I first heard Crumb, it hit me dramatically. I had a visceral reaction to the music. He is a composer who truly changed the way we hear piano sounds."

Patricia Helm, assistant professor of music, who knew Crumb when she was a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, felt similarly when she first encountered Crumb's music. "The first concert I heard, *Ancient Voices of Children*, forever changed the way I define music," she says.

As a student, Helm also had the unique opportunity to play with Crumb – an experience that she remembers fondly. "I remember as a graduate student ... that we had many parties which involved the usual food, drink and conversation, but over in the corner there were always two people playing four-hand piano," she says. "Several times I was blessed to play with George; he plays with as much detail and subtlety as anyone I've heard. Musical experiences involving George Crumb are unforgettable."

To say that Crumb's work is singu-

lar is something of an understatement. "He's certainly not traditional," says Ovens, who has performed multiple times in the Philadelphia Fringe Festival and whose own compositions range from orchestral to electronic works for dance. "Yet, nevertheless, his music remains very accessible."

Helm agrees, calling Crumb more accessible than many other contemporary composers. "The sounds themselves are interesting and beautiful; he never tries to do too much at once," she says. "He defines his phrases with clear beginnings and endings, musical sentences seeming to have a kind of punctuation which guide the listener toward aural meaning."

Though Crumb began composing in the late 1940s, the style that he is best-known for came of age in the 1960s and 1970s, when musicians were testing the boundaries of classical music and incorporating visual elements and theatrical stagings. "With Crumb and others like him, it's a whole experience, not just an auditory one," says Ovens. Dramatic lighting accompanies performances, and musicians have even been known to per-



“It's a radical idea that one can challenge the limitations of music, or anything else for that matter. Seeing the work of George Crumb performed illustrates that notion perfectly.”

—Dr. Douglas Owens, associate professor of music

Instead of moving from left to right in straight lines, as typical sheet music does, movements of some of Crumb's compositions are arranged in a circle.

“I believe that particular score really conveys the timelessness of the piece and creates the idea that the music is always going on,” says Owens. “It seems as if it doesn't necessarily ‘start,’ but that we happen upon it. It doesn't ‘end,’ but rather the musicians leave for a while.”

Helm also remarks on the originality of Crumb's scores. She notes that many people have “never seen scores that look like his – the staves are sometimes arranged in different shapes; the calligraphy is beautiful,” she says. “Some people I know have copies of his scores framed on their wall.”

The George Crumb Ensemble performed in Muhlenberg's Empie Theatre on March 28, 2008. Before the concert, Owens couldn't wait for his students to see Crumb live. “I just know they're going to be knocked out,” he said.

In addition to the public performance, Crumb has also been working with students in their classes, leading discussions and meeting with them in small groups.

“What's remarkable about George Crumb is that he is a world-famous

composer who is completely comfortable personally,” says Helm.

“Students talk with him without any sense of intimidation, and it is easy for them to forget they're talking to a Pulitzer Prize winner.”

For Owens, having Crumb on campus has been incredibly special. He speaks of the composer enthusiastically and seems as eager to interact with him as his students are. “It's all very exciting for me, as well,” he admits. “I've spent much of my life listening to and learning about him. Essentially, I've been able to meet an idol and to share what I stumbled upon as a young musician with other young musicians.”

The Crumb Ensemble's appearance was the second of three concerts dedicated to the composer. Also performing Crumb's work were Quatro Mani (pianists Susan Grace and Alice Rybak) on March 13, and on April 10, faculty members in the music department did the same.

To have three concerts dedicated to the work of a single composer is something of a coup. “In the almost 20 years that I've been at Muhlenberg, I can't recall a single night dedicated to a sole composer's work, let alone three nights. It's a rare opportunity and a testament to Crumb's importance,” says Owens.

Being able to host a composer like Crumb is an honor to the music department and the entire campus community. “His presence is important and liberating,” says Owens. “It's a radical idea that one can challenge the limitations of music, or anything else for that matter. Seeing the work of George Crumb performed illustrates that notion perfectly.

“We fall into thinking we know something, when the reality is that our experience has been limited. But, upon hearing Crumb, the limits of the possible open up.” ■

form in costume or wearing masks.

“Watching a George Crumb piece is visually as interesting as it is musically,” says Helm.

The composer is also known for using exotic instruments – or for using instruments in an unconventional fashion. Speaking into flutes, pouring glass marbles into an open piano and incorporating slide whistles, saws and toy pianos into his pieces are par for the course.

Even Crumb's presentation of the music on the page is noteworthy.



By Lindsey (Aspinall) Getz '04

Psychology Superstar

Former Psych Major Meredith Mitstifer '94 Has a Job Fit for the Small Screen

While still a part of the 'Berg bubble, as the College campus has been fondly called, Meredith Mitstifer '94, had a pretty strong feeling that she wanted to somehow be involved with criminal psychology. That dream would eventually take her from this bubble and land her many miles from the campus where she got her start – 2,352 miles to be exact, the distance from Allentown to Tucson, Ariz.

"I have always had an interest in profiling, even before it became so popular on various television series," she says. "My favorite course at Muhlenberg had to be Personality Disorders. I found myself enjoying the study of people and their behavior."

Pursuing her dreams led Mitstifer to continue with her education after graduating. "Studying psychology at Muhlenberg motivated me to pursue higher education," she says. "I felt very prepared to climb the academic ladder."

Following Muhlenberg, Mitstifer received a master's in community college counseling at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. But after working in the field for two years, she decided her academic journey was not complete and made the decision to pursue her doctorate.

"I attended Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2000 to 2007 where I received another master's degree in clinical psychology and a Psy.D. in clinical psychology," she says. "I became increasingly interested in behavioral health as well as working with under-served populations."

And that's what led Mitstifer to the Arizona Department of Corrections where, at press time, she worked in a maximum security unit. Her interests in personality profiling and understanding human behaviors brought her to this position, where she offers crisis management, consultation and behavior modification to the inmates in her unit.

"I am part of a mental health team consisting of other psychologists, a psychiatrist and a psychiatric nurse," she explains. "We work together with security and medical teams to ensure safety and promote wellness to those who face incarceration. My particular unit is a special management unit that contains the highest level of security due to the particular crimes and behavior, both past and current, of the inmates."

The unit in which Mitstifer works daily holds approximately 800 inmates – 60 beds are allocated to a mental health program; 120 are for death/condemned row; 60 are used as the central detention unit for the state (housing those with either current behavior issues/assaults and/or housing issues); and the rest are for those in the general prison population.

"As a psychologist, I primarily offer crisis management, consultation and behavior modification," says Mitstifer. "Every day I monitor inmates currently on suicide or mental health watches due to depression, self harm, psychosis and/or personality disorders. I am also responsible for writing evaluations, testing and brief therapy; however, with the ratio of psychologists to inmates these additional roles are limited."

Mitstifer says she has worked with inmates on death row, both those going through the appeal process as well as those waiting for their death warrant to be served. "In the 18 months that I worked there, I have been part of one execution," she adds.

Recently, Mitstifer accepted a new position with the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a psychologist in one of their U.S. Penitentiaries. Mitstifer says, "I am excited about these new possibilities and looking forward to the journey ahead." She adds that she hopes to use this opportunity to network with the FBI, a place she had always dreamed of working.

Of her Muhlenberg experience, Mitstifer only has the fondest of memories. "I had an awesome experience," she says. "A smaller, however strong, liberal arts college was a good fit for me. Being part of the various clubs and organizations on campus as well as working for the College allowed me to not only get a great education academically, but a well-rounded experience overall."

On campus, Mitstifer was involved in her sorority, Phi Mu, and enjoyed being a part of the Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC). She was also a Residential Advisor (RA) for Brown Hall and involved in the community service program. "Working with Becky Grace and the Muhlenberg/Jefferson project opened my eyes wide to community service," she notes. "The administration and faculty were always encouraging and supportive."

Moving to Tucson was a big leap for Mitstifer, who was born and raised in Berwick, Pa., but it didn't take long for

her to feel at home. Her parents had retired there, and in visiting them she started to feel called toward the west herself. "When traveling and visiting I fell in love with Arizona's mountains, sunsets, desert and climate," she says. Mitstifer also has a five-year-old son from a former marriage and wanted him to be close to her parents as well. "I have a close relationship with my parents, and I wanted my son to have the same," she says. "Moving was a big change, but it was very welcomed, and I can't imagine living anywhere else at this time in my life. I truly love the southwest."

And as often seems to happen, Mitstifer found a connection to 'Berg all the way out west. "My freshman roommate, Jennifer Salvatori '94, now resides in Arizona with her family," says Mitstifer. "After many years of living in separate states since graduating, we now get together and watch our children play. We often talk about our Muhlenberg days and how strange it is that we have come full circle and get to experience another phase of life."



Meredith Mitstifer

Mitstifer, who is also an ovarian cancer survivor of five years, says her free time is spent with her son, catching a baseball game and spending time with those they love and laugh with. She is also in the process of publishing and presenting research studies involving breast and ovarian cancer survivors.

To current students who may be considering the pursuit of a similar field, Mitstifer offers this advice: "It is crucial to take care of yourself if you plan to work with difficult populations. Working with those who have been institutionalized, as well as working with staff and administration that face similar adversity, can be challenging. Strong boundaries, being aware of your own strengths and weaknesses and having a good sense of humor are required for this field." ■

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Celebrating 50 Years of Co-Education

Though Muhlenberg College has spent its entire year celebrating the 50th anniversary of Co-Education, the culminating weekend was March 28-30. We were happy to welcome back alumni of all ages and to revel in the impact that women have had on campus.

Campus tours helped reacquaint those who hadn't been back to 'Berg in quite some time, and those in attendance were able to get a glimpse into the lives of current students through presentations in academics, the arts and sports. Alumni were able to reconnect with faculty members and to chat with current members of the campus community.

Special thanks to Melanie Mason '83 and Lona Farr '62, co-chairs of the committee who planned all of this year's events; Laurie Brueckner '72 and Harriet Mendham '63 who served as weekend co-chairs; and to all who worked to make the weekend a stunning success!





EDUCATION OF WOMEN IN THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA (Grace College)

On December 21, 1921 President Weller of the Ministerium received a communication from Rev. J. Henry Harms on behalf of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America saying that several synods had representatives at a meeting to discuss the founding of a college for women. "The initiative was taken by the Board of Education in response to a strong sentiment in favor of the founding of such an institution." The Ministerium was invited to send representatives to the next meeting. They did so in Harrisburg at which time it was decided to invite synods east of Ohio and north of the Carolinas to participate.

1923

Decide to organize effort. Ministerium appoints permanent committee.

1942

Still trying to sell property. Ministerium Committee on Lutheran College for Women reported to synod and the following was adopted: "Realizing unlikelihood of established Lutheran College on territory of Ministerium we favor co-education at Muhlenberg College and endorse recommendation of Executive Board of Ministerium that special committee be appointed to study all phases involved in co-education."

Request report by October 1. Executive Board had authorized appointment of special Committee of Five to confer with special Committee of Five of College Board to consider continually recurring requests that women be admitted as students at Muhlenberg. Ministerium gives \$100 to Grace College.

1943

They are still trying to sell. Committee on Co-education at Muhlenberg issues five page report. Decide 1948 would be good year to introduce co-education at Muhlenberg. Ministerium gives \$100 to Grace College.

1950

Cedar Crest says no to courtship. Susquehanna too far away. Decide for co-education at Muhlenberg when \$250,000 in hand. CHEY (Christian Higher Education Year) already had appropriation for co-education. Synod decides to raise (a sum) by budgetary appropriations yearly to be added to CHEY (monies) until sum of \$250,000 in hand. Then specific plan would be introduced.

1957

The first co-educational class entered Muhlenberg College.

These excerpts of rough notes were written by Pastor Luther F. Schlenker, Director of the Ministerium Appeal for Co-education at Muhlenberg, and found in the materials he kept from the appeal. A full timeline is available at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/presoff/coed/timeline.html

The psychology department's webpage boasts "a vibrant department with an active faculty and involved students." This is an understatement.

In addition to a rigorous curriculum that teaches important concepts and theories in psychology, the faculty believe that student engagement in the process of research goes a long way toward their department's goals of fostering superior critical thinking, ethical reasoning and effective writing and speaking skills. Given the emphasis on "doing" psychology, it's no surprise that the faculty practice what they preach. Each faculty member is passionately committed to his or her research (conducting experiments, formulating new hypotheses, running new studies and deepening his or her knowledge of the topic), community engagement, and the many ways they connect to the teaching and mentoring of their students.

Faculty Research

Each faculty member has carved out a niche, and some collaborate with one another or with colleagues in other departments. Here is just a glimpse of what keeps 'Berg's psych professors busy outside of the classroom....

Associate Professor Dr. Connie Wolfe's research focuses on two areas: contingencies of self worth and student perceptions of diversity. In collaboration with Dr. Janine Chi, assistant professor of sociology, and students in her "Wolfepack" research lab, Wolfe is currently exploring how students define "diversity" and why they think they should (or should not) take diversity-themed courses.

Dr. Kathy Haring, professor of psychology, and Dr. Laura Edelman, professor of psychology and department chair, are frequent collaborators. For 20 years, the two have studied the preconscious processing of emotionally toned words and pictures. "The brain responds differently to different stimuli, even before you are consciously aware," says Edelman. This research has won them an APS Outstanding Poster Award. They also study the perceptions of mothers based on their choices of child care and have found that different forms of child care carry very different stereotypes which are reflected on both the mother and child. Their research will be presented this summer in Germany at the International Congress of Psychology. On her own, Haring researches how religious beliefs affect coping skills, which relates to her interest in health psychology.

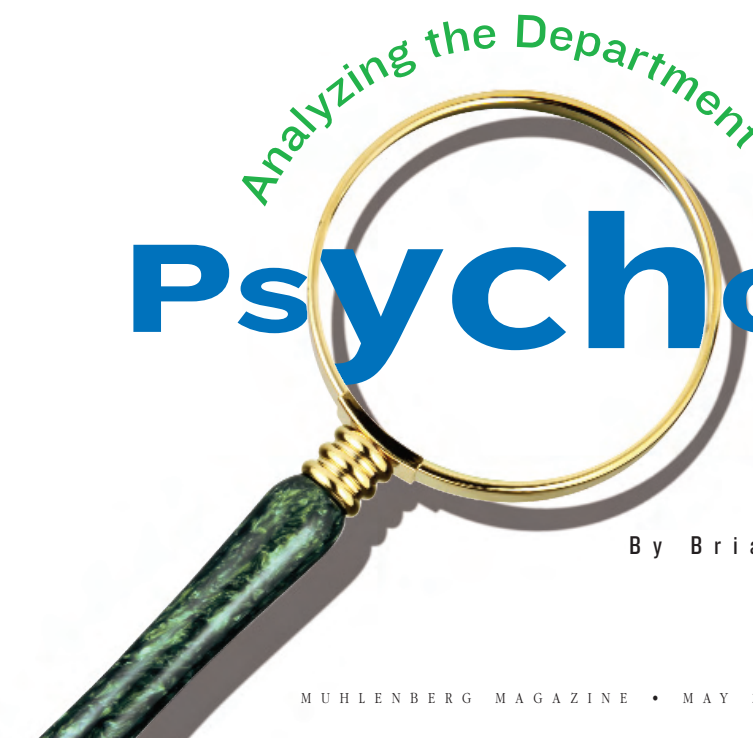
In addition to the work she does with Haring, Edelman has also done experiments on the helpfulness/harm in teaching via Power Point. She has developed methods of specifics as to how to set up your Power Point to be most effective for varying learning styles. In the past, she focused on gender differences in math and science, and is very interested in gender research in general. She has also collaborated with Patricia Helm, assistant professor of music and the College's "First Lady," on how rhythmic structures represent closure in music.

Dr. Linda Bips, assistant professor of psychology, focuses on counseling psychology. She has done extensive research on "letting go" – parents' ability of letting go, and coping with their college-aged children leaving home. She gives annual talks to the parents of incoming 'Berg freshmen at Orientation every August. She also does experiments on the psychological development of women in their 40s and 50s.

Dr. Alan Tjeltveit, professor of psychology, wrestles with how questions (and tentative answers) about what is good, right and/or virtuous relate to human experience and behavior, and with the ethical dimensions of psychology. He also works with students to investigate the role of caring and compassion in psychotherapy and addresses the relationship of psychology to spirituality and religion.

Dr. Kate Richmond '00, assistant professor of psychology, has an active research program in the areas of multicultural and cross-cultural psychology, feminism and trauma. Richmond will also be presenting her research in Berlin, Germany, this summer. She is currently the editor of the *Feminist Psychologist*, the primary publication for Division 35 of the American Psychological Association. Richmond is also concerned with the social applications of her research. This year, she joined 60 other psychologists on Capitol Hill to lobby for appropriations for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Richmond is also heavily involved in the multicultural teaching and programming on campus, which includes the "Brown Bag Lunch Series," which are thematic-based informal lunch colloquiums. (For more on Richmond, turn to the feature on page 20).

Associate Professor Dr. Mark Sciotto's research focuses on factors affecting the accurate identification, assessment and diagnosis of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other childhood disorders. For example, he has developed a measure of knowledge and misconceptions of ADHD that has been adapted for use with teachers across the United States as well as in Malaysia, Puerto Rico, Germany, South Africa, Spain, South Korea, Qatar and India. Last year, Sciotto spent his sabbatical leave work-



Analyzing the Department of Psychology

By Brianne Schurott '08



Dr. Kathleen Harring

four different conferences. Her experiments focus on children and their ethical views of distribution of “chores” between mom and dad.

The entire department is looking forward to working with Dr. Gretchen Gotthard, assistant professor of psychology, who will join the campus community in the Fall 2008 semester. Gotthard’s expertise is in behavioral neuroscience, and her research and teaching will foster even greater collaboration between the psychology department and neuroscience program.

Collaboration with Students

When asked how students play a role in all of these exciting endeavors, Edelman is quick to respond, “No one does anything without students.” In a typical semester, one out of every five students in the department is involved with research projects outside of the classroom. In addition to collaborating on their professors’ areas of interest, many students also have the opportunity to conduct their own honors research, which relies on faculty who are willing to find time to foster

the growth of a new generation. Serving as mentors to their students, faculty then assume the roles of overseeing and facilitating research of the student’s interest – a rewarding (albeit huge) endeavor.

The department has continually advocated for new ways of supporting student involvement in research, including taking advantage of various funding resources supported by the College. Also, students have been co-authors on peer-reviewed publications and have presented at regional and national professional psychology conferences.

Edelman notes, “Students who conduct research present at the Lehigh Valley Undergraduate Psychology Conference, and [we] try to get them to present at American Psychological Association (APA), as well.” Muhlenberg College was home to the 2007 LVAIC Conference this past spring.

Graduates point to their research experience as influential in their development of critical thinking and career skills. Students who go on to graduate school often report back that the preparation they received in the psychology major allows them to tutor their peers in research and statistics.

In addition to research, psychology faculty also works closely with students on internships and service learning projects. Recent internship placements include the NYU Child Study Center and Turning Point. Service learning is utilized in several classes and placements have ranged from working with young children at Head Start, to working with older adults at the Phoebe Terrace assisted living center. These kinds of applied experiences help fulfill the department’s mission for psychology students to develop important career skills, sensitivity to the implications of cultural difference, and a life-long dedication to learning about human beings and sharing that knowledge with others.

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ing with colleagues at the ADHD Center at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. During that year, he began a new line of research investigating factors that may influence a family’s decision to seek (or not seek) help for ADHD. He also collaborates with Dr. Jeff Rudski, associate professor of psychology, on research related to public perceptions and attitudes toward autism and Asperger’s disorder.

Rudski has gotten a lot of recent press regarding his addiction study on a pop-cultural phenomenon. He most recently conducted an experimental internet survey involving Harry Potter and addiction. Through his research, he found striking similarities between the withdrawal symptoms of Potter fanatics and those who are addicted to drugs and alcohol. His eclectic research interests have also included conducting research on attitudes and impressions of Asperger’s, focusing on questions suggested to him by people who have Asperger’s, collaborations with Dr. Don Dale in economics looking at the effects of small incentives on rational decision making, and continued interest in behavioral pharmacology. Rudski also has an active research program trying to understand why intelligent people can still hold beliefs that are often pejoratively termed “superstitious.” He has recently been asked to present some of this research at a conference in Croatia.

Dr. Stefanie Sinno, assistant professor of psychology, is the newest professor in the department. In her first year teaching, Sinno is already set to present four papers at



Dr. Jeff Rudski addresses a “class” of parents at a lecture during Family Weekend.

From Undergrad to Professor

By Allison Schnall '08

Dr. Kate Richmond '00 Returns to Teach at 'Berg

While many people can identify areas in society that need improvement, it takes somebody truly special to actually take a stand for what she believes in. Such is the case with Muhlenberg alumna and current assistant professor of psychology at the College, Dr. Kate Richmond '00, who was first sparked by the reality of domestic violence when she completed a year long internship at an Allentown domestic violence shelter, Turning Point.

"My experience there was transformative, and I was extremely motivated to understand the aftermath of trauma more explicitly," explains Richmond. "With the support of the faculty within the [Muhlenberg] psychology department, I developed confidence to apply to graduate school, so that I could sharpen my research and clinical skills in the area of assessment and treatment of trauma."

Now a licensed clinical psychologist, Richmond continues to research areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, multicultural population and gender and sexuality. However, Richmond has chosen to not only provide clinical services to the community, but also to return to the campus as a new faculty member in the psychology department. The courses she teaches are enriched by her strong interest in using psychological research to influence public policy, and, according to Richmond, her clinical work, research and teaching all highlight the manner in which theoretical and research-based knowledge and clinical application mutually inform one another.

Richmond elaborates. "Both clinically and empirically, I am interested in how socio-contextual variables interact with biological predispositions toward mental health concerns. Specifically, I examine how gender norms, racism and class influence the manifestation and maintenance of psychological distress, particularly following a traumatic experience."

As a student at Muhlenberg, Richmond enjoyed and immersed herself in her small, liberal arts courses; now as a faculty member, she appreciates that the small classes allow for active discussion and engagement. When she first began her job search, she was interested in finding a position that would offer her the opportunity to teach in the way that she herself had been educated. Given her desire to work for a school with a strong commitment to teaching and student development, Muhlenberg was an obvious fit. However, Richmond does admit that one of the strangest parts about teaching at a school where she herself graduated only eight years before is that the people who used to be her professors are now her colleagues, and calling them by their first names was a challenge at first!

However, not everything at Muhlenberg is the way Richmond left it. One of her most prized accomplishments as a Muhlenberg professor is having developed a multicultural psychology course.

"I have a deep commitment to promoting diversity and social change through multi-disciplinary scholarship, and Muhlenberg is a perfect place to develop relationships across disciplines to increase multicultural awareness on our campus," she says.

Around the same time Richmond returned to Muhlenberg's campus, the College also opened its first Multicultural Center, a resource that was not available when Richmond was a student. Having such a facility on campus is exciting to Richmond, and she looks forward to incorporating the work of those at the Multicultural Center into her courses so that she may work to increase diversity on the campus.

While attending Muhlenberg as an undergraduate, Richmond was excited by interactive, discussion-based courses. As a professor, she upholds many of the same



values in her own classroom. Students who have taken Richmond's courses have nothing but kind, enthusiastic praise of her teaching methods.

Adam Hirsh '09 first interacted with Richmond through the Student Advisor program, where she served as the faculty advisor for the group of incoming freshmen with which he was working. Because they hit it off so well, Hirsh was excited to take Richmond's Group Processes course, and explains that, "it's one of the most interesting classes I have ever taken, and it is being run like the television show, 'Survivor.' Group dynamics and social interactions are the way to understand, manipulate, and ultimately win the game. [Dr. Richmond] herself serves as the leader of the larger group, our class as a whole. She is always open to student input and is willing to shape the class to fit the students' needs."

Richmond's goal was to give back to Muhlenberg the education and inspiration that she gained before she graduated; but, it seems she has succeeded in doing far more. Not only has she helped develop a greater sense of multicultural community on the College's campus, she also has motivated her students to look for ways in which they, too, can use psychology to see a larger picture and a way for change.

Jenna Long '08, a current independent study student of Richmond's, sums up the professor's impact at Muhlenberg. "She is one of the most inspiring individuals I know; her passion for her work is contagious. You can't help but get excited about whatever issue you discuss with her. She is a wonderful educator, researcher, activist, mentor and friend. She is a role model for all of her students, and, as a young academic woman, I aspire to follow her example." ■

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The psychology department web site paints a vivid picture of the department's aesthetic:

"Visitors to Moyer Hall may be struck by the frequency with which small groups of students may be seen working in the building, in classrooms, the labs, the lounges, the computer areas. They meet to discuss their practical experiences in the community, to work on their research projects, to tackle course projects, or to engage in some small group discussion as part of a course. The bonds psychology majors develop with each other are undoubtedly one of the reasons psychology is one of the most popular majors at Muhlenberg. Conversations begun in classrooms spill over to the theatre set, the athletic field, the supper table and the dorm room.

"Students learn to work collaboratively, to think together and to deepen their knowledge by working with one another. The Psychology Club interests many students. They sponsor panels on getting into graduate schools, careers that can be obtained with a bachelor's degree in psychology, obtaining practical experiences, and other topics of interest."

Other ways students can get involved is through the psychology department newsletter, *Fred*, or by becoming a member of Psi Chi, the national honor society. Students are inducted every semester and help with different departmental research events.

After graduation

So what does one do with a psychology major, post-college? There are many different routes to take, and the department provides an excellent basis for post-graduate study. Psychology has also provided a solid foundation for careers ranging from law to marketing research. Over one third of the psychology majors at Muhlenberg are co-enrolled in the education certification program, so it's no wonder so many psychology majors graduate and go on to teach!

Muhlenberg's department of psychology lists seven goals for the students in their program. Students should be able to: 1. gain a greater understanding of human beings; 2. think well and communicate effectively about human beings; 3. exhibit intrinsic motivation and a life-long dedication to learning about human beings – including intellectual curiosity and adventurousness, and a willingness to wrestle with difficult issues; 4. recognize and understand the roles of cultural and individual differences and commonalities; 5. develop intellectually and ethically, appropriately balancing autonomy, interdependence and responsibility; 6. become good citizens, including sharing and applying knowledge of psychology; and 7. gain knowledge and skills facilitating excellence in careers and graduate/professional study.

Clearly, these are goals that are not just field-driven, but that will leave students who study psychology at Muhlenberg poised to rise to the top of whatever field they choose. With strong teaching and intense student-faculty collaboration, the psychology department is a living testament to the liberal arts philosophy. ■

CLASS

Notes

1936

Rev. Phares Reitz writes, "In the fall of 1932 at the age of 15, I enrolled at Muhlenberg. Exactly 75 years later in 2007, two of my grandsons (cousins), Michael Phares Reitz '11 and Joel Thomas Reitz '11, followed. A great grandson, age 3, and a great granddaughter, age 2, are prospects."

1943

Rev. Warren S. Harding writes, "I reside in Allentown, 're-fired' as pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in 1985, then served as interim pastor in eight area parishes. While enjoying the families of son John and daughter Vicki, I am into much reading, studying, sharing pamphlets, booklets, book reviews I prepare. Then there is music all day long, sports, adding to my 1500 page diary, typing 'Ponderosas' (thought-provokers) with family and friends. I try to hold up the arms of folks under fire via phone, mail. Ruth Long and I were married almost 62 years; she died February 11, 2007."

1951

Joshua Madden received a prestigious award from the Automotive Division of the Society of Plastics Engineers International (SPE®). Madden, who has had a long and distinguished career at both General Motors Corp. and later Volkswagen of America and was responsible for numerous automotive plastics "firsts," received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the 37th-Annual SPE Automotive Innovation Awards Gala – an event he helped develop. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the technical accomplishments of automotive industry executives whose work in research, design and engineering has led to significant integration of polymeric materials in vehicles.

1957

Frederick L. Cox is still practicing endodontics in a four-doctor group in Gainesville, Fla., hoping to retire later this year. He is active in racing Arabian horses and hopes to do some traveling. ■ Alfred K. Hettinger was elected President of the Bar association of Lehigh County and will serve in that capacity for a year.

1958

Stan Sloyer retired in 1992 from the Saucon Valley school district. Since 1993, he has been a tour guide in Yellowstone National Park.

1959

Michael J. Pitt, M.D. was presented the Founders Gold Medal Award of the International Skeletal Society at the 34th Annual Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, October 8, 2007. The International Skeletal Society is an interdisciplinary organization concerned with skeletal disease: its pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment. Membership includes leading musculoskeletal radiologists, pathologists, orthopaedic surgeons and rheumatologists from 40 countries. The gold medal is the Society's highest honor and "is awarded to those who not only distinguished themselves through their outstanding dedication to the International Skeletal Society, but beyond this, have on an international scale, further distinguished themselves by conspicuous excellence in their field of science." Morrie Kricun, MD, 1959, presented the introduction for the award. Pitt is Professor of Radiology and Orthopaedic Surgery and Chief of Musculoskeletal Imaging at The University of Alabama at Birmingham. Pitt writes, "I visited campus November 2006. I was 'in the right place at the right time' and was fortunate to be in the first page center picture for the LIFE magazine photo write-up of 'Berg going co-ed in 1957, which is hanging in the Haas College Center (the picture was posed – I never hazed the girls!). In any case I took a picture 49 years later, same pose, which I am attaching."

1963

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Weisenbach celebrated 40 years of ordination on October 7, 2007, and will soon celebrate 25 years as senior pastor at First Parish Congregational Church. He welcomed his 10th grandchild on January 27, 2008 – a girl, Madison Lynn.

1966

Richard Geyer writes, "Back in September of 1962, five young guys (Don Robinson, Tom Whalen, Barry Weshnak, Chip Parisi and I) met at Muhlenberg. Kept distant friendship ever



Michael J. Pitt, M.D. '59, poses with the LIFE magazine spread

since. Now, after 45 years, with a little more weight and a little less hair, we are seeing more of each other than we ever would have guessed. This last occasion was for Tom's daughter's wedding. Next will be in the spring in Florida."

1969

Jackie Copeland was selected as the 2008 Museum Educator of the Year for the Eastern Region by the National Art Education Association (NAEA). ■ Tim Ferguson published a book, entitled *Not the Same Old, Done-It-Before Youth Meetings*, a guide for Christian youth group workers, which can be found on www.Amazon.com. He is in his 34th year of working for the department of social services.

1973

Steve Hammond appeared on the January 7, 2008 episode of PBS' "Antiques Roadshow." The episode was filmed in June 2007 in Baltimore. Steve was featured with two items – the sword given to his great-great-grandfather, Max Einstein of Philadelphia, by his Pennsylvania Militia regiments in 1856, and the commission, signed by both Abraham Lincoln



Members of the Class of '66: Don Robinson, Richard Geyer, Tom Whalen, Barry Weshnak and Chip Parisi

and William Seward, naming Max the consul to Bavaria in 1861. ■ **Bob Sexton** has written a book entitled *God Caused the Civil War* and is still looking for a publisher. He's also got a new blog site entitled Self Indulgent B.S.

1976

Mark Dewalt, Ph.D. of Winthrop University was selected as a recipient of the Bank of America Endowed Professorship for the Richard W. Riley College of Education. He will use the endowed professorship to continue the next phase of his 20-year research project of Amish education in the U.S. and Canada.

1979

David A. Cohen M.D. F.A.C.P. is practicing internal medicine at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia. He is the grand rounds coordinator for the department of medicine and is also the morbidity and mortality conference director. He is a clinical associate professor of medicine at Jefferson Medical College. ■ **Vicki (Evans) Adair** writes, "I am still living in Alice Springs, Australia, with my husband and children (we have been here since 1999). My son has now completed year three of a four-year program at the University of Adelaide (South Australia) studying engineering; my daughter just completed her first year of a musical theater program at the University of Ballarat. I would love to hear from you – email is vickster_26@hotmail.com or kaadair@bigpond.net.au."

1980

Bill Hyman and **Ronit Sugar '78** and their respective families took a two week tour of Israel with congregation Kol Ami in Elkins Park, Pa.

1981

Carol A. Irvine has been named president and C.E.O. of the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life in Horsham, Pa. She was previously with the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, where she worked for over 20 years in a variety of leadership capacities. She holds a master's degree in gerontology from the University of Pennsylvania and is the recipient of the Transplant Leader of the Year award from the American Liver Foundation for her efforts to highlight the importance of organ donation and transplantation for minority populations. ■ The National Science Foundation (NSF) funded a proposal by **Lynn Vogel Kopplitz**, Ph.D., Loyola University New Orleans professor of chemistry, entitled, "Trans-Atlantic Summer Program in Computational Chemistry for Undergraduates." The planning grant provides funds for Kopplitz,



Bill Hyman '80 and Ronit Sugar '78 in Israel



Carol Irvine '81



David Masenheimer '81

who is the principal investigator, and an undergraduate research student to travel to the University of Zurich, Switzerland, in summer 2008 in order to do collaborative research. Kopplitz and her counterpart in Zurich, Dr. Kim Baldrige, will also plan and write a grant proposal to establish a longer-term grant-supported collaboration that will fund other Loyola students for similar travel and research in the future.

■ **David Masenheimer '81** performed as a guest artist when York Little Theatre and the York Symphony Orchestra joined forces to celebrate their 75th anniversaries. David played the role of Buddy in the Stephen Sondheim musical *Follies* that was staged as a benefit concert on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the Pullo Family Performing Arts Center on the Penn State York campus.

1982

Pamela Diaconis would like to announce that she has recently become co-owner of Kellijane, a high end linen boutique in Center City Philadelphia. The store is located in a beautiful Victorian brownstone with 14-foot ceilings and Palladian windows. The product assortment includes Anichini, Ann Gish, Missoni and Liberty of London. Stop by if you're in the Rittenhouse Square area!

1984

Thomas Nemeth was promoted to lead chemist for North Dakota Health Department, Laboratory Services.

1990

Robert Lesko joined the Newark, N.J., office of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP as a partner in October 2007. Rob primarily represents employers, financial institutions and third party administrators in connection with litigated matters in state and federal courts in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania relating to employment benefits, consumer fraud, securities, insurance, intellectual property and business torts.

1992

Jeremy Hirsch writes, "The last year was a busy, but exciting, one for me. In May 2007, I graduated from Rutgers University's Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy with a master's degree in public affairs and politics. In December, I was hired as chief of staff for newly elected New Jersey State Assemblywoman Denise Coyle (R-16th district). Before going back to graduate school full-time, I had spent a dozen years in and around state government, first working for the State Legislature and then as a lobbyist. So, the new job is a homecoming of sorts, and I'm glad to be back!"

1993

Victor van Buchem writes, "After six years developing online horticulture resources, I have changed jobs at The Ohio State University. In my new position as public relations coordinator for the office of international affairs, I have the opportunity to foster the globalization of the University. In addition to publicizing international activities on campus, I'm redesigning the office Web site to better reflect the work that our office does with the study abroad programs, the international students, the international scholars, the area studies centers and grant programs."



Michael Savino and Denise Wunderler '94

1994

Denise Wunderler, D.O. and **Michael Savino**, D.O. were married (and danced the night away) on September 22, 2007, at Blue Mountain Ski Area in Palmerton, Pa. They were engaged in Venice, Italy last October. Muhlenberg alumni in attendance were **Lucinda Lysek '93** and **Dana (Mariano) Parker**. Denise is a family medicine resident in Cleveland, Ohio, who will complete a subsequent one-year sports medicine fellowship. Mike is an emergency medicine resident in Warren, Ohio. They both will finish their training (finally!) in June 2009.

1995

Jennifer Hoffman writes, "My family and I moved to Paris, France this past year, where I work at the U.S. Embassy. My husband, John, is telecommuting back to Washington, D.C., and traveling widely for his work as an executive coach. Our son, Aidan, is in preschool here and starting to chatter away like a native French boy. And, wouldn't you know, in my office there's a woman who grew up on Liberty Street, overlooking the football stadium." ■ **Alicia (Herrenkohl) Nathanson**, former producer for TLC's Emmy Award-winning "A Wedding Story," has started Blossom Productions, specializing in custom wedding documentaries for couples. Nathanson, formerly of Banyan Productions, also worked for E! Entertainment Television. ■ **Jason Shutters** is pleased to announce his engagement to Elizabeth Lord. Jason is a senior consultant at CSC, an information technology services company. Elizabeth is a math and computer teacher who oversees technology at a K-12 school. The wedding will be held on July 5, 2008, in Chicago.

1996

Dr. **Keri Edelman** recently passed the New Jersey State Licensing Boards to become a New Jersey Licensed Psychologist. She works as the Director of Psychology at New Jersey State Prison. She continues to run her design compa-

ny, ke-designs, as well as work as a vocalist/songwriter. Her most recently recording project can be heard at www.myspace.com/anodynexl (last letter is a lower case L). Presently, she is working with a producer as a solo artist.

1997

After much hard work, **Cortney Casale** has opened her own online accessories boutiques, www.cortneye.com. ■ **Jennifer (Solomon) Switaj** writes, "Our family of five has moved to Germany! Tim is enjoying his new position. I am getting used to living on an Army base and living in a foreign country. I am also working part time at the local elementary school working with 'special needs' children and loving every minute. Our three boys are acclimating quicker than we are. We would love to hear from people. Please drop us an e-mail anytime."

1998

Mike Brennan and **Deborah Larkin '00** were married on April 29, 2006, at Appleford Estate in Villanova, Pa. Joining them on their special day were the following Muhlenberg alumni pictured below (left to right): **Erin Devaney '00**, **Elise (Mazzola) Stripko '00**, **Erica (Pristash) Saleska '00**, **Laura Sciarrotta '00**, **Steve Albrecht '00**, **George Lutz '00**, **Chad Saleska**, **Sean and Valerie (Lilien) Cuffe '00**, **Destiny and Chad Heimbecker '00**, **Chris Udina** (not pictured:

Laura and Dave Robb '00). ■ **Andrea (Colettis) Dray** and **Ryan Dray** were married on Saturday, December 22, 2007, in Rutherford, N.J. A beautiful, Christmas-themed reception followed at the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack, N.J. **Melissa (Osorio) Siegrist** and **Carly Ringer** served as matron and maid of honor and **Jennifer (Harrison) Coplin** served as a bridesmaid. Other alumni in attendance were **Amy Yorkanis**, **Lauren Ravit-Franceskin**, **Kristen (Musser) Ginzburg** and **Brett Coplin**. The couple resides in Rutherford, N.J. ■ **Melissa Margaritis** of Ramsey, N.J., is a literacy and history teacher as well as one of 30 members of the Alexander Hamilton Liberty Fellowship in Paterson, N.J. The Fellowship intends to increase the content knowledge of 500 American history teachers through a collaboration composed of Paterson Public Schools, the New Jersey Historical Society, the Civil War Institute, Gunston Hall, the International Spy Museum, the Cold War Museum, the American Institute for History Education and Ashland University.

1999

James S. Doumato happily announces that on September 22, 2007, he and **Diana F. Comarato ('03, Brown University)** became engaged. The couple met and are currently working at Stryker Orthopaedics, a medical device company in Mahwah, N.J. Diana is a clinical study manager



Alumni at the wedding of Mike Brennan '98 and Deborah Larkin '00



Alumni at the wedding of Andrea Colettis '98 and Ryan Dray

and James is manager of trauma and extremity contracts. They are planning their wedding in northern New Jersey for October 2008. ■ **Chris Futrick** and **Amanda Hudson** were married on June 23, 2007, in Waterford, Maine. Alumni in attendance included **Ayla (Tezel) Hay**, **Andrea Fryer**, and **Beth Rogers-Ho '97**. The couple resides in Hoboken, N.J., where Chris is a financial associate for Morgan Stanley and Amanda works as a children's book editor for Reader's Digest. ■ **Laura Nelson** married Sterling Youngman on October 6, 2007 in Malibu, Calif. She lives in Los Angeles, where she continues to pursue a career in film. ■ **Jennifer Scherer Reynolds** recently joined Cozen O'Connor's Philadelphia office as an associate in the business law department. ■ **Anne (Hudzinski) Scott** recently accepted a new position with Sodexo as



Diana F. Comarato and James S. Doumato '99



Amanda Hudson '99 and Chris Futrick '99



Sterling Youngman and Laura Nelson '99

training program developer for the award-winning talent acquisition team. In her new role, she will be developing and delivering training programs for their recruiters. ■ **Lisa Weiss** recently moved to New York City and is now a member of the hair department at *Spamalot* on Broadway. She also makes wigs for Broadway shows, including *Xanadu*, *Wicked*, *The Color Purple* and *Jersey Boys*.

2000

Matthew Hittinger's chapbook, *Pear Slip*, is available from Spire Press (<http://www.spirepress.org/hittinger.html>), and his chapbook, *Narcissus Resists*, won the Beauty/Truth Press 2007 Chapbook Competition. ■ **Deidre Macrino** is engaged to Christian Varga. They met in California and are now happily living in Long Branch, N.J. They are planning an August 2008 wedding. Christian is a commercial diver with Union 1456 in Manhattan, and Deidre is teaching first grade in Holmdel, N.J., and pursuing her M.A. in educational leadership.

2001

Heather Elizabeth Allen (formerly Petersen) and Jack Brandt became engaged in July 2007. A September 2008 wedding is planned. Heather works as a bankruptcy and creditors' rights attorney at Lowenstein Sandler PC, and Jack is a business development manager at Register.com in New York City. They reside in Montclair, N.J., with their dog Brooke and kitten Milo (who is swiftly growing into a full-fledged tiger!).

■ **Erik W. Gudim** joined Back Bay Financial Group in August as a research/operations analyst. In this role he supports company operations related to investment research, compliance, operational analysis and special projects. He has several years of experience in customer service, investment operations and real estate. He lives in Boston. ■ **David Gunther '02** and **Kelly (Gower) Gunther** were married on July 29, 2006, in Smithville, N.J. The wedding party included: **Melissa Eicken '02**, **Reina (Tyson) Sapir '02**, **Meghan (Repka) Trenholm '02**, **Kerry (Lambert) Jarema**, **JP Skarpetwoski '02**, and **Jon Kuncewitch**. Other 'Berg Alumni present were: **Adam Horner '02**, **Amy Yalch '02**, **Dylan Sapir**, **Mike Brennan**, **Bryan Johnson '02**, **Jon Deliso '02**, **Mike Mills '02**, **Alex Epstein '02** and **Ben Goldberg**. The couple honeymooned in Aruba and resides in Freehold, N.J., with their dog Deebo, also a 'Berg alumni! Kelly works as an attorney in Red Bank, N.J., while David manages the family candy making business. ■ **Michael McCormick** and **Heidi White** were married on May 27, 2007, at the Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, N.Y. Michael is a disability rights attorney at Legal



Jennifer Scherer Reynolds '99



Deidre Macrino '00 and Christian Varga



Erik Gudim '01

Services of Central New York, and Heidi is the executive director of the Family Law and Social Policy Center at the Syracuse University College of Law. They reside in Syracuse with their dog, Oscar. ■ **Mark Millan** and **Jessie Pepper** became engaged in April 2007. They reside in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn, and are planning an October 2008 wedding. Mark works in New York City real estate at Cityreality.com, and Jessie works at the 92nd Street Y at the Bronfman Center. ■ **JoEllen Notte** became engaged to Taylor Hansen on February 12, 2008. They currently live together in Boston and are planning a winter wedding. ■ **Jodie Siegel** writes, "Dustin Stein and I recently got engaged and are in the beginning stages of planning a wedding! We are

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Lucas Thomas Nemeth

1984

Lucas Thomas Nemeth was born March 28, 2006, to Pamela and Thomas Nemeth.

1986



Joanna and Jackson Seivard

Christopher Seivard writes, "I have assumed the happy duty of reporting a baby boom among my family and my friends from the classes of '86 and '87. Jeff Quinby '87, and his wife Claudia welcomed twin girls on May 23, 2007, Sophia Jeanae at 6:06 p.m. (3 lbs, 8 1/2 oz and 17 inches long), and Grace Louise at 6:31 p.m. (4lbs, 3oz and 18 1/4 inches long). Sophia and Grace were born at Children's Hospital in St Paul, Minn. Jeff and Claudia live in Northfield, Minn. Chris Gill and his wife Lorraine welcomed their daughter Ella Rae Gill, born March 11, 2007 at 2:33 p.m. She was 7 lbs, 4 1/2 oz and measured 20 inches. The Gills live in New Jersey. On September 13, 2007, my wife Karen Seivard and I became the proud parents of our son, Jackson Miller Seivard, 8 lbs, 4.6 oz, and 19 1/2 inches long. Jack joins my daughter Joanna, age 10. We live in Dillsburg, Pa. All families are fine, although I think Chris, Jeff and I slept more when we lived in ML."

1990

Valerie (Edwards) Green and her husband Franklin are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Meredith Daisy. She was born on February 1, 2008, in Allentown, Pa., at Lehigh Valley Hospital, and weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. ■ Edie (Gesswein) Rajguru announces the birth of



Jordan Rose and Jonathan Robert Logue

Emilia Joy in February 2006. She joins her brother Kiran, 9, sister Lulu, 7, and Piers, 3. The Rajgurus are living in London.

1992

David and Lisa (Diamond) Berger are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Noah Todd. Noah was born on July 22, 2007, weigh-



Sawyer Kay Monk

ing 9 lbs, 2 oz and measuring 20 inches long. ■ Jonathan Robert Logue was born to Lesley Kane Logue on October 5, 2007. He joins big sister Jordan Rose, 3. ■ Shawn Monk writes, "We welcomed Sawyer Kay into the world on Thanksgiving

Day (November 22) at 11:51 p.m.! She weighed in at 8 lbs, 1 oz and was 20.5 inches long (quite the Thanksgiving turkey, wouldn't you say?)."

1993

Margie (Kotler) Hinsdale writes, "I am pleased to announce the birth of my second son, Jonas Benjamin Hinsdale, born August 26, 2007. He joins mom, dad and big brother Noah. We are living in Princeton Junction, N.J." ■ Lisa (Stride) Neafsey and her husband Bill welcomed their second child, Molly Catherine on August 16, 2007. The baby weighed 8 lbs, 9 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long. The new arrival joins 3-year old big brother, Brendan William. Lisa and her family reside in Oakland, N.J.



Molly Catherine Neafsey

1995

Kort and Cathy (Snyder) Wickenheiser are pleased to announce the birth of their third son, Jackson Kort Wickenheiser on July 30, 2007. He joins big brothers Chase, 10, and Chris, 5.



Ethan and Elliot Daniels

1996

Melissa (Wasserman) and Mikel Daniels announce the birth of their second child, Ethan Joel Daniels. Ethan was born May 22, 2007, at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Md. Melissa is a technology teacher at Woodholme Elementary School in Owings Mills, Md. Mikel is in private practice as a podiatrist in Owings Mills, Md. Older brother Elliot is busy teaching his new sibling all the important things in life. ■ Bridget (Mulhearn) Lamancusa writes, "Hannah Rose Lamancusa was born on July 7, 2006. Keira, 3, loves being a big sister, and I still enjoy staying home with the girls."



Hanna Rose Lamancusa



Sarah and Alexa Dornemann

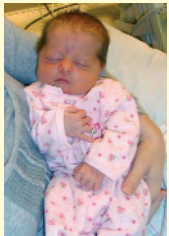


Elizabeth Mae Stewart



1997

Henry and Sharon (Weiss) Dornemann are happy to announce the birth of Sarah Kate on August 29, 2007. She joins big sister Alexa, age 2. ■



Aili Hope Richard

Dawn and Adam Matteo had their second son, Vincent James, on November 29, 2007. ■ Jennifer (Bradley) Stewart writes, "It is with droopy eyelids and sore muscles that we proudly announce the birth of Elizabeth Mae Stewart. Izzy arrived on Monday, October 22 at 11:47 a.m. Weighing in at 10 lbs and 23 1/2 inches long (no, neither of those measurements is a typo!), she was



Lyla and Jordana Dinallo

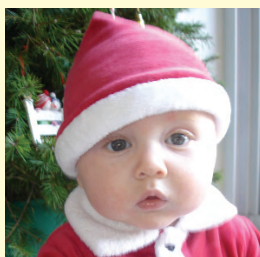
the talk of the Vicenza Health Clinic. We were all surprised by her size. When the nurse shouted out the conversion from grams to pounds there was a recognizable moment of amazement. Mike and I knew she would be big, but that blew everyone away." ■ Joe and Heidi (Peltola) Richard are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Aili Hope. Aili was born at 1:22 p.m. on January 3, 2008, in Worcester, Mass. She was 7 lbs., 10 oz and 18 1/2 inches long.



Cole James Alexander Faccinnetto

1998

Kevin '97 and Robyn (Spivak) Dinallo and "big sister" Jordana welcome with love Lyla Helen Dinallo. She was born on May 17, 2007, and weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. ■ Amy (Bleakly) Faccinnetto and her husband Mike welcomed their son, Cole James Alexander on December 10, 2007. It was certainly an exciting Christmas for everyone! ■ On July 15, 2007, Marino Alexander Skivo was born in Philadelphia to Jon '00 and Libbi (Pannone) Skivo. He weighed 9 lbs and measured 21 inches. Marino was named after the influential men in his parents



Marino Alexander Skivo



Anna Rosemary Guido

lives – Libbi's late grandfather and Jon's father. Marino is already quite a star in the Skivo family! ■ Michael and Carlyn (Mastracchio) Guido write, "On Christmas morning, we happily welcomed our first child. Much to our surprise and utter shock, Anna Rosemary Guido arrived four weeks ahead of schedule. She entered the world at 6 lbs, 8 oz, 19 inches long and sporting a full head of black hair! Everyone's doing well. Anna is growing by leaps and bounds, and we've fallen head over heels for her!" ■ Marcy (Emanuel) Keltai and her husband Ken and are thrilled to welcome their baby girl, Layla Elizabeth Keltai. She was born on February 6, 2008, weighing 6 lbs, 11oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. ■ Kimberly (Cohen) Marino and her husband Sal would like to announce the birth of their twins: Vince and Marco – born on January 22, 2007.



Layla Elizabeth Keltai



Vince and Marco Marino



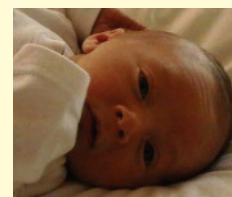
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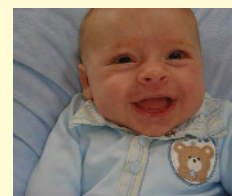
Carey (Hilton) and Steve Brady '98 welcomed their first baby boy, Colin James, on October 2, 2007. ■ Amanda Gevens and her husband Stephen Jordan welcomed their first child, a son, James Edward "Jack" Jordan, on March 7, 2007. Soon after Jack was born in Lansing, Mich., the family moved to Florida for Mom's new job at the University of Florida (GO Gators!). ■ Aimee (VanEennaam) Goodman and her husband, Elliot Goodman, proudly welcomed their first child, Oliver William, on December 5, 2007. ■ Tiffany (Griffin) Mercer and her husband Robb welcomed Jake Robert Mercer on August 12, 2007. Jake weighed 7 lbs, 12 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. ■ Craig and Abi (Graham) Reed welcomed their first child, Seth Jonathan on October 12,



Jack Jordan



Oliver William Goodman



Jake Robert Mercer

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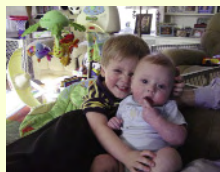
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Seth Jonathan Reed



Lily Rose Blankenship



Austin and Sawyer Grimaldi

2007. He is a pure delight and a happy, healthy boy weighing in at 20 lbs. at 3 months!

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Eric and Alexis (Krum) Blankenship are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Rose, on July 17, 2007. Lily is a wonderful baby! Sharing in this joy is Sabrina Krum '06, who is the aunt and godmother of Lily Rose.

■ Kristin (George) and Steve Faella '98 are happy to announce the birth of their daughter. Samantha Lea Faella was born on November 21, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs, 4 oz, and was 20 1/2 inches long. ■ Rebecca (Berg) Grimaldi and Ralph C. Grimaldi III welcomed their second son, Sawyer Wolf Grimaldi, to

their loving home on August 29, 2007. He joins big brother Austin Ralph Grimaldi, who is 2 years old. ■ Marcus and Stephanie (Powers) Mattielli are expecting their first child this July. ■ Sara (Stern) Neal and her husband David welcomed their first child on February 1, 2008. Caroline Ruth was born at 2:06 p.m. weighing 8 lbs, 10 oz and was 21 inches long.

2002

Sarah (Kessler) and Jared Pasternak welcomed their first daughter, Maya Emily, on November 7, 2007. She weighed 6 lbs, 8oz. ■ Steve and JoEllen (Kleckner) Rooney welcomed their first child, Ryan Carson, on August 1, 2007.



Caroline Ruth Neal



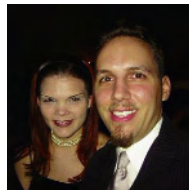
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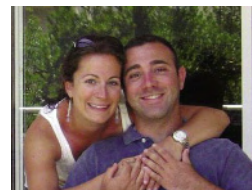
Ryan Carson Rooney



Alumni at the wedding of David Gunther '02 and Kelly (Gower) Gunther



JoEllen Notte '01 and Taylor Hansen



Amanda Giannini '02 and James Caparosa



Karen Nguyen '02 and Andrew Wu

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both in our second year of working as attorneys in midtown Manhattan. I work in the field of land use, helping developers obtain the necessary approvals to comply with the New York City zoning laws, and Dustin is involved with real estate and art law as well as Holocaust restitution. We are currently living in Brooklyn Heights in



Alumni at the wedding of Reina Tyson '02 and Dylan Sapir '01

our newly renovated apartment which we have been working on for nearly a year!"

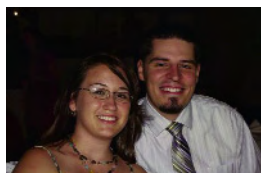
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Amanda Giannini and James Caparosa were engaged on September 22, 2007. The wedding will take place in Mystic, Conn., in August of 2008. ■ Elizabeth Jurist and Michael Schwarzwald (brother of Dana Schwarzwald '04), were married on November 10, 2007. The couple currently resides in New York, N.Y. ■ Karen Nguyen married Andrew Wu on September 9, 2007, at Cairnwood Mansion in Bryn Athyn, Pa. In attendance from Muhlenberg College were Kristin Flagg, Quynh Le, Alicia (Murray) Motzer and Sajjad Malik. Karen is a pathology resident at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and her husband is a surgery resident at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. ■ Heather Miller and Keith Nunnally were married on August 12 on the white sand beaches of Destin, Fla. With their parents by their sides, they exchanged vows as

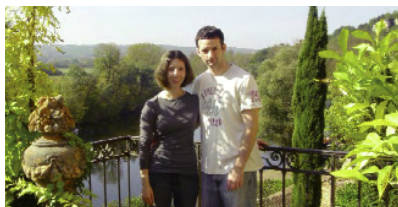
the waves crashed behind them. The happy couple lives in the new house in Richmond, Va. ■ Josh Sacks has accepted a new position. Formerly the director of legal services at a boutique search firm, Josh is now the managing director of peak litigation support. He's very happy to be a part of The Peak Organization, which has a long record of success in legal staffing. Josh was brought in during October 2007 to rebuild the division and is enjoying the new experience. He has been in the executive recruiting industry for over five years now. ■ Elliot Silver recently won two prominent industry awards for his domain investment blog, ElliottsBlog.com. Elliot won a Domainers Choice Award and a Name Intelligence Award, as the leading domain industry blog. In addition to Elliot's Blog, Elliot founded a domain investment company, Top Notch Domains, LLC. The company owns and operates several websites: Lowell.com, a guide to Lowell, Massachusetts hotels, restaurants, and museums. Burbank.com, a guide to Burbank, California studios, hotels, restaurants, and attractions. Secaucus.com, a guide to real estate, hotels, and



Edward Easterly '03



Kristi Romig '03 and Dave Lecher



Natalie Silverman '03 and Mike Cocchimiglio

shopping in Secaucus, New Jersey. TropicalBirds.com, a guide to tropical birds found throughout the world. Top Notch Domains, LLC continues to add to its portfolio of domain names, and they plan to launch several travel and informational websites during the next several months. ■ **Reina Tyson** and **Dylan Sapir '01** were married on July 3, 2007 in Bridgewater, N.J. The couple was honored to have over 30 'Berg alumni in attendance, including **Kerry (Lambert) Jarema '01**, **Kelly (Gower) Gunther '01**, **Meghan (Repka) Trenholm**, **Rick Felsen**, **Dave Wolf '01**, **James Barski '01**, **Chuck Draper '00** and **Brett Rackoff '01** in the wedding party. The Sapirs honeymooned in St. Lucia and currently reside in Allentown. Reina is a paralegal at Weber, Kracht & Chellew, and Dylan is a math teacher at Phillipsburg High School. Both are still involved in Mule athletics, with Reina as an assistant field hockey coach and Dylan an assistant baseball coach.

2003

Burton Bates is on another adventure! After teaching English in Japan and being a crew chief in Boston, he is Down Under. He is enrolled in an MBA program with an international concentration in China, at Murdoch University. He is scheduled to complete his program in 2009. ■ **Robertson, Freilich, Bruno & Cohen, LLC** associates **Fanny A. Flikstein** and **Elizabeth Koniers Brown '01** have earned asylum for a *pro bono* client in a case brought by Immigration

and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the Immigration Court. In a particularly complex case, Brown and Flikstein successfully represented a gay, HIV-positive Trinidadian national living in New York. ■ **Bridget Daly** has won the Overachiever's Award in her role as senior analyst for Cadbury Adams U.S.A. in Parsippany, N.J. This award is given annually to a select few colleagues for outstanding performance in sales. As part of this award, Bridget wins a vacation in Ireland for two. ■ **Lehigh Valley** law firm Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino recently named **Edward Easterly** as a new associate. Edward is a graduate of Villanova University School of Law. He specializes in employment and labor law and is a member of the firm's litigation group. Prior to joining Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino in August, he practiced in Philadelphia, where he gained experience in a wide variety of employment matters. ■ **Justin Hyde** accepted a position as a sales consultant with Synthes Spine, selling spinal implants to orthopaedic surgeons and neurosurgeons. He relocated to New York City for the position and will be working in hospitals located in the Bronx.

■ **Kathryn Kapson** married Christopher Dalbey on August 25, 2007, in Towanda, Pa. There were many Mules in attendance. ■ **Jessica Kriss** and **Michael Saratovsky '04** became engaged in November. The two re-met a little over two years ago in New York City. They now live on the Upper East Side with their cat, Bruce Wayne, who played a huge role in Mike's proposal. An October 2008 wedding is planned. ■ **Kristi Romig** and **Dave Lecher (Ursinus '02)** were engaged on December 7, 2007, after dating for over 3 years. The proposal was a complete surprise and happened just after a snowfall in the park across the street from the home they built in 2005. The couple is planning an April 2009 wedding. ■ **Natalie Silverman** recently became engaged to Mike Cocchimiglio of Collegeville, Pa., while vacationing in France. Natalie currently works as a creative marketing manager for American Express. Mike is a financial contracts analyst for World Water & Solar Technologies Corp. The couple is planning an October 2009 wedding. ■ **Jason** and **Sarah (Risch) Simeone '04** were married on June 2, 2007, in Narragansett, R.I. Many alumni were in attendance. Jason and Sarah live in Rhode Island and are both pursuing graduate degrees at the University of Rhode Island. Jason is working towards his Ph.D. in pharmacoeconomics and Sarah is completing her doctor of physical therapy. ■ **Frances Zarrella** and **Joseph Sarcona** were married on May 19, 2007. The ceremony took place at St Joseph's Church in Garden City, N.Y. The reception followed at Oheka Castle in Huntington, N.Y. **Christina Petrozza** was a bridesmaid. The couple currently resides in Hong Kong, China.

2004

Kelly Cook and **Joel Rush** were married on October 6, 2007, in Avondale, Pa. The wedding party included several Muhlenberg alumni: best man **Brandon McKeown**, **Chris O'Connor**, **Nick Preneta**, **Jackie Gerard**, **Alicia Luke Korp** and **Kate (Sensenig) Hunt**. They were married by **Rev. Victor Kroninger '53**. Joel and Kelly recently bought their first home in Gaithersburg, Md. Joel works in Washington, D.C., as an attorney for the firm Epstein, Becker and Green. Kelly continues her work as a social worker. ■ With many alumni in attendance, **Kevin Heenan** and **Melissa Tarlowski** got married at the Egner Memorial Chapel on May 12, 2007. They are both pursuing masters degrees through George Mason University. ■ In May 2007, **Katherine Purkert** graduated from Virginia



Alumni at the wedding of Kathryn Kapson '03 and Christopher Dalbey



Alumni at the wedding of Jason '03 and Sarah (Risch) Simeone '04



Alumni at the wedding of Kelly Cook '04 and Joel Rush '04



Alumni at the wedding of Melissa Tarlowski '04 and Kevin Heenan '04



Alumni at the wedding of Shawn '04 and Jennifer (Youtsey) Zeplin '04



Alumni at the wedding of Dan Sehn '04 and Alicia Malley '04



Alumni at the wedding of Curtis Swarengen and Stacy Moore '04



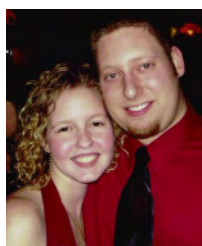
Adam Miller '04 and Rita Shafer '04

Commonwealth University with her masters in social work. Kate now works as a social worker for Inova Fairfax Hospital. ■ Dan Sehn and Alicia Malley were married on September 29, 2007, in Rochester, N.Y. Muhlenberg alumni in attendance were: Kevin and Melissa (Tarlowski) Heenan, Kim Schmidt '05, Justin Henning, Kyle Kappel, Gaspare Pizzo, Meredith Reichert, Mike Piontek '05, Matt McGlaughlin, Josh Cohen, RJ Caras '05, Matt Menard, Mary McLaughlin, Alicia Luke, Kelly Shera, Eamon Fricker, Jamie Koransky '05, Todd Machtley, Emily O'Rourke '05, Lisa deCotiis '03, Kim Richards '03 and Sarabeth Lewis '03. ■ Rita Shafer and Adam Miller are planning a June 14, 2008, wedding at Egner Memorial Chapel. Rita is an investment operations administrator for Cornerstone Advisors Asset Management in Bethlehem, Pa. She is studying for a masters in business administration in finance at DeSales University. Adam is attending Temple University School of Dentistry and is scheduled to graduate in May 2008. The

couple will honeymoon in Greece. ■ Shawn Zeplin writes, "Jennifer Youtsey and I were married on August 11 in Breckenridge, Colo. Mules in attendance were Ben Phillips (groomsman), Dave Brown (groomsman), Jesse Neider (groomsman), Kristen Kastner (bridesmaid), Carol Undreiner (bridesmaid), Jenn Healy (bridesmaid), Joel and Kelly (Cook) Rush, Rick and Dana (Ferrelli) '03 Triano, Justin Henning, Nick Preneta (usher), Josh Boyer (usher), Regina Simone, Matt Katz, Lisa Cavicchioli, Jon Baker, Chris O'Connor and Brendon McKeown. Jennifer and Shawn currently reside in Littleton, Colo., where Jennifer is a senior accountant with Norgren, and Shawn is currently pursuing his master's in sport and performance psychology at the University of Denver.

2005

Meghan Horner recently accepted the position of campaign coordinator for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Northern New Jersey



Caitlin Walters '05 and Daniel Kaplan '05

Chapter in Westfield, N.J. In this capacity, she will be responsible for managing and developing the Hike For Discovery and Team In Training programs, specifically in the areas of marketing/PR, fundraising and event management. ■ Beth Slakoff is now working as the guidance counselor at Holy Family Villa Academy. ■ Caitlin Walters and Daniel Kaplan became engaged on December 25, 2006. The couple is planning a September 2008 wedding on their seven year anniversary near their residence in Clifton, N.J.

2006

Stacy Lipschutz married Matthew Seltzer on August 12, 2007, at Temple Beth El in Allentown, Pa. Many alumni, faculty and staff were in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and is currently residing in Brookline, Mass. ■



Alumni at the wedding of Stacy Lipschutz '06 and Matthew Seltzer

- 1928 **Lloyd H. Kemp** died on November 8, 2007. He is survived by his children, Diane L. Ludwig and William S. Kemp.
- 1935 **James A. Vaccaro** died on October 15, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; and daughter, Francis. He was preceded in death by his son, and daughter, Barbara Ann Ueberoth.
- 1937 **Dr. DeWitt E. Delawter** died on November 10, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Helen; daughters, Dorothy Jones and Virginia Krute; and son, DeWitt Delawter, Jr.
- 1941 **Rev. Dr. Ralph L. Alderfer** died on December 22, 2007. He is survived by his son, Rev. David Alderfer '67; daughter, RuthAnn '71 and her husband, Rev. Paul Bartlett '71. He was predeceased by his wife, Marion.
- 1942 **Edward H. Robertson** died on December 5, 2007. He was a Life Trustee of the College and, along with his wife, Lois, a benefactor of Robertson Hall. He is survived by his wife.
- Joseph A. Miller** died on December 16, 2007. He is survived by daughters, Susan Kiefer, J. Victoria Baum and Lynne M. Morris; and sons, Pieter V. Miller and Eric J. Miller; also, grandson Eric Miller '10. He was predeceased by his wife, Juliana.
- Al Pierce** died on February 10, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty; sons Alfred and John; daughter Christy Ann; and a brother Henry '52.
- Helen Gall Severs** died on January 27, 2008. She is survived by nieces, Elizabeth Darocha and Geraldine Mack; and nephew, Dr. Eugene Kertis, '44.
- 1943 **Dr. Robert A. Minogue** died on December 18, 2007. He is survived by daughters, L. Sharon Budinetz, Patricia Prestel, Mary Louise Kiener, and Margery Lafferty. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret.
- 1945 **Edward F. Muller, Jr.** died on November 13, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Elinor; daughters, Susan Smith, Lisa Muller, and Sandra Armstrong; also, granddaughters Mackenzie Smith '06 and Laura Smith '09.
- 1946 **Carl A. Rassler** died on October 9, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; son, Carl; and daughter Renee McDermott.
- Dr. Allen Kendall** died on December 10, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; and children, Scott, Lyle, and Blair Kendall Reif.
- 1948 **Paul J. Rabuck** died on February 1, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Estelle; son, Robert; daughters, Shirley Baker and Nancy Wilson.
- 1949 **Edwin D. Leonard** died on November 7, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Janis; son, Peter; and daughter, Janet Leonard Bilhartz.
- Nicholas Polk** died on December 7, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Isabella.
- 1951 **Jacques C. Rasser** died on October 20, 2007.
- Rev. John Siedem** died on December 13, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Marianne; nieces and nephews including John M. Siedem '86. He was predeceased by his first wife, Joan; and brother, Samuel Siedem '52.
- 1954 **Carl P. Schulze** died on December 2, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Jane; and sons, Carl, James and Gregg.
- 1955 **George K. Wachs, Sr.** died on January 20, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Dolores; daughters, Cheryl McCusker and Cindy Wright; sons, George, Gary, Gregg and Geoffrey.
- 1956 **Edgar A. Miller** died on October 24, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; and daughters, Sally Reinhard and Amy Holderer.
- Richard G. Weidner, Jr.** died on October 8, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Damaris; daughter, Cyndi Croker; and son, Glenn.
- William F. Greenawald** died on January 28, 2008. He was Class of 1956 Reunion Chair and a former member of the Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; sons, Todd and Bradford; daughters, Whitney Hess and Brooke Steigerwalt; brother, Edward '64; sister, Ruthann Harris; and six grandchildren.
- Thomas O'Reilly** died on January 27, 2008.
- 1957 **Dale D. Shoemaker** died on February 7, 2008. He is survived by sisters, Patricia Amey and Sylvia S. Countess; and brother-in-law, Roy Redline.
- 1959 **Dr. Irving M. Berkowitz** died on November 12, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Candace; son, Avi Benjamin; and daughters, Valerie Green, Rachel Joy and Kaila Creighton. He was predeceased by two sons, Craig Lewis and Elijah Jacob.
- David A. Walker** died on January 26, 2008. He is survived by his mother, Vera Dykes Walker; and brother, Edward B. Walker, Jr.
- 1960 **Joseph T. Casale** died on November 7, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Carol; and daughters, Cheryl Pador and Tracy Olivieri.
- Dr. Franz Marschall** died on December 24, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; sister, Dr. Katherine Marschall; and brothers, Carl and Gerhard.
- 1962 **Dr. Edward R. Stevens** died on September 23, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Cathy; and sister, Ellen '67.
- 1965 **Dr. Paul M. Wolfson** died on October 25, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Marlene; and children, Jack Wolfson, Eric Wolfson and Dana Berggren.
- 1970 **Margaret J. Hoffman** died on January 11, 2008. She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Hoffman Adams; sons, Dr. Donald B. Hoffman Jr. '61 and Dr. William G. Hoffman '67. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Donald B. Hoffman Sr. '32; and son, Edwin '64.
- 1973 **Dr. Jane V. Zeile** died on December 9, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Sergio Aragon; sons, Zachary Krevor, Samuel Krevor, Nathanael Krevor and Alex Krevor; and parents, Walter and Ruth Zeile.
- Linda M. Ciccantelli** died on December 19, 2007. She is survived by her brother, Dr. George Morgan, Jr. and sister, Dr. Mary Ellen Torreti Morgan.
- 1977 **Alliene G. Lewis** died on January 9, 2008. She is survived by her brothers, Dr. William Graver '69 and Daniel Graver.
- 1988 **T. Michael Walsh** died on January 4, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; and children, Jake and Emma.
- 1994 **Karen Kuch Esposito** died on December 22, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Anthony; and daughters, Sarah and Molly.
- 2002 **Victor Solis** died on January 18, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Damasita; sons, Mario, Victor Jr. and Vincent; daughter, Marisa Solis; step-sons, Chico and Elliot Hernandez; and step-daughter Lillian Ortiz.

CORRECTION

A previous annual report listed survivors of former President Dr. Jonathan Messerli. The survivors also include his daughter, Marti Sands-Weinstein, her spouse Janice Sands-Weinstein, and their four children David, Gracie, Jonah and Joshua Sands-Weinstein. The College regrets the omission.

The Last WORD



By Dr. Kathleen Harrington
Associate Dean
for Institutional Assessment
& Professor of Psychology

High Impact Activities That Enrich Student Learning

For the past eight years, colleges and universities across the country have used the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) to evaluate the impact of their educational programs on student learning. In this survey students are asked about their participation in a wide range of activities, both inside and outside the classroom. They also rate the extent that their education contributed to the development of specific learning outcomes, such as writing, critical thinking and speaking skills. This research has shown that there are certain educational experiences that have more of an effect in increasing students' ability to think critically, solve real world problems and work effectively with others. These high impact practices include: first-year seminars, internships, service learning, undergraduate research, study abroad and senior capstone experiences. More so than other types of pedagogies, these activities provide students with intense faculty-student interaction, opportunities to apply course material and hands-on research and work experience.

Neuroscience research helps us understand why these types of experiences lead to "deep-

er" learning. The four major lobes or areas of the brain are responsible for different types of neural functioning. Activities that stimulate all four areas of the brain lead to the development of more complex neural networks that have multiple connections to other previously learned information. Interestingly, James Zull, a biology professor at Case Western Reserve University, realized that the functions of the brain dovetail nicely with the four stages of David Kolb's learning cycle. Kolb argues that deep learning (learning that leads to real comprehension) occurs through a process of concrete experience, reflective observation, abstract hypothesizing and active testing. Thus, hands-on experience coupled with assignments that require students to critically reflect on their observations, as well as develop and test abstract hypotheses related to their experience, are more likely to activate different aspects of brain functioning. When student work requires the integration of different types of neural processing, students gain a more comprehensive and deeper understanding of the course material.

Depending on the type of high impact activity, students gain concrete experience with primary texts, with empirical data or with real world situations. Their assignments encourage them to reflect on their experiences and to integrate observations with course material. Students create hypotheses, predictions or ideas that move beyond their immediate experience and then they must do further research in order to test those hypotheses. All parts of the brain are activated as students move through the stages of the learning cycle, resulting in more powerful learning outcomes.

Not surprisingly, students who attend small liberal arts colleges are more likely to engage in many of these high-impact activities. For example, at Muhlenberg all students complete a First-Year Seminar. Our most recent NSSE (2005) results show that 85% of Muhlenberg seniors had an internship or other field experience, while 53% took a course that required service learning or a community-based project. Moreover, 40% of our students collaborated with faculty on a research project. We still have work to do. For example, only 30% of seniors reported that they had a culminating senior experience (even though the majority of academic departments offer these experiences) and 34% said they had studied abroad. Results from the College's Teagle Foundation assessment project led us to realize that many students were enrolled in capstone courses, but they did not fully understand the goals and objectives of this activity as a culminating

experience. In response, departments are highlighting capstone experiences in the course catalog and faculty are being more intentional in articulating the goals of these activities. Increasing the number of students who study abroad and expanding study abroad sites is also a top priority for the College. In fact, last year 256 students studied abroad in 19 different countries.

This issue of the Muhlenberg magazine showcases our psychology major, a program that provides students with many of the valued high-impact activities. Through research mentorships, independent research and senior honors theses, psychology majors gain undergraduate research experience at different points in the program. In fact, more students enroll in research experiences in the psychology department than in any other department on campus. About a third of all seniors do an internship in settings that range from mental health facilities to marketing research firms to the Muhlenberg Admission Office. Currently, five psychology courses require students to complete a service-learning experience where they work in our community and complete assignments that require them to reflect on their experience and connect their observations to course readings. Moreover, all psychology majors complete a capstone experience, their Advanced Lab course – a writing intensive, advanced research course where they work in groups to design and carry out a novel research project. On Psychology Research Day, the students present their results to the faculty and their peers.

According to George Kuh, the director of the NSSE, these activities tend to be more effective educational practices because 1) they require more investment from students, 2) they involve a great deal of faculty and peer interaction, 3) they force students to interact and work with others from different backgrounds, 4) they provide students with frequent feedback from faculty, 5) they give students opportunities to apply their learning and 6) they can be a life-changing event for students.

These experiences usually require more time, effort and resources on the part of the institution, as well. They require close student-faculty interaction, the integration of new and creative pedagogies and in some cases, funds to purchase equipment, pay for transportation, or support course development. However, the value they add to student learning far outweighs the additional resources needed to insure that all Muhlenberg students can take advantage of these valuable "high-impact" opportunities. ■

The Washington Post

Is Grant or Lee greatest general?

Crucial decisions by two commanders change the direction of history

By Edward H. Bonekemper III
Special to The Washington Post

As the Civil War's greatest general, Grant was a butcher. Was Robert E. Lee the Civil War's greatest general? The answer to both questions is a resounding yes. The respective casualty figures for the two generals are staggering. Lee's army, which suffered 25,000 deaths and 15,000 wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg, was the only Confederate army to be destroyed. Grant's army, which suffered 21,000 deaths and 18,000 wounded at the Battle of Vicksburg, was the only Union army to be destroyed.

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tailoring Rust-Belt Economic Appeals

Barack and Clinton have different tactics to address anxieties about the economy.

Barack, Pa. — While the candidates have been talking about the economy, they have been tailoring their appeals to different Rust-Belt anxieties. Obama's message is one of hope and change, while Clinton's is one of experience and competence. Both are trying to win over the Rust-Belt, but they are using different tactics to do so.

Notable Pa. Democrats on

Philadelphia mayor, suburban congressman follow own instincts

Philadelphia — Two Democrats rising stars find themselves on opposite sides in this state's pivotal presidential primary.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter swept into office on a wave of popularity. He is a moderate Democrat, but he is also a strong supporter of Barack Obama. Nutter's support for Obama is a reflection of his own instincts. He believes in change and hope, and he believes that Obama is the best person to lead the country.

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BY GAY NORTON EDLMAN

The New York Times

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008

Rooms Cheaper, Quicker and Quieter

been pleased with the quality of the new modular construction, but equally excited about the speed and the fact that the new buildings are so much more affordable than the old ones. The new buildings are also much more energy efficient, which is a big plus for the city and the environment.

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