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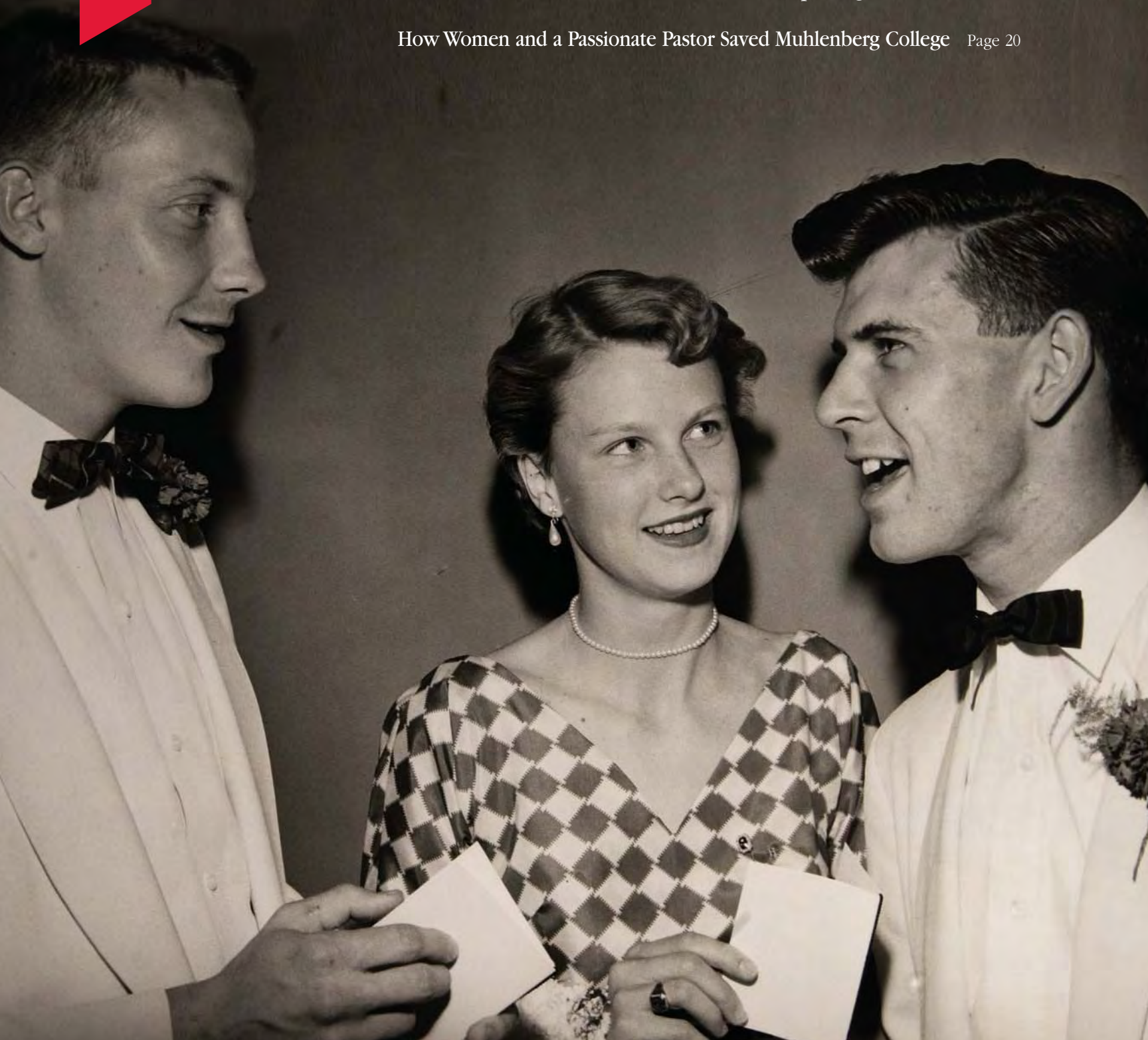


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X-tra Credit

The jury's in, fellas. In case any of you were wondering, 50 years after co-education began at Muhlenberg (that's approximately 299,999,950 years after the X and Y chromosomes diverged from a pair of identical chromosomes)¹ the experiment is clearly a success. The real question is whether those of us who are X-challenged can hold our own in this brave new X-triumphant world.

What a difference a half-century can make! Nationally, in 1957 only 35% of college-going students were women (that was 0% at Muhlenberg until the fall of 1957); by 2010 the Department of Education expects the ratio to be 60% women: 40% men (at Muhlenberg it's already 58% women to 42% men).

And once they're here, how are women doing compared to their male counterparts? Well if you're a guy, it's kind of scary.

Academic competitiveness? More than 63% of the students chosen for Muhlenberg's three Honors Programs (Dana Associates, Muhlenberg Scholars, RJ Fellows) are women; last year's Dean's List was more than 68% women, and women claimed more than 68% of Latin Honors at graduation over the last two years.

Athletic Competition? Last year women's basketball, lacrosse, and soccer had better win-loss averages than their male counterparts, field hockey did better than football, softball (slightly) better than baseball.

Postgraduate achievement? Six of Muhlenberg's seven undergraduate Fulbright awardees in the last 10 years have been women.

And if you believe that Muhlenberg women are hiding out in the "traditionally female" Humanities think again: 58% of our Natural Science majors (biology, chemistry, math, etc.) are women. The only large majors where men still outnumber women are business, accounting, economics and political science.

The "X-cellence" is not limited to students. Over the past decade our full-time faculty has jumped from 40% to almost 50% women. The number of female full professors has almost quintupled during that time (from 3 to 14). Our three faculty Fulbright Scholars last year? All women (two in sociology/anthropology, one in dance).

And then there are graduates like Provost Karen Antman '70 of Boston University Medical School; Maria Rodale '85, Chairman of Rodale Press; international journalist and writer Barbara Crossette '63, and many other distinguished alumnae who are doing great things in the world thanks, at least in part, to their Muhlenberg education.

Obviously Muhlenberg's move to co-education has proved a smashing success.

I'm not saying that Muhlenberg males are under-performing – our Y-guys can hold their own with any students and faculty in the country. But nationally, many folks are wondering: what's going on with guys? Why are girls outnumbering boys in college classrooms? The blogosphere is teeming with theories (the elimination of elementary

school recess has disadvantaged physically active boys; education has become more "verbal" while boys' brains are slower to acquire vocabulary; Title IX has curtailed growth in male sports; women are better at focusing on long-term goals than men) but provides no credible explanations and certainly no solutions – if indeed this is a problem requiring a solution.

Personally, I'm opposed to male-bashing, so I'm inclined to ignore an explanation I've heard as long ago as first grade and as recently as my last conversation with my wife: girls are just smarter than boys.

Is this explosion of female potential something we should worry about? Some folks think so. *U.S. News & World Report* claims "once a campus reaches, say, a 60-40 split in favor of either gender, the college becomes less attractive to applicants of both sexes" (though it admits the evidence is anecdotal).² Some colleges and universities have started putting a thumb on the men's side of the admissions scale to keep the genders balanced. Kenyon College's Dean of Admissions admitted in a *New York Times* op-ed last April that "the fat acceptance envelope is simply more elusive for today's accomplished young women."

Is Muhlenberg approaching some tipping point, some point of no return? I'm not convinced we are. Should we start discriminating against smart women in favor of not-quite-as-smart men? Muhlenberg has not gone down this road, and I hope we never will. Unlike the colleges cited by *U.S. News*, women applying to Muhlenberg enjoyed a somewhat higher acceptance rate than men (46% v. 41%) last year, reflecting the relative strength of their applications.

That doesn't mean we shouldn't strive for balance – both genders have lots to learn from each other and a gender-balanced campus offers a richer learning environment. We have, and will continue to make sure we are offering majors, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that appeal to men as well as women.

But for heaven's sake, let's celebrate how far we've come in the 50 years since co-education. The real story here is that members of an underserved, highly talented half of our society have reaped the rewards of a decision our predecessors made a half-century ago. They are making the most of it, and we should applaud them. This year, as we observe the 50th Anniversary of Co-Education at Muhlenberg, we will find lots of opportunities to do so.

Peyton R. Helm
President, Muhlenberg College

¹ Thanks to our Biology department faculty I now have a much better understanding of the emergence of gender differentiation among mammals. The real distinction is actually a single gene on the Y chromosome (the "SRY" gene which apparently determines "maleness"); apart from the SRY gene, the Y chromosome is more or less redundant.

² June 25 2007, p. 52.

Door to **DOOR**

NEWS FROM
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COLLEGE

New Science Building Dedicated



Chairman of the Board Rich Brueckner '71, P'04, P'09, President Randy Helm, biology chair Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, biology professor Dr. Bruce Anderson and Art Altman '53, P'84 cut the ribbon and officially open the New Science Building.

Muhlenberg trustees, along with more than 250 science alumni, faculty staff and students, gathered on June 14, 2007, for the opening of the College's New Science Building.

The event began with the unveiling of the Harry C. Trexler Tower, preceded by remarks from President Helm and Trexler Trustee Malcolm J. Gross '62, P'94, P'02, who joked that this event marked the first time he had gotten close to a science building at Muhlenberg. Additional Trexler Trustees in attendance included Kathryn Stephanoff, Robert C. Wood, William F. Greenawald '56 and Executive Director, Janet Roth.

Following the Tower dedication, guests moved to the south entrance of the New Science Building for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Remarks were given by President Helm and Chairman of the Board Richard F. Brueckner '71, P'04, P'09, who thanked alumni who made gifts in support of the project. Former Muhlenberg Trustee Dr. Arthur A. Altman '53, P'84; Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, chair of the biology department; and Dr. Bruce Anderson, associate professor of chemistry, assisted with the ribbon-cutting flanked by science professors and students.

Guests then moved inside for tours of the new building and renovated Shankweiler Building, coordinated by Alyssa Rabenold '02, senior assistant director in the office of admission. The tours included stops in various laboratories and classrooms where faculty and students demonstrated their research. Also included were named spaces provided through the generosity of alumni, friends and the College's

government and foundation partners. Crowning the tours was a visit the Acopian Center for Ornithology located on the fourth floor of the Shankweiler Building.

A cocktail reception was held in the science courtyard and Parents Plaza, with entertainment by the Muhlenberg's own Doctors of Rock. Guests then enjoyed a dinner of "Piper nigrum Crusted Tenderloin of Bos Taurus with Solanum lycopersicum Demi Glace" (Peppercorn Crusted Tenderloin of Beef with Tomato Demi Glace) and "Grilled Dissostichus eleginoides" (Grilled Sea Bass) in the Garden Room, which featured a 4-foot ice sculpture of the famous 'Berg polar bear.

After dinner, Dr. Niesenbaum and biology student Eliana Verghese '08 spoke about the sciences at Muhlenberg and the educational opportunities the new building provides. The evening closed with a musical performance from theatre students Ryan Brown '09, Daniel Guy '08, Monica Hanofee '08 and Kristin Sgarro '10, who entertained the crowd with scientific renditions of popular songs.

Additional Muhlenberg trustees in attendance included John W. Blend '68, Tammy L. Bormann '83, Dr. Paul C. Brucker '53, Bishop Claire S. Burkat, Dr. Alan H. DeCherney '63, Susan C. Eisenhauer '77, Dr. Lona M. Farr '62, P'94, Stuart W. Freiman '75, Marion E. Glick '82, Lawrence A. Green P'80, Thomas W. Mendham '63, P'91, William D. Miers '49, Mark J. Paris '80, Susan Pobjoy '73, Rev. Dr. John H. Reumann '47, P'85, Dr. John B. Rosenberg '63, James A. Skidmore '54, Rev. Dr. Harold S. Weiss '52 and Robert C. Wood. ■

NEW HIRES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

The College is pleased to announce the appointment of Beth Halpern as the new Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement, and Kate Cartwright as Assistant Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement.

Halpern is a graduate of Lawrence University in Wisconsin. She received her master's degree in higher education and student affairs from Ohio State University, where she was a graduate teaching assistant and worked in the Office of International Education.

She has been involved with several programs that the College is already involved with, including: Best Buddies International, OxFam

America, America Reads, Relay for Life, Special Olympics, the American Cancer Society and Habitat for Humanity. She has worked as a VISTA Community Programs Advisor at Dartmouth College and was a graduate intern at the University of California Santa Cruz. She has performed international service learning research, facilitated advocacy courses for students and community members and was an instructor for a course titled "Leadership in Community Service."

Cartwright is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, a Lutheran-affiliated institution in Hickory, N.C. She received her master's in English from Lehigh University. She has

been an adjunct lecturer, teaching fellow and writing center tutor at Lehigh and spent the past year as an instructor of English at Northampton Community College.

In 2005-06, Cartwright served as legal coordinator and Border Servant Corps Volunteer for the Justice for Women and Children's Project in El Paso, Texas. The Border Servant Corps is an AmeriCorps partner. She also spent a summer working for Equal Justice USA at the Quixote Center in Hyattsville, Maryland. In addition, she has worked on social justice projects with non-profit organizations in Bolivia, Chile, Ireland, Mexico, Spain and Washington, D.C. ■



Moravian President Chris Thomforde dons a 'Berg bowtie.

'Berg triumphs over Moravian in Walking Works Challenge

The faculty and staff of Muhlenberg College emerged victorious in a six-week walking competition against Moravian College.

In the spring, the Muhlenberg Mules and Moravian Greyhounds accepted the Walking Works challenge, sponsored by Capital Blue Cross. Walkers strapped pedometers to themselves, literally keeping track of their every step. Both participation and total steps walked counted towards each week's winner, and each team took the challenge seriously, as the stakes were high.

Prior to beginning the competition, 'Berg's President Randy Helm and Moravian's President Chris Thomforde decided that they would put their

pride on the line. The two agreed that the president of the losing school would have to admit defeat by wearing the other school's bow-tie, while shining the winning president's shoes.

The Mules started strong, taking the first and second weeks of the competition, but the Greyhounds overtook them in the third and fourth week. The Mules, known for their perseverance, hung in there and won the last week, taking the competition.

Though the Greyhounds marched more steps, the higher rate of Mule participation put them over the edge in this "neck and neck" race.

Thomforde and a group of Moravian staffers arrived in Helm's office to concede their loss, and Thomforde good-naturedly donned the 'Berg tie and gave Helm's shoes a good shine. ■

CLASS DISTINCTION

Last Class of All Men, the Class of 1957 Celebrates 50th Reunion by Raising \$1.6 Million in Commitments to Muhlenberg

By Stacey Prohaska, Director of Communication and Campaign Marketing

To the Class of 1957:

Something very magical happened on the weekend of Friday, June 1, 2007. A group of committed Muhlenberg Alumni traveled from all parts of the country to gather together to honor each other at our 50th Reunion.

The Class of '57 was one of the great classes in the history of Muhlenberg College. We accomplished great things. We were the end of an era that can never be recaptured again – the all-male student body.

In addition to having the ability to see each other and share memories, we also reached some other notable milestones: our class has committed more than \$1.6 million in current gifts, deferred gifts and pledges to the College, achieving a participation rate that surpassed 50%.

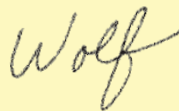
We thank all of you who contributed to Muhlenberg this year and who returned for this wonderful occasion. Our committee worked very hard and it was gratifying to see the results.

We wish all of our class members continued good health and good fortune.

Warm Regards,



Harvey Stein '57
Reunion Chair



Wolf Koenig '57
Class Fund Chair

As Muhlenberg celebrates 50 years of co-education this year, members of the last all-male class, the Class of 1957, have further distinguished themselves by scaling new heights in philanthropy and raising \$1.6 million in commitments to the College. A large part of the monies raised will be used to further endow the Class of 1957 Scholarship.

Twenty-five years ago the class established an unrestricted, endowed financial aid scholarship in celebration of their 25th Reunion. To celebrate their 50th, the class goal was to increase the endowment of the scholarship to \$300,000, which is required to generate enough income to provide an average financial aid package (\$16,728) to one student for one year. (Please see sidebar: Ashley Rider '09).

Class members not only achieved the endowment goal, they stepped up their annual giving to honor their Reunion year and met their participation goal of 51% for the Reunion Challenge: "A Toast to Success!"



Members of the Class of '57 celebrate at their 50th Reunion in June 2007.

Of the many members of the class who made gifts to the scholarship this year, including Ken Friedman, at least three members have donated funds through deferred gifts and have become members of the Circle of 1848, Muhlenberg's planned giving society. (Please see *Circle of 1848*.) Jon LaFaver, of New Cumberland, Pa., made a gift through a will provision; Wolf Koenig, of Williamsburg, Va., established a charitable gift annuity; and Jim Holben, of Allentown, Pa., made his gift through a life insurance policy. All three are grateful for their Muhlenberg education and cite Dr. John Reed, Dr. Hagen Staack, Dr. Ralph Graber and Dr. Minotte Chatfield, among others, as outstanding educators. Drs. Graber and Chatfield, Professors Emeriti in English, attended the 1957 Reunion Class Dinner on Saturday, June 2, 2007.

"As you go through life you're lucky to have mentors; at Muhlenberg we had a lot," says Jim Holben, a retired employee benefits specialist who majored in history and political science at Muhlenberg. "Those four years were very special. It wasn't just the knowledge, it was the close-knit community. I'm happy to give back, to give someone else the opportunity that was given to me."

"Tuition support for students is so important because Muhlenberg competes with other schools," says Wolf Koenig, who majored in economics. A retired senior vice president for Irving Trust Company, now Bank of New York, Koenig serves as Class Fund Chair for the Class of 1957. "We need incentives to attract the best students. The Reunion Committee decided bumping the scholarship up over \$300,000 to provide a student with a full scholarship would be a wonderful thing to do."

Jon LaFaver, a former pre-law and English major who went on to become an attorney and professor at Dickinson School of Law, says giving back is important, especially by those who received financial assistance. "When I was a student at Muhlenberg, I was the recipient of a Trustee Scholarship, which, at that time, paid for full tuition for all four years. I believe that any alumnus or alumna who received a scholarship should support scholarships at Muhlenberg."

Muhlenberg College is profoundly grateful to the Class of 1957 for their generosity this year. For more information on making a gift to the Class of 1957 Scholarship, or establishing a Class Scholarship to celebrate Reunion, please contact Rodwin Lowe, Director of Reunion Class Giving, at rlowe@muhlenberg.edu or 484-664-3306. ■



**Class of 1957
Scholarship Recipient:
Ashley Rider '09**

Last year, Muhlenberg's average financial aid package was \$16,728 per year, and close to 70% of students received some kind of financial aid. The Class of 1957 Scholarship has been awarded to junior Ashley Rider of Farmington, Conn., a neuroscience major with minors in public health and Spanish. Ashley is a campus tour guide and peer tutor, and volunteers at The Caring Place, a free health clinic in Allentown. She is also a work study student in the Office of Financial Aid.

"A college education is a luxury, an opportunity for those fortunate enough to have the means to afford it," says Ashley. "The moment I opened the financial aid letter was the most rewarding moment of my life. Muhlenberg has become my new home and I am forever grateful to the Class of 1957 for making my education possible."



CIRCLE OF 1848
FOREVER MUHLENBERG

Since its founding in 1989, the *Circle of 1848* has had a substantial impact on the quality of learning Muhlenberg College offers its students. Membership is open to all Muhlenberg alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends who name the College as a beneficiary in their estate plan, through their will, life insurance policy, trust or retirement plan. Muhlenberg extends its deepest gratitude to current *Circle* members for their exemplary support. For more information, visit www.myMuhlenberg.com/plannedgiving.



Hudak Named Dean of the Wescoe School

Jane Hudak, M.Ed. has been named Dean of the Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College. In this role, she will lead the College's efforts in continuing education as well as oversee the summer study program. Hudak has been serving as Interim Dean since September 2006.

In making the announcement, Muhlenberg College Provost Dr. Marjorie Hass said, "We are delighted

that Ms. Hudak will be leading The Wescoe School. She has a passion for adult education and a deep understanding of Muhlenberg's mission and The Wescoe School's history and possibilities. Our faculty and students have responded enthusiastically to her appointment.

"As Dean, she will provide strategic leadership for The Wescoe School. In collaboration with the Muhlenberg College faculty, she will ensure that we continue to provide high quality adult education for the Lehigh Valley. She will also be instrumental in forming community and business partnerships," explains Hass.

Since 1998, Hudak has been involved with advising, admissions and career development at The Wescoe School. First hired as a part-time academic advisor, she was promoted to the position of Associate Dean in 2002.

In 1991, Hudak received her bachelor's degree in political science from Kutztown University. After working in the field of healthcare administration and group counseling, she continued

her education at Kutztown and received a master's degree in education, focusing on student affairs in higher education. She interned at Kutztown University's financial aid office, Warren County Community College's counseling and career services division, the office of the Dean of Students at Muhlenberg College, and the Office of Labor /Management Cooperation in the Department of Labor in Harrisburg.

Within her career, Hudak has been actively involved in seminars and presentations at Muhlenberg College and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). For the 2004-05 academic year, she received the Muhlenberg College Peer Recognition "Manager of the Year" Award. In both 2003 and 2005, Hudak was honored by students with The Wescoe School's "Ph.T. Award" (putting him/her through) which was launched to recognize helpful support students receive while earning their degree. Hudak, her husband, Michael, and their two sons reside in Macungie, Pa. ■

Anderson Awarded Pew Arts Fellowship

The Pew Foundation has announced that Charles O. Anderson, assistant professor of theatre and dance and director of the African-American studies program, has received a fellowship for 2007-08 academic year.

Pew Fellowships in the Arts (PFA), established by The Pew Charitable Trusts in 1991, awards grants of \$50,000 to artists working in a wide variety of performing, visual and literary disciplines. The grants provide financial support directly to the artists so that they may have the opportunity to dedicate themselves to creative pursuits exclusively. The program aims to provide such support at moments in artists' careers when a concentration on artistic growth and exploration is most likely to have the greatest impact on an artist's long-term professional development.

Nearly 200 artists in three different artistic disciplines applied for this year's award. Anderson's work was reviewed and found to be exemplary by a distinguished panel of individuals in the dance field. The application was then reviewed by an interdisciplinary panel, which made its decision based on the artistic work and the written application. Only twelve Fellows were selected.

Pew Fellowships in the Arts is a program of the Philadelphia Center for Arts and Heritage, funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts and administered by The University of the Arts. ■



Stacy Popkin '07 named Anti-Hazing Hero



President Helm with "Anti-Hazing Hero" Stacy Popkin '07 and Director of Greek Affairs Chris Jachimowicz

In honor of National Hazing Prevention Week, Stacy Popkin '07, former president of Delta Zeta, was named an Anti-Hazing Hero. Popkin was one of three recipients who was honored.

Popkin assumed the role of President of the Xi Iota chapter of Delta Zeta sorority in December of 2005, just one month after the chapter admitted to hazing its new members. Stacy took on her new leadership role in the face of these challenges and worked tirelessly with representatives of the headquarters and the campus to immediately change the chapter's new member education program. She scheduled a speaker to help the campus better understand the dangers of hazing, and she worked to reconnect the chapter to Delta Zeta's founding ideals.

Berg's Director of Greek Affairs, Chris Jachimowicz, nominated Popkin for this award, saying, "Stacy realized that to be successful, just taking away the hazing behavior wasn't enough. She knew the negative behaviors had to be replaced by more positive methods for building community, purpose and identity within the group. Through Stacy's leadership, the chapter has reconnected with their national philanthropy, conducting a late night Hot Cakes for Hearing activity to raise money for hearing research. In addition, the chapter has attended regional and national conferences and programs and conducted internal educational programs on sexual assault, women's health and hazing." ■

New Department Chairs Announced

Provost Marjorie Hass has announced that five members of the Muhlenberg College faculty have been named heads of their respective academic departments.

Joe Elliott has been named chair of the art department. A full professor, Elliott joined the Muhlenberg faculty in 1983. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and an M.F.A. from the Pratt Institute.

Jane Flood has been named chair of the physics department. An associate professor, Flood received her B.A. in physics from Hunter College in 1977 and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1983.

Doug Ovens has been named chair of the music department. Ovens joined the Muhlenberg community in 1990 and is a full professor. He received his bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University, and his master's and doctorate from the University of California, Santa Barbara. This is his second term as chair of the music department.

Grant Scott has been named chair of the English department. Scott joined the Muhlenberg faculty in 1995 and is a full professor. He holds a bachelor's degree from University of California, San Diego and a master's and doctorate degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Lora Taub-Pervizpour has been named chair of the media and communication department. An assistant professor, she joined the Muhlenberg faculty in 2001. She earned her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego. ■

The College is pleased to announce that the following faculty members were recently promoted to full professor:

Franz Birgel: *Languages, Literatures & Cultures*

Penny Dunham: *Mathematical Sciences*

Mary Lawlor: *English*

Alumni NEWS

Traci (Luckenbill) Falco '92
D I R E C T O R

Sarah Roach
A S S I S T A N T D I R E C T O R

Desirée Sedehi '08
P R E S I D E N T I A L A S S I S T A N T



Save the
Date!

Reunion Weekend 2008!

June 6-8, 2008

It's time to start thinking about planning

Reunion 2008 scheduled for June 6-8.

If your class year ends in "3" or "8" and

you are interested in helping plan your

Reunion, or if you are a graduate of 50 years

or more and would like to help plan

Heritage Reunion 2008, please contact the

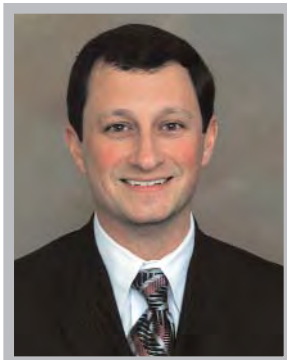
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A Year of Opportunity

By Louis R. Lessig '93

I often take this opportunity to inform alumni about what the Alumni Board has accomplished, what is of interest to you at the College, or fundraising efforts we have undertaken. However, with Homecoming almost upon us, I want to take a moment to reach out to all of you around the world and encourage you to reconnect.



When was the last time you spoke to your college roommate? How long has it been since you walked along Academic Row? What was the one place that sticks out in your mind from your days on our beautiful campus? Where was your favorite room located? What are all of your college friends doing now?

I bet that some of the answers to these questions may surprise you. In fact I may be dating myself a bit, but the Internet did not even exist when I entered Muhlenberg.

Recently, because of the untimely passing of a fraternity brother, I have been reconnecting via the internet with friends that I have not spoken with in years – people I have not seen around campus, and yes, I am there quite a bit. No matter what you did at Muhlenberg, you know the conversation...What are you doing?...Who else do you talk to from when we were there?...When was the last time you were back on campus?

Many of the people I speak to have not been back to see the incredible growth on campus in many years. Families have been started and careers have taken hold. Yet we all seem to have a fondness for a small patch of land in Allentown, Pa. The fact is that our alma mater is vibrant and ever-changing for the better. You can see it at the College's website or through myMuhlenberg.com, but nothing does it justice like taking the trip up, over or down to Chew Street to check out the place. I bet there will be things that surprise you.

Of course for some of you it is just too far to travel for a sightseeing tour, but that is why last year the office of alumni relations held a record number of events around the world. Check out myMuhlenberg.com to find an event near you, take an hour out of your day and check it out. Perhaps you are thinking, "No one I know will go." Well, then why not look them up, make plans to meet at the event and create your own little reunion?

We all share a bond, something that I am told from people who went to other institutions they do not have, and it's a feeling, a sense of belonging to a place, to a group of alumni who all share the same connection, no matter where we are, no matter what we do. This connection is a powerful one, and something we should all foster and cultivate no matter where we are in our lives or how many years it has been since we received our diploma from 'Berg.

So make this year the year that you reconnect with old friends. Perhaps take a day and stop by your old dorm, or register on myMuhlenberg.com and let others find you. Whatever you decide to do, however you think about getting involved, even passively, at 'Berg. Make this the year you reconnect because there are some truly amazing things happening with our alma mater. ■

When you first hear “A Taste of Life After Muhlenberg,” you might think first of graduate school, full-time employment and paying bills. Well, your regional club leaders and contacts, the passionate volunteer leaders who plan events designed to reconnect you with Muhlenberg, are currently developing a fun and exciting series of alumni gatherings called “A Taste of Life After Muhlenberg.”

This series of events was born during the third annual Regional Alumni Leadership Summit in March 2007. Volunteer leaders converge on campus each year for a weekend of leadership development and best-practice sharing. During one of this year’s summit sessions, which was titled “Strengthening Events: Multiple Region Events Past and Future,” facilitator Christina Coviello ’02, director of alumni relations Traci Falco ’92 and I asked alumni leaders from throughout the northeast to design a series of events we could hold in multiple cities to welcome young alumni to

the “real world” and our Alumni Association.

What happened next exceeded everyone’s expectations! The leaders excitedly brainstormed numerous event concepts and bounced ideas off each other until they came up with the theme for the series, “A Taste of Life After Muhlenberg.” The leaders then decided that they would allow each region’s volunteer team to customize the event to local preferences, but the unifying theme would be taste – each event would offer some kind of tasting. For example, one regional team decided to offer a beer tasting at a local brewery. In addition, each regional team committed to submitting their event details to Traci Falco by July 15 so that the alumni relations team could publicize the events in one comprehensive mailing and in one event listing on www.myMuhlenberg.com.

Have we succeeded in whetting your appetite for “A Taste of Life After Muhlenberg?” Be sure to watch

your mailbox and your PC for event announcements. Events will be held in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, the Lehigh Valley, D.C., Connecticut and Maryland throughout October.

A Taste of Life After Muhlenberg, COMING THIS OCTOBER!

By Brian Fishbone '98,
Chief Community Builder,
Regional Alumni Support Team

In the meantime, if you would like to reconnect with Muhlenberg in your city or town, surf to www.myMuhlenberg.com, where you can find contact information for all of our Regional Club Leaders and Contacts by clicking on “Alumni Association,” then “Regional Alumni Clubs,” or read about Muhlenberg alumni volunteer opportunities by clicking on “volunteering.” We look forward to connecting with you soon! ■

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE PRESENTS: Homecoming Weekend: Celebrating the Past, Present and Future

Alumni of all ages, including the 5- and 10- year Reunion Classes of 1997 and 2002, are encouraged to return to campus to enjoy a weekend packed with 'Berg-tivities. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends, classmates, faculty and staff.

In addition to traditional sporting events, Reunion activities include the following:

- Cardinal & Grey Golf Outing • Scarecrow Decorating Contest
- LGBT Rainbow Space Reception • Henry's Drive-In
- Mule Decades Disco • Wedding Vow Renewal • 'Berg Blood Drive

Homecoming brochures with complete activity schedules, hotel information and registration forms were mailed this summer to give you plenty of time to prepare. Information is also available on the web at myMuhlenberg.com. Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-464-2374 or by email at bergalum@muhlenberg.edu with any questions, comments or suggestions.



You can contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 2400 West Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18104

Phone: 800-464-2374 • Fax: 484-664-3545 • E-mail: bergalum@muhlenberg.edu

S A N D

Muhlenberg's 3rd Annual Alumni Cruise

Get ready to set sail on our 3rd annual Alumni Cruise! Join 'Berg alumni and friends as we explore the Eastern Carribean during an eight-night cruise aboard the Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Spirit, June 14-22, 2008.

The Norwegian Spirit, a true luxury liner, has something fun for everyone including 11 restaurants and nine bars and lounges. Take a dip in the pool; pamper yourself with a manicure and pedicure or hot-stone massage at the spa; shoot some hoops; roll the dice at the casino...the possibilities are endless!

The Muhlenberg summer adventure begins on Saturday, June 14, as we depart from New York City at 4:00 p.m. The 7-day, 8-night itinerary includes leisurely days and nights at sea as well as time spent island hopping in St. Thomas, Tortola and Samana (for complete itinerary, visit www.ncl.com). Pricing for the trip includes all takes and port fees.

PRICING:

Category "D" <i>Outside Staterooms</i>	\$1212 per person, based on double occupancy
Category "BE" <i>Outside Staterooms with private balcony</i>	\$1572 per person, based on double occupancy

To join alumni and friends on board and in the sand, contact Natalie or Jennifer at VIP Vacations at 610-264-5577. We have reserved 40 cabins and expect to sell out quickly. Act now, space is limited!

S N O W

MuhlenBRRRg's Grand Targhee Getaway

Nestled in the heart of the Grand Tetons, Grand Targhee Resort is a playground for snow bunnies with an adventurous spirit. Join 'Berg alumni as we journey west March 5-9, 2008 to explore this powder paradise that offers nearly 3,000 acres of ski and snowboard terrain and everything from a full-service spa to snow shoe and dog sled tours.

Grand Targhee Resort is located in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest in western Wyoming, a short distance from Jackson Hole. With two mountain peaks totaling over 3,000 acres and an average snowfall of 500 inches, Targhee offers a wide-array of winter activities including skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, tubing, snow shoe and dog sled tours and nightly entertainment. The intimate, family-oriented resort also provides child care programs and ski and snowboard school programs for children and adults.

The 'Berg winter adventure begins Wednesday, March 5, with check-in at 4:00 p.m. and concludes Sunday, March 9, with check-out at 11:00 a.m. Pricing for the trip includes lodging for four nights, breakfast each morning, a catered reception Wednesday evening and a sleigh ride dinner Saturday night. Children 14 and under stay and ski free (1 per each paying adult.)

PRICING:

COST	PRICE PER PERSON
Double Occupancy	\$500.00
Triple Occupancy	\$400.00
Quad Occupancy	\$350.00

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	AMOUNT
Now	\$100 down-payment
October 15, 2007	\$150
January 2, 2008	Remainder paid in full

Consult the Grand Targhee Web site at www.grand-targhee.com for more information regarding lift tickets, rentals, ski and snowboard lessons, etc.

To join alumni friends and classmates on the slopes and in the snow at Targhee, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-464-2374 by January 2, 2008. We have reserved 25 rooms at the resort and expect to sell out quickly! So hurry, space is limited!

Payment accepted by credit card (MasterCard or Visa) and check only.

Make checks payable to:
 Muhlenberg College, Alumni Office
 2400 W. Chew Street
 Allentown, PA 18104

No refunds for cancellations made after 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

Reunion 2007: It's a Wrap!

Summer arrived with Reunion Weekend, bringing more than 500 alumni back to campus to enjoy temperatures in the 90s with high humidity. Special thanks to all the alumni who so graciously put up with problems with the air conditioning. Though we had to move people to other venues, or, in some cases, just bear the heat, everyone enjoyed the Reunion 2007 celebration: "Rolling Out the Red Carpet."

The Classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992 took center stage at the star-studded affair held June 1-3, 2007. Casino Night continued to dazzle all alumni in attendance as did the trolley tours into Allentown. Popular events included the ATO and Lambda Chi reunions, where brothers met to mix and mingle at their former fraternity houses, and the Volunteer Brunch honoring Reunion volunteers, hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations and The Muhlenberg Fund Office.

The class with the best attendance was the Class of 1987: over 60 members returned to campus to celebrate their 20th Reunion. Also receiving top honors were the Classes of 1957, 1962, who along with the Class of 1987 enjoyed a Champagne Toast at dinner Saturday night for achieving the Reunion Challenge (A Toast to Success!) and reaching their fundraising participation goal. Finally, the Alumni Achievement Awards Luncheon honored six individuals for their outstanding contributions to Muhlenberg and the world beyond: Ken Friedman '57, Harvey Stein '57, Carl Schnee '57, Eileen (Collins) Neri '87, David Garbe '98 and Anne Davis (Friend of the College).

Overall, the award-winning weekend was a smash hit!

Two thumbs-up and thanks again to our Reunion and Class Fund Chairs for all their work behind-the-scenes!

Class of 1957	Harvey Stein Wolf Koenig	Reunion Chair Class Fund Chair
Class of 1962	Lona Farr Duane Sonneborn David Kuntz	Reunion Chair Class Fund Co-Chair Class Fund Co-Chair
Class of 1967	John Piper Peter Klose	Reunion Chair Class Fund Chair
Class of 1972	Rev. Mike Bodnyk Rev. Eric Shafer	Reunion and Class Fund Chairs
Class of 1977	Susan & Steven Eisenhauer	Reunion and Class Fund Chairs
Class of 1982	Jim Price Lisa (Ganzhorn) Wallburg Tammy & Bill O'Shaughnessy	Reunion Co-Chair Reunion Co-Chair Class Fund Co-Chair
Class of 1987	Eileen (Collins) Neri Jake Matyas	Reunion Chair Class Fund Chair
Class of 1992	Kristin Krouse-Smeins David Haight	Reunion Chair Class Fund Chair



What does it take to be the best?

Teamwork...sacrifice... discipline...and **getting out the vote!**



by Mike Falk
Sports Information Director

In conjunction with Muhlenberg's celebration of 50 years of co-education, alumni will decide the top women's sports team in College history. Voting will be conducted online from late October through mid-March, with the winner announced during the 50th Anniversary of Co-Education Celebration Weekend (March 28-30, 2008).

Which was better - a record-setting basketball team or a nationally ranked softball team? A field hockey team that made the NCAAs or a track and field team that won a conference championship? You make the call!

Teams will be pitted one against the other (tournament-style, as indicated in the bracket on the facing page) until the field of 24 is pared down to one: the top women's sports team in

Muhlenberg history. Profiles of the teams and results will be posted on the Muhlenberg College athletics home page (www.muhlenberg.edu/sports) and myMuhlenberg.com.

Contests will begin every Sunday, with the voting to run for a week.

As we collect your votes during the year, we would also like to collect your memories of the teams in the bracket. Tell us things that the history books and statistics don't. What was it like to play on the team, or to be a fan of it? What were the best moments from the season? E-mail your comments to falk@muhlenberg.edu; selected recollections will be published on the Web site throughout the course of the contest.

Of the 24 teams in the bracket, 20 have been chosen. To round out the field, we are asking you to help pick the last four teams

from those listed below. Or, nominate a team that isn't on the list. To vote, please visit the Muhlenberg athletics Web site. The top four vote-getters as of Sunday, October 14, will be placed into the bracket in the "Voters' Choice" spots.

So call your ex-teammates, your friends, even your enemies. Every vote counts!

Nominees for the last four spots, in chronological order:

1973 Field Hockey

The last of the eight field hockey squads to finish a season undefeated, the 1973 team went 5-0-2 and outscored its opponents 24-2.

Included in the victories was a 5-0 shutout of Lehigh, which had just recently gone co-ed, in the first meeting of the two schools. The only blemishes on the record were 1-1 ties with Kutztown and Lafayette.

1975 Basketball

Reaching double digits in wins for the only time in its first 26 seasons, Muhlenberg prevailed in 10 of 11 games to set a school record for winning percentage (.909) that still stands. The team's only loss came at Kutztown by 29 points, but a week later the Mules got their revenge, beating the Golden Bears by 11.

1982 Softball

The softball program, which won a total of six games in its first three years, captured the MAC South title in 1982. The 8-6 Mules, who ranked third in the NCAA with a .339 team batting average and averaged 8.7 1 runs per game, defeated Franklin & Marshall, 4-2, in their first-ever playoff game before losing a one-run heart-breaker in the MAC championship game to Wilkes.

1987 Tennis

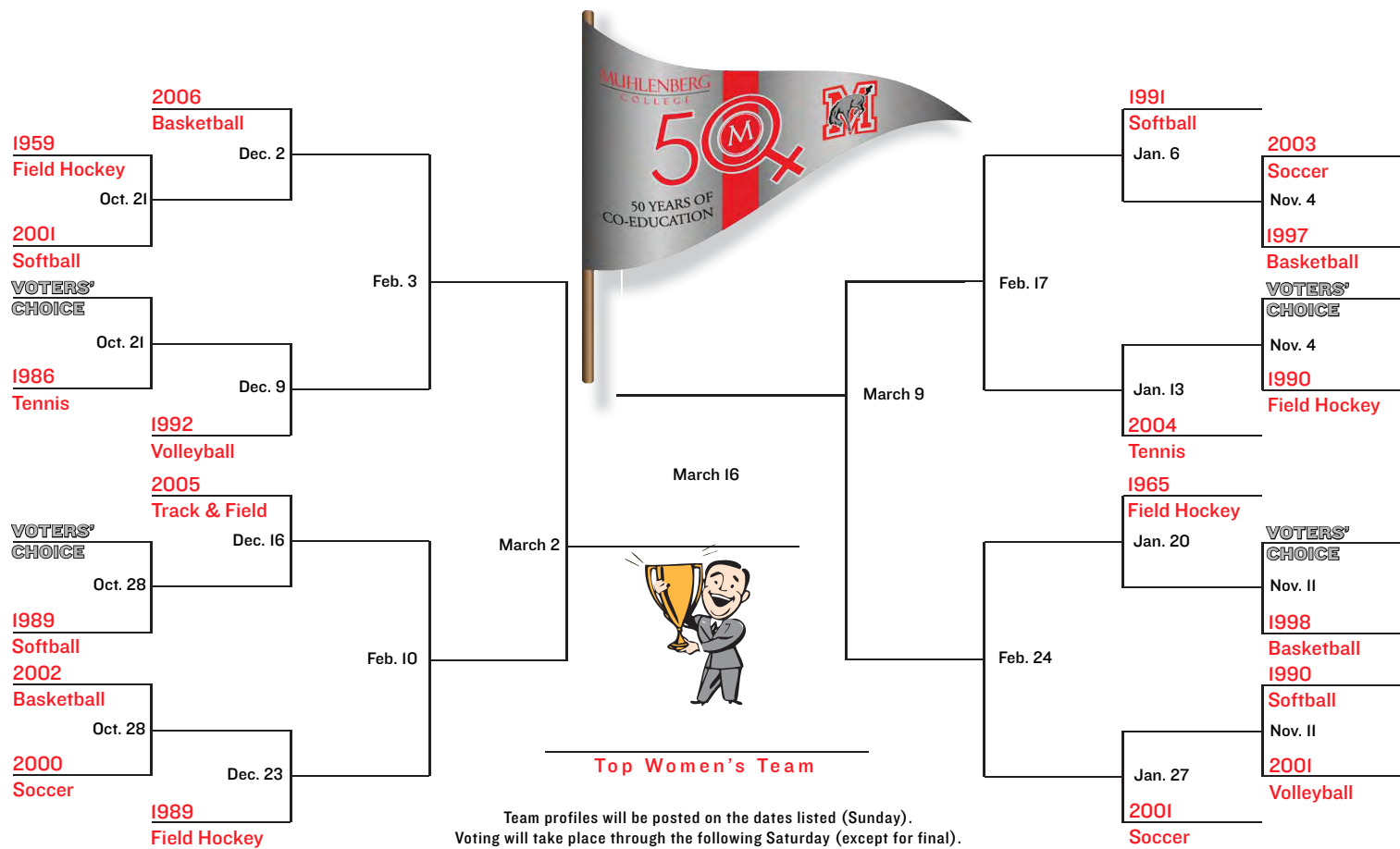
In what was a near duplicate of the 1986 season, the Mules went 10-1 in the regular season, losing only to Haverford, a team they had beaten by the same 5-4 score the previous year. As in '86, Muhlenberg defeated Scranton to win the MAC North title,



1966 Field Hockey



1986 Tennis



but fell to Franklin & Marshall in the MAC championship match. Two Mules teamed up to win the MAC doubles crown.

1990 Cross Country

Muhlenberg was a perfect 12-0 in dual meets, including shutouts of Delaware Valley, Drew and Alvernia, in its second varsity season. The Mules were only 10th at the MAC Championships, but turned it around at the NCAA Mideast Regional, coming in eighth out of 24 teams (fifth among MAC squads). The eighth-place regional finish still stands as the best in program history.

1992 Softball

The last of four straight Muhlenberg softball teams to qualify for the NCAA Tournament compiled a record of 22-13 and entered the national tournament ranked 18th in Division III. Although the Mules had their 40-game MAC Southeast winning streak snapped, they captured the MAC championship with three victories – two in extra innings – in the conference tournament.

1998 Soccer

Three one-goal losses – two in overtime – were all that separated this 15-5 team from a perfect Centennial Conference season. The Mules broke or tied 16 school records (their average of 3.30 goals per game is more than a goal better than second place) and earned their first regional ranking and first postseason bid, winning the ECAC Mid-Atlantic championship.

2000 Softball

Heading into Centennial Conference play with a 4-12 record, the Mules split their first league doubleheader, then went on a roll. They won 13 of their next 14 CC contests – seven via the eight-run rule – to capture the CC championship by one game. Muhlenberg earned its first NCAA Tournament bid since 1992, losing two close games to end with a record of 18-18.

2001 Golf

In just its second varsity season, Muhlenberg won the inaugural Centennial Conference championship, defeating Gettysburg by 12 strokes.

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Celebrating **50 Years** of Co-education at Muhlenberg College

Though women now comprise more than half of Muhlenberg's student body and hold various leadership positions on campus, a short 50 years ago they were just beginning to establish themselves as a part of the campus community. In the fall of 1957, 100 women entered the class of 305, and were initially met with a good deal of apprehension from their male counterparts – but the hostilities were brief.

According to a photo essay that appeared that fall in Life magazine:

“A student committee had ruled that the girls were not to be spared the rigors of hazing. Every day from dawn to dusk prowling upperclassmen gleefully ordered nervous coeds to shout out college cheers and slogans (‘Put on your old gray bonnet with Muhlenberg upon it...’). Poor memory or outraged back talk merely brought the offenders before the Freshman Tribunal which dealt out humiliating penalties. But the girls turned out to be so diplomatic and decorative that the sternest bastions of Muhlenberg masculinity crumbled, and even aloof upperclassmen quickly began to fraternize with the lowly frosh.”



CO-EDUCATION COMES TO MUHLENBERG

What happens when a man's college goes co-ed?

by Helen B. Bailey, Director of Publicity Muhlenberg College

(Editor's note: This article was originally printed in 1960 in Muhlenberg magazine)



The co-eds are here. Delayed 109 years, they've finally arrived on the Muhlenberg College campus. They're bright. They're beautiful. And they're adjusting in fine fashion to academic life as well as extracurricular activities.

On the first Sunday afternoon – September 15, 1957 – on the day of their arrival, the campus was astir.

About 20 upperclassmen, making their first gallant gesture, assisted the girls with their luggage and made trip after trip up the long flights of stairs in West Hall [Editor's note: now Brown Hall]. The dormitory drive was packed with cars. Fathers pitched in, too, carrying innumerable suitcases, dresses in plastic bags, cartons of shoes, tennis rackets, radios, phonographs and the rest of the gear of a co-ed.

And West Hall has bubbled with excitement on two successive autumn afternoons as more, still more co-eds, have entered college. A stroll through dorm corridors on these momentous days offers glimpses of co-eds settling and getting acquainted before the girls drift across campus to vespers at the chapel.

When co-education was formally inaugurated at Dedication Day ceremonies, three honorary degrees were conferred upon women in the fields of education, the church, and American youth work. Recipients of the degrees were Miss Nancy Duke Lewis, dean of Pembroke College at Brown University; Sister Lydia Fischer, head of the Lankenau School for Girls at Philadelphia; and Mrs. Lilly B. MacIntosh of Miami, Fla., a member of the national board of Girl Scouts of America and active in scouting for the past 22 years.

At the opening convocation last fall an honorary degree was also awarded to Mrs. Mary G. Roebing, Trenton, N.J., banker and the only

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The Road to Co-Education at 'Berg

Board of Trustees unanimously denied the Ministerium's request, outlining 10 reasons why Muhlenberg should not admit women.

A Joint Committee sets provisions which must be met before women could be admitted. The Board of Trustees approved the Committee's findings, but added their own stipulations which would further delay the process.

— 1933 — 1934 — 1948 — 1950 —

Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania requested that the Board of Trustees consider co-education

Ministerium approaches College about timing the advent of co-education to coincide with the College's 100th anniversary. The request is again shut down, with financial reasons cited as the difficulty.

THE MORNING CALL

an editorial reprinted from the October 31, 1957 edition of The Morning Call

HURRAH FOR THE CO-EDS

In more ways than one, co-education has been a shot in the arm for Muhlenberg.

And, in just as many ways, co-education at Muhlenberg – officially and formally inaugurated at academic ceremonies this week – has been good for the community, good for those of its young people who want and can profit from the diversified opportunities it offers.

For more than a century prior to last September, when the first girls arrived on campus as full-time students, Muhlenberg was a college for men – a college that through the years made it possible for thousands to prepare and prepare well for their careers in which they serve their fellows.

Just how well the college has done its job



and how widely it is known for that job is indicated by the fact that applications for admission to its freshman class now are approximately 10 times the number that can be accepted.

There are indications already, less than two months after the co-eds arrived, that Muhlenberg not only will do the same outstanding job for women that it has done for men but that it will do an even better job than before for its men.

Even most of the die-hard – and there were many both within and without the college's constituency who were unalterably opposed to co-education – admit that in a few short weeks they have seen the beginnings of a new and greater Muhlenberg.

Good teachers – always one of Muhlenberg's greatest strengths – are still there and, for the most part, they are teaching the same subjects they taught last year, the year before, and perhaps for many years before that. They have noted, however, that they are teaching more interested students; that academic competition has sharpened; that there is a greater classroom eagerness as men and women – as is generally the case – seek to attract each other's interest.

The same factors, old-timers who have visited the campus in recent weeks have observed, have resulted in better-groomed

college students, in a better college spirit that has been particularly evident at football games and in public areas, in a neater, more sprightly, more pleasant campus, in more gracious surroundings.

The college has benefited, too, by the new funds that have come from the Lutheran Church and from its other friends; funds that have made possible one new dormitory and the refurbishing of another, a new health building; a new women's athletic field; a better library; new tennis courts; a balanced budget; a reduction in the indebtedness that for many years have been a millstone and that still must be completely erased; funds that have made it possible for Muhlenberg to retain and expand a faculty of men who are real teachers.

And the community benefits, too, not only because it has a better college for its sons, but because its daughters have even more facilities for a higher education than they have had, because the areas for which they may prepare without going too far from home have been broadened.

Gratifying, too, is the fact that co-education at Muhlenberg has not curtailed the enrollment or prospects of Cedar Crest which has been serving the young women of this and other communities almost as long as Muhlenberg has been serving men.

There is every reason to be grateful that Muhlenberg has expanded its educational facilities and there is every reason for the people of this community, their churches, and their business interests to support this college that through the years has served them so well and that now points toward even greater success.

Muhlenberg College is virtually bankrupt. The Ministerium decides to raise \$1.5 million to allow the College to continue and to prepare to admit female students.

Full Time Fall Enrollment Since 1957

YEAR	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1957	809	123	932
1967	824	569	1393
1977	860	606	1466
1987	798	780	1578
1997	830	1015	1845
2007	899	1256	2155

1952 – 1953 – 1957

Muhlenberg College is \$600,000 in debt. Local banks will only extend the College \$250,000. Reverend Luther Schlenker, chairman of the Committee for Securing Funds for the Education of Women, made the first ideological argument for the institution of coeducation. (For more information on Schlenker and his daughter, alumna Priscilla (Schlenker) Kinney, see feature story on page 20).

Women are admitted as full-time students at Muhlenberg College.



50 YEARS OF
CO-EDUCATION

*Celebration of the
of Co-Education at*

CALENDAR

Dear Members

of the Muhlenberg College Community:

It is our great pleasure to co-chair the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Co-Education at Muhlenberg College. Since 1957, women have played an increasingly important role in the life of the College, its amazing growth and its tremendous success.

During the 2007-08 academic year, we plan to celebrate, recognize and remember some of the achievements of the women of Muhlenberg College — past and present. Plans are taking shape for a year-long schedule of events, workshops, discussions and receptions. Those plans are included here for review, but we hope to add other events. The best way to keep track of all celebration programs is via the web site:

<http://www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/presoff/coed/>

The highlight of the year will be the 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, March 28-30, 2008. Laurie Brueckner '72 and Harriet Mendham '62 have agreed to co-chair the weekend program. We hope you will make every effort to return to campus that weekend. We also encourage you to review the year-long schedule and hope you and your friends will return for Homecoming, Reunion and other campus programs.

It is an exciting time at Muhlenberg and the College continues to flourish. The 50th Anniversary Celebration of Co-Education is another opportunity to honor our heritage and celebrate the traditions of this special institution.

Sincerely,

Lona Farr '62 Melanie Mason '83

Co-chairs, 50th Anniversary of Co-Education Committee

AUGUST

August 26

Opening Convocation

Barbara Crossette '63, author and former *New York Times* foreign correspondent, will be the Convocation speaker

August 24-26

Orientation

Muhlenberg Traditions Program – “Memories in the Making”

SEPTEMBER

September 26

Women in Investment Banking Panel

Sept. 28-30

Homecoming Weekend

Celebrating the Past, Present and Future
All past Homecoming Queens will be invited for this year's Homecoming.

Trexler Library Displays

NOVEMBER

Nov. 17

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

Celina Boer Schmidt '99 will be among those inducted.

DECEMBER

Dec. 8-9

Candlelight Carol Service

This is also the 50th anniversary of the candlelight service. The Candlelight Carol Service will have a traditional holiday collection, which will be donated to women's issues-related non-profit groups.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 14

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Shirley Tilghman

President of Princeton University
“Promises Made, Promises Kept: Women in Higher Education”



Photos courtesy of the Muhlenberg College archives

The 50th Anniversary at Muhlenberg College

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



M A R C H

March 28-30

50th Anniversary of Co-Education Celebration Weekend

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of co-education at Muhlenberg College.

March 29

LVAIC Women's Studies Conference

Trexler Library Displays for Women's History Month

Fashion Through the Decades and Muhlenberg Alumnae who are Authors

A P R I L

April 27

Honors Convocation

Joan Marx '77, professor of Spanish, will deliver the faculty address.

M A Y

May 18

Commencement

The 2008 Commencement will feature a female speaker and several women will receive honorary degrees.

J U N E

June 6-8

Reunion 2008: Rolling Out the Red Carpet & Alumni Achievement Awards.

S P R I N G S E M E S T E R

Monthly academic panel discussions

Featuring faculty and emeriti faculty from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

50th Anniversary Weekend

March 28-30, 2008

F R I D A Y

- 7:00 p.m. **Wine and Cheese Reception – Hoffman House**
Shabbat Dinner – Hillel House

S A T U R D A Y

- 9 a.m. – noon **Registration and Continental breakfast – Seegers Union**
Registration front table; Hospitality room, Seegers 108-109
- 9 a.m. – noon **Campus Tours**
Tours leave from Seegers Union information desk every hour
Pavilion, Science Building, The Village
- 9 a.m. – noon **LVAIC Women's Studies Conference – site TBA**
- 9 a.m. – noon **Student Research Presentations**
New Science Building; final panel discussions and research presentations of a semester-long project
- Noon **Opening Luncheon – Great Room, Seegers Union**
- 2:00 p.m. **Documentary: Women in Sports at Muhlenberg (1st screening)**
Lithgow Science Auditorium; meet the athletes/coaches
- Music-Art-Dance Student Performances #1**
Post-performance meet the performers; Trexler Pavilion
- Meet the Current and Emeritii Faculty – site TBA**
- Library/Gallery Displays**
- 4:00 p.m. **Documentary: Women in Sports at Muhlenberg (2nd screening)**
Lithgow Science Auditorium; meet the athletes/coaches
- Music-Art-Dance Student Performances #2**
Post-performance meet the performers; Trexler Pavilion
- Meet the Current and Emeritii Faculty – site TBA**
- Library/Gallery Displays**
- 5:00 p.m. **Campus Tours**
Tours leave from Seegers Union information desk
- Late registration and Hospitality Room open – Union**
- 6:00 p.m. **Reception hosted by President Helm, Laurie Brueckner '72 and Harriet Mendham '62 – Great Room, Seegers Union**
- 7:00 p.m. **Dinner – Great Room, Seegers Union**
- State of the College address by President Helm**
- Premier of documentaries on the 50th anniversary of co-education by Lora Taub's media and communication class; Student Performers.**
- 10:00 p.m. **Fireworks – Trexler Library Lawn**

S U N D A Y

- 9:00 a.m. **Bagel Breakfast – Multicultural Center**
- 10:00 a.m. **Chapel Service – Egner Memorial Chapel**

STATE OF THE
ARTS

**GRANTS AND
GIFTS HELP
BRING**

**Art to
Life**

By **Jillian L. Lowery '00**,
Director of College
Communications

With summer research opportunities abounding across the disciplines, Muhlenberg students are no strangers to academic work in the warmer months. But it's not just the laboratories and classrooms on Academic Row that are bustling between semesters – students are just as hard at work across Chew Street in the art and photography studios of the Baker Center for the Arts.

“The purpose of summer studio work is to give talented, committed students time and resources to concentrate fully on personal and collaborative projects,” says Professor Joe Elliott, newly-appointed chair of the art department. He explains that student summer projects usually take place after junior year, because, “by then students have gained enough technical background and are clear enough about their interest in art to make good use of a concentrated experience.”

Historically, collaboration between artists and apprentices has been the primary method of education for fledgling artists – a practice that dates

back to the Renaissance – and the undergraduate research opportunity is a more modern take on this tradition. When the College made summer research funding available to students in the late 1990s, Elliott encouraged his most promising students to apply. As a result, students in the department have an excellent track record in receiving competitive grants.

The first was awarded to Deirdre Macrino '00 in 1999. Macrino embarked upon a “re-photographic” survey of Allentown, in which she researched historic images of Allentown and then re-shot the images from the same vantage points. Each new photo was displayed with the original, thus showing the changes that the city has experienced.

In 2003, Greta (Bergstresser) Brubaker '04 received a grant to photograph Lutheran clergy in central Pennsylvania – a project that provided over 50 portraits to the synod and became part of a portfolio that won her acceptance into graduate programs at RIT, Pratt Institute and Rhode Island School of Design, where she eventually earned an MFA.

Last summer, two members of the Class of 2007, Atom Kallen and Nikki Weber, received summer research grants from the College. Kallen worked on a series that examined response to color in portraiture, while Weber assisted Elliott in producing a set of large prints for his upcoming exhibit, *Palazzos of Power*. At the same time, Weber worked on a series of sensitive portraits, using the same large camera and printing specifications.

“It's so important for young artists to be able to collaborate with more seasoned ones, whether it's an internship or an apprenticeship,” says Elliott. “The art department is always looking to help our students get practical experience.”

When Elliott was contacted by Candace “Candy” (DeSouza) Dobro '79 about a donation to the photography program, he was quick to suggest funding for student summer studio projects.

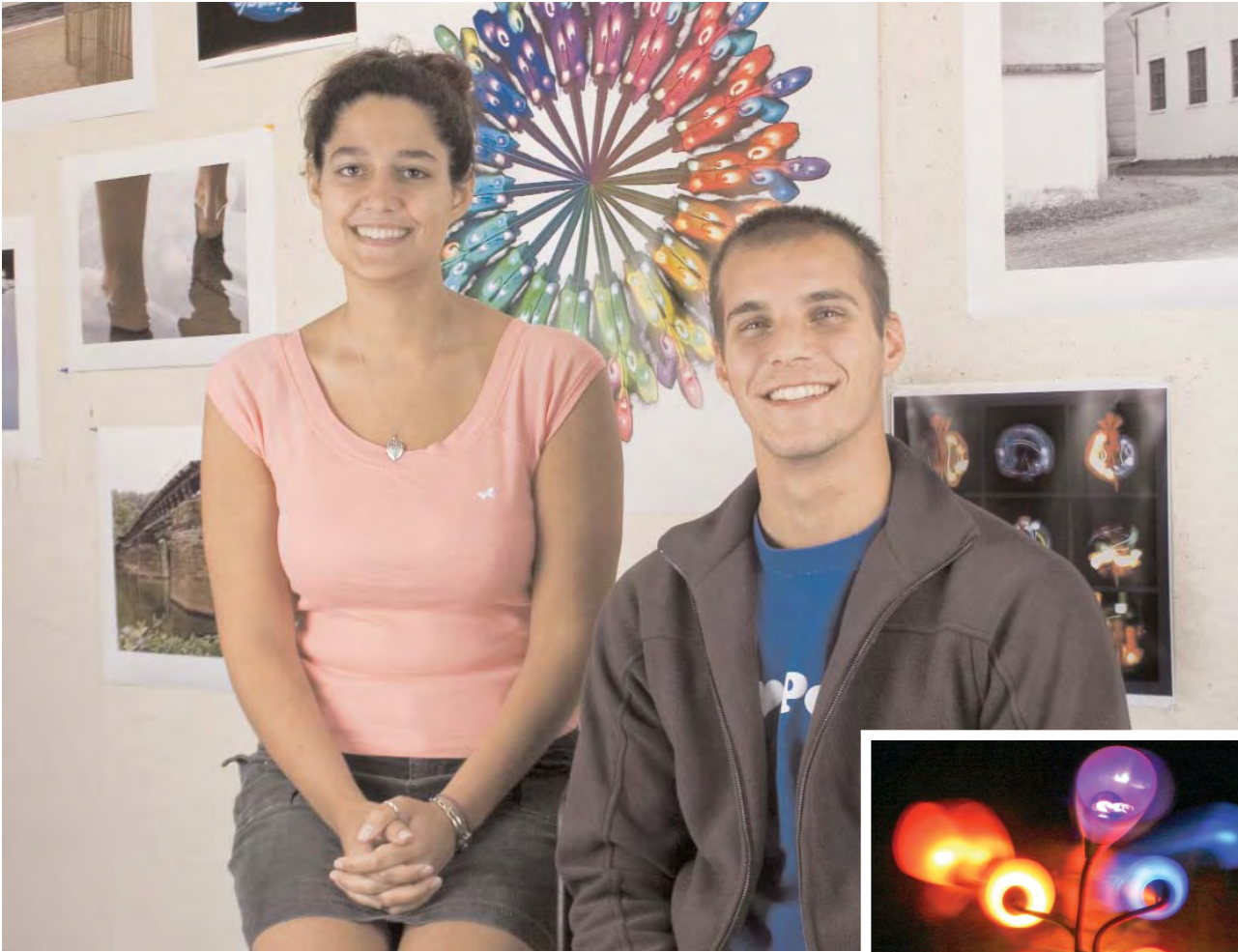
Candace, who graduated with a degree in English, is in the midst of training to become a professional photographer – and took her first photography class at 'Berg with Tom Sternal. When her husband Jeff '77, a former biology major and current doctor who works as a consultant at Towers Perrin, was approached about making a donation to the New Science Building in memory of Dr. James Vaughan '51, the Dobros reacted enthusiastically – but they also wanted to make an impact upon an area on campus where Candace was involved. The family decided to divide their donation – half to the sciences, half to the arts.

“When I was a student, the Center for the Arts had just been built, and the art department was much smaller than it is now,” says Candace. “Taking that one photo class, along with several art history classes, made a huge impact on me, and I wanted to give something back to the department.”

Elliott's idea of using the donation to fund a paid internship in photography sounded like a perfect plan to the Dobros.



Triangle Blowout, an example of the work that Suzie Holt '08 accomplished in digital light studies during her summer internship.



Suzie Holt '08 and Doug Cedrone '09 both enjoyed summer internships in the art department.

“Paid internships – especially those in the arts – are so hard to come by,” says Candace. “We are delighted to be able to contribute in this way.”

Needless to say, Elliott is pleased, too. “Although photography students at Muhlenberg have been very successful at receiving college-wide grants, a steady source of funding (such as that provided by the Dobros) will enable us to provide consistent opportunities for students,” he says.

Suzie Holt '08 is directly effected by the generosity of the Dobros. Using the funding they provided, Holt spent the summer of 2007 pursuing her own work in digital light studies, creating images made through long night exposures during which the camera is moved.

Holt feels that her summer project has been time well spent. “I enjoy creating, and this summer has allowed me to create whatever I want without the restrictions of a class assignment or feeling the pressure from the rest of a course load.”

The summer of 2007 found two other students in the art studio, as well. Doug Cedrone '09, who was granted Muhlenberg funding for faculty-staff collaborations, assisted Elliott in making very large digital prints: maximizing performance controls, and then color calibrating all of the computers, monitors and printers in the studio. Rachel Fiori '10 spent the summer working with Amze Emmons, assistant professor of art, on several projects, including: a mural for a solo exhibition at the Works on Paper Gallery in Philadelphia, a suite of prints for an interdisciplinary book called *Refuge/Refugee* and the visual component for a Dance Theater Project called TAR, in collaboration with two theatre professors, Troy Dwyer and Charles Anderson.

According to Emmons, “Rachel's involvement in my research this summer has been ‘soup to nuts.’ She’s done everything from the mundane (like beveling etching plates) to the bizarre (like constructing puppet trees and transferring huge drawings to a gallery wall.)”



Self Portrait, Suzie Holt

Student-faculty research is fast becoming one of the cornerstones of the Muhlenberg academic experience.

“With funding from foundations and from friends like Jeff and Candace Dobro, the art department is striving to create a culture of faculty-student interaction and work outside the classroom,” says Elliott.

“Jeff and I are happy that we were able to support specific programs that mean a lot to us – and in a way that was comfortable for us financially,” says Dobro. “I think it’s really important for people to remember that they can make a difference through donating, and that your last name doesn’t have to be Rockefeller or Gates in order to do so.” ■

by Jennifer Epting '03

How Women and a Passionate Pastor Saved Muhlenberg College

Spotlight on The Rev. Luther F. Schlenker '35 and his daughter Priscilla (Schlenker) Kinney '64

Male students attending Muhlenberg today often joke about having good odds with regard to their female counterparts. With a 42 to 58 male-female ratio, it is difficult to imagine that what is currently a majority was once nonexistent. But when Priscilla Schlenker Kinney '64 first entered Prosser Hall as a freshman in 1960, she was certainly part of the minority on campus.

"That's the way it was in our society back then, and we were taking giant strides bringing women to Muhlenberg," she remembers. "There had been an evening school prior to that time, but we were one of the first classes of female students in the day program. I remember that the male faculty members were anxious because they were concerned that many women would be hired to replace them."

Despite the threat of a new female force invading campus, the male faculty and students were forced to adjust. The difficult reality of Muhlenberg's finances in the late 1940s could not be ignored. The 1950s began as turbulent years for the then all-male school. The Chapel, a former science building

and the original library (known today as the Haas College Center) had been constructed in the 1920s and created an enormous debt for the school. This, combined with a rising trend of potential students being sent to war, resulted in a steadily decreasing enrollment and ultimately forced the College to reconsider its strategy and mission if it wanted to keep Muhlenberg's red doors open.

Kinney's father, The Rev. Luther F. Schlenker, was a Lutheran pastor and a member of Muhlenberg's Board of Trustees. Their family had already had an accomplished history at the College when she was born. Her grandfather graduated in 1883, and her father followed suit in 1935.

"Within our family there has always been a great respect for Muhlenberg College," she says proudly. "My father grew up with this reverence for Muhlenberg. Whenever he drove by the campus, my grandfather would take his cap off and salute."

So when Muhlenberg was forced to take a serious look at the future of the institution, Schlenker stepped up to the task.

"It was the early '50s and my



The Rev. Luther F. Schlenker '35

father kept hearing about debt reduction,” Kinney recounts. “The financial burden was such that the College’s future was threatened.”

Around the same time, the question of co-education at Muhlenberg was broached. Though members of the community had initially considered the idea in the late 1920s, the idea of having women on campus never stuck. Lehigh was still an all-male campus, as was nearby Lafayette. But with the College’s finances in disarray, Schlenker believed that opening the campus to women could be the perfect solution.

“I’m sure part of his motivation was that he had three daughters and one son,” Kinney laughs. “As the conversation about co-education became a bigger issue, my father felt strongly that there had to be a way for the church to help the College out of debt and bring co-education at the same time.”

Schlenker discovered that there was over \$100,000 sitting in a bank in New York City, which had been set aside by the national Lutheran church to aide in the establishment of a program for the higher education of women. Armed with this information, he approached the local Lutheran Synod, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and the Board of Trustees at Muhlenberg. An assembly was held on December 11, 1953, and the group of men voted to set a goal of \$1.5 million dollars. Schlenker was asked to direct the appeal, and so he acted fast. He immediately took a two-year leave of absence from his congregation and decided to lead the significant appeal from his home. Kinney recalls her father hard at work saving Muhlenberg from her own living room.

“The offices were in our house, so we heard a lot about it at the time,” she says. “We certainly picked up on the enthusiasm that my father and the folks that he gathered about him had for this. We became so acutely aware of the fact that women were not being educated at this Lutheran college and that inequity became front and center. And he was always supportive of the idea of women on campus.”

Despite some controversy within the Lutheran church community, Schlenker and his assistant Dr. William Katz raised more than the goal of \$1.5 million, an enormous sum at the time, and saved the college from debt. They were also successful at bringing women to campus, a fact that allowed Kinney to attend her father’s beloved College.



Priscilla (Schlenker) Kinney '64

“Your life is long, and you’re going to take a lot of different paths... The sky is now the limit.”

But there were many changes that had to take place before Kinney and her female classmates could start their Muhlenberg careers. East Hall was expanded and Martin Luther was built to house the freshman class. Brown Hall was renovated and became an all-girls’ dorm, as it still is today. And an apartment was added onto Brown Hall so that the dorm mother would have a place to stay.

“A dear little German woman was the dorm mother in Brown,” Kinney remembers. “They had to keep a strict eye on us, and we had to be in the dorm by 9:30 p.m.”

Despite the restrictions, Kinney was thrilled to live the Muhlenberg experience firsthand.

“One of my most meaningful memories is of the dorms,” she says. “We would gather in each other’s rooms and have conversations about different issues. We were all different majors, and there would be about 10 of us sitting in the room and drinking cokes and yakking away. We’d argue and debate, and I remember thinking that that was so exciting. Once I got out in the real world, it was hard to find people who wanted to meet and talk about real issues.”

Acceptance of the female presence on campus came slowly at first. According to Kinney, some male Muhlenberg students refused to date the female students on campus.

“Initially, it took a while for the women to really be a strong force,” she says. “As with change at any institution, we had slow and steady growth. There was a lot of hazing going on. We had to wear freshmen hats, and if we came upon an upperclass-

man, we had to take the hat off, put it over our hearts and sing the school song. There was a real intimidation factor there.”

Nowadays, there are more female students than male students at Muhlenberg, a fact that demonstrates how times change. Kinney’s daughter, Katherine, graduated from Muhlenberg in 1993 and no doubt had a very different college experience compared to the women in her mother’s class.

“Your life is long, and you’re going to take a lot of different paths,” Kinney insists. “The average student is going to have five careers, so you can’t get so panicky if you can’t achieve everything you want within the first 10 years out of college. So many things are going to happen to take you in many different directions. The sky is now the limit.” ■

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2002 Tennis

After dominating the MAC Northeast, the Mules found the sledding a little rougher in the Centennial Conference, never finishing better than 4-6 in the league's first seven years. They went 7-3 in 2001, then improved to 9-1 the following year to tie Washington for the title. Muhlenberg beat Washington, 7-2, but lost 5-4 to Johns Hopkins for the lone setback in a 12-1 season.

2003 Softball

Ten-game losing streaks are hardly the things of champions, except for this team. Muhlenberg dropped 10 in a row early in the season and sported a 1-12 mark at one point, but earned the fourth seed in the Centennial Conference playoffs, then won three of four games to capture its third title in four years. The Mules split four NCAA Tournament games and finished 16-21.

2004 Basketball

One of the most entertaining teams in history, the Mules led all of women's college basketball by averaging 90.8 points per game. They topped the 100-point mark eight times, set more than 30 school records and broke four NCAA marks, including most three-pointers made and attempted in a season. The team finished at 19-7 and qualified for the Centennial Conference playoffs.

2004 Cross Country

Muhlenberg ran away with its best finish at the Centennial Conference Championships (fourth place) and its second-best finish at the NCAA Mideast Regional (ninth place). The team also made history by winning the McDaniel Invitational for its first meet title away from home.

2005 Tennis

Muhlenberg packed up its rackets after going 12-3 (with two 5-4 losses to nationally ranked teams) and finishing second in the Centennial Conference, but got a belated invite to the NCAA Tournament when another team withdrew. The Mules were defeated in their first taste of the national team tourney, but one of their players advanced to the Round of 16 in the individual draw.

2006 Lacrosse

The Mules set a school record with 10 wins, finishing with the best record (10-6) in the history of a program that began in 1984. Starting with a win against nationally ranked Drew, the team won its first four games and narrowly missed the conference playoffs.

2007 Golf

Muhlenberg outshot five-time defending champion McDaniel by 30 strokes to capture the Centennial Conference championship. The Mules finished with the second-lowest 36-hole total (724) in CC history and broke the school record for lowest score in a two-day tournament by 42 strokes. ■

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woman member of the American Stock Exchange. And last June Muhlenberg's first four co-eds were graduated – one, summa cum laude.

Co-education is now in its third year. One hundred and twenty-three co-eds were enrolled that first fall. A total of 196 women entered in 1958, and 243 last autumn, of whom 169 reside on campus. Muhlenberg's ideal enrollment, expected to be reached next fall, is 300 women students and 650 men.

An innovation this year is the establishment of Bernheim House, a dormitory for 16 junior co-eds. *[Editor's note: Bernheim House was removed from the campus landscape to make way for the Trexler Pavilion.]* The house is operated by the girls, with one acting as head resident. Bernheim residents were carefully selected on the basis of their academic record as well as for qualities of leadership, dependability and adaptability. Time each week is devoted to seminar discussions on group living with the dean of women. This analysis of dormitory problems is leading towards the girls becoming senior counselors in West Hall and Prosser Hall, a new women's dormitory now under construction. *[Editor's note: Prosser Hall now houses first-year students of both genders.]*

From the beginning, the co-eds have sharpened classroom competition. They've participated in numerous extra-curricular activities, including the weekly newspaper, campus radio station, Mask and Dagger dramatic society, the college choir and band, as well as departmental societies.

Through the Women's Council, a social program has developed. And the Spring Sing and Ring Ceremony, held in May on the mall, the Sadie Hawkins dance, and decorated dormitory door competition at Christmas-time have become college traditions.

On the athletic side, the seven new tennis courts are in constant use during spring and fall. Co-eds in bright red Bermudas and white shirts (regulation athletic dress) make a striking picture during tennis practice. West Hall boasts its own gymnasium with showers and locker rooms. The grass has taken firm root on a brand-new hockey field. And this year intercollegiate matches are scheduled in tennis, hockey and basketball.

Advent of co-education would have been incomplete without addition of faculty members on the distaff side. There are now women instructors in the history, English, education, romance languages and chemistry departments, as well as two athletic instructors.

Despite the addition of the tangibles – girls, teachers, tennis courts and dormitories – Muhlenberg remains herself. The intangibles of spirit, aims and ambitions, and a personalized faculty-student relationship are unchanged. Like concentric circles, co-education has enlarged the scope of the College, broadened her influence, while providing more pleasant campus surroundings, a more active social life and greater scholastic competition – plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose. ■

CLASS Notes



Guests present at the recent Third Annual 'Berg Gathering at the house of Andie (Podolak) '67 and Jack De Vries '68 were: (left to right) Wiley and Hank Raab '68, Carl '68 and Kaetra Platenyik, Dr. Wayne '68 and Nancy '69 Muck, Donna and Ron '68 Henry, Andie (Podolak) De Vries, Steve Fellows '68, Bob '68 and Ann Reiter, Peter '69 and Carol '67 Zimmer, Roger '68 and Mari Luckenbill, Ed '69 and Joanne Halscheid and Jack De Vries.

1959

Rep. Paul I. Clymer was elected to a 14th term to the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Rep. Clymer is Chairman of the State Government Committee. He is a member of the House Education Committee and chairs the Capitol Preservation Committee, which has responsibility and oversight for the preservation and restoration of the Capitol Building. Rep. Clymer has been a staunch opponent of legalizing casino gambling in Pennsylvania, citing the numerous problems and social costs associated with the implementation of 61,000 slot machines in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Any alumni interested in touring the Capitol Building in Harrisburg can contact his Harrisburg office at 717-783-3154.

1964

Ed Bonekemper has published his third Civil War book, *McClellan and Failure: A Study of Civil War Fear, Incompetence and Worse*, published by McFarland and Company, Publishers of Jefferson, N.C.

1967

Andie (Podolak) and Jack De Vries '68 hosted the "Third Annual" alumni get-together at their home in West Chester, Pa.

1974

Wynne (Perlman) Wircer-Bude received a master's degree in English language teaching and learning from the University of Liverpool, UK, in December 2005. She teaches English and Jewish studies in a secondary school in Melbourne, Australia. She previously taught high school English for many years in Tel Aviv, Israel.

1975

Christine Ward Garrison, Ph.D. was inducted into the R.D. Wood School's Wall of Fame in June 2007. Garrison, who lives in her hometown of Millville, N.J., is the community and information coordinator for Millville Public Schools. In the past, she served as a member and chair of the Cumberland County College Board of Trustees, chair of the American Heart Association and received the Volunteer of the Year award in 1994. Currently, she is a member of the Cumberland County College Foundation Board.

1979

Nadeem Hussain founded Tameer Microfinance Bank Limited in 2006. The bank serves the low-income community with a range of financial services. ■ Rebecca A. Riti graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee from a dual master's program specializing in map librarianship, MLIS and MA geography.

1984

Deborah (Kovach) Caldwell, the managing editor and a founding team member of Beliefnet (www.beliefnet.com), writes, "On May 2, Beliefnet won a National Magazine Award, the highest honor in the magazine industry, for General Excellence Online. The other finalists included People.com, ESPN.com, Businessweek.com and Slate.com. The editor of People.com is Mark Golin, a fellow English major." ■ Mark Pressman, M.D., was recently elected president of the medical staff of Capital Health System, Trenton, N.J.

1985

Jeffrey S. Berdahl, CPA, is founder and president of Berdahl & Company PC in Center Valley, Pa. He is a member of the Estate Planning Council of the Lehigh Valley as well as a public policy committee member and tax chair of the Greater Lehigh County Chamber of Commerce. Berdahl is also a member of the Allentown West Rotary Club and the Muhlenberg College Board of Associates. Berdahl resides in Allentown.

1989

Steve Kahn, Jeff Porphy, John Mustion and Keith Esposito '90 enjoyed themselves at the Master's golf tournament at Augusta National Golf Club.



Steve Kahn '89, Jeff Porphy '89, John Mustion '89 and Keith Esposito '90 at the Master's golf tournament at Augusta National Golf Club.



Alumni at the wedding of Stacey Gilchick '90 and Craig Codlin

1990

On May 29, 2005, Stacey Gilchick married Craig Codlin in Chappaqua, N.Y., with quite a few 'Berg alum in attendance: Michelle (Gisolfi) '89 and Ian Tauber '89, June (Cappetta) Garafano '89, Wendee Schildhaus '89 and Stuart and Anne (Vitka) Abramson.

1997

Sinda (Quincoses) Anzovino married Jason Anzovino in 2004. The couple has two children, Sabrina and Jaden. Sinda is the sole owner of Yoga Journey, a beautiful, large sunlit yoga studio in White Plains, N.Y. She is also a certified Thai yoga massage therapist and the director of teacher training. www.yogajourney-ny.com

2000

Erica Pristash is pleased to announce her engagement to Chad Saleska of Atlanta, Ga. Erica is a survey research analyst at RTI International, a non-profit research organization based in Research Triangle Park, N.C. Chad is the sports editor for The Daily Dispatch in Henderson, N.C. ■ After four years of private practice in corporate real estate, Stephen Kessler was recently named assistant vice president of business development and commercial counsel for LandAmerica Commercial Services in Philadelphia, an international real estate services company. ■ On June 24, 2006, Dr. Shawn Quinn and Dr. Jennifer Risley '02 were married at Egner Memorial Chapel and had their reception at LaMassaria at Bella Vista in Gilbertsville, Pa. They were honored to have 18



Ainsley Lamberton '01

2001

J. Michael DeAngelis has been named the first arts and culture events coordinator for college houses at The University of Pennsylvania. The position will not only bring arts programming to the campus, but will provide opportunities for students to become active participants in Philadelphia's diverse arts and cultural organizations. Prior to this assignment, Michael worked in Penn's Career Services office, which recently welcomed Muhlenberg alum Todd Rothman '97. ■ Ainsley Lamberton earned an M.Ed. in



Alumni present at the wedding of Dr. Shawn Quinn '00 and Dr. Jennifer Risley '02



Jennifer (O'Neill) Leitzel '01 and her bridesmaids

educational leadership from Lehigh University in May. Ainsley, who lives in Center Valley, Pa., is associate director of advancement communications for the university. ■ **Jennifer (O'Neill) Leitzel** married Matthew Leitzel on June 9, 2007. Bridesmaids included: Val (Uras) Condron, Jessica Drennan, Melissa Leahy '02 and Jen McKee '02. Jen and Matt currently reside in Lafayette Hill, Pa. Jen is a medical sales representative for Alcon Laboratories, Inc., covering the Pennsylvania and Delaware regions. Matt is a physical therapist in Philadelphia.

2002



Alumni at the wedding of Bonnie Goodman '02 and Eric Hartman were: Michelle Kaplan '02, Scott Chester '03, Goodman, Hartman, Meredith Libercci '02, Matthew Targarona '03, Rachel Scheiner '01, Jamie Alvo '02, Jordyn (Louis) Osmond '02, Tracey Cetel '02.



Alumni at the wedding of Jessica Kaplan '02 and Jason Smukler were: Matthew Targarona '03, bridesmaid Meredith Libercci '02, Jen (Corman) Greene '03, Kaplan, Smukler, Scott Chester '03, Stacey Gordon '03, Dan Rudderow '99.

Nicole (Orlando) Avallone is pleased to announce her marriage to Frank Avallone of Bethel, Conn. The couple was married on April 14, 2007, and vacationed in St. Martin and Anguilla. They are living in Danbury, Conn. ■



Nicole (Orlando) '02 and Frank Avallone



Alumni in attendance at the wedding of Kristin Geisser '03 and Graham Christensen were: David Stanger '02, Amelia Letnes '02, Nathan Hill '03, David Lloyd '02, Melanie Cohen '03, Natalee Hill '03, Michelle Jannetti '03, Paul Zieger '62, Gretchen Geisser '08, Kristin Gaudio '03, Allison DeKorte '02, Lucinda Feller '03, Nirav Shah '03, Joshua Danley '03, Sepinoud Bazel '03, Rev. Rodney S. Kopp '72 (who officiated the ceremony), Christopher Owen '00, Graham Christensen, Kristin Geisser Christiansen, Lynsey Caldwell '03.

Colleen Clark left her position at *USA Today* and moved to Brooklyn to concentrate on her freelance writing projects. Her travel, nightlife and lifestyle pieces have appeared in *Budget Travel*, *BlackBook*, *Forbes* and *Frommer's*. She recently took a fulltime position as an associate editor for *Conde Nast Traveler's* website, concierge.com. ■ **Erin (Provost) Ferguson** works at L'Academie de Cuisine in Bethesda, Md., where she is a graduate of the professional culinary program. ■ **Bonnie Goodman** and **Eric Hartman** were married on April 29, 2007. Several alumni were in attendance.

2003

On June 10, 2006 **Katie Barboza** and **Joe Salerno** were married at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Summit, N.J. The reception was at Canoe Brook Country Club, which is also in Summit. The bridal party included: **Lauren (Zulick) Yeasted**, **Michelle Marano**, **Jennifer Sannitti** and **Lindsay Bracco**, as well as **Jed**

Wulfekotte, **Bill Holsinger '02**, and **Nate Yeasted**. Other Muhlenberg alumni who joined in the celebration were: **Alfredo Mercuri**, **Justin Bohl**, **Mac Erskin**, **Tom Hartey**, **Christina (Rein) Holsinger '02**, **Greg Jacobs**, **Erin Kornsey**, **Dave Jenning '02**, **Ben Long**, **Tatiana Acevedo**, **Chrissy Leslie**, **Frank Pepe '05**, **Liz Rogler**, **Eric Rhoades**, **Kevin Welding**, and a special appearance from **Steve Santiago**, who traveled from Ireland. Head Wrestling Coach **Tom Schleicher** and his wife were also present. For their honeymoon, Katie and Joe went on an Alaskan cruise, and while there they went dog sledding. Katie and Joe reside in Gillette, N.J. ■ **Kristin Geisser** and **Graham Christensen** were married on September 10, 2005. Many alumni



Katie Barboza '03 and Joe Salerno '03

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1977

Maria and Wayne Bottlick announce the birth of their first granddaughter, Lillian Rose Bottlick, on February 10, 2007.



Jamie Isabel and Josh Kenny

1989

Patrick and Lori (Rosenblum) Kenny welcomed their second child, Jamie Isabel, on April 14, 2006. She joins proud big brother Josh, 6 years old.

1990

Craig and Stacey (Gilchick) Codlin celebrated their first anniversary with the birth of a son, Stephen Hunter on May 17, 2006. The Codlins live in Garrison, N.Y., with their two boxers and their Thai au pair, who has become a member of the family. Stacey is working as an attorney for Newmark Knight Frank, a commercial real estate brokerage company.



Stephen Hunter Codlin



Scarlett Rose Gitterman

After Hunter was born, she was able to reduce her hours at work so that she can spend time at home with him as well. ■ Benjamin Gitterman writes, "We welcomed our second child into our home on February 1, 2007. Scarlett Rose Gitterman joined our family and provides much needed balance to our 4 1/2 year-old boy, Elias."

1991

Todd and Pamela (Loftus) Marthins are proud to announce the birth of their fourth daughter, Megan Grace, on April 12, 2006. Megan joins big sisters Abby, 4 1/2; Katie, 3; and Julie, 1 1/2.



Kathryn Ava Lesniewski

1992

Major Dr. Shannon C. Lehr and her husband, Dr. James

Lesniewski, proudly announce the birth of their first child, Kathryn Ava, on October 19, 2006. Kate arrived just nine months after Shannon returned in January 2006 from her deployment as chief of general surgery and chief of the medical staff of the 447th expeditionary medical squadron with the U.S. Air Force in Baghdad, Iraq. Shannon separated from the Air Force over the summer and is exploring her options as a general surgeon in the D.C. Metro area. Her husband Jim is currently chief of surgery at INOVA in Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg, Va., and is actively recruiting Shannon to join his private practice. ■ On May 12, 2007, Juniper Lucy Wingate was born to Matthew Wingate and Melissa Fu. Her 3 year-old brother, Nicholas Carl Wingate, is delighted to have a little sister.



Juniper Lucy Wingate

1993

Jim and Tamara (Bill) Christie are proud to announce the birth of their son, William James Christie, on April 25, 2007. Will was 6 lbs., 10 oz and 19 1/2 inches. ■ Theresa (De Paola) Myers and her husband Jim proudly announce the birth of their third son, Ryan Daniel, on November 19, 2006. Ryan joins big brothers James, 4, and Colin, 3. ■ Kimberly (Ware) and Harrison Bailey III welcomed their second son, Torin James, on March 12, 2007. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz, and joins big brother Harrison IV. The family resides in Easton, Pa.



William James Christie



James, Ryan and Colin Myers

1995

Louisa (Ross) Eilender and her husband Doug welcomed the birth of their son, Nolan Ian, on February 11. His sister Gwendolyn, 2, and brother Owen, 4, are enjoying him at home in Madison, N.J. ■ Kathleen (Cerato) Swayne writes, "Kevin Swayne has a little sister! Amanda Michelle Swayne was born on November 12, 2006 weighing 6 lbs., 14 oz."

1996

Joshua M. Charkow and his wife, Melissa, welcomed their daughter, Eliza Dana, into their family on May



Eliza Dana Charkow

M U L E S



Nina and Cole Thomas Stevenson



Caitlin Flynn Snyder



Connor McKinnon Soos



Riley Paulyne Coplin

on April 19, 2007, at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, N.J., weighing 7 lbs, 5 oz and measuring 19 1/2 inches. Brett, Jen and Riley live in

30, 2007. ■ Jennifer and Robert Stevenson would like to announce the birth of their second baby, Cole Thomas Stevenson. Born on July 4, 2007 at Hershey Medical Center, he was 8 lbs., 7oz. His proud sister is Nina Corinne Stevenson, 2 years old.

1997

Megan (Bosso) Snyder and her husband, Scott, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Caitlin Flynn Snyder, on September 28, 2005. ■ Jodi (Stephen) Soos and her husband Dan are excited to announce the arrival of their son, Connor McKinnon Soos. Connor was born February 13, 2007. He weighed 9 lbs and was 21 1/2 inches long. The Soos family is doing great! Connor has already made many visits to Muhlenberg to visit his Pappy and Grammy who continue to work in the athletic and admissions departments.

1998

Brett and Jennifer (Harrison) Coplin are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Riley Paulyne. Riley was born

Oakland, N.J., where Brett is vice president of sales/business development for Imprint Marketing Concepts and Jen is a director at Medco Health Solutions. ■ Dave and Shelly '99 Garbe would like to announce the birth of Emily Grace on December 18, 2006. ■ Laura (Varrone) and Doug Ladley '97 are thrilled to announce the addition of Emily Grace to their family. Emily was born on April 18, 2007 at 3:17a.m., weighing 6 lbs, 6 oz and measuring 19 inches. Emily joins big sister Sarah Marie who was born on November 7, 2005, weighing 4 lbs, 12 oz and measuring 17 inches long. Laura writes, "With two under two, every day is an adventure!"

■ Russell and Lynn (Bauerline) Orrico '97 welcomed their daughter, Emily Lynn, on March 14, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs, 14 oz and measured 22 inches long. She joins big brother Jacob, 3.

1999

John and Kimberly (Titze) Briner welcomed their second child, Lillian Mae, to the family on April 17, 2007. Lilly weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth. Big sister Julia, who turned 4 years old on August 23, 2007, is in love with her new little sister and is helping to take great care of her. Kim is enjoying her time at home with the girls while John continues to run a printing brokerage business in Lancaster, Pa., as well as a real estate investment company in Baltimore, Md. The family lives in Lancaster, Pa. ■ Tara (Dierking) Pepe and her husband, Rich, would like to announce the birth of their second son, Kevin



Emily Grace Garbe



Sarah and Emily Grace Ladley



Emily Lynn Orrico



Lilly and Julia Briner



Kevin and Brian Pepe

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Emily and Jonathan Schmidt

Richard, on March 1, 2007. Kevin joins big brother Brian, 2. ■ **Rob and Jess (Bartman) Schmidt** welcomed their second child, Emily Katherine, on December 7, 2006. Emily weighed 8 lbs, 4 oz and was 20 inches long. Jonathan, age 2, absolutely adores his little sister. The Schmidt family resides in Murray Hill, N.J.

2000



Lia Marie Barry

Pete '97 and Jean (Pivetz) Barry are overjoyed to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Lia Marie. She was born on December 9, 2006, the perfect early Christmas present!

2001

Joy (Strauss) Osborne writes, "With thankful hearts Dave and I welcomed our baby, Joseph David, into the world

on January 10, 2007. He weighed 6 lbs, 8oz and was 18 1/2 inches long."

2002

Stacy (DeVries) and Benjamin DiLorenzo '99 are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Grace, on April 1, 2007.



Joseph David Osborne

2003

Monica (Balcarcel) and Nick Tranguch '02 welcomed their first son, Massimo, into the world on May 22, 2007. He was 6 lbs, 11 oz at birth and is growing by the minute.



Massimo Tranguch

2005

Holly (Kaplan) Lev and Yishai Lev announce the birth of their daughter, Ariella, on January 31, 2007.



Ariella Lev

were in attendance. Kristin graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine and began a residency in internal medicine at the hospital of The University of Pennsylvania. Graham is an electrical engineer at Lutron Electronics in Coopersburg, Pa. The couple lives

in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. ■ **Arwen Haring** writes, "I'm currently working at a radio-only advertising agency as a media buyer right outside of Philadelphia in Media, Pa. I began working here about a year ago as the assistant to the CEO and was promoted in less than a year to my cur-

rent position." ■ **Melissa Kubit** is happy to announce her engagement to Mario Angelides. Kubit, a 2006 graduate of Boston University School of Law, currently lives in Long Island and is an associate at Rivkin Radler, LLP. The couple is planning an August 2008 wedding. ■



Melissa Kubit '03 and Mario Angelides



Tracie Rosenbaum '03 participates in the St. Anthony's Triathlon



Anthony Greco and Kristen Scholtz '03

Alfredo Mercuri and Beau Sherry are in the process of talking to ABM Productions to shoot their full-length screenplay, Murphs Inc., about two south Philly/south Jersey bouncers who win a contest to try out for the Philadelphia Eagles. ■ On April 29, 2007, **Tracie Rosenbaum** competed in the St. Anthony's Triathlon in St. Petersburg, Fla. More than 4,000 athletes competed in the race and, despite a foot injury, Rosenbaum placed 88th out of 208 in the women's Team in Training heat. In addition to finishing the 1.5k swim, 40k bike ride and 10k run, Rosenbaum raised \$5,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Along with her family members, **Melissa Kubit** was there cheering her on. ■ **Kristen Scholtz** became engaged to Anthony Greco of Philadelphia, Pa., on August 5, 2006. Kristen holds her MBA from Philadelphia University and is currently working as a marketing manager in Comcast's corporate office in Philadelphia. Anthony is a senior accounting associate at Pricewaterhouse

Coopers. The wedding will be held on May 3, 2008. ■ **Lauren Thurm** became engaged to Joe Deneroff on April 3, 2007. The couple lives together in New York City and is planning their wedding for July 12, 2008.

2004

Lindsey Aspinall and **Joseph Getz** were married on March 31, 2007, at the College's Egner Memorial Chapel. Many alumni were in attendance including several 'Berg wedding party members: bridesmaids **Megan Schreiber** and **Diana (Aveni) Reed**, groomsman **Christopher Reed '03** and best man **Daniel Miller**. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Kelly Aspinall. A reception followed at Bear Creek Ski Resort in Macungie, Pa. ■ **Catina Crismale** and **David Carl Gann, Jr.** were married on May 19, 2007 at Queen of Peace Church followed by a reception at The Brownstone. Catina is employed by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey as a researcher and bio-safety level three laboratory manager. In the fall, she will pursue her Ph.D. in molecular biosciences at Rutgers University. David is currently working for Cardinal Health as a pharmacy business manager. The couple went to Hawaii for their honeymoon and now reside in New Jersey. ■ **Jaclyn Minkoff** graduated from Hofstra University's physician assistant program and is now working in breast surgery at the Maimonides Cancer Center. ■ **Jennifer Pieczynski** and **Christopher Brown '03** were married on November 4, 2006 at Egner Memorial Chapel. A reception was held at the Doylestown Country Club. Alumni in atten-

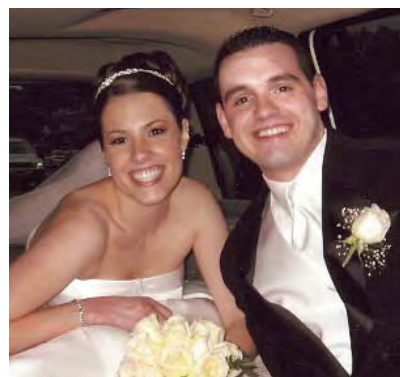


Lindsey Aspinall '04 and Joseph Getz '04

dance were: **Justin Jones '03**, **Megan Lamb '05**, **Jordan Wright '03**, **John Caliso '03**, **Mike Koth '03**, **Matt Rieker '03** and **Steve Doll '03**. Jennifer is a kindergarten teacher for the New Hope-Solebury School District and Christopher is a fourth grade teacher and varsity football coach for the Pennridge School District. The couple resides in Doylestown, Pa. ■ **Moriah**



Joe Deneroff and Lauren Thurm '03



Catina Crismale '04 and David Carl Gann, Jr.



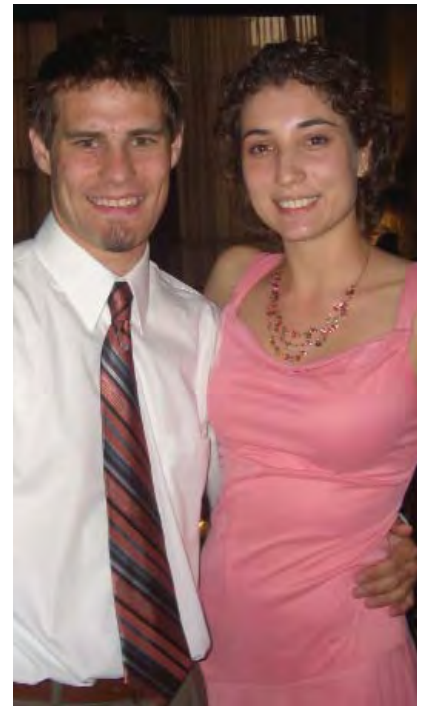
Christopher Brown '03 and Jennifer Pieczynski '04

Purdy was accepted into the M.F.A. program in creative writing (in the genre of poetry) at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. She

began studies in the fall of 2007 and will graduate from the program in 2010.

2005

Danielle Falcone graduated from Northeastern University with a master's in organic chemistry and has accepted a position as a staff chemist with Merck Research Laboratories in Boston, Mass. ■ On May 25, 2007, **Jeremy Hart** and **Kathryn Amari '06** became engaged while vacationing in Barcelona, Spain. The couple is currently living in the Lehigh Valley where Jeremy works for Braun Medical Inc. and Kate is employed by Lutron Electronics, Inc. They met at Muhlenberg and have been together since December of 2002. The wedding is being planned for mid-2008. ■ **Marc Rogol** recently accepted a position as an emergency medical technician with the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital / Saint Peter's University Hospital Emergency Medical Services in New Brunswick, N.J. ■ **Erica Schmidt** and **Brad Rosenberg** were married on April 28, 2007, at



Jeremy Hart '05 and Kathryn Amari '06

IN MEMORIAM

1931 **Edward C. Landergren, Jr.** died on May 5, 2007. He is survived by his daughter, Betsy. He was predeceased by his wife, Betty.

1936 **Rev. Theodore L. Fischer** died on April 23, 2007. He was a former member of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the College. He is survived by his wife, Frances; son, Jonathan '68; and daughter, Dorothy Hoffman.

Clarence H. Ritter died on June 26, 2007. He is survived by sons, Robert and John. He was predeceased by his wife, Arline.

1938 **Dr. Frank R. Boyer** died on May 14, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Carol Graham; and son, George F. Boyer '04. He was predeceased by his brother, Dr. George S. Boyer '37.

1940 **Louis DeRosa** died on May 15, 2007. He is survived by his daughters, Lynne Wolstenholme, Peggy DeRosa and Gina Rucci. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorris.

Hilbert L. Stibitz died on June 15, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Grace; and daughter, Diana C. Bucko.

John Charles Umlauf died on June 24, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Madelon; and daughters, Susan Everett, Judith Clements and Wendy Daniels.

1942 **Frederick Ernest "Ernie" Fellows** died on May 19, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, Steven and Richard; and daughter, Carolyn Serebreny.

W. Roger Jamieson died on June 3, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Lynn Wolter; and sons, David, Jay and Douglas.

1944 **James E. Duffy** died on June 25, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughter, Lynn; and son, William.

1948 **Martin Fels** died on May 17, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Roslyne; son, Stuart; and daughter, Eileen Slipakoff.

Wallace C. Worth, Jr. died on May 4, 2007. He was a current member of the Board of Associates. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; and daughter, Priscilla Conbeer.

1949 **Carl D. Snyder '49** died on May 17, 2007. He is survived by daughters, Rebecca Ann Phillips and Sally K. Smith.

He was predeceased by his wife, Kathryn.

Wallace P. Vogler died on June 2, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; son, Mark; and daughters, Holly and Fran.

1950 **Rev. Paul W. Bergstresser** died on June 17, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughters, Christine Robinson and Anne Stock; and sons, Samuel, John, Peter and Paul.

Dr. William M. Lickfield died on April 15, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Betty; and children, Keith '89, Kerry and Kevin.

John Ed McCormick died on May 29, 2007.

Jacob M. Townsend, Jr. died on April 21, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Anne; son, Jay; and daughter, Wendy Vaillancourt.

1952 **Col. Frederick R. Pearson** died on December 31, 2006.

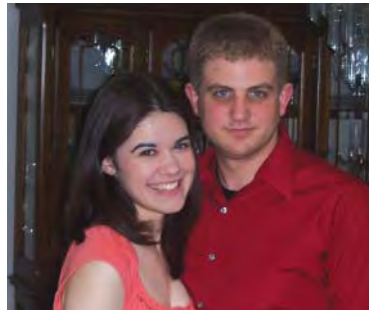
1953 **Rollin E. Minnich** died on May 30, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Arabella; and sons, Terry, Ty and James.



Alumni at the wedding of Erica Schmidt and Brad Rosenberg '05

Wickenden Chapel at Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass. Father Thomas Lopes officiated, and the ceremony was followed by a reception at the Dan'l Webster Inn, Sandwich, Mass. Muhlenberg alumni present included Class of 2005 graduates Christopher Bax and Jennifer Uricchio, Jason Klein, Amanda Phillips, Drew Fleyzor, John Corgan, Meghan Horner, Dan Kaplan, Caitlin Walters, Jared Lander '04 and Alan Paderofsky. Walter Chesla served as the best man. Following the recep-

tion the couple left for Aruba. Erica is currently working for the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. Brad began a master's program at Brandeis University this summer and is currently working for Investors Bank and Trust in Boston, Mass. They currently resides in Mansfield, Mass. ■ **Joseph Stefanelli and Bonnie E. MacDonald '07** were engaged to be married on June 22, 2007. They plan to wed during the holidays of 2008.



Bonnie MacDonald '07 and Joseph Stefanelli '05

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- Robert Harlan Scherer** died on May 26, 2007. He is survived by his sons, Kenneth, James and Robert.
- 1956 **Stephen F. Radokovitch** June 24, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Dorothea; and daughters, Carol Sebastianelli, Donna Mohr, Lisa, Jan and Rita
- 1957 **Donald O. Oberman** died on June 2, 2007. He is survived by his daughter; Kathleen Oberman-Tracy; sons, Charles and Christopher; and his former wife, Geraldine McKeon Oberman.
- 1958 **Robert F. Conrad** died on May 18, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; son, Robert Jr.; and daughter, Charlotte Francis.
- 1959 **Frederick W. Binner** died on May 17, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Martha Sue; son, Mark; and daughters, Eline Binner, Lynelle Lamons, Elizabeth Smith and Cynthia Smith.
- 1960 **Robert J. Dolan** died on April 23, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; and sons, Brad and Jeff.

- Rev. David J. Wartluft** died on July 9, 2007. He is survived by his life partner, Carol A. Riddle; son, Andrew; and daughters, Elizabeth, Deborah Stack and Rev. Rebecca Knox.
- 1963 **Ralph Ardolino** died on May 31, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Inese '66; son, Peter; and daughter, Kari Rudgers.
- Gretchen Walsh** died on June 10, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Daniel; daughters, Tanya Lord and Ayo Dihoff.
- Dr. Wilford A. Weber** died on June 28, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; son, Brad; daughter, Kendra Weber Hawes; and stepdaughters, Shelby Stockton and Lesley Stockton.
- 1966 **Charlotte B. Coley** died on March 1, 2007.
- Dr. Robert Knouss** died on July 10, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Martha '68; daughter, Rebecca '00; son, Christopher; and father, Francis '37.

The Last WORD



By

Patrice Di Quinzio,

Professor of Philosophy and
Director of Women's Studies

Future historians, looking back on America in the second half of the 20th century, will surely conclude that changes in women's roles and in men and women's relationships were some of the most important developments of that era. Muhlenberg College played a part in that history when it admitted its first class to include women as full-time degree candidates, the Class of 1961.

When this class arrived on campus and donned their freshmen beanies, who could have imagined that within 50 years we would see women Supreme Court justices, women fighter pilots in the armed forces, women CEOs of major corporations, women NASCAR car drivers or women presidents of Ivy League universities? Few could have envisioned, for instance, that, in 2004, 58% of women with children under six and 53% of women with children under three would be in the paid labor force. Or that in 2004, 29% of physicians and surgeons would be women while, in 2006, 32% of lawyers would be women, 49% of medical school graduates that year would be women, and 49% of law degrees awarded that year would go to women. Or that fathers would begin to take on much more child-rearing responsibility in their families, would regularly do grocery shopping, or laundry, or prepare meals, and would happily stand on the side lines cheering on their little league daughters.

Who then could have imagined that, in 2007, Muhlenberg College would have women in leadership roles on its Board of Trustees, high ranking women administrators, many women faculty members including department chairs, women student govern-

ment leaders, women students directing plays and editing college publications, and a women's intramural rugby team? Or that in 2007, the College's alumnae would include many leaders in business, religious life, education, the media, community activism, and many CPAs, artists, doctors, attorneys, business managers and scientists. Who then could have foreseen these women's efforts to create new kinds of lives, in which they are successful in professional and civic life, as well as in family life?

The women of Muhlenberg's first coeducational class didn't know how these developments would shape their futures. All they knew was that they wanted an education that would allow them to participate equally with men in the life of the mind, in work and professional life, in family and community, and in democratic citizenship. They wanted the equal chance to develop their talents and abilities and make meaningful lives for themselves. And, while they knew they were pioneers, they probably didn't know the extent to which they were also change agents, challenging the college to educate students for a future predicated on men and women's equal opportunities.

The chance to look back and honor these women pioneers is also a chance to reflect on how best to educate today's students as we prepare them for a world in which men and women's roles and our ideas about gender continue to evolve. It seems to me that today, about half of the agenda of the 1960s women's movement has been largely achieved, namely, the call for equal opportunities for women in education, work, and social and political life. The benefits of this achievement, however, haven't been equally shared in the U.S., especially for women who can't take advantage of the equal opportunity for higher education and thus remain behind the curve when it comes to equality in other areas of life. Furthermore, the very achievement of these goals has created new dilemmas. How can parents best balance work and family life? How can women best respect each others' different choices about work and family? How should employers respond to changes in their employees' choices and family lives? How do we ensure that the care-giving work that women traditionally did in their families and communities when their opportunities were more limited still gets done and is still respected no matter who does it? How do we ensure that all women can enjoy the benefits of women's equal opportunities?

These are the problems that our current students will have to tackle in their own lives and in our society. And because these questions will confront them, our students need to know the history of men and women's changing roles and of women's struggle for equality. They need a thorough understanding of the complexity of gender as a component of our identities and as a social category, a lens through which we view others—and ourselves. They need to grapple with the variety of means by which traditional ideas about masculinity and femininity are maintained as well as the ways in which traditional ideas about gender today are contested and reworked. They especially need to understand how dominant ideas about gender have influenced their development and to be alert to the possibilities they will encounter for reconstructing our ideas about gender so as to create better—healthier and happier—relationships among men and women.

In 1993, Muhlenberg took its second major step in addressing the challenge posed by the admission of women students when the faculty approved a women's studies program. When I came to Muhlenberg in September 1994 to direct the program, there were only three or four courses that had enough content on women and gender issues to count toward the women's studies minor. Though many faculty were interested in these issues, few had the chance to teach courses on them. Today the women's studies program routinely offers eight to ten courses every semester. These include courses on women authors, artists and performers; the psychology of women; the anthropology of gender; the history of women in the U.S. and in western Europe; men and women's experiences in the workplace; and ideas about gender and sexuality in religion, politics, public policy, philosophy, the mass media and the arts. In the mid-1990s, most of the College's women's studies courses were developed by faculty who first had to train themselves in the topic. Today, many of the faculty the college hires have had training in some area of gender or women's studies as part of their graduate education, and they arrive on campus with fully developed proposals for women's studies courses. Some of our newest courses, such as those on women in the Middle East, women's health and women filmmakers, are taught by some of our newest faculty members.

A development less evident from perusing the course catalog, but equally important is that questions about women and gender are increasingly a part of many courses that do

not focus on these questions. These days, when I teach a women's studies course, students routinely contribute to class discussion ideas and information they have from other courses, whether it's explanations of the biological bases of gender and sexuality they studied in a neuroscience course, or ideas about men and women's leadership styles addressed in a management course on organizational behavior.

Muhlenberg students are generally very eager to discuss these issues and address these questions. They want to think and talk about how gender issues will confront them in the future and how they will confront these issues. They know that their future will include complicated questions about relationships, work and family, and they know that in the future men and women's roles and relationships will continue to evolve. But as is often true of 18 to 22-year-olds, they're focused on the future and they're not as knowledgeable about the past that shaped them as they might be. It is not unusual to hear older women complain that younger women today take for granted the equal opportunities they now enjoy. I sometimes hear, "They have no idea what it took to achieve the equality they have!" or "They don't realize how hard we had to work to get these opportunities!" I confess I myself have felt this frustration. But I then reflect that their ignorance of this history is perhaps a measure of our success – today's female students simply expect equal treatment and equal opportunities, and today's male students simply expect women to work with them, compete with them, and live with them on equal terms.

Nonetheless, the College's celebration of its 50 years of co-education is a wonderful opportunity for our current students to learn more about the recent past that has shaped their Muhlenberg experience. Best of all, they will have the chance to learn it from the pioneers themselves, as throughout the spring 2008 semester we will have many alumnae participating in a variety of programs on campus. This celebration is also a chance for the faculty, administration and staff to rededicate ourselves to meeting the challenge of the college's first women graduates – to making sure that our current students are as well or better equipped to contribute to the further pursuit of gender equality as were the graduates of Muhlenberg's first 50 years of co-education. ■

Meet the PRESS



STRATEGY TESTING Samantha Stainburn

If a college allows you to omit SATs, do — or don't.

THE REALITY



ADMISSIONS

More than 700 colleges will consider your application without a peek at that four-digit number (O.K., sometimes it's a three-digit number).

The SAT-optional process is designed to help students "put their best foot forward," says Christopher Hooker-Haring, dean of admissions at Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania. Students whose strengths are not reflected by their entrance-exam scores can opt not to submit them.

But given a choice, a majority of applicants submit results anyway. Only a third of applicants to Mount Holyoke and a quarter to Bowdoin submitted applications for the fall without SAT or ACT scores.

HOW TO

If a college allows you to omit your SAT or ACT score, should you? Admissions officers swear they don't assume the worst about a score that a student doesn't want them to see. "Students with SAT scores well above our mean have chosen not to submit them, so we're not jumping any conclusions," says Jane B. Brody, vice president for enrollment at Mount Holyoke.



Here's how to decide: if the score is terrible, don't send it; if it's impressive, send it. But what if it's just O.K.?

"Most colleges are putting students into categories as they receive applications," Mr. Hooker-Haring says. "To determine what category you fall into, compare your SATs to average scores of previously admitted students (usually on a college website). If your combined SAT score is 100 points below the midpoint of the 'best' or 'better' category, you're in the 'worst' category."

CHRONICLE

of Higher Education

After a semester of discussing the messages the media imparts about the environment, a group of Muhlenberg College students decided to speak directly to their peers about green living.

The students, enrolled in an environmental communications class, recently put together the "Muhlenberg College Guide to Sustainable Living." The 20-page guide is full of tips "covering every aspect of college life" at Muhlenberg. It also gives real-life examples of how paying attention to the environment can cut costs for the college.

For instance, the guide says, if Muhlenberg freshmen shaved a minute off their shower time, the college could save more than 80,000 gallons of water a year.

Also, the campus recycling program in 2006 saved enough electricity to power a typical home for almost 55 years.

Other suggestions for students from the guide:

Decorate dorm rooms in light colors so they will appear brighter and need less light.

Recycle computers and other electronics, cellphones, batteries, and printer and toner cartridges.

Make soda, salt, and distilled water at home, rather than buying them.



NEW YORK POST

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MUCH HOTTER POTTER SAVES BEST FOR HIS LAST



Post-Harry blues with magic over

By ANGELA MONTERINISE

Call it Post-Potter Depression. Mood swings, loss of appetite and sleepless nights are bound to follow the release of Rowling's final Harry Potter book, say psychologists.

"It will be like losing a loved one because Rowling created these characters that so many people identify with and relate to," said Dr. Jim Harris, a clinical psychologist at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

Dani Gallegos, 16, said she has cried nine times a day in the weeks preceding the release of the final book.

"I started reading these books in third grade," said the East Rutherford, N.J., teen. "I grew up with these characters. It's going to be hard to say goodbye. . . I don't know what I'll do with myself."

Tara Pratt, 31, of Columbus, Ohio, said, "I'll probably spend the first week crying my eyes out. I'm tense, I'm nervous. It's affecting my sleep."

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the seventh and the last book in the beloved series, was released in the United States just after midnight yesterday.

Jeff Ruskaitis, a psychology professor at Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania who is conducting a study of hundreds of Potter fans, says they are addicted to the books and will experience "mild depression" when they end.

"These fans can be obsessive," he said. "One of the most compelling parts of being a Harry Potter fan is going online every day with fellow fans and theorizing about what's going to happen."

With the Potter series finished, they will not be able to get their fix.



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Carolyn (Meder) Buzzard '61

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– Carolyn (Meder) Buzzard '61

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