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The Lessons of Dachau Baccalaureate Address to the Class of 2006

Spring Break isn't what it used to be – and maybe that's a good thing. While some of you may have indulged in beachfront bacchanalias, a significant number of you participated in "Alternative Spring Break" activities – helping Katrina victims muck out their debris-filled homes in New Orleans, working on a "Habitat" construction project in Alabama, helping build a school in Mexico or studying Jewish heritage in Prague.

It was in this "alternative" spirit that Pat and I undertook an early March trip to Munich, and particularly, a pilgrimage to the Nazi concentration camp at Dachau. The snow was falling heavily – an unseasonable blizzard – when we arrived at the camp's entrance, with its cynical "Arbeit Macht Frei" ("work will make you free") exhortation worked in iron above the barred gate.

In the great intake hall where prisoners were stripped first of their possessions, then their clothing and finally their human dignity, posters tell of the economic desperation of the Weimar Republic and document the rise of National Socialism. A sturdily constructed wooden trestle sits in the middle of another room. A display board illustrates how randomly selected prisoners were stretched across it and beaten senseless with canes. Another poster illustrates the color-coding system that catalogued inmates as Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, Gypsies, communists, homosexuals or political undesirables.

We trudged through ankle-deep snow across the parade ground, where prisoners without our sturdy shoes and warm coats once stood shivering for roll call, and peered through the entrance to the camp crematorium before ending our visit with a 30-minute documentary film.

The film's concluding scenes left me with a deep sense of unease. As American troops approached and the Third Reich collapsed, the crematorium ran out of coal, Dachau's guards fled, and emaciated corpses were thrown in a tangled pile in the crematorium where they decomposed. The stench brought the neighbors from the adjacent town who said they had not known what was happening in the camp just next door. The film shows footage of well-dressed genteel burghers and their wives covering their faces with handkerchiefs and recoiling in shock.

It was growing dark as Pat and I left the camp. We found a cozy tavern in the quaint old village of Dachau and had an early supper. "Do you really think those people had no idea what was happening?" I asked Pat. "Didn't they notice the constant streams of prisoners entering the camp? Didn't they see the daily clouds of smoke from the crematorium? Didn't they wonder what was going on? How could they not suspect? Why didn't anybody say something? Do something?"

In fact, there were a small number of Germans courageous enough to see what was happening – and to speak up about it. You will not be surprised to learn that they were college students.

Back in Munich, Pat and I made another pilgrimage – to the shrine of Sophie Scholl and the martyrs of the White Rose at the University of Munich. Sophie was 21 years old, a pretty brunette, a talented artist, and a dual major in biology and philosophy who had taught kindergarten before enrolling at the University a few months earlier. Her brother Hans was a medical student. Together with several other students they proclaimed the truth about Nazi brutality to a community that did not want to listen. At great personal risk they wrote, printed and distributed leaflets exposing and indicting the murderous leaders of the Third Reich and urging their fellow citizens to resist the regime. At night, they ventured out with buckets of white paint and tar to paint anti-Nazi slogans

on walls throughout Munich.

Early in 1943 Sophie Scholl and her friends were apprehended by the Gestapo. They were interrogated for five days. Then they were beheaded. It was another 25 years before the University finally erected a modest memorial to them in the University's main administration building, only a few steps from where they were arrested.

Why do I tell you this story? As a warning? "Keep your head down and your mouth shut"? By now I hope you know me – and Muhlenberg – better than to think that. And I know you better than to think for one moment that you would accept such a warning.

So I share these reflections in the profound hope that you will cling tenaciously to the courage and idealism that seem to characterize college students in all ages. Our world needs those virtues more desperately than ever.

Each generation produces college students like Sophie Scholl – like you – who have the moral and intellectual courage to speak out against evil and to work for change. All too often, we become morally timid as we mature, seduced by comfort, by financial obligations and by a growing talent for rationalization.

On behalf of your College and your professors, I entreat you to resist this seduction. Muhlenberg is a college that understands it must train each rising generation to devote itself to justice and to remain skeptical of power. We understand that we must help you develop those habits of intellectual rigor, of compassion and of simple decency for which our country and our world hunger. But most important of all, we understand that we must teach you to look unflinchingly at that world and to find within yourselves the courage to acknowledge and confront what is wrong.

I believe we have succeeded. I believe you have learned these lessons. You have acted both globally and locally to help the powerless and the afflicted, raising funds for tsunami relief, Katrina relief, for the victims of the 21st century's first genocide in Darfur; and volunteering for dozens of social service agencies and programs throughout the Lehigh Valley.

You are our best hope. Never surrender your intellectual independence. Never surrender your passion for justice. As you build your careers and raise your families, never become distracted by the mundane. Never harden your heart to the needs of others – both locally and throughout our world.

And now it is almost time to say farewell to you, the Class of 2006. But remember: this is your College – now and for life. Its future – like the future of our country and our world – is now largely your concern and your responsibility. The faculty and staff and students just like you in the Muhlenberg classes coming along behind are depending on you. Visit us frequently, stay in touch, do good in the world. Godspeed!



Peyton R. Helm

Peyton R. Helm
President, Muhlenberg College

Door to **DOOR**

NEWS FROM
MUHLENBERG
COLLEGE

College Mourns Loss of David M. Long, Jr. '51, Former Board Chair

Alumnus David M. Long, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., age 77, of El Cajon, Calif., died on April 8, 2006 of cancer. Born in Shamokin, Pa., Long graduated from Muhlenberg in 1951 and from Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia in 1956. He completed residency training in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery and earned a doctorate in physiology at the University of Minnesota.

Long had a medical and scientific career that spanned five decades. He was on active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1961 – 1965 at Bethesda Naval Hospital and Naval Research Institute. He was professor of surgery and chief of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at the University of Illinois. In 1972, he moved to San Diego and entered private surgical practice and served on the faculty of the University of California at San Diego Medical School. Later, he became chair of the board of governors at Hahnemann University Hospital.

Long was active in medical research and the biotechnology industry. His work produced over two dozen patents, covering such products as Norplant, Imagent, Liquivent and Oxygent, as well as numerous scientific publications.

He established the David and Donna Long Cancer Treatment Center at Sharp Grossmont Hospital in 1993.

Until 2002, Long had been active with his alma mater, as well. He served as chair of the Board of Trustees from 1993 - 2002. In 1988, he won the Alumni Association Award for Attainments in Life; and in 1999, he won the Muhlenberg Philanthropy Day Award. He was a Life Member of the Alumni Trust Fund, a Career Network Volunteer, a member of the Shankweiler Committee and the *Circle of 1848*.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Donna; sisters Mary Jane Filarski, Carolyn McCartney and Sandy Gibble; sons Dr. Raymond Long, David Carl Long and Kurtis Long and his wife, Denise; daughters Grace Long, Carolyn Long and Ruth Laur and her husband, Paul. He is also survived by six grandchildren. ■



»» Muhlenberg Admissions Sets Another Record

For a second straight year, and for the ninth time in the past 11 years, Muhlenberg College has set a record for applications for freshman admission. This year 4,345 students applied for the 575 seats in the freshman class, up from last year's previous record total of 4,217. This is the fourth consecutive year that applications have topped the 4,000 mark at the highly selective liberal arts college.

"While the rise in applications is nice, we are even more excited about the students behind those applications," says Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Christopher Hooker-Haring. "This class promises to be large, strong and active, and we look forward to all that they will bring and all that they will do during their four years with us."

Once again, more than 40 percent of the incoming students (43%) rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class (up from 42% a year ago). The all-inclusive combined SAT profile (Critical Reading and Math only) hit 1225, topping 1200 for the fifth straight year. Muhlenberg's mean score for the new Essay portion of the SAT is 610, bringing the combined mean for all three parts of the "new SAT" to 1835.

While Muhlenberg's goal is to maintain a stable enrollment of approximately 2,125 students, this year's class is currently larger than anticipated. Due to double deposits or people simply changing their

minds, it is expected that the size of the incoming class will be reduced before classes begin in the fall.

"We were surprised by a large jump in Regular Decision yield this year," says Hooker-Haring. "We are still sorting out all of the reasons why."

One reason for student enthusiasm is an aggressive building campaign underway at Muhlenberg in recent years. The College opened a new addition to Seegers Union this spring, and will open a new 40,000 sq. ft. science facility in the fall. A new Life Sports Center opened in August 2004.

"The beautiful new facilities have clearly created excitement among prospective students and parents," says Hooker-Haring. "But we also hear over and over that it is Muhlenberg's people—students, faculty and staff—and the strong sense of community that exists here that is so attractive to the students who choose us."

"What drives admissions success at Muhlenberg is an enthusiastic and energetic campus climate, our strong and caring sense of community, and academic and extracurricular programs that engage and challenge our students. I think visitors to our campus pick up on that energy when they come onto campus, and that creates a sense that this particular educational environment is both distinctive and attractive." ■

The 2006 Theory and Art of Magic Program at Muhlenberg College

The magic continues this fall! Starting on September 6, Muhlenberg College launches its fourth season of The Theory and Art of Magic program, featuring world-class magicians and renowned teachers on the magical arts.

Tickets go on sale July 15 from the Muhlenberg College Box Office at 484-664-3333 (Monday-Friday 10-6). Tickets can also be purchased online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/tickets.

All the events are located on the Muhlenberg College campus in Allentown. For more information and all future updates, please go the Theory and Art of Magic website at: www.muhlenberg.edu/cultural/magic.

JOHN CARNEY

Tuesday, September 5: Special Lecture for Magicians, "The Real Secrets," Hoffman House, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25 (reserved seating).

Wednesday, September 6: 2006 Opening Show, "Carney's Wonders," Miller Forum, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: public \$25; campus \$5.

Thursday, September 7: Performance-lecture, "Perception and Deception," Miller Forum, 7:30 p.m. Free, no tickets required.

MAGIC CONFERENCE: "PERFORMING MAGIC: THEORY AND PRACTICE"

Friday and Saturday, September 15-16, Seegers Union III-II3, program of speakers and registration costs TBA. Keynote Address, "The Modern Stage Illusion, Artistically Considered," by *Jim Steinmeyer*.

JIM STEINMEYER

Saturday, September 16: Keynote Lecture for the conference "Performing Magic: Theory and Practice," Seegers Union III-II3: time TBA; registration cost TBA.

Sunday, September 17: Special Lecture for Magicians, "The Myth of the New Idea," Hoffman House, 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25 (reserved seating).

EUGENE BURGER

Thursday, October 12: Magic Banquet and Dinner Show, starring Eugene Burger, Seegers Union III-II3, 6:00 p.m. Tickets: \$50.

Friday, October 13: "Spirits! A Lecture/Demonstration," Baker Theatre, shows at 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Tickets: public \$25; campus \$5 (reserved seating).

JAMY IAN SWISS

Sunday, October 22: Special Lecture for Magicians, "Method Affects Effect: Effective Methods and Methodical Effects," Hoffman House, 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25 (reserved seating).

Monday, October 23: "Magic: Close-up in Concert," Miller Forum, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: public \$25; campus \$5.

Tuesday, October 24: "The Illusion of Psychic Powers," Miller Forum, 7:30 p.m. Free, no tickets required.

MARGARET STEELE AND JAMES HAMILTON

Wednesday, November 15: "Magic of the Golden Age," Empie Theatre, 8:00 p.m. Tickets: public \$15; campus \$5 (reserved seating).

Thursday, November 16: Performance lecture, "The Hermann Dynasty, Early Superstars of Magic," Seegers Union II3, 7:30 p.m. Free, no tickets required.

TELLER

Wednesday, November 29: "An Evening with Teller," Miller Forum, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: public \$15; campus free, but tickets required.



Jack Shulman '06
with Kent Dyer and
Randy Helm.

President for a Day

Jack Shulman '06, who majored in economics and business administration, had the unique opportunity to serve as "President for a Day." Shulman was the high bidder on the item in an auction to benefit fellow classmate Tara DeMarzo, who was injured in a car accident in November 2005.

As "President," Shulman accompanied full-time President Randy Helm on a tour of the new science facility, enjoyed lunch and discussed the College's budget with Helm and Kent Dyer, the College's chief business officer and treasurer, and returned to Helm's office to go through and answer the mail. ■

2004-05 Philanthropy Report Corrections

Muhlenberg College regrets that the following donors and volunteers were omitted or listed incorrectly in the 2004-05 Philanthropy Report.

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Mr. David V. Voellinger

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Century Club

Lisa Brownstein Kassenoff

Wescoe School Launches Financial Services Concentration

The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College has announced that it will expand its course offerings to include the financial services field. Beginning in the fall, the Wescoe School will offer an accelerated bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in financial services management.

Financial services is the third largest employer in the Lehigh Valley, and the industry (in terms of earnings) is the largest in the world. As a result, job opportunities in the field are ever-expanding.

The climate in the financial services sector is very competitive and the industry has experienced high productivity gains fueled by heavy investments in technology. A well-educated workforce is necessary to help financial services organizations continue to keep pace through innovative use of this technology. The Wescoe School's new concentration will help individuals and organizations compete in this dynamic industry.

"As a company dedicated to serving our communities, National Penn Bank welcomes The Wescoe School's new core concentration in financial services management," says E. Harry McGuirk, president of the Lehigh Valley Division of National Penn Bank. "Our industry is among the nation's most competitive, and well-educated and trained professionals are at a premium. Nevertheless, colleges historically have offered few courses related specifically to the field.

The Wescoe School will provide an excellent curriculum and promote our industry as a desirable career choice to future leaders in financial services."

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

"The new concentration in financial services management is an example of The Wescoe School's renewed commitment to develop innovative programs to help transform students, organizations and the community," says Phil Howe, director of accelerated degree programs at The Wescoe School.

The bachelor of business administration program with a concentration in financial services management will use Wescoe's established team-based approach to learning, and will build and refine students' existing skills. Participants enter the program with an associate's degree or its equivalent and complete their degree by progressing through 17 five-week modules.

The curriculum will prepare students for careers in securities, banking, financial data services, life and health insurance, mortgage services property and casualty insurance, credit services and more.

Prospective students are invited to learn more about the program by contacting The Wescoe School at 484-664-3300 or www.muhlenberg.edu/wescoe. ■



Wescoe Staff Pitches in with PBS fund drive

Staff members from The Wescoe School volunteered their time to collect membership pledges for PBS 39's fundraising drive. Decked out in 'Berg apparel, the Wescoe team was happy to donate their time to a good cause, while simultaneously promoting the College! ■



CORPORATE ALLIANCES

The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College

Wescoe Expands to Include Corporate Alliance Division

By Mary Widmer '05

The Wescoe School is reaching out to the community in yet another way through its Corporate Alliances initiative. Launched in January, the key focus of the project is to help companies with their ever-evolving need for innovative organizational development and creative learning processes.

The primary team is composed of several professionals with executive and managerial experience. Appointed by Dean Simon Priest to oversee the new initiative is Associate Dean of Corporate Alliances, Joe Kornfeind (formerly the director of the business administration accelerated degree program). Working with him is Mary Widmer '05, who serves as the training and development coordinator, and Sally Harkins, assistant to the Dean, who provides administrative support.

Also joining the team to offer his expertise on creativity and innovation is Phil Howe. Phil has been associated with The Wescoe School for six years, most recently having been selected as director of accelerated programs.

The focus of Corporate Alliances is to offer what the customers truly need to help their companies build capacity for future development. "Corporate Alliances will enhance the local business community by using the academic strength of The Wescoe School to make their organizations more effective and proactive," observes Kornfeind.

Kornfeind also sees an important reciprocal effect. "Organizations involved in Corporate Alliances will be contributing to changes in academic vision by providing a laboratory of transformation that will better prepare students for their future roles in the workplace," he says. Adds Howe, "I'm excited about being involved in this venture because of the opportunities it could offer students in the Accelerated Degree Program in terms of projects, assignments and capstone presentations."

One division of Corporate Alliances is The Wescoe Learning Institute, which is developing a new formula for effective human learning in organizations, allowing them to improve individual and team performance. It will involve the enhancement of learning methods followed by participant reflection and application. "The Wescoe Learning Institute is teaching companies to turn learning into a competitive advantage. We believe that when intellect is honored and employees valued, they become advocates for change, thus growing the bottom line," notes Priest.

Dean Priest comments that the faculty and staff of the Wescoe School are excited about both Corporate Alliances and The Wescoe Learning Institute. "This is uncharted territory for us, which is what educational institutions are all about," he says. ■



Muhlenberg is a Winner – By More Than a Nose!

Living up to the excellent reputation of Muhlenberg College, a horse from Kentucky sharing the same name recently came in first place at the Delaware Park Race Track.

Muhlenberg, the horse, was bred and raised in Kentucky before being sold. He is now owned by Mitchell Klafter and trained by Scott Lake, one of the nation's leading trainers of winners.

The horse was most likely named for Muhlenberg County in Kentucky. His father is Menifee (also a county in Kentucky), and Menifee's father was Harlan, yet another Kentucky county name.

Those who follow racing may recognize the name of Harlan's father – Storm Cat. He is the most expensive stallion in the world – to breed a mare to him right now costs \$500,000.

Though he's a winner, Muhlenberg is too old for the Kentucky Derby, which is only for 3-year olds, so he's missed his chance to compete. Nevertheless, the College is pleased to share a name with this stealthy steed! ■

Planting Seeds, Transforming Lives: John W. Blend III '68 Exemplifies a Life of Leadership and Service

By Stacey Prohaska,
Director of Communication and Campaign Marketing

"Eighteen thousand children in Georgia wake up every day in the custody of the state," says John W. Blend III '68, founder and chairman of Goshen Valley Boys Ranch in Waleska, Georgia (www.goshenvalley.org). "Three thousand of them live in childcare facilities. Our ranch provides hope and a home for 24 of these boys."

In 1982, Blend and his wife, Connie, who reside in Atlanta with their children Maryann and Zach, bought a farm located on 150 acres in the Appalachian foothills of Northwest Cherokee County, Ga. A retired software entrepreneur and venture capitalist, Blend now spends his time utilizing the skills he first learned at Muhlenberg to give boys with special needs a second chance at family life.

The Blend family established the Goshen Valley Foundation in 1997; and in 1999, the Foundation initiated and chartered the Boys Ranch. The first residence opened for six boys in the fall of 2002. Since then, three more residences have opened to serve the 24 boys, ages 8 to 17, that now reside there. "No kid signs up for the circumstances that bring him to the Ranch," says Blend. "The chal-



John and Connie Blend

lenges our kids face are real, but the positive results of our ministry are apparent every day."

Most children come to the Ranch from a background of deprivation, abuse, loss and neglect. Using both a family model and a proven therapeutic model, the Ranch provides a stable, safe and loving environment that teaches the boys to trust and helps them make new attachments. "We serve boys who have moderate behavioral and psychological problems," says Blend. "We move them

from a difficult environment to a nurturing environment, where they observe and experience life skills that help them now, as well as plant positive seeds for their future. We're working to build character in a Christian environment."

In addition to four full-time licensed counselors who facilitate a comprehensive therapeutic program, the Ranch staff includes a loving, married and highly trained houseparent couple who care for six boys in each of the five homes on the Ranch. All the boys attend public school, with focused mentoring and tutoring opportunities. "We try to take older kids who have had some previous challenge," says Blend. "The boys do well in a family setting, and they learn to trust their Ranch families and counselors." The Ranch also provides an equine therapy program with 10 horses, a working cattle herd of 20 Angus cattle and two lakes for swimming and fishing.

The seeds of Blend's philanthropic efforts were first planted at Muhlenberg, where he majored in social sciences with concentrations in sociology and religion. "I spent the summer semester of my sophomore year abroad at the National University of Mexico. It was my first real opportunity to see the uneven playing field that exists in the world," he says. "I believe Muhlenberg was an important part of this transformative opportunity. Forty years later, we are blessed with the resources to make a positive impact and help level the field for a few great kids."

Today, the Blends are planting seeds at Muhlenberg as well. John recently joined the College's Board of Trustees, and he and his wife have given a \$25,000 gift to create the John '68 and Connie Blend Scholarship for



Minority Students in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. In addition, the Blends recently made a gift of \$5,000 to the department, which enabled Dr. Janine Chi, assistant professor of sociology, and Dr. Amber VanDerwarker, assistant professor of anthropology, to travel to China to begin development of a new sociology/anthropology course: “The States of China.” The course is modeled after “Environmental and Cultural Conservation in Latin America,” which includes a short-term study abroad component to Costa Rica. Students who take “The States of China” will spend three weeks in Beijing and Xian conducting research and performing community service.

“John was very interested in our short-term study abroad experiences, which is how we distinguish our department,” says Tammy Lewis, associate professor of sociology, chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and current Fulbright Scholar. “We couldn’t have done the China trip without the support of John and Connie.”

The Blend’s generosity further extends to practical experiences for Muhlenberg students. Simon Schaffer-Goldman ’06, of Scarsdale, N.Y., interned at the Goshen Valley Boys Ranch last summer. “The experience was great,” says Schaffer-Goldman, whose duties included chaperoning trips, preparing meals and developing activities for the boys. “I was assigned to one house, which meant that I had to pick up and drop off one set of kids every day and complete a behavioral report on each of them.”

“The hardest parts were the group therapy sessions where the boys tell their stories,” he says. “These kids don’t have a strong parental support system or a lot of social capital. The Ranch gives them the positive environment they need.”

Lewis and Chi agree that opportunities for students to experience other worlds—whether it is a stateside internship or a study abroad program—are crucial to a liberal arts education. “We see an ideological change in students who participate in these types of programs,” says Chi. “They come back wanting more.”

“John is an entrepreneur, so he understands the importance of providing students an opportunity to explore parts of the world that they normally wouldn’t visit,” she adds. “Equally important is the opportunity for Muhlenberg faculty to bring their innovative ideas and expertise to fruition. The opportunities are out there, but gifts like John and Connie’s make them real.”

“The Blends were great,” agrees Schaffer-Goldman. “I was almost 1,000 miles from home and a little unsure of myself. They flew me down to Georgia, brought me into their family, and even took me on vacation to their home on St. Simons Island. I learned so much from this experience.”

Blend, in turn, has high regard for Schaffer-Goldman and Muhlenberg’s Department of Sociology and Anthropology. “I am impressed by the strong desire to provide students with these transformative experiences,” he says. “The Ranch provides such an opportunity—we have the capacity to host more interns at the Ranch in the future; hopefully they will be Muhlenberg students like Simon.”

“Connie and I see the liberal arts as a fertile ground for leadership and service,” says Blend. “My time at Muhlenberg set the stage for this ministry 40 years ago. It was a great blessing and opportunity.” ■

For information on ways to support academic programming at Muhlenberg, contact Tilghman Moyer at 484-664-3247 or moyer@muhlenberg.edu.

Center for Ethics Announces Fall Programming

This coming fall semester, the Center for Ethics will present the series, Freedom Matters.

Americans have often viewed the United States as the embodiment of freedom in the world. The notion permeates our daily speech: “It’s a free country.” Yet what is freedom exactly?

In his state of the union address in 1941, President Roosevelt defined “four essential human freedoms.” The first two describe the capacity to be free to pursue and act on our values and beliefs (freedom of speech and expression and freedom of religion). The second two describe the effort to be free from negative forces that limit our well-being: freedom from want (economic well-being) and freedom from fear (“a world-wide reduction of armaments”). These “four freedoms” were later included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

While often taken for granted or seen as self-evident, freedom has different meanings depending on the historical, social or cultural context, and ethical questions arise when one freedom risks impinging on another or when individual freedom is in conflict with the welfare of others.

This series will examine how freedom has been defined in different historical moments and viewed by different segments of society who have been denied certain freedoms or have had to fight hard to win them. It will also raise questions about limitations on freedom.

To what extent do economic or other limitations prevent the exercise of individual autonomy? Are some of us more free than others? How should free market values be balanced with the promotion of the free exchange of information and ideas or an equitable distribution of resources? To what extent does the enjoyment of freedom rest upon an equal acceptance of responsibility? In what way do we want government to serve as an agent that sets limits on freedoms? Who should decide whether groups demanding independence should be granted political freedom?

While the meaning of freedom changes depending on the values with which it is associated, and while competing claims on freedom lead to debate, it is clear that freedom matters.

For more information on this series, please visit <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/cultural/ethics/>. ■

Alumni NEWS

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Desiree Sedehi '08
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Cardinal & Grey Golf Outing

Looking for a great way to kick off Homecoming Weekend 2006? Gather your 'Berg friends to form a foursome and head to the Cardinal & Grey Golf Outing on Friday, October 13th at Southmoore Golf Course in Bath, Pa.

Cardinal & Grey members: Watch your summer mail for more information. If you're not a member of Cardinal & Grey - that's not a problem! This event is open to any Muhlenberg parents, alumni, employees and their guests are welcome to join us! Contact The Athletic Office at (484) 664-3379 for more information or to be added to the mailing list. ■

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce the newest class of inductees into the Muhlenberg College Athletic Hall of Fame, including three alumni athletes, one coach, one honorary member and an athletic team. They will be honored at the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on November 18, 2006.

★ **Celina Boer '99**, a four-year letter winner as a forward and midfielder in soccer, graduated as the College's all-time leader in points (108), goals (44) and assists (20), and still holds the school-record for goals (20) and points (48) in a season (1998). In addition, she scored a school-record of four goals in one game against Ursinus in 1997. As an undergraduate, Celina was named to the All-Middle Atlantic Region team three times and All-Centennial Conference team four times. The Lehigh Valley Player of the Year in 1997 and 1998 and two-time Academic All-American, Celina led the soccer team to a four-year record of 38-29-6, including a then-school-record 15 wins and ECAC championship in 1998.

★ **Lauren Buyyounouski '98**, a four-year letter winner as a hitter in volleyball, set 20 school records (most since have been broken) in kills, digs and service aces. To date, she still holds school records for service aces (181) and aces per game (0.53) in a career, aces (69) and aces per game (0.79) in a season, and aces in a five-game match (8). Lauren is the first player in 'Berg history to reach the milestones of 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs. As an undergraduate, Lauren earned All-Centennial Conference honors all four years (first team in 1996 and 1997), was named to six all-tournament teams, earned the Centennial Conference player of the week honors three times and won the Weikert Award in 1995. Lauren led the volleyball team to a four-year record of 71-39.

★ **Frank Scagliotta '72**, a four-year letter winner and two-year starter as a 5-8 point guard in basketball, was co-captain of the 1971-72 men's basketball team. At the time of his graduation he was the ninth all-time leading scorer with 1,132 points (now 19th) and ranks second all-time with 480

career assists. He led his team in scoring as a senior (18.4 ppg) and was second as a junior (16.6 ppg), playing on two MAC South championship teams (1969 and 1970). Frank was also a three-year letter winner as a jumper and sprinter in track and co-captain of the 1972 team.

★ **Jeff Tipping** coached the men's soccer team to a 225-71-21 (.743) record from 1986 to 2001. He entered the 2005 season 14th in Division III history in career winning percentage, having led the Mules to eight NCAA Tournament appearances and the national semifinals in 1995. He and his team won three Centennial Conference championships, one MAC championship and two MAC South championships. He coached seven All-Americans and three Academic All-Americans and was named Mid-Atlantic Region Coach of the Year three times. In addition, Jeff coached the men's golf team from 1996 to 2002, winning three Centennial Conference Championships.

★ **Sam Beidleman '63** has served Muhlenberg for more than 35 years as a coach, faculty member and administrator. He coached baseball from 1970 to 1992 and won 225 games, the second most by a Mule coach in one sport. These teams won five MAC Southwest division titles and three MAC South championships. Sam was an assistant football coach for 13 years, intramural director, athletic business manager from 1992 to 2000 and has been the director of athletics from 2003 to the present. As an undergraduate, Sam lettered in both football and track.

★ **The 1946 Men's Basketball Team** finished fourth in the NIT, at the time the most prestigious postseason basketball tournament. This team was the third straight Muhlenberg team to reach the NIT, but the first to win a game. The Mules defeated Syracuse in the first round before losing to Rhode Island and West Virginia to finish fourth. Finishing the season with a record of 23-5 and sharing the MAC North Championship, the team set a still-standing school record with a 14-game winning streak and was a perfect 14-0 at home. ■

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

An Astounding Year and More To Come

By Louis R. Lessig '93



As you read this, your association, led by the Alumni Executive Council, has had a very prosperous and engaging year. Of course, since this article will be read by over 17,000 alumni around the world, allow me to recap for you some of the wonderful things your representatives achieved over this past year.

We started back in September of 2005 with an all-day meeting filled with discussions surrounding each committee's goals and objectives for the coming year. Candidly, as my first meeting as your President, I can tell you that the room was filled with anticipation, energy and a desire by everyone around the table to build on our collective Muhlenberg experiences to raise the bar to do more for you and for the entire Muhlenberg community.

The result of our hard work was a strengthening of the regional club network that found successful programming across the nation, where dozens of diverse opportunities to meet, network, reminisce and give back to the community took place. Concurrently, the Career Services Committee worked diligently in supporting the work of The Career Center, especially with the annual Shadow Program and Alumni in the Classroom Week. Additionally, the Alumni Achievement Awards Committee generated a special group of alumni who received awards on Reunion weekend. Of course, I cannot forget the incredible work put forth by the Hall of Fame and Nominating Committees (see related articles). Thanks to their efforts the Hall of Fame Committee will once more be inducting deserving members of our community into the Athletic Hall of Fame during the Scotty Wood Tournament this fall. As I look ahead to my second year as President, the Nominating Committee has truly found a group of alumni who will be welcome additions to Council this fall.

As if this is not enough of a reason for everyone to be proud of the work that your Alumni Executive Council has done for you, there is still more. As you may be aware, there is a fund that all alumni can donate to called the Alumni Trust Fund (please see myMuhlenberg.com for more information on joining the Alumni Trust Fund). Last year the Executive Council, who distribute a portion of the interest earned by the fund each year, decided to fund a fledgling program called myMuhlenberg.com. This alumni web-site was designed as a vehicle for all of us to stay more connected to Muhlenberg. It is my pleasure to inform all alumni that myMuhlenberg.com now has over one-third of all alumni – more than 6,000 of us registered as users. Think of it, in less than a year, 6,000 of us joined (for free).

However, the goal of the Alumni Trust Fund is for more than just alumni, it is for the entire Muhlenberg community. As a result, your Executive Council voted to pledge its assistance to the recent successful completion of the Kresge Challenge, which provided funds for the addition to the Life Sports Center. Based upon our collective support for this very important campaign, I want to invite all alumni back to Campus for Homecoming this fall as we have a new space dedicated in honor of our collective support through the Alumni Trust Fund of the Kresge Challenge.

Where, you may ask? Well, those of you who have been out more than a few years will remember where we used to have tennis courts across from East Hall. While the tennis courts have been moved with the addition to the Life Sports Center, a new multipurpose space has been set up and will be called.... Oh, wait, I would love to tell you what we are calling it, but then you might not come to the ceremony. So if you would like to see the fruits of our support and find out what the new name for this space will be called, stay tuned and watch for your Homecoming materials, which will include a special ceremony where the new name will be announced. I hope to see all of you there.

The upcoming year looks bright, and I hope you will join all of us who are involved on campus and around the world. All of us are special, all of us are unique and all of us share the distinction of having and building upon our Muhlenberg experience. ■

Alumni Association Honors Two Members of the Class of '06

The Alumni Association is pleased to present the Alumni Association Future Alumni Leader Award to two members of the Class of 2006, Kevin Bryzdinski and Stacy Lipschutz.



Kevin Bryzdinski '06

Kevin Bryzdinski, of Hamilton, N.J., graduated with a bachelor of arts in business administration and accounting. Though he was involved in a variety of campus activities, he made the greatest impact through his involvement with the Cardinal Key Society, an organization whose goals and objectives are to serve the Office of Alumni Relations, inform alumni of events and changes that take place on campus, and develop current students as future dedicated alumni.

A member of Cardinal Key since his freshman year, Bryzdinski was elected president of the organization in 2005. Under his leadership, the group adopted a philanthropy associated with an alumnus and raised over \$2,000 for Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

During his presidency, he also established a relationship with the College's Alumni Association, impacting significantly with regional alumni clubs and linking current students with alumni leaders. He also led the Society to very successful Reunion and Homecoming weekends, where students assisted alumni in planning and executing the events.

Bryzdinski served as an executive board member of the Senior Class Connections Campaign, a student representative to the Board of Trustees, a tour guide and a student advisor. He was a brother and executive board member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity

and was treasurer of Omicron Epsilon Pi, the economics honor society.

Through his fraternity and the Cardinal Key Society, Bryzdinski found opportunities to contribute to the community. He also took it upon himself to give back to the Allentown community by providing free tax filing assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant program.

Bryzdinski was a member of the Accounting Society and the Business and Economics Club, and he served on the Curriculum Design Committee, the Committee on Campus Life and the Alcohol Task Force.

In addition to his activities, Bryzdinski worked as an office assistant in the College's Office of the President.



Stacy Lipschutz '06

Stacy Lipschutz, of Allentown, Pa., graduated with a bachelor of arts in political science. While at Muhlenberg, Lipschutz immersed herself in the campus culture and was an active member of the student body.

Lipschutz's involvement in the College's Hillel began her freshman year, and she was an integral part of the organization for all four years. She held the positions of President, Vice President of Programming and Vice President of Records, and was a member of the Personnel Committee, a student representative to the Board of Directors, a member of the Accreditation Committee and a Levy Award Committee member.

During the 2005-2006 academic year, Lipschutz served as the presidential assistant in the Alumni Relations Office, where she helped to plan and execute Alumni in the Classroom Week as well as First-Year Gatherings, which are summer events that welcome incoming students and their families to the Muhlenberg Community. She was also a co-chair of the Senior Class Connections Campaign.

Lipschutz was selected to serve on the College's Judicial Panel, and she also worked as a peer tutor for Academic Support Services.

She was a sister of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority and was a co-captain of the women's varsity tennis team. She served as treasurer and secretary of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society, and was on the nominating committee for Theta Alpha Kappa, the religion honor society. She was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, and Sigma Honor Society, the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority honors society. Lipschutz was awarded the B'nai B'rith Leadership Prize for leadership on campus and in the community. She was an Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar-Athlete and was on the Athletic Academic Honor Roll. In the fall, she was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

In addition to all of her extracurricular activities, Lipschutz was a Dean's List student for seven consecutive semesters. ■

First-Year Gatherings

First Year Student Gatherings are a wonderful opportunity for incoming families to meet one another and learn more about the Muhlenberg community as a whole.

We are so thankful to the following families for opening up their homes to foster such beneficial events:

- The Stressinger Family '10
- The Ackerman Family '10
- David and Kim Yoshida P '06
- Stuart '75 and Marjorie Freiman
- Peter and Kathleen Jannuzzi P '07
- Tom '63 and Harriet Worthington Mendham '63, P '91
- Harry '67 and Wendy Lessig P '93, P '00, P '01, P '03
- Ira and Donna Spector P '09
- Jeff '89 and Leigh Ann Porphy
- Barbara Lebson P '03, P '08
- Ed '60 and Anne Davis
- Mitchell and Sharan Bonder P '07

This year, over 125 students and their families took part in these gatherings and made them a huge success! None of this could have been done without the generosity and help of these families who demonstrated the great things Muhlenberg has to offer.

If you are interested in hosting a First-Year Gathering in the future or would like more information, please contact Desiree Sedehi '08 at 484-664-3308 or by e-mail at alumnipa@muhlenberg.com.

2nd Annual Alumni Cruise Announced

SAVE THE DATE: May 6-13, 2007

The reviews are in and due to popular response, we will be extending the length of our alumni cruise!

Climb aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines *Norwegian Crown* for our second annual alumni cruise with alumni, friends and family. We have reserved 25 double-occupancy cabins on this beautiful ship for 'Berg alumni and friends. Because we're offering a special group rate of only \$907 per person (includes outside cabin and all meals, taxes and port fees) for a seven-day cruise departing from our own backyard in Philadelphia, we will sell out quickly! For most of us, that means no airfares or hotel costs and a very relaxing seven-day vacation with time to explore the beautiful island of Bermuda.



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Sunday, May 6, 2007	Depart Philadelphia	4:00 p.m.
Monday, May 7, 2007	Day at Sea	
Tuesday, May 8, 2007	Arrive St. Georges, Bermuda	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9, 2007	Depart St. Georges, Bermuda	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 9, 2007	Arrive Hamilton, Bermuda	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 10, 2007	Hamilton, Bermuda	
Friday, May 11, 2007	Depart Hamilton, Bermuda	10:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 12, 2007	Day at Sea	
Sunday, May 13, 2007	Arrive Philadelphia	7:00 a.m.

We look forward to joining you on board!

A TOAST TO SUCCESS: Reunion Challenge UPDATE!

Muhlenberg rolled out the red carpet to welcome back more than 600 alumni and friends during Reunion Weekend 2006! Many of the Reunion classes had stellar performances in fundraising this year through "A Toast to Success: A Reunion Challenge!". The College is pleased to report that:

All eight classes improved their alumni participation rate.

5 out of 8 classes attained their challenge participation goal.

7 out of 8 classes increased both their participation rate and the total number of dollars raised.

Top honors include the following classes:

Best Performance goes to the Class of 1956

who celebrated its Golden Reunion by achieving an alumni participation rate of 53% – their highest ever! Twenty-one donors increased their giving from last year and 18 new donors made a gift.

Second and Third Place honors go to the Classes of 1986 and 1976, respectively.

The Class of 1986 celebrated their 20th Reunion with 36 new donors and 31 classmates who increased their giving from last year. The Class of 1976 celebrated their 30th Reunion with 23 new donors and another 23 classmates who increased their giving from last year.

These award-winning classes will be tough acts to follow for next year's Reunion Class Stars, who walk the Red Carpet June 1-3, 2007: 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992. If you are celebrating a Reunion next year and would like to help your class meet the Reunion Challenge, please contact Scott Ketcham at 484-664-3215.

A very special THANK YOU to all Class Fund Chairs, Reunion Chairs, alumni volunteers and participants who helped with the Reunion Challenge this year! ■

2006 Senior Connections Campaign

In the recent past, the senior class gift initiative had been a pledge drive with a marketing plan focused on senior activities. The past two years, however, have marked a definite shift in this effort to educate seniors on alumni opportunities. A product of the collaborative efforts of the Alumni Relations and Muhlenberg Fund Offices, the revamped senior gift drive has undergone a full makeover by becoming a year long program known as the Senior Connections Campaign.

First introduced in 2005, the emphasis of the Senior Connections Campaign is to promote student understanding of alumni life. Since the program's inception just over a year and a half ago, it has made remarkable progress. By the close of the 2005 Senior Connections Campaign, the Alumni Relations and Muhlenberg Fund Offices had already begun planning for the future.

The Campaign utilizes peer-to-peer marketing as its central educational tool. In 2006 specifically, 18 Class Agents volunteered to become leaders among their peers by spreading the word about campaign events, educating classmates about the reasons and ways to make a gift and serving as liaisons between the students and staff. Of the 18 Class Agents, five were members of the Executive Board, who helped to steer the Campaign in a direction that would produce the most success for the Class of 2006.

Striving to create an atmosphere that mirrored the opportunities available to alumni, members of the Class of 2006 were invited to a series of three events. President Helm, Muhlenberg Trustees and numerous alumni attended the celebrations, where seniors were given the opportunity to network, mingle and enjoy themselves. The events provided a way for students to relax and learn about ways to show their support of Muhlenberg—be it through volunteering, attending regional club events, utilizing the online community www.myMuhlenberg.com, or making a gift to The Muhlenberg Fund.

The Class of 2006 responded to the Campaign by using all opportunities presented to them. 395 students registered on the online community, while nearly 38% of the class raised over \$6,200 for the Muhlenberg Annual Fund.

The Class of 2006 Senior Connections Campaign enjoyed great success and started a new tradition at Muhlenberg. As a final farewell and show of gratitude, seniors who contributed \$20.06 or more to the Campaign were invited to tour the Miller Tower of the Haas College Center. Class of 2006 members, now the newest alumni of Muhlenberg College, enjoyed a new perspective of their alma mater...literally! ■

With Appreciation...

Muhlenberg College, the Office of Alumni Relations and the Alumni Association wish to express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the five alumni who recently completed their four-year term as members of the Alumni Executive Council.

Robert Buzzard '62

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Irving Chasen '61

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Susan Eisenhauer '77

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Randy Finelli '74

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Dennis Nemes '70

Likewise, we welcome and anticipate great accomplishments from the six newly elected alumni who will serve on the Executive Council effective July 1, 2006.

Debrah Cummins '84

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Michael Doyle '94

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Rudy Favocci '79

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Thomas Gasparetti '03

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Randi Schweriner '87

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Carole Silvoy '91

...and Anticipation

Would you or an alumnus/a that you know be interested in serving on the Alumni Executive Council? Fill out an online Alumni Executive Council Interest Form at www.myMuhlenberg.com or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-464-2374.

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE PRESENTS:

FRIDAY THE 13TH: THE HOMECOMING REUNION

Have you been afraid of having a good time lately? You never should be scared to come back to the 'Berg and celebrate Homecoming Weekend!

Come and enjoy a haunted autumn weekend on campus. Numerous fun fall-time activities ranging from pumpkin decorating to hayrides are planned, including plenty of children's activities. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends, classmates, faculty and staff.

Friday the 13th brochures with complete activity schedules, haunted hotel getaway information and golf registration forms will be mailed this summer to give you plenty of time to prepare. Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-464-2374 or by email at bergalum@muhlenberg.edu with any questions, comments or suggestions.

We'll see you here, if you dare!

In addition to the traditional sporting events, Reunion activities for the Classes of 1996 and 2001 will include the following:

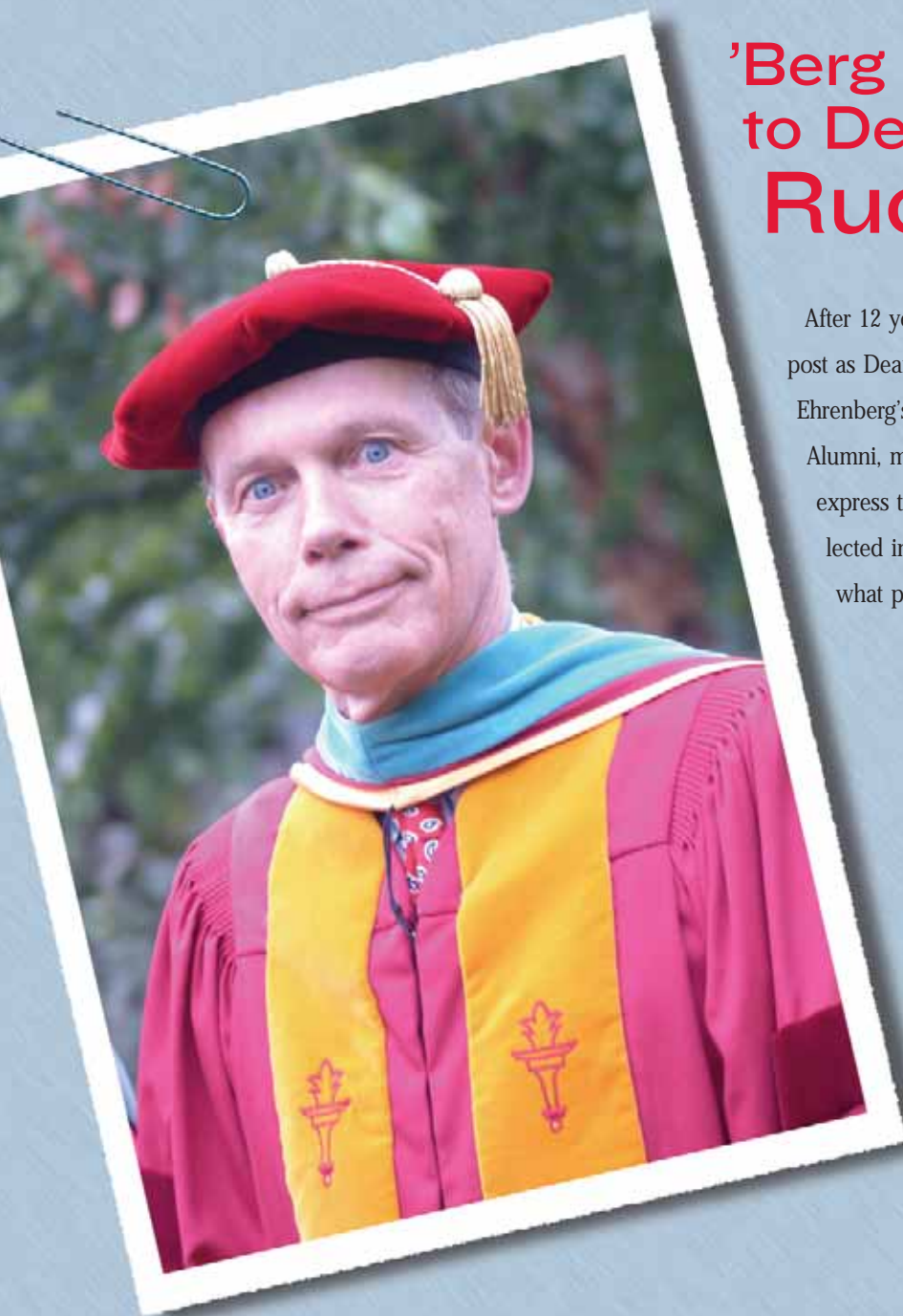
- Saturday Night's Glowing Gala • Cardinal & Grey Golf Outing
- Young Alumni Gathering • Attend-A-Class
- Tours of the new Science Building • Muhlenberg Talent Showcase



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

'Berg Bids Farewell to Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg

After 12 years of service to the College, Rudy Ehrenberg retired from his post as Dean of Students. Beloved by many and respected by all, Dean Ehrenberg's commitment to the College community was unwavering. Alumni, members of faculty and staff and friends of the College wrote to express their feelings at Rudy's departure, and their comments were collected into a book that was presented to him. Below is a sampling of what people had to say:



It is hard to picture Muhlenberg College without Rudy. He has been a tireless worker and advocate for Muhlenberg students. Whether it is attending an athletic event, an early morning meeting, or a middle of the night call out - Rudy was on duty seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Good luck Rudy!

Kent Dyer,

Chief Business Officer and Treasurer

Rudy Ehrenberg was born to be a Dean of Students. During my four years at 'Berg, he could always be seen with a smile on his face. My most poignant memory is when my wife and children and I recently visited 'Berg, just this past summer. We saw Dean Ehrenberg in front of Geegers Union. I smiled and said hi, expecting a head nod or a polite wave. However, Rudy stopped, thought for a second and said, "Jason...you were the quarterback, right?" I smiled and said yes, then we caught up. On the way home my wife and I spoke of how cool it was that he still remembered me, by name, after seven years. The man has an incredible memory, and an uncanny way of making you feel comfortable. More important than his memory is his character. I believe everyone would agree that Rudy is a genuine person. It's people like Rudy Ehrenberg that make Muhlenberg College what it is. He's quality. He will be missed.

Jason Jack, Class of 1995

Dean Ehrenberg was a true leader and advocate of Muhlenberg College. He was instrumental in molding the school into the great community it is today.

David Garbe, Class of 1995

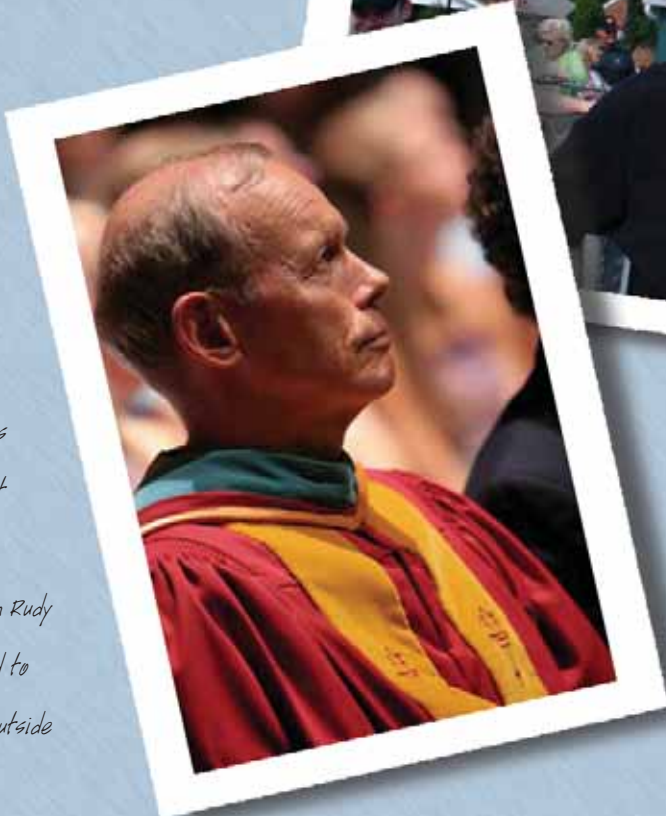
As the clock ticks each and every day, each and every hour, Rudy dedicated his time and energy to Muhlenberg College. Who was there to watch athletic events - Rudy. Who was there to listen to a new band, new comedian, student bands, student comedians - Rudy was. Who was there to watch a theatrical production, musical concert, or dance performance - Rudy was. Who was there for each and every memorial service, faculty author reception, new art exhibit - Rudy was. These are just some of the events the college extends to each and every one of us - but who takes advantage of all of them, not out of obligation, but out of enjoyment - Rudy does.

Then there are the students - Rudy is their Father, Grandfather, confidant, advisor, mentor and disciplinarian. There are students who have taken the wrong paths in life and it is Rudy that has re-directed those students to become a productive and successful citizens. Someone else would have given up on these kids, but Rudy works with them and in the end the student is the one who thanks Rudy for all they have done. Rudy is there when there is a family emergency for the students, staff and faculty as well as their families. Rudy is there to listen, he helps to put daily crises into perspective, and provides a learning experience in everything that happens.

Each day, each encounter is a new adventure; Rudy was always there to see it through. When did the man sleep? - we'll never know! But he is surely one person who will be greatly missed.

Susan Stachowski,

Administrative Assistant, Dean of Students Office



Rudy has always been a great mentor, conversationalist and friend. Muhlenberg will miss his humor, his guidance and that high-five hello. I cannot even begin to explain how much Dean Rudy means to me, and I look forward to many more years of friendship outside of Muhlenberg.

Jessica Lauer, Class of 2005



Rudy, you will never know the number of students you touched - you have been such a positive, inspiring force on campus. I am sure that I speak for countless alumni and students when I say that I hope that you will continue to be such a positive force in the Muhlenberg community. Many thanks for all that you have done, and all the best wishes for a happy retirement.

Julie Ziff Sint, Class of 2002



Over Under

by Mike Falk, Sports Information Director

Two Muhlenberg athletes finished their playing careers in Australia.

While they were at Muhlenberg, they took their games to a new level. After they graduated, they took their games to a new continent.

Two of the top female athletes in the Class of 2006, Courtney Tapkas (lacrosse) and Kristen Piscadlo (basketball), each spent two weeks in Australia this summer, extending their playing careers on all-star teams organized by USA Athletes International.

Mule athletes are no strangers to international competition. Several have played professionally in Europe their first

year out of school, including recent basketball graduates Dennis Adams '94 (Ireland), Michael Queenan '98 (Ireland) and Mark Lesko '02 (Austria). Dan McCall left the States in the summer of 2006 to play for the Schwabish Hall Unicorns of the German Football League.

Muhlenberg teams, most notably basketball and soccer, also have a long history of traveling overseas every three years. The list of teams with international experience grew in late May when the Mule golf teams spent a week in Ireland, playing at world-famous courses.

Athletes who participate in the USA Athletes International (USA AI) program must be recommended by a coach and then invited to travel. According to its website, USA AI is a non-profit organization dedicated to giving amateur athletes and coaches the opportunity to participate in international Olympic-style sporting events throughout the world, while also allowing them to broaden their educational and cultural knowledge of the world through the experience.

For Tapkas and Piscadlo, that meant one week of competition in Melbourne and one week of tourist-type activities – including trying to surf in the strong Australian current and hanging out with koalas and kangaroos in a wildlife sanctuary – in Brisbane.

Tapkas went first, leaving May 30 for her first time traveling alone. “I was a little apprehensive at first, because no one else on my team was going and I didn’t know if I wanted to go by myself,” she said. “But I’m glad I did, because it was one of the best experiences of my life.”

Tapkas, who finished her career as the Mules’ all-time leading scorer, fit



Cultural exchange is an important part of the USA AI trips. Here Tapkas poses with new friends from the Japanese team.



Piscadlo (second row, far right) and her teammates were like celebrities to the Australian girls.

right in on a squad that included players from Division I and II. She scored at least one goal in all six games and was named MVP after notching four goals and two assists against another team from the United States. Her team was undefeated until the final game, when it lost to a squad that included four players from the Australian National Team.

“We did great for never having played together before,” said Tapkas, noting that the team had only one practice before its first game. “It was a little nerve-racking playing internationally because of the different styles of play. But you kind of just have to do what you’re used to doing and have fun with it.”

Tapkas had fun with two of her teammates in particular, two Gettysburg athletes who wound up becoming her best friends on the trip. Gettysburg, the 2006 Division III national runner-up, is a team Muhlenberg has never beaten. “It was really cool to play with them and not against them,” she joked. “You get to see that they’re just like you and nothing to be intimidated by.”

The trip opened Tapkas to many new experiences. “I kind of got out of my comfort zone all around,” she said. “On the lacrosse field, I had to play defense and midfield, and I’m not used to that. I had never traveled by myself before, but I survived.

“Our motto was ‘You only live once. Take a risk.’ [The trip] showed that even when you’re not in your comfort zone you can be successful.”

Piscadlo, who left on June 15, got her second recent taste of international competition with USAAI. In the summer of 2004, she spent eight days in Italy with her Muhlenberg teammates.

“It was definitely a different experience,” she said. “In Italy, going with people you know makes it special. In Australia, you got to learn about a different group of people. Everybody was from a different place, so we would just sit around and trade stories.”

Like Tapkas, Piscadlo had common ground with some of her 10 teammates: Three were from Centennial Conference schools, including an Ursinus player who missed a key free throw in the final regular-season game of 2006, helping Muhlenberg clinch first place. The Mules went on to win the CC championship and set a school record with 26 wins.

“I figured it would be wise of me not to bring it up, because maybe she had bad memories,” said Piscadlo of the Ursinus player. “We all tried not to give each other any jabs or push the wrong buttons, because we knew we needed each other.”

Piscadlo and her opponents-turned-teammates went 4-3 in Australia. The only true point guard on the team, Piscadlo – Muhlenberg’s all-time leader in assists –

found it difficult getting used to the other players in such a short time, although the team started playing better by the end of the week.

The USAII squad also developed a following. “The most amazing thing was that the kids from Australia were so enthusiastic to have Americans there,” Piscadlo recalled. “We had these girls come to all our games, and their parents were so happy when we would talk to them.”

Piscadlo received a nice welcome-home present when she returned – a job as assistant women’s basketball coach at Brown University. When Tapkas finds the lacrosse coaching job she is pursuing, she too will be able to spread the love of her sport, a love that has taken both ex-Mules to the other side of the world. ■



Amy Schmidt didn't need to

travel overseas to cap her outstanding athletic career – just to the other side of the country.

Schmidt reached the semifinals of the singles tournament at the NCAA Division III Championships, hosted by the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Unseeded, Schmidt won her first three matches at the national tournament, including an upset of the second seed, before falling to the eventual national champion. The third-place finish (there was no consolation match) tied for the second-best by any Muhlenberg individual or team in an NCAA championship event.

A two-time All-American, Schmidt, who had to skip Commencement to participate in the tournament, closed her career 65-7 in singles competition and 114-26 overall.

Department of Sociology/

By Kristin (Nikki) Dilks '06

As the clock strikes noon on a Sunday in late May, Muhlenberg professors say goodbye to the seniors they have mentored over the previous four years and wish the underclassmen a wonderful summer break. The majority of students will not see their professors until classes resume at the end of August, leaving many to wonder how they spend their summers.

So what do professors do during those three months when they are mysteriously out of sight? Are they just lounging around enjoying their time off? Professors in the department of sociology and anthropology certainly are not. In fact, many find their summers to be just as demanding, if not more so, than they are when classes are in session!

Faculty in the sociology/anthropology department spend their summers doing everything from presenting their research at conferences to competing in triathlons. The freedom of their summer

schedules allows them to work on things that they would not have time for when school

is in session. "In the summer, we have more time to collect data in the field, read others' research, do data analysis, think and write," reports Tammy Lewis, Ph.D., chair of the department.

This summer, it seems that many faculty members in the department are primarily focused on their research, especially on collecting data in the field.

J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat, Ph.D., '93 is one example of this. Kovats-Bernat is spending much of his summer away from the College presenting research at conferences and conducting ethnographic fieldwork in Haiti, a country that he has been studying for over 12 years. "I will be traveling to Trinidad and Tobago to present my research on small arms and light weapons proliferation, and Haiti at the annual meeting of the Caribbean Studies Association in June," says Kovats-Bernat.

In addition, he also plans to take a trip to Haiti in August. "I will be traveling to the northern Haitian ville of Cap Haitien to study the impact of the recent rebel uprising on cultural and social life," reports Kovats-Bernat. The malleability of his summer schedule allows Kovats-Bernat to conduct fieldwork in other countries at length, as well as to travel and increase awareness on the issues he studies.

Amber VanDerwarker, Ph.D., will also be conducting research this summer; however, her research takes place much closer to home. She will conduct primary research in paleoethnobotany – the study of how humans used plants in the past. "My lab assistant, Adam Schieffer '06, and I will be analyzing archaeological plant remains from Native American sites in



Anthropology

J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat instructing a class.

Virginia and North Carolina that were occupied before, during and after European contact and colonization,” explains VanDerwarker. Though she’s not traveling out of the country for research this summer, she has received a National Science Foundation grant to conduct archaeological fieldwork in Mexico next summer.

Similar to VanDerwarker, Lewis will not be out in the field researching this summer, but rather preparing for upcoming field work. She will be researching to prepare for the four-month trip to Ecuador that she will be taking in the fall.

“I have been awarded the Class of 1932 Research Professor Award and a Fulbright Award, both of which will be funding this research,” says Lewis. In Ecuador, she will do research on the consequences of U.S. environmental assistance on the Ecuadorian environmental movement.

“I will survey organizations and interview key environmental leaders in Ecuador,” reported Lewis. These interviews will all be conducted in Spanish, so much of her summer will be spent writing surveys and translating them into Spanish, as well as conducting other research which needs to be done prior to her trip. The summer environment allows Lewis to set her own schedule and decide what needs to be accomplished without the impediment of many other obligations.

Janine Chi, Ph.D., is also researching this summer, but she will be conducting a different kind of research. She is developing two new courses which she plans to implement in the fall, the first titled Sociology of Food and the second called The State(s) of China.

“The latter course, which includes a short-term study abroad component, entails making appropriate travel arrangements as well as significant classroom arrangements with several Chinese universities,” says Chi. In this way, Chi is able to use the laid-back summer schedule to design new courses which will expand the Muhlenberg curriculum and benefit the entire College community.

When they are not consumed by their research, professors in this department use the summer to write. Bill Abruzzi, Ph.D. is one example of this. “I plan to spend my summer at my home in New Mexico where I will be working on my book,” he reports.

Kovats-Bernat will also be writing this summer. When he is not traveling, he plans to work on his latest book.

“I have received a summer research grant from the College to complete my second book, ‘Dangerous Crossroads: Vodou and the Crisis of Childhood in Haiti,’ (Rutgers University Press, 2008),” he says.

Though Chi is not actually in a writing stage this summer, she will work on developing a book proposal and manuscript from her dissertation work.

She plans to develop two different articles from her dissertation. “One will address the use of micro-level interactionist theory in analyzing macro-level nation-building projects, and the other will be a general discussion of the relevancy of nationalism and the nation-state in contemporary global socio-political events” explains Chi.

Though it is hard to imagine that any of the professors in the sociology/anthropology department have time to do much else this summer, they also have some recreation time planned. After traveling to London, Abruzzi plans to go camping, hiking and ride his motorcycle, while Chi will return to Singapore for a three-week family visit. Lewis will take time out from her trip preparation to compete in five, count them five, triathlons and to spend time with her two daughters at the beach. VanDerwarker will be house hunting in hopes of purchasing a home.

As this vivacious and jet-setting department clearly illustrates, even though the campus looks all but deserted during the summer months, faculty members are still just as busy as ever. Because much of the professors’ time is unrestricted during the summer, all are able to tailor their schedule to fit their individual needs.

They are able to venture outside of the College and conduct and analyze research, work on publications, develop new courses to broaden the curriculum, or do other things they would not have time for when classes are in session. The work faculty members do during the summer increases their knowledge in their respective fields which, in turn, makes their classes more interesting and engaging.

The faculty’s zealous desire to learn is especially apparent during the summer months, and allows them to apply first-hand knowledge to the topics they teach in their classes. This allows faculty members to make their classes more engaging and to convey their passion for their field to their students, making a Muhlenberg education a singularly unique and rewarding experience. ■

The 158th Commencement

of Muhlenberg College was held on May 21, 2006. 448 students crossed the stage to receive their diplomas and officially became alumni.

Ray Suarez, senior correspondent for The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, delivered the Commencement Address. Suarez has more than 25 years of varied experience in the news business. He came to The NewsHour from National Public Radio where he had been host of the nationwide, call-in news program "Talk of the Nation" since 1993. Prior to that, he spent seven years covering local, national and international stories for the NBC-owned station, WMAQ-TV in Chicago.

He received an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

Other honorary degree recipients were: Sarkis Acopian, a local industrialist, environmentalist and humanitarian who has displayed extraordinary generosity to international, national and local non-profit agencies throughout his lifetime; Margaret A. (Peggy) Healy, who teaches human rights law at Fordham University and is a longtime international human rights activist; John K. Heyl '28, an architect and one of the College's oldest living alumni; and Hillel International President Avraham Infeld.

Identical twins Jason and Seth Winkler shared the honor of valedictorian; the brothers had identical grade point averages.

Stacy Lipschutz and Kevin Brydzinski were honored with the Alumni Achievement undergraduate Merit Award, and Megan O'Donnell delivered the address for the Class of 2006.

Two faculty members were also recognized for their excellent work. Lisa Perfetti, associate professor of French, was given the Paul C. Empie '29 Award, and Christopher Borick, associate professor of political science, was given the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award. ■





REUNION 2006: It's a Wrap!

Over 650 alumni and family members were the stars of Reunion 2006 as they walked the red carpet on the weekend of June 2-4. Truly a four-star production, Reunion was the perfect backdrop for the Muhlenberg stage. We enjoyed having all of you come home to relax, rejuvenate and reminisce!



Two thumbs-up to our Class Fund and Reunion Chairs for their all-star performance!

Class of 1956:

Tommy Coughlin	Fund Chair
Bill Greenawald	Reunion Chair

Class of 1961:

Marty Renshaw	Fund Chair
Doug MacGeorge	Reunion Chair

Class of 1966:

Tim Romig	Fund Chair
Ray Lechler	Reunion Chair

Class of 1971:

Mary Daye Hohman	Fund and Reunion Chair
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Class of 1976:

Keith & Louise Ordemann	Fund and Reunion Chairs
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Class of 1981:

Deb Spohn	Fund Chair
Joan Triano	Reunion Chair

Class of 1986:

Chip Hurd	Fund Chair
Melissa Economy-Pavlack	Reunion Chair
Jill Muhr	Reunion Chair

Class of 1991:

Chris Parkes	Fund Chair
Jim Falco	Reunion Chair





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It's time to start planning Reunion 2007, scheduled for June 1 – 3. If your class year ends in "2" or "7" and you are interested in helping to plan your Reunion, or if you are a graduate of 50 years or more who would like to help plan Heritage Reunion 2007, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at bergalum@muhlenberg.edu or 800-464-2374.

MUHLENBERG: RED GRAY & GREEN

**New Science Building
is environmentally friendly**

By Heidi J. Kunsch '01

You've most likely heard that Muhlenberg has constructed a new 47,000 square foot life sciences building adjacent to the Shankweiler Biology Building, which will be open for the fall 2006 semester. This construction project, however, is unlike any other endeavored at Muhlenberg. The New Science Building (NSB) will be a green building.

Green building, also known as sustainable or high performance building, is an increasingly sophisticated and innovative method of construction. Not only are environmental impacts minimized by building green, occupant comfort and health are improved as well as operation and maintenance costs reduced.

Why alter the way in which buildings are constructed? The evidence is in the statistics: buildings in the United States are estimated to consume 37% of all energy used, including 68% of all electricity, 88% of potable water supplies and 40% of raw materials. Construction and demolition waste from buildings constitutes approximately 40% of all materials destined for landfills. Buildings also contribute to the formation of 36% of all manmade carbon dioxide emissions, which is the major greenhouse gas responsible for global climate change.

"Green buildings are the right thing to do," states Bruce Anderson,

Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry, who was instrumental in promoting the LEED™ concept at Muhlenberg and also served as the liaison between faculty and the architects. "Muhlenberg will make a statement to the community with this building that says we are not only concerned about the health of our environment, but we are doing something about it."

The United States Green Building Council (USGBC), a nonprofit whose mission is to promote the construction of green buildings, has recognized the significant impacts that buildings have on our natural environment, pocketbooks and health. Consequently, they have developed LEED™, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a rating system to compare sustainable buildings.

By applying various green features to a building project, points are accrued and one of four levels can be attained: certified, silver, gold or platinum. There are versions of LEED™

for new construction, existing buildings, commercial interiors and a residential pilot is in progress.

Muhlenberg hopes to achieve a rating of LEED™ certified for the NSB. This goal may be achieved by scoring points in six categories specified in the USGBC LEED™ standards. Those categories are: sustainable site design, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation and design process.

The team of professionals which Muhlenberg has selected to assist it in its goal of attaining LEED™ certification includes: Ballinger, architect and engineer; Whiting-Turner Contracting Co., construction manager; Keystone Consulting Engineers, site engineer; and Aramark, commissioning consultant.

Planning and design aspects have been overseen by a Building Executive Committee consisting of: President Randy Helm; Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer; Marjorie Hass, Provost; Richard Niesenbaum, Chair of Biology; and Anderson.

Three sustainable site design features which the NSB will possess include: reduced site disturbance, storm water management and light pollution reduction. Following completion of the building construction, grass will be replanted in Brown Mall



Artist's renderings of the New Science Building and renovations to existing facilities

and thereby a green space restored. Routing drains and gutters to an underground collection basin will mitigate storm water runoff. Light pollution is considered to be any adverse effect of improperly directed exterior lighting, which can include disturbance of the nocturnal environment for wildlife, interference with stargazing and wasted energy. Exterior lighting for the NSB will be efficient in that it will focus only on the areas where it is needed and minimize skyward lighting.

Two water-efficient components of the building involve plumbing and landscaping. Waterless urinals and low-flow toilets and faucets will help reduce water usage by approximately 37%, compared to the International Building Code standard. Landscaping for the building will also be water efficient due to the use of native plants, which will not require excessive watering.

Combined with the water efficient measures, the conservation of energy in the NSB will translate into long-term financial savings for Muhlenberg. The highlight of the energy efficient aspects of the building is the two total energy, or enthalpy wheels, which will be part of the heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system. The



wheel acts by capturing heat and humidity from exhausted air and transferring it to new air entering the building, thereby conserving 70-80% of the energy required to pre-heat or pre-cool (depending on the season) the outdoor air.

Another energy efficient feature is the use of a low-emissivity (low-e) coating on windows. This coating will decrease the heat gain of the building during the summer months and thereby reduce the cooling load on the building. In the wintertime, the coating acts to decrease heat loss through the windows. A process called commissioning will be completed before the building is fully operational. This process is performed by a third party and will verify that all the building systems are working properly and efficiently.

In order to conserve materials and resources, the NSB will utilize recycled-content materials such as steel, concrete, gypsum board (made from fly ash, a byproduct of coal-fired power plants) and acoustical ceiling tiles (made from old ceiling tiles). The woodwork in the lobby of the NSB as well as the wood veneer on all the lab casework and doors will be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), a nonprofit which verifies that wood products come from sustainably managed forests. The base material for the lab casework cabinetry will consist of wheatboard, an agricultural byproduct derived from wheat.

As of May 2006, 64% of the waste created during the construction process of the NSB (i.e. gypsum board scraps, leftover carpeting or concrete)

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With plans to open a Multicultural Center at Muhlenberg, the College is adding to the already ongoing effort to make the campus a more diverse environment. The wheels have been set in motion for change, and plenty is already happening in the College's move toward diversity.

"We've undertaken numerous initiatives both to recognize and support the diversity we have already achieved – religious, intellectual, economic and sexual orientation – as well as to encourage and sustain further development of our community's ethnic diversity," says President Randy Helm.

The Multicultural Center will also play a role in uniting students on campus. "The center will be open to the entire college community and can be utilized by all," says Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, director of multicultural life. "Classes will be held there, there will be opportunities for people to get together for brown bag lunches, students can meet there to study, and of course we can host speakers and events there. The key thing, however, is that it will bring everyone together."

Muhlenberg's Hillel House, located at 2238 Chew Street, will serve as the model for the new Multicultural Center. The Hillel House has been a



In the Spring of 2005, President Helm hosted a dinner for the College's multicultural community. Pictured are: (top row) Anthony Franqui '08; Miles Davison '08; Niles Benjamin '08; Cynthia Amaya '01, senior assistant director of admission and coordinator of multicultural recruitment; (bottom row) Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, director of multicultural life; and Acacia Cochise '08.

huge success at Muhlenberg, and has continued to grow over the years and involve the entire campus in its activities. Offering both student programming space, as well as reading resource space, the new Multicultural Center will be a place of gathering, sharing, and learning.

The addition of a Multicultural Center will strengthen campus programs that are already in place. While there's plenty of room for expansion, the campus already offers some great opportunities for cultural exposure. "The Office of Multicultural Life hosts a series of events and activities throughout the year," says Cynthia Amaya '01, senior assistant director of admission & coordinator of multicultural recruitment. "The multicultural clubs organize events ranging from local restaurant trips, to watching a movie, to taking a trip to a museum. The entire student body is welcome to join any group, attend meetings and certainly to come to any activity."

Muhlenberg students also participated last spring in a two-day symposium led by JoAnn Moody that dealt with issues of both recruiting and retaining a more diverse faculty and student body. "Students of Multicultural Life worked with the other colleges involved in the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) to be part of this two-day symposium addressing diversity," explains Drayton-Craig. "Muhlenberg also hosted one of the days."

Another way students are exposed to different cultures is through the curriculum. Muhlenberg students are required to take at least one "D" (Diversity) course requirement in order to graduate. "My understanding of the 'D' perspective is that

'Berg Focuses on Diver

by Lindsey Aspinall '04

“Diversity is a practice that continues to reshape and transform itself as

it aims to complement, and sometimes, challenge conventional and normative ways of knowing.”

its purpose is to expose students to bodies of knowledge that address the issues faced by traditionally underrepresented groups in the United States, as well as by societies that typically do not fall under the umbrella of ‘classical Western’ understandings,” explained Dr. Janine Chi, assistant professor of sociology. “In an ideal world, we would not have to need a so-called “D” perspective because such a perspective would be fully embedded in all of our courses. To the extent that this is possible, academics and administrators, instructors and students alike need to recognize that diversity is not ONE body of knowledge that can be ‘mastered’ or ‘achieved.’ Rather, it is a practice that continues to reshape and transform itself as it aims to complement, and sometimes challenge conventional and normative ways of knowing.”

One of the major focuses of the Multicultural Center will be to encourage a more diverse range of students to apply to Muhlenberg. The Center will aim to help new recruits feel more comfortable on campus. “We cannot wait to achieve diversity before we create a climate that supports it,” explains Helm. “We must proceed to build the sort of community infrastructure and support that will help students and faculty from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds feel welcomed and comfortable on our campus from the moment they arrive. In other words – ‘if we build it, they will come.’”

Even without the Center in place, the College has already been improving upon efforts to increase multicultural recruitment. “The College is doing a couple of key things in order to be effective in multicultural recruitment,” says Amaya. “The first is recognizing that this is a team effort. Our admissions staff does an amazing job at building relationships with prospective students and maintaining those relationships once the students are on campus.”

“Second, our office works at cultivating relationships with certain organizations that typically serve multicultural students, such as LEDA (Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America) and Prep for Prep,” Amaya goes on to say. “And lastly, we make it a point to visit schools during our recruitment travel season that we know are diverse.”

Having current Muhlenberg students get involved with the recruiting process has also been effective in helping prospective students to feel more comfortable on campus. The Multicultural Ambassador program attempts to achieve this goal. “This past year was the first year for our Multicultural Ambassador program,” Amaya explains. “Ambassadors are current Muhlenberg students who were asked to help out with phonathons, tours and hosting prospective students. They are an eager group and their help was crucial to this year’s recruitment success.”

Dr. Craig Haytmanek ’68, has made it a personal effort to recruit a more diverse student body. Specifically, Haytmanek is interested in Native American students and uses his position as president of the School Board in Bethlehem as a means to meet Native American students and learn more about their needs and

their culture. “I have always had an interest in the Native American culture,” says Haytmanek. “As School Board President I’ve had the opportunity to go to some national conventions and meet some Native American students. I’m very involved in trying to improve the educational opportunities available to these students.”

Haytmanek serves as the North East Region Vice President of the National Caucus of American Indian/Alaska Native School Board Members, an organization that promotes quality education for all students with an emphasis on the problems and successes of American Indian and Alaska native students. According to Haytmanek, Native Americans hold their individuality and heritage so high that they are concerned about losing it when assimilating with the rest of the U.S. population. As a result, many students aren’t offered the best educational opportunities. “I’m currently working with Christopher Hooker-Haring ’72 in attempting to recruit Native American students from reservations,” he says. “Many Native Americans graduate from high school and don’t go to college, but those who do tend to go locally. We’d love to see them think outside the box and come out here to the East Coast. Muhlenberg has such a caring atmosphere. I believe it would be a welcoming campus for these students.”

It’s important to note that the College has also released a diversity statement meant to describe Muhlenberg’s mission toward achieving greater diversity. The “Statement on Diversity” was drafted by President Helm in consultation with various faculty members including: Charles Anderson, Janine Chi, Steve Coutinho, Margaret Dodson, Ethel Drayton-Craig, Mohsin Hashim, Marjorie Hass, Tomoe Kanaya, Cathy Kim, Trevor Knox, Susan Schwartz, Jeremy Teissere and Margaret Tsao. In January, this draft was shared with the Muhlenberg community for comment. The final draft included suggestions from faculty, staff, alumni, and students, among others. It can be viewed online at <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/pre-soff/diversity/index.html>. ■

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STATE OF THE ARTS

by Scott Sherk, Ph.D.
PROFESSOR OF ART,
DEPARTMENT CHAIR



The Art Department was very happy to welcome a new faculty member this year, Amze Emmons, assistant professor specializing in printmaking. He comes to our campus from the University of Iowa where he had been a visiting assistant professor.

Amze Emmons has had an interesting and varied career prior to his arrival on our campus. He received a B.F.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University, an M.A. and M.F.A. from the University of Iowa. Like many art majors, he knocked around between degrees, and spent some time in New York City.

He was a print study assistant at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, an assistant to the Art Program Director at the 92nd Street Y, and a site manager for Creative Time, the cutting edge institution that sponsors many art installations in New York City. He began teaching at the Lower East Side Printshop and then left the city to teach for a year at the University of Vermont.

Emmons brings to our department a keen interest in contemporary art and an active practice—creating and exhibiting prints, drawings and paintings. Last year he had a one-person exhibition at the Gallery Katz in Boston, Mass., and participated in Space Domestic, a group exhibition of work chronicling one's relationship to domestic architecture and spaces at the Mclean Project of the Arts in Mclean, Va. This summer he had a solo exhibition of prints at the Scoula Internazionale Di Grafica in Venice, Italy.

He also collaborated with Muhlenberg College dance professor, Charles O. Anderson's performance of *Restless Natives*: an evening of kinetic storytelling; and with poet Jenna Osman and designer Scott Cole on *History is a Thief*, a project for LAB Magazine, an international arts magazine.

Emmons has also been very active on our campus, sometimes, in unlikely places. Buried within Trexler Library are faculty study carrels—private spaces for faculty study. Emmons has been turning his faculty study into the Institute for Ephemeral Studies, Refugee Reading Room.

Using only office supplies, he has been building a miniature refugee camp in his study space. Interested in dislocating spaces, like the anonymous office cubicle, and concerned with what it means to be a refugee in the age of globalization, this ongoing work has evolved through several stages.

While haunting the library Emmons began to recognize discarded photocopies as a form of refugee texts—pages wrenched from their home and left scattered around the space. These refugee texts have become new raw material for the project.

Additionally, Emmons has been working with Doctors Without Borders and other NGO's researching the kinds of objects and supplies that a refugee is given for survival. He is assembling a refugee kit that will reside in his Institute of Ephemeral Studies.

Emmons' work often involves images of architecture, especially anonymous places like airport luggage receptacles. He sees the public spaces that we inhabit as being strong indicators of our cultural identity. His work revolves around drawing and incorporates painting and print media and engages ideas about the individual, the public and the private in contemporary culture.

Introducing Art's Newest Faculty Member: Amze Emmons

Next year, Emmons will be directing the Senior Studio Seminar and the Senior Honors Seminar. He is excited to have the opportunity to work closely with our best students. He is also curating a show of contemporary sculpture for the Martin Art Gallery and working with the Center for Ethics on another exhibition.

In other art news: Michael Perrone '89 had a successful one-person exhibition of stunning paintings at Michael Steinberg Fine Art in New York City—"Google" the show! Michael O'Keefe '99 received his M.F.A. from Southern Methodist University this spring. Mike invited me to SMU to critique the graduate students, and I got a chance to see his impressive work. Greta (Bergstresser) Brubaker '04 received her M.F.A. from Rhode Island School of Design this spring. I got a chance to look over Joe Elliott's shoulder as she was showing him her photos, and saw some fine work. Karen Seapker '04 has been accepted into the M.F.A program in painting at Hunter College and will begin in the fall. In our most recent graduating class, Carolyn Webber '06 will continue her studies at Tufts University this fall.

Finally, the Senior Honors Exhibition this spring was one of our best shows ever! Our Honors Exhibitions open on the last week of class each year and continue through graduation. I hope that all alumni will make it a practice to see each wonderful show. ■

1944

J. Henry Brown writes, "The Beat Goes On! The legacy continues. This fall, one Valerie Brown, daughter of my second son, Craig, will enter the class of '10 as a pre-med student. The family could not be more delighted. The fact that she will be residing in Brown Hall is icing on the cake. An honor student as Central Bucks West High School in her hometown of Doylestown, Pa., she will doubtless surpass the academic achievements of myself and her Uncle **Geoff '79**. How she fares versus my father and her cousin **Mike '08** is a matter to be determined.

1948

After receiving the commemorative plaque for the 1946 Football Hall of Fame, **John Keefe** reports the following: Upon graduation, he accepted a position as a teacher of foreign languages and football coach at Haverford High School in suburban Philadelphia. He acquired advanced degrees and entered the private sector (RCA) in human resources for 20 years. He returned to education in a similar position, coupled with ad hoc work as a negotiator, mediator and arbitrator. During the '60s and '70s he published prolifically by writing books and journal articles on education and management issues. He retired in 1986, and after the collapse of communism, he taught English and management in Poland and what was then Czechoslovakia. He returned to the U.S. after becoming professor emeritus at the International School of Management. He resides in Bedford, Va., and has had casual contact with teammates **Carl Reimer '47**, **Ken Moyer '50**, **Pren Beers '49** and the late **George Bibighaus '47**.

1952

George Spieker retired in 1993 and is currently working as Visitation Pastor for St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, Pa. Along with his wife, Rebecca, he enjoys two children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In 2007, he will celebrate 50 years of ordained ministry in the Lutheran Church. At Muhlenberg, he was one of three in his class who majored in geology. The geology department was disbanded the year before he graduated. Following a two-year stint with the U.S. Army, he completed work at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and was ordained in 1957.

1953

At reunion time, **Dick Cowen** was asked by longtime friend **Tom Kelsall '55** to introduce Tom at the ceremony for his Alumni Achievement Award. At Christmas time, Dick served as Santa for the Christmas party for the College's faculty and staff.

1956

After graduating Muhlenberg in '56, **Ernest B. Fricke** obtained his M.A. in history from Lehigh University and taught in public high schools for four years. He became interested in teaching at the college level, and after applying to several colleges in the northeast, he taught for two years at SUNY in Albany. To continue his career in the college environment Ernest became a teaching assistant at New York University. This allowed him to work towards obtaining his Ph.D. with a dissertation on the impact of the depression of the 1930s on Allentown. As a professor of history at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Ernest taught American history, specializing in the Revolution and Colonial Wars. Other courses included an introduction into the business history of the United States. He retired in 1996. Ernest and his wife Nancy were married 1964 and live in Indiana, Pa. They have three sons, Henry C, Thomas J and Benjamin G., and four grandchildren, one boy and three girls. In his spare time, Ernest enjoys walking, cycling and reading, but makes sure he and Nancy visit their grandchildren in Colorado and Massachusetts several times a year. During his undergraduate years, Ernest was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Alpha Theta. He was a member of the Intercollegiate Conference on Government, the Commuters Club, and played in the band.

A message from **Tommy Coughlin** to his classmates.

This year the spring and summer issues of the Muhlenberg Magazine have been combined and by the time you read this our 50th Reunion on June 2-4, 2006 will be legend. In the fall issue I will cover the events and highlights of our weekend together to remind us again of the time we spent together, sharing stories of College and family and re-establishing that special bond among the Muhlenberg graduating class of 1956.

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1962

David Bernstein writes, "During a January 2006 trip to Mexico, **Nessa (Rosen) '64** and I discovered that **Carl Schnee '57** and his wife Doris were among the tour group. Shared memories focused on Haps Benfer, Phi Epsilon Pi and the good times at Muhlenberg."



The Very Reverend Aubrey Nelson Bougher '65

1965

The Very Reverend **Aubrey Nelson Bougher**, STS, S.T.D., pastor for 25 years of Christ Lutheran Church in Rosedale, N.Y., and Dean of the Northeast Ministerium of the International Lutheran Fellowship since 2001, was ordained a Bishop by the International Lutheran Fellowship on June 3. He was elected by the church body unanimously. He will be the first regional bishop of the church body, serving in oversight capacity for ministers and congregations in the northeastern United States. ■ **A. Clifton Cage**, DO, ACOFP, assistant professor of family medicine at the University of



A. Clifton Cage '65

North Texas Health Science Center, was recently promoted to associate professor. Dr. Cage is also director of the center for clinical drug trials for the Department of Family Medicine, located at the central clinic. He serves as the medical director for the Health Psychology Preceptor Program. His research interests include clinical trials in diabetes and hypercholesterolemia and change in health behavior. He currently resides in Weatherford, Texas. ■ **The Rev. Robert J. Marks**, MSW, RN, C, pastor of Penn Lutheran Church, Penn, Pa., and Zion Lutheran Church, Harrison City, Pa., and also a psychiatric nurse and medical social worker in home health care, was part of a volunteer medical team at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Ocean Springs, Miss., during part of February 2006. The team worked as nurses and doctors in free medical clinics in Ocean Springs, Biloxi and Long Beach, Miss.

1966

Jean Dayton Linington recently started a tour business, specializing in tours to Ashland, Ore., home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The tours include a weekend stay at a local bed and breakfast, tickets to three plays at the Festival, and conversations with the actors and dramaturg of OSF. Women's and couples' weekends are currently being planned for April, June and October of 2006. More information and photos of the 2005 Gatherings can be seen at <http://spaces.msn.com/members/jdltours/>.

1972

Bill Silverman was re-elected to his second three-year term as a Trustee of the American Osteopathic Association.

1974

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

1975

Rick Bodnar and **Carolyn Krenos-Bodnar '76** have moved to 7300 Blakeley Rd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527. Rick is director of applications engineering and new steel product development at IPSCO, a manufacturer of steel plate and tubular products. Carolyn is a crisis counselor for hurricane survivors. Their son, Michael, is a graduate student studying computer engineering at the University of Delaware, and their daughter, Meredith, is a junior studying English at Elizabethtown College. ■ **Patricia (Garrell) Hicks** was recently awarded the New Hampshire Humanities Council Treat Award for Excellence in Teaching of the Humanities. The award was presented on October 11, 2005 at the Humanities Council's annual dinner. Dan Brown, author of *The DaVinci Code*, was the guest speaker. The award committee based their decision on an extensive application process that included several essays detailing her philosophy of education and her methods of delivering a humanities rich educational program to her sophomore American Literature and junior honors British Literature students as well as several observations of her classes. This was a busy and rewarding year for Patricia and her husband. He was recently elevated to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. They are most gratified that their two children were able to be with them on these occasions. Becca, 25, flew in from San Francisco where she is currently an editor for McGraw-Hill, and James, 23 came from Manhattan where he is an analyst for S.G. Cowen. ■ **Maryann (Heine) Kruglinski** has just received a master's of library and information science from Rutgers University, and **John Kruglinski** is now an assistant professor of accounting at Kutztown University.

1976

Dr. William T. Franz, professor of physics at Randolph-Macon College, along with two other colleagues, led a team of 29 students to hurricane-ravaged New Orleans during the school's

January term. The students were enrolled in a course, "The Human Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina." After a week of study on campus, the class traveled by bus to New Orleans for two weeks of gutting homes on behalf of needy homeowners. Students kept journals and blogs and created web sites upon their return.



Bill Franz '76 (arms upraised) and some of the Randolph-Macon College contingent in New Orleans pose on a pile of debris.

1977

Eat'n Park Hospitality Group's chairman and CEO, **Jim Broadhurst**, proudly announced the appointment of **Mitch Possinger** to president of the organization's newly created Onsite Brands Division. This appointment is a result of Eat'n Park Hospitality Group's investment in a new strategic focus aimed at driving customer satisfaction. Possinger, founder and president of Cura Hospitality, Eat'n Park Hospitality Group's senior living dining services provider, will continue to oversee Cura and assumes additional responsibility for Parkhurst Dining Services, Eat'n Park Hospitality Group's higher education, corporate and cultural institution dining services brand. ■ **Jeffrey Swanson** is completing his third year as principal of Roxbury High School in Succasunna, N.J. He reports that no day is ever



Mitch Possinger '77

boring in his job! Sending top quality students to his alma mater from Roxbury High will continue to be a priority. Currently he is completing his studies on a Doctor of Letters (DLitt) degree at Drew University. He and his wife, **Pati '80**, live in Hackettstown, N.J. They will celebrate their 28th anniversary in July. Kaaron, their eldest child, is a teacher in Wilkes Barre. Lara, their second, will graduate from 'Berg in May and will attend Law School at U Pitt. Stephen is completing trade school, Keith will be a senior in high school, and Kellyn will be in eighth grade. He reports that he often visits with sister-in-law, **Patricia (Carroll) Swanson '80** at family events and that he keeps in touch (usually on the golf course) with PKT fraternity brothers **Steven Wolfe '76** and **Thomas Reilly '72**.

1978

Terry (Bonk) Novak was recently promoted to chief marketing officer of DSM Pharmaceuticals and relocated back to New Jersey from North Carolina, where he ran the pharmaceutical business operations.



Clifford Sachs '80 at Arapaho Basin in Colorado

1980

Clifford Sachs writes, "I started a second career this year when I accepted a position as a part-time ski instructor at Wachusett Mountain. During the 2005 ski season I taught 161 people how to ski. I qualified for and passed the level 1 certification exam of the Professional Ski Instructors of America. I was voted rookie of the year alpine ski instructor by the other instructors and supervisors. Ironically, my part-time job paying a little more than minimum wage led to a peak life experience at Arapaho Basin in Colorado, where I skied off-piste on the East Wall (double black diamond). I initially became a ski instructor to improve my personal skiing. I exceeded that goal, became a snow sport professional, and in doing so rediscovered a fundamental truth, that what you get out of your life and work is what you put into them."

1981

Dr. Lynn Vogel Koplitz is the director of the university honors program at Loyola University New Orleans. She is also a professor of chemistry.



Dr. Michael B. Krouse '94

1984

Dr. Michael B. Krouse, DC, of the Hills Chiropractic Center in Bedminster has been honored as an appointee to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners by Gov. Codey. The N.J. Board of Chiropractors serves the public by reviewing licenses and regulating all chiropractors in New Jersey. Dr. Krouse has been serving the community for 18 years by delivering natural solutions for pain management and rehabilitation. He gives talks on topics of health such as natural solutions to stress management. Dr. Krouse has continued to serve on the medical staff of the Special Olympics Medical Team for 15 years. ■ **Kevin Schey** and his family are currently spending a six-month sabbatical in Auckland, New Zealand, at the University of Auckland.

1987

Jay W. Watson is the lead financial executive for CMP Corporate Sales and Marketing Group. In addition to providing valuable financial insight and creative financial perspective, Jay works closely with business leaders from a strategic and tactical point of view to ensure both long and short term goals are achieved. Additionally, he works closely with the company's largest



Jay W. Watson '87

customers and the global account directors and brand managers in creating mutually beneficial media agreements. He has been with CMP for 18 years.

1989



(Left to right) Steve Kahn, Bob Duffy, Jeff Porphy and Jeff Vaughan (all class of '89) at the wedding of Val Bianchini '89 and Dawn Kondla '90

Val Bianchini and **Dawn Kondla '90** were married on April 29 at The Hamlet Golf and Country Club in Commack, Long Island. In attendance were: **Kelly Conway, Jon Cramer, Emily Dipiro, Bob Duffy, Keith Esposito '90, Amy (Leiberman) Herzog, Steven Kahn, Chuck Kuntz, Dave Kuntz Jr '88, Mark Maehrer, Bert Mukkulainen '90, Mike**



Alumni present at the wedding of Val Bianchini '89 and Dawn Kondla '90



1984

Eric and **Carla (Nelson) Schultes** welcomed their daughter, Anna Jean, on August 19, 2005. She joins big brothers Alan, 10, and Brian, 7. Carla is now at home full time and home schooling the children. Previously, she taught mathematics at Salisbury University after receiving her Ph.D. at Lehigh University in 1991.

stay at home Mom. ■ **Megan (Taup)** and Phil Leary welcome baby Emily Kay born June 14, 2005. She joins big sister Katie.

1992

Dr. Happy-Joel Uusiku and his wife Dr Anni-Liina Hatutale welcomed their daughter, Ruth Aina Magano, into the world on February 8, 2006 at 9:30am. She was 2.8 kg.



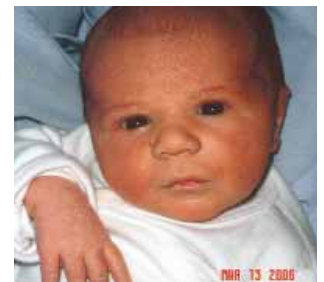
Fiona Keefe Hendrickson

1985

Laurie MacNamara and Bill Hendrickson happily welcomed their first child, Fiona Keefe Hendrickson, to the world on April 9, 2006. Laurie is a senior associate at Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., the global management and technology consulting firm. Bill is managing editor of Issues in Science and Technology, a quarterly journal published by the National Academy of Sciences. Laurie, Bill, and Fiona reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

1993

Danielle Boyle-Ebersole and husband Jason '95 are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Chase James, on March 6, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs, 7 oz and measured 20 inches long.



Chase James Ebersole

He joins his big sister, Skyler, now 3. Danielle is a bankruptcy/creditors rights attorney in King of Prussia, and Jason is director of development information systems for The Hill School in Pottstown, Pa. The family resides in Gilbertsville, Pa. ■ **Kim (Zanelli) English** and her husband Matt are thrilled to welcome Landon Matthew into the world. He was born in their Toronto, Canada home on October 29, 2005. Big sister Mahala is so proud to have a little brother. ■ **Jenn (Van Woert)** and **Cuong Tran** proudly announce the birth of their baby girl on December 30, 2005. Isabelle Mai-Lan Tran was 6 lbs 13 oz and 20.5 inches. Both mom and baby are doing great. ■ **Kelli** and **Bob Wilson** are happy to announce the birth of Scott Andrew on November 3, 2005. Big brothers Matt and Ryan are very proud of their new little brother.



Peter and Robert Canterino

1986

Paula and Joseph C. Canterino have two sons, Peter and Robert. The couple keeps in touch with Mitch and **Robin Brill '87**, Marc and **Kristin Faecher '87**, Marco Fernandez, Robert Maiorino, Greg Solomon and John Vlattas.

1994

Rachel Fremont Alansky, Kevin Alansky and big brother Jake Alansky are proud to announce the birth of Hannah Eve on September 2, 2005.



Hannah and Jake Alansky

The Alanskys live in Arlington, Va., where Kevin is the director of marketing at Discovery Communications and Rachel is the director of human resources at B'nai Brith International. ■ **Nicholas and Nancy (Donofrio) Chiaravalloti** welcomed their first child, Agostino Joseph



Agostino Joseph Chiaravalloti

1990

Scott Michelson and wife Miriam are proud to announce to birth of their son, Zachary Simon, born October 30, 2005. He was born six weeks early and weighed a little over 5lbs.

1991

Kristin (Hillestad) Licata and her husband Chris happily announce the birth of their daughter, Talia Hillestad Licata, on February 11, 2006. Talia joins big sister, Ariana, 9, and big brothers, CJ, 6, and Joey, 2. They live in Tewksbury, N.J., and Kristin is a



Emily and Katie Leary

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Chiaravalloti, on November 9, 2003. ■ **Dianna (Renner) Moyer** and husband Doug are proud to announce the birth of their child, Justin Douglas, on May 15, 2006. Justin joins siblings Drew, Erin and Kiersten.



Peyton and Shea Riley Mellman

1995

Adam and Cathy (Hakim) Brodsky had a beautiful baby boy named Jonathan Cooper Brodsky. He weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz. His sister Alexa, 5, and brother Maximilian, 3, are thrilled with the birth of their baby brother. ■ **Brook '93** and



Eily Flynn Smith

K. Alexandra (Tattersall) Mellman welcomed their second daughter, Shea Riley, on October 20, 2005. She weighed 7 lbs, 12 oz and was 21 inches long. Big sister, Peyton, 3, is very excited to have mom home until school starts back in September. ■ **Shayla and Rob Smith**

are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Eily Flynn Smith, on December 16, 2005.

1996



Devin Christopher Lonsberry

Aaron Goach and **Johanna Chua** are happy to announce the birth of Aaron Arthur Goach, Jr., a month early on January 8, 2006.

■ **Carter Lonsberry** writes, "Devin Christopher Lonsberry was all smiles this Holiday season. My wife Christine and I

were too as we welcomed him into the family June 9, 2005. He was born 8 pounds 10 ounces and 21 inches long."

1997



Julian and Jenna Martucci

Chris Martucci writes. "My wife, Amy, and I welcomed our second child, a girl. Jenna Grace Martucci was born on January 17, 2006. She

joins big brother Julian, 3 1/2. We are living in Middletown, Delaware." ■ **Joshua and Suzanne (Schalk) Hillman** write, "We had the birth of our first child, Peter Noah Hillman, during the February 13, 2006 blizzard. Everyone is doing well."



Peter Noah Hillman

1998

Nicole (Goscilo) and **Jeremy Wentz** are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Jackson Jozef. He was born on September 14, 2005 at 6:54am and weighed in at 6 lbs 4ozs and 18 inches long. Nicole is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom, while Jeremy continues to work as an emergency room veterinarian. ■ **Irene and Jason Lanham** announce the birth of their daughter



Jackson Wentz

Kathryn Elizabeth Lanham on December 15, 2004. She was born with a congenital heart defect and had successful surgery at Stanford University in May 2005. Jason writes, "We have been very blessed." ■ **Jennifer (Staarman) and Jason Alansky** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth on October 17, 2005. Sarah weighed 6 lbs, 5 oz and was 19 inches long.



Kathryn Elizabeth Lanham

1999

Brad '98 and **Sara (Freitag) Collins** welcomed their daughter, Ava Sara, on September 2, 2005. Ava joins her big brother, Andrew Bradley, who turned 2 on June 8,



Sarah Alansky

2005. ■ **Anthony and Amy (Kleppinger) Orazi** proudly announce the birth of their twin boys, Thomas Joseph and Patrick Anthony Orazi, on June 21, 2005. ■ **Erin (Morris) and Darrel Engel** had their first baby on March 1, 2006. Otis Wendell



Ava and Andrew Collins

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left to right: Laura Cushman '91, Lauren (Stephen) McAndrews '92, Paul George '92, Sallie Anne George Bob DeMuth '96, Dana (DeMuth) Pugliano '93 and Rathi Niyogi '92

Perrone, Jeff Porphy, Rob Pressman '88, Michael Ruhnke '90, Jeff Schacherls 88, Jeff Vaughan, Chris Wilding, Kim (Hendrickson) Wilding, Tami (Marzulli) Krikorian '91, Greg Krikorian '88, Bob Belitz '89, Karen (Long) Kuntz '89, Margo (Trott) Mukkulainen '90, David Kuntz Sr '62 and Beth (Kuntz) Gingrich '94. Dawn and Val currently reside in Wayne, N.J.

1991

On March 23, 2006, **Jim Falco** purchased a dental practice in Bethlehem, Pa. He looks forward to his newest endeavor! ■ **Heather Jones** writes, "Abdelfatah Zekkaria and I were married on August 8, 2004. I met my Moroccan husband while flying around the world as a flight attendant with Delta Airlines. We were married at Canal Park in Allentown, Pa. Since the birth of our daughter in August, 2005 my life has been more 'grounded,' as I am now working as a behavioral specialist/ mobile therapist in the Lehigh Valley."



Heather Jones '91 and Abdelfatah Zekkaria

1992

Paul D. George and Sallie Anne Petrucci were married on May 14, 2005 at Queenship of Mary Church in Plainsboro, N.J. Their reception was at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township, N.J. ■ **Christine Rhoder** has recently joined Boston College at the Center for Retirement Research as assistant director of communications.

1993

Nishith Jobanputra, DO, MPH, MTM&H, is a preventive medicine physician in the US Navy. He is currently a lieutenant commander and participated in the humanitarian response to the Southwest Asia/Pakistan earthquake in October to December 2005. He is stationed in Sicily, Italy, until September 2006.

1994



Jennifer (Klarman) Santiago

Jennifer (Klarman) Santiago now has a few more new awards to add to her Emmy. She has received two "Telly" awards for her pieces "Return to Haiti" and "Save the Elephants," about an elephant orphanage in Kenya.

1996

Keri Edelman recently accepted a position as a clinical psychologist at Ann Klein Forensic Center. She continues to devote time to her design company, Ke-designs, and is the lead vocalist/lyricist for the original modern rock band Kallie (www.purevolume.com/Kallie).

1997

Catherine (DiFelice) Box writes, "My family is Stateside bound! I have been accepted into a graduate program at Teachers College, Columbia University, to study linguistics. My husband and I are in many ways sad to leave Paris, our home for the past four years. We look forward, however, to this new chapter in our lives, and for our daughter to get to know her American family and friends!" ■ **GráficaGroup** officially announced **Tori (Wardell) Reade** has

been hired as a new Media Planner/Buyer. Reade brings nearly 10 years of experience to the Gráfica Media Department, which plans and buys \$15-\$20 million in media annually for clients including PSE&G, the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, the New Jersey Office of Clean Energy, Chilton Memorial Hospital, Trinity Biotech, and First Morris Bank and Trust, among others. ■ **Kathleen (Moyer) Robertson** writes, "My husband Jerod and I were married on January 22, 2005 in the middle of a blizzard! Muhlenberg Alumni in attendance were **Stacy Munsky Acquaro**, **Beth Rogers-Ho**, **Lisa (Whitlock) Tigh**, **Lesley Grunbaum**, **Jen Blair**, and **Kim (Monzeglio) Anania '96**. We are currently residing in Delmar, N.Y." ■ **Emily Siss** and **David Smolin** married on August 6, 2005. The happy couple met on a blind date while living in New York City. Emily received her masters in social work from New York University and certificate in psychotherapy from the Training Institute for Mental Health, and David graduated from Fordham University Law School. They have decided to begin their married life together in beautiful St. Croix, US Virgin Islands where Emily works with the Virgin Islands Department of Health, and David as an attorney at the Law Offices of Rohn & Cameron.



Emily Siss '97 and David Smolin

1998

Brian Fishbone is now halfway done with his MBA in Human Resources at Temple University and still serves as a senior corporate training specialist for Delaware Investments, Chief

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Thomas and Joseph Orazi

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Engel was 6.5 weeks early and weighed 5 lb., 6 oz. and was 19 inches long.

2000

David Robb writes, "My wife, Laura, and I welcomed our first child, Morgan Nicole, into the world on November 9, 2005. We are thrilled to have a happy and healthy new baby who brings much joy to our lives." ■ Daniel and Janna (Schuster) Rosenthal are proud to announce the birth of their



Morgan Nicole Robb

daughter, Emma Rebecca Rosenthal. Emma was born March 7, 2006, at 6:43 a.m. in Gaithersburg, Md. She weighed 7 lbs, 9 oz and measured 20.5 inches. She is a very happy baby with a lot of personality.



Emma Rebecca Rosenthal

2001

Sean and Jessica (Neff) Brennan celebrate the birth of their son, Aiden Robert Brennan, born February 24, 2006. He was 6 lbs, 13 oz and measured 21 inches. ■



Aiden Robert Brennan

Community Builder on Muhlenberg's Regional Alumni Support Team, and secretary of the Board of Centro Pedro Claver, a North Philadelphia community-based agency whose primary goal is the empowerment of its immediate neighborhood through community organizing and development. Brian also keeps in touch with numerous Berg friends: **Josie (Loeb) Sabillon** is quickly becoming a real estate mogul in suburban Philadelphia; **Amy Camilleri** continues to work in research related to her Muhlenberg psychology degree in Philadelphia; **Michael Gavrich** works as an internal auditor for GMAC in Horsham, Pa. **Josh Gottfried** has built a successful financial planning service and lives with his wife **Laura (Michener) Gottfried '99** in Connecticut; and **Samir Pandya** is married and practices patent law in Portland, Ore. In addition, Brian went on the Muhlenberg Alumni Cruise to the Bahamas in March with **Sharon Aiello** (who works in finance for Marriott), **Karin Glupe** (who works in accounting for the AICPA and is getting married over Memorial Day Weekend), and **Maria Ferlick** (who is a special education teacher in Massachusetts). Finally, Brian just saw **Nicole Ducharme** while she was visiting Philadelphia

for a conference; she is an internal medicine physician who will soon be serving as a chief resident in Massachusetts. ■ **Craig Nussbaum** writes, "On November 26, 2005, I was married to Michelle Britton (now Nussbaum) in Collingswood, N.J. There were several Muhlenberg College alumni in attendance: **Alan Leipsner**, **Gary Wexler**, **Angel (Weldon) Kern**, **Jeff Kern**, **Regina Lee**, and **Anuj Prasad '97**. We continue to reside in Pennsauken, N.J., with our dog, Squirt. Currently, I am the coordinator of quality management for MR/DD Services for the Devereux Foundation, an organization providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities and mental health. I have worked there now for over a year and truly love what I do."

1999

Tammy Buffton became engaged to Hamish de Freitas on a trip to Venice, Italy, on December 28, 2005. A wedding is planned for the fall of 2006. ■ **Aaron "David" Kapner** has been working various jobs to support himself in New York City while pursuing acting since graduating Circle in the Square Theater School last June. He works as an office temp and does corporate



Tammy Buffton '99 and fiancé Hamish de Freitas

promotional work. Acting-wise, he has performed in two original plays at Theater Studios Inc, a production of *After the Fall* at the Producers Club: staged readings of *Henry VI part 3*, *Richard III* & *Taming of the Shrew* by Shakespeare. He toured with a Roman comedy called *The Prisoners* around various schools in New York and Boston. He is a member of the Producers Club Acting Company, which put up staged readings and full length productions in the summer. ■ **Eli (Katz)** and Eric Krispin were married on November 6, 2005 at the Pen Ryn Mansion in Bensalem, Pa. Many Mules were in attendance. Eli will be attending graduate school in London at East 15 Acting School in the fall for a one-year masters program in acting.



Alumni present at the wedding of Eli Katz '99 and Eric Krispin

■ Tracey McGee became engaged to her fiance, Rob, in August 2005, as they enjoyed a sunrise hot-air balloon ride! They will be married September 30, 2006 in New Jersey. ■ Natalie (Pepe) and Ted White were married on October 2, 2005 at the Bali Hai Golf Club in Las Vegas, Nevada. Many alumni were present. ■ Ayla Tezel announces her engagement to Richard Hay Jr. The couple lives in Virginia Beach, and are planning a September 2006 wedding. Classmates Amanda Hudson and Chris Futrick



Ayla Tezel '99 and fiancé Richard Hay Jr.



Alumni present at the wedding of Natalie Pepe '99 and Theodore White were (from left to right): Julie (Smith) McMurray '99, Vicky (Papailiou) Seden '99, Maggi Massino '99, Beth (DiYanni) Kopp '99, Michelle Niculescu '99, Erika Abate '99, Nicole Gali '99, Siglen Woitek '99, Nicole Carpino '99 and Stephanie Pittocco '99.

are both in the wedding party. ■ Darren Weaver writes, "I am absolutely ecstatic to announce the marriage of myself to the lovely and extremely talented Jennifer Anne Dite. We were married on May 21, 2005 in Philadelphia, Pa., at the Crystal Tea Room. We are living in Bethlehem, Pa. (the new New York)."

2001

Frank Elchert graduated in May 2006 from the University of Pennsylvania with a masters of science in organizational dynamics. ■ Emily Gewitz married David Rosen on October 22, 2005 in Tarrytown, N.Y. There were many Mules in attendance, including: Jessie Pepper, Emily Pannebaker, Jodi Stark, Johanna Dunkel, Stephanie Clarke, Jen (Rottner) Light, Kim Ilardi, Dana Yannuzzi '00, Mark Millan, Dan Rigotti, Chris Vandenbrande and Jeff Baird '03. Emily and David currently reside in Hoboken, N.J. ■ Laura (Burkard) Huber and her husband Bill and were married on August 26, 2005. At press time, they were expecting their first child in July. ■ Andrew Schmidt earned an M.A. in international affairs from the George Washington University in 2004. He is presently working for the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General in Washington, D.C. ■ Jodie Siegel writes, "I am a 3L at Brooklyn Law School and looking forward to graduating soon! This past winter break, Dustin Stein, a 3L at Cardozo Law School, and I were selected as part of a group of 40 New York students to go on a trip to Israel through the Jewish Enrichment Center. We traveled to Jerusalem, went hiking in the Negev, slept in a

Bedouin tent and spent time in Tzfat." ■ Rachel Shapiro and Ian Alderman '00 are currently performing in a brand new comedy "The King's Proposal" in Chicago. In May, Rachel will perform her one-woman cabaret show "Between the Babble: Putting the ART in InARTiculate" at Davenport's Cabaret in Chicago. Once summer rolls around, Rachel will be the Musical Theatre Camp Director for Teens at Northlight Theatre in Evanston/Skokie, Ill.

2002

Maureen (Carmody) Adamcik writes, "On Saturday, October 15, 2005, I married Michael Adamcik. Mike and I met at Banana Joe's Island Party bar during a pub night my senior year at Muhlenberg. My former 'Berg' roomie Megumi Osada was one of my bridesmaids. Mike and I honeymooned in Walt Disney World and are currently living in Emmaus, Pa." ■ Alexis DeWald received her M.S. in elementary education from the City University of New York, College of Staten Island in 2004. She is presently teaching second grade in Brooklyn, N.Y. ■ Matthew C. Jones recently accepted an offer for employment as an entry-level planner with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The TCRPC assists municipalities in Dauphin, Perry, and Cumberland Counties with planning project work. In addition to assisting with all phases of its typical planning work, the Commission is hiring Matthew in anticipation that he will lead any planning work projects that are environment-related, including review of sewer modules, agricultural land conservation efforts, open space preservation, natural areas maintenance, and environmental reviews for housing authorities and watershed associations. In June 2006, Matthew and girlfriend, Annie E. Blanchard '03, will settle into residence somewhere in Baltimore County, Maryland. Annie will graduate from Northeastern University School of Law in May. Soon after, she will begin work as a staff attorney for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Washington, D.C. Annie will be working in the agency's Energy Projects section doing policy and regulatory work relating to national hydroelectric and natural gas energy

development. ■ **Kate Laufer** writes, "I am going on my fourth year living in New York City and currently work in the PR industry at Evins Communications.



Katie Nuland '02 and fiancé Adam Roth

I am the director of media and group manager and handle luxury hotel clients around the world. I recently launched the Vera Wang Suite at Halekulani and frequently travel to Hawaii and London on business." ■



Elyssa (Rosenbaum) '02 and Aron Sawyer

Katie Nuland is currently teaching

second grade at a school in Georgetown in Washington, D.C. Last summer while on vacation in Nantucket, she became engaged to Adam Roth. Adam is a graduate of Syracuse University, and he owns a restaurant which recently made the Washingtonian's Top 100 list. The couple was scheduled to be married in July 2006. ■ **Elyssa (Rosenbaum) Sawyer** and Aron Sawyer were married on January 7, 2006 in West Orange, N.J. Aron is a 2001 graduate of the University of Massachusetts. Currently, they live in Hoboken, N.J. ■ **Leigh Steele** graduated from New York Chiropractic College in March '06 with the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic and has since returned to the Allentown area and opened his practice within Cohen Chiropractic Center on North 19th Street.

2003

Natalee Bourassa was married to Nathan J. Hill on April 23, 2005, in Swarthmore, Pa. Several college and fraternity/sorority friends attended the wedding. The couple lives in Philadelphia with their cat, Misha. ■ **Elizabeth Pildes** has been promoted to account manager of the beauty and cosmetics category in advertising sales at The New York Times. She serves on the Young Executive Committee Board of the ASPCA, and is also an active member of Operation Smile. ■ **Matthew Targarona** is enrolled in a master of science program in software engineering at Loyola College, which he



Alumni present at the wedding of Natalee Bourassa '03 and Nathan Hill

expects to complete in mid-2008. Additionally, he just completed his Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, and he uses this to help solve Verizon DSL Disconnect problems. ■ **Paulabeth Weinberger** recently became engaged to her boyfriend of over a year. The couple is planning a September 2006 wedding.



H. Matthew Meyers '04 and Allison Newman '04

2004

H. Matthew Meyers and **Allison Newman** were engaged on March 26, after dating since their freshman year. A wedding date is set for June 2007, near Allison's home in West Hartford, Conn. ■ **Karen Uslin** graduated in May 2006 from Temple University with a M.M. in music history. She hopes to start doctoral studies in the fall of 2006.

2005

In February of 2006, **Adam Abramowitz** accepted a paralegal position with Dickstein Shapiro Morin and Oshinsky LLP in Washington, D.C. ■ **Christa Carlstrand** and

Kris Kachline were engaged on December 3, 2005, in Washington, D.C. The wedding is planned for September 16, 2006 in Egner Memorial Chapel. ■ **Meghan Horner** recently changed jobs, accepting a position with Golub Capital in Manhattan. ■ **Alex Joujan** has been awarded a Knowles Science Teaching Foundation Fellowship. The foundation seeks highly qualified individuals with potential to improve school math and science teaching in U.S. high schools. The award is \$110,000—typically \$55,000 per year for two years. There were 11 such awards nationally. The fellowship is intended to support research relevant to the mission of the Foundation. ■ **Joshua Rittenberg** became engaged to Emily J. Rosen on December 22, 2005. The wedding will be held on November 11, 2006 in Rochester, N.Y. ■ **Jonathan Victor** recently enrolled in Albany Law School's joint-degree JD/MBA program. The business courses will be taken at The College of St. Rose, also in Albany, N.Y. He will graduate with both degrees in May 2008.



Kris Kachline '05 and Christa Carlstrand '05

2006

Morgan McCord was recently accepted to Hofstra University School of Law and will study there in the fall.

has been recycled and consequently diverted from landfills via a construction waste management program.

Indoor environmental quality (IEQ) consists of the green building features that enhance occupant health and comfort. Improved IEQ in green buildings has been linked with increased worker productivity/student test scores and decreased absenteeism. In the NSB, occupant health will be enhanced through the use of paints, carpets, adhesives and sealants that contain low levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), thereby reducing occupants' exposure to toxic

chemicals. Carbon dioxide monitors will also be used in the building. By placing all temporarily occupied spaces such as bathrooms, stairs and mechanical rooms in the interior of the building and all regularly occupied spaces on the exterior perimeter, 90% of the building will provide views to the outside. Occupant comfort is enhanced when there is increased access to daylight.

In its quest to attain LEED™ certification, Muhlenberg plans to incorporate two innovative programs into the NSB. A green housekeeping program will be employed, which will utilize

recycled paper products and environmentally friendly cleaning products. An educational outreach program will educate building occupants and visitors about the green features of the NSB via three large television monitors in the lobby.

Niesenbaum, one of the professors who encouraged Muhlenberg to go "green," states, "Green building causes us to rethink what a building is. The building itself becomes part of the curriculum and its novel architecture our pedagogy." Indeed, students will not only learn from their professors in the NSB, but professors have



1930 **Charles W. Sames** died on May 14, 2006. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie Moll in 1993. He is survived by his daughter, Janet L. Wolfe.

1932 **Harry D. Saylor** died on December 22, 2005. He is survived by his only son, Harry David Saylor Jr.

1935 **The Rev. Dr. Charles P. Cressman** died May 18, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 6 years, Anna, and his three children: Philip, Judy Monsma and Lois King.

John H. Yerger died on March 19, 2006.

1936 **Dr. Clarence A. Holland Sr.** died on March 30, 2006.

1939 **Howard W. Goheen** died on February 7, 2005.

The Rev. Wilbur M. Laudenslager died on March 30, 2006.

Richard Irwin Richmond died on August 10, 2005.

1940 **Charles Burin** died on January 22, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth, and four children: Charles, Pamela Campbell, James and Deborah Baty.

The Rev. Ernest H. Flothmeier died on March 6, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary; two sons, Erich and Frederick; and two daughters, Anita and Barbara.

The Rev. Robert M. Heiberger died on January 24, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Thelma; a son, Ashley

James; and daughters Roberta H. Nixon and Judith D. Saffioti.

Daniel J. Petrucci died on March 8, 2006.

1941 **Dr. George M. Sieger Jr.** died on January 27, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Ann.

1942 **Harold B. Benjamin** died on April 23, 2005.

Wilmer H. Cressman died on January 8, 2006.

The Rev. Henry E. Eisenhart died on March 14, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Anna Mae; daughter, Loris Jakielski; and son, Blake.

Dr. A. Victor Hansen Jr. died on January 25, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Barbara; and sons Victor and Christopher.

Paul A. Kemmerer died on June 6, 2005.

William G. Moser died on December 26, 2005.

1947 **George Gilbert** died on January 10, 2005.

1948 **Edmund A. Tanguay** died on February 13, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Gloria; daughter Jan O'Hara; and son, Ken.

1949 **Sheldon B. Benscoter** died on June 8, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughter Donna Conner; and son Randy Fatzinger.

Dr. Robert L. Berg died on July 29, 2005.

Donald F. Melcher died on January 9,

2006. He is survived by his wife, Gloria (Sterner) Melcher; his son, Lt. Gen. David F. Melcher; and daughter, Patrice M. Reiche.

Gerald L. Smallwood died on February 28, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alfano; and Children Gerald L. Jr., Barbara Anne Mackay and Mary Frances Trzeciak.

John L. Waelchli died on February 19, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Marie; sons, Danny J. and William L.; and daughters Louise M. Radaker and Lois J.

1950 **The Rev. Dr. Donald H. Eckert** died on February 16, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia; three sons, Christopher, Peter and Andrew; and a daughter, Stephanie Goforth.

Robert G. Merkle died May 15, 2006. he is survived by his wife, Jayne; son, Bruce R.; and daughter, Carol.

1951 **Fred J. Berman** died on March 18, 2006.

Joseph D. Copeland died on December 15, 2005.

Dr. George W. Hendricks Jr. died on April 8, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary; sons Robert, Richard and John; and daughters Patricia and Carol.

John J. Jaskot died on March 9, 2006. He was predeceased by his wife, Joyce, in 1991. He is survived by his son, Philip Ross, and a daughter, Lisa Anne.

expressed interest in utilizing the green features of the building to reinforce their lectures.

By resolving to erect a green building, Muhlenberg will join the handful of distinguished educational institutions including Harvard University, Haverford College, University of California, Emory University, and Duke University, that have recognized the significant benefits these buildings can provide to their students.

Niesenbaum attests, "As a liberal arts institution, Muhlenberg has a responsibility to model ethical and sustainable living. Green building

is the perfect way to do that."

In addition to educational institutions, numerous companies, as well as states, cities and municipalities across the U.S., are embracing sustainable buildings. Slowly but surely, green buildings are transforming not only the way in which we construct buildings, but also the way in which products are manufactured. Muhlenberg is to be applauded for helping to lead the nation in this exciting market transformation! For more information on green buildings, go to: <http://www.usgbc.org>. ■

Stephen A. Yuhasz died on February 15, 2006. He was predeceased by his wife Olga Csaszar. He is survived by his son, Robert, and daughter, Eileen Bogdan.

1952 **John J. DeMarines** died on October 22, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and son, John. He was predeceased by a son, David, and a daughter, Diane.

1953 **Calvin Dale Nester** died on November 15, 2005.

William A. Restum died on April 3, 2006.

1954 **Frank R. Marucci** died on February 13, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Francine; two sons, Frank Jr. and Joseph; and daughter, Rosemarie Morello.

1955 **William E. Rutsch Jr.** died on January 27, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Janet; two sons, William E. and Robert A.; and two daughters Carolyn A. and Nancy Rutsch Costello.

1956 **Martin F. Gilbert** died on April 8, 2006.

Henry J. Huegel died on February 19, 2006.

1957 **Paul P. Bittner** died on December 29, 2005.

Leonid Lysenko died on September 30, 2004.

1958 **Dr. Robin R. Schlunk** died on January 20, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and his three children: John David, James Marshall and Beth Duffy.

1959 **Dr. Peter T. MacWilliams** died on March 5, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn.

1961 **Robert E. Thomas** died on March 9, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Joan; three daughters, Cheryl Hance, Shelly Thomas and Jacqueline Janowiak; and a son, Robert.

1964 **Robert Leh** died on September 7, 2005.

Robert C. Schaeffer died on January 1, 2006.

1965 **John L. Behler Jr.** died on January 31, 2006.

1966 **Janet S. Acker** died on February 14, 2006. She is survived by sons Ronald W. Jr. and Michael S.

Earl F. Prosek died on April 20, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and children Michele, Amy and Taylor.

1972 **Merril H. Soifer** died on October 24, 2005.

1975 **Marc G. Shachat** died on April 3, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter Sarah, and son, Andrew.

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The Last WORD



By
Megan O'Donnell
'06

Question the Rules

*The following was delivered as a speech at the
2006 Commencement Ceremony.*

The time we have spent at Muhlenberg has suddenly caught up with us. These past few weeks have been ripe with the heavy fruit of our memory: nostalgia. We sit here today and can remember the anxiety, adventure and awakening we felt on move-in day. Fond memories of our undergraduate experience cloud the horizon, making the future look empty and bleak. But I imagine that we still feel a similar sense of anxiety, adventure and further awakening. We are about to move into the world, and we can bring our memories with us.

One of my most vivid memories involves my Dad, who likes to joke that "rules are meant to be broken." I never

took him seriously, due in large part because this motto consistently failed to apply to my sister and me whenever we broke any rules. Recently, though, I've been thinking a lot about rules. As I think about our lives here at Muhlenberg and our futures that will carry us on from this place, I can recognize the wisdom in my Dad's words, though I wish to amend them. Some rules are meant to be broken, and some are meant to be followed. Our education at Muhlenberg has given us the knowledge to know the difference. My message to all of us is this: Question the rules.

Rules are everywhere. They teach us what to do, and what not to do. Rules are the building blocks of our selves; they have given us freedom while keeping us safe. We all know the "Golden Rule," and its message has served us well. These past four years have given us the opportunity to learn the rules of friendship, the rules of scholarship, and the rules of life.

The rules of life are complicated and one of the greatest things our liberal arts education has taught is our duty to question. Regardless of our majors and interests, the key tenet of a liberal arts education is the power of inquiry. Our deep respect for knowledge and learning commands that we inquire into the world around us; be it through the study of social sciences, humanities, sciences or art. We must question the rules that bind us, and through such questioning we will learn how to bend, break and re-think the rules.

Muhlenberg has given us the freedom to explore ourselves: academically, politically and socially. I stand here today as a representative of a class who has embraced change, growth and improvement. We are different people than we were four years ago, we have questioned the rules that shape us. We have learned to live by a new set of rules, our own.

Part of the beauty of Muhlenberg is its encouragement of students in their pursuit of rule-questioning. We have been encouraged to question the rules, and rather than be confined by the rules that govern us and our interaction with the world, we have begun to trust ourselves, trust each other and, through questioning, change the rules. We have learned to break the rules of expectation; the expectations of others and our own expecta-

tions of ourselves. By breaking the rules we learn more about who we are and what we have to offer.

The graduates sitting here today, preparing to walk across this stage and begin the rest of their lives, will be leaving many rules behind. No longer will rules of life at Muhlenberg apply, nor for many of us, the rules of life as a student. We have built our lives on attending classes, devoting ourselves to organizations and building enduring friendships. Today marks our goodbye to the rules we have known.

No matter where we go and what path we choose, we each will have to learn to live by a new set of rules. Perhaps what is most intimidating and exhilarating about graduation is the lack of defined rules. Not only must we say farewell to our closest friends, our beloved faculty and administration and dear undergraduate lives, but we must leave behind those rules that have shaped our understanding of the world and ourselves.

We are ready to write our own rules.

Many of my friends have begun to fashion their own unique rules. One friend who, bored with traditional style, has made it a rule to incorporate kicks into her dancing. Another friend lives his life by the rule, "No excuses, play like a champion!" One friend has made it a rule to decorate each of her Muhlenberg dorm rooms with leopard print, and another has made it a rule to use theater to inspire children to hope and dream.

Continue to question the rules.

On behalf of my fellow graduates, I would like to say thank you for the time we have spent at Muhlenberg. Thank you to the parents and families we love so much, thank you to our professors who have shared so much with us, thank you to the administration whose support has made our time here possible. And thank you to all the graduates.

I stand here today inspired by you, Muhlenberg Class of 2006. We have proven ourselves brave, talented and rule-questioning. I am proud to be a member of this class and will wait anxiously to see where our devotion to inquiry will take us. Question to rules that you live by, be brave enough to fashion your own and break the rules of expectation. ■

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ON LANGUAGE BY WILLIAM SAFIRE



They are what they are.

It is what it is. This verbal shagging-off was examined here recently as an example of the use of repetition not for emphasis but for evasion. I called it a tautophrase, a coinage based on a neologism, from the Greek for "redundant."

Readers are readers. Members of the Squad Squad stopped referring back to "tree girls" long enough to challenge my facts about the curious pluckers of plumage, their mock outrage often expressed with facts as facts!

Tautophrases need not be evasive, argued these readers (who shudder at my lack): on the contrary, such repetitions can be ingeniously dismissive. John Bolton, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., told European diplomats that he wanted no part of fiddling with the wording of a resolution about a human rights commission: "If you want to fix the text, fix the text."

The technique of superfluity can also reflect kindness and generosity. Let anyone be anyone in an adage—most, of course, an "old" adage—that led to a liberating "Let Poland be Poland" (Prof. James Bösom of Muhlenberg College informs me that that nationalistic tautophrase is attributed by Langston Hughes's 1938 poem, "Let America Be America Again.")

Or it can show determination. The most famous tautophrase as movies is closely associated with John Wayne: "A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do." (Or is it gotta do? And who was the screenwriter? I am unimpaired, Latin for "no more," and would appreciate getting played by a film fresh.)

The unusual being... is as central to a tradition of fixity, as Jacques Barzun once wrote, and "I can't say I'm a tautophrase, but I can't say I'm not." The tautophrase is, of course, a tautology of Oakland, Calif., as the tautophrase reported "Sometimes

I announced prominently in 1949. Corrie... I had such this opinion... (with a comma) as the sum of Sept. 23, 1851... have been as all its dead... and cannot, without doing... quote within a quote; it was... We will find it when we find it.

Fraught -- With or Without

"I have always thought this with a with, as in 'fraught with' New Rochelle, N.Y. 'Lined with'... 'Similarly, Henry Her' who say where they're from, describing an issue as 'divisive' on its own, or does the 'Fraught and the noun from 'fraught,' the adjective, is now in 'Kang Lee' without the 'make use of that good wind' put away these dispositions, if

The use of with changes the means "marked by emotional with is added, what's distressing... 'If you want to say that a Windy Nichols, editor of say that someone had a 'fraught,' and leave off 'with' implies tension or emotion.

that something a... with a noun phrase about... potential pitfall... one, it wouldn't necessarily... just tension."... of distinction with the... was shaped," suggests... want to get specific, "I... 'propaganda' down" or with... Howell, the Washington... course of the adverb... about national security... fight with 'fraught.'"

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HOME AND AWAY SECOND OF TWO PARTS

Serendipity plays key role when picking a college

By Bill Schackner Pittsburgh Post-Gazette



There is talk of planting Justin Chalkler's name on a highway sign in Meade, Kan., pop. 1,600, to celebrate the farming town's first Rhodes Scholar. If that happens, there won't be room to tell the most curious part of the story: How did a teen planning to study in his home state end up 1,300 miles away in Pittsburgh, on a campus he had so little interest in that he tossed the school's first brochure in the trash?

As they sift through applications, admissions officials in Pennsylvania sometimes wonder whether chunks of their own state have fallen into a black hole.

Muhlenberg College in Allentown, which attracts students from three dozen states and 12 foreign countries, hasn't sent a recruiter to a high school in a metropolitan Pittsburgh in a decade. It used to make exhaustive swings through the state's second largest city but found it had better luck in Portland, Maine; Florida; and Fairfield County, Conn.

"I can't put my finger on it. It's one of those things where you scratch yourself on the head and say, 'Gee, we ought to be doing better here,'" said Chris Hooker-Haring, Muhlenberg's dean of admission and financial aid.

Other recruiters say it's hard coaxing Pittsburghers east of the Allegheny Mountains. An analysis of State High

Security A



"In the past, the fire alarm system was susceptible to damage because of the copper communications wiring between buildings. [So we converted] the communication loops to fiber optics."

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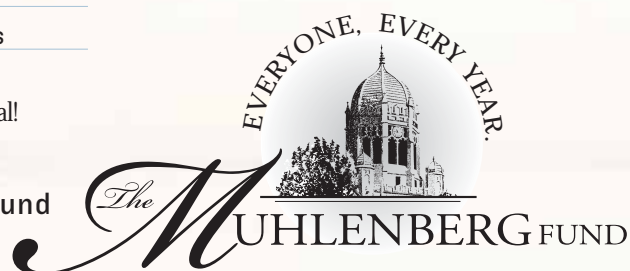
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