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# From the Executive Editor



**T**his November, we'll elect the 44th president of the United States and, I must admit, it seems like the campaigning started as soon as President Bush began his second term. The process for selecting the president of one of the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is also time-consuming and rigorous but, thankfully, the similarities end right there.

As many of you know, just last month we welcomed BU's 18th president, Dr. David L. Soltz. You've already seen his photo on the cover of this issue of *Bloomsburg: The University Magazine*, and you'll get to meet him in a story beginning on page 6.

The search for a new university president is both complicated and detailed. At BU, the process began nearly two years ago when former President Jessica S. Kozloff announced her retirement date of Dec. 31, 2007, ending a tenure that began July 1, 1994.

Selecting a new president involved many people, not only at Bloomsburg University but also around the commonwealth. PASSHE Policy 1983-13-A outlines each of the steps. For example, the policy requires establishing a search committee composed of members of BU's Council of Trustees, faculty, staff, administration, students, alumni and the current or former president of a comparable university. It also requires the selection of a consulting firm to help the committee through the search process and review of applications. The consulting firm of Witt/Kieffer received well over a hundred applications on our behalf; all were reviewed by every member of our presidential search committee.

Search committee members pre-interviewed 12 candidates and five were invited to campus last September and October for extensive two-day interviews with campus constituency groups. The top three names were presented, unranked, to the PASSHE Board of Governors and Chancellor Judy Hample and, in mid-November, one was offered and accepted the position.

President Soltz joins us at an exhilarating time in Bloomsburg University's history. We await the arrival of spring to see the full beauty of the new Academic Quad, sodded and planted last fall and dedicated during Homecoming Weekend. Renovated and upgraded instructional buildings are providing a learning environment that ensures our students enter the world fully prepared for tomorrow's careers and technology. Students' housing needs ... and wishes ... are being addressed within our current on-campus residence halls and with a future housing project literally on upper campus' horizon.

We're proud of the overall experience BU offers to our students, faculty, staff and alumni. And now, we eagerly start a new era energized by the enthusiasm and ideas of our new president.

*Tija Benedict*

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'I want my photos and stories to put human faces directly on the numerous and immediate problems facing the homeless today,' says Gary Clark, retired art professor. 'Once you hear their stories, see their faces, understand their plight, it becomes much more difficult to simply ignore this problem.'

# News Notes

## Fellowship and Faith

### Gillespie new Protestant campus minister

The Rev. Maggie Gillespie, a Bloomsburg resident with a long history of service, became BU's Protestant campus minister last fall. Originally from Chicago, Gillespie moved to Bloomsburg with her family 13 years ago and served at several area churches before taking the position at BU.

As Protestant campus minister, Gillespie interacts often with students. She leads Sunday evening worship services, organizes weekly Bible studies and coordinates weekend retreats.

"I have always loved the university setting," Gillespie says. "It is an exciting environment. I am interested in working with young people who may be questioning and are open to trying new things. I hope to get to know these students well and share in their lives."



Rev. Maggie Gillespie



Geoffrey Mehl

## Mod Quad

### On-campus park dedicated at Homecoming

Former BU President Jessica Kozloff was one of the speakers who formally dedicated the Academic Quadrangle during Homecoming 2007. The quad, which extends from the Warren Student Services Center to the Andruss Library, opened last fall and features lawns, walkways, a sculpture garden and a fountain, a gift from the Class of 1940. The Academic Quad is the centerpiece of a decade of expansion and renovation of many BU facilities, such as Centennial Hall, Warren Student Services Center and McCormick Center, and an improvement to the entrance and parking behind McCormick Center.

## Heading off Hunger

### Student efforts feed local residents

In Columbia County, where 11.5 percent of the population lives below poverty level, BU students have stepped up to the plate to make sure food is available for those in need.

A variety of volunteer efforts coordinated through BU's SOLVE Office provides food to the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard and other organizations, says Tim Pelton, AmeriCorps/VISTA volunteer. Student efforts resulted in donations of approximately 10 tons of food and more than \$10,000 in 2006-07.

BU students are involved in the following efforts to fight hunger locally:

- Food Recovery. Students work with campus food service provider Aramark to gather and repackage leftover food from campus dining establishments at the end of each day. Pelton estimates about 8 tons of food has been recovered that otherwise would have been thrown away since the program started.

- Donation of unused Flex funds. For 2006-07, unused funds purchased \$6,400 worth of food; over the program's history, donations have totaled \$44,000.

- The Empty Bowls banquet. Held annually for the past five years, the on-campus hunger-awareness event raises about \$4,000 each year.

- Food drives. Student volunteers place food collection boxes in local businesses and campus residence halls each fall, collecting approximately a ton of food.

- Souper Bowl of Caring. Students place collection jars in pizza and hoagie shops, raising several hundred dollars.

- End-of-the-semester donations. Pelton says students leaving campus donate about a thousand pounds of food each spring.

## Catching Predators

*Internship leads to Internet sting*

By day, she had a summer job as a bank teller. By night, she was bait for Internet sex predators. It wasn't your average summer internship.

Felicia DiPrinzio, a computer forensics major from Bala Cynwyd, not only believes she's accomplished something worthwhile, but is also hooked on a career in law enforcement. Her work with the Briar Creek Police Department, near Berwick, led to the arrest of a Levittown man who struck up a chat room relationship with someone he thought was a 13-year-old girl.

For DiPrinzio, the experience concluded the uncertain path to discovering a meaningful career. She graduated from high school with a vague interest in math and went on to get a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and a job as a bank teller, but remained dissatisfied.

A chance encounter with Scott Inch, professor of mathematics, computer science and statistics, was the push she needed to enroll as a computer forensics major with a minor in criminal justice. Then last summer, she earned an internship with Briar Creek Police.

While talking about a television series that catches Internet predators in sting operations, DiPrinzio and the Briar Creek Police hatched a similar plan. She became a 13-year-old girl and began cruising Internet chat rooms.

"It was very disturbing," she says of the predators she encountered online, adding that the Pennsylvania suspect she communicated with faced more than 70 felony charges after his arrest.

DiPrinzio found that the children predators target tend to be bored, lonely and unsupervised. She advises parents to "keep a dialog with your kids on what they're doing. Remind them never to give out personal information to strangers or meet them."

And what she found in the law enforcement community was positive. "I've seen what it's like on the other side of the flashing lights," she says. "They're really good people, with families, just doing their job."



**Felicia DiPrinzio**

## Linking Theatres

*BU joins forces with BTE*

BU and the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble (BTE) signed a lease agreement that allows the university to use the Alvina Krause Theatre in downtown Bloomsburg 87 days a year.

BU's theatre department had identified a need for improved theatre facilities, and BTE was in need of a new source of income to help sustain the theatre. BU and BTE had worked together in the past, including BU faculty members serving as directors, actors and designers.

"The relationship between the university and the ensemble has been in existence for quite some time. We are thrilled to have this formal lease agreement, and we are all very grateful for the university's support," says BTE Board President Bob Tevis. "This agreement confirms the importance of the arts and, in particular, live professional theatre for our community and students."

The lease, for \$63,000 a year, will continue for the next five years with an annual increase based on the consumer price index.



**DeeAnne Wymer and Robert Harness**

Wymer, has earned a legal easement to an Ohio farm that contains archaeological sites for the next 25 years.

Land owner Robert Harness, 89, created a special legal easement in the name of the project co-directors, Wymer, Paul Pacheco of SUNY-Geneseo and Jarrod Burks of Ohio Valley Archaeological Consultants. The easement gives unrestricted access to the property, including ownership of the excavated artifacts and the right to bring university students onto the property for archaeological field schools.

The Harness farm is well known for the numerous Hopewell moundbuilders ceremonial sites located on its terraces and floodplains.

"The generosity of Mr. Harness guarantees that, no matter who owns the land in the future, the researchers and their students can conduct archaeological surveys and excavations on the property," says Wymer.

## Archaeology Preserved

*Anthropologists earn access to Hopewell site*

A team of anthropologists, which includes BU professor DeeAnne

# News Notes

## Guidance and Growth

*Sister Debbie joins CCM*

Sister Deborah Borneman of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius was appointed associate director of Catholic Campus Ministry, serving students with the Rev. Donald Cramer.



**Sister Debbie Borneman**

Noting that the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius focuses on education, Sister Debbie says she is excited about her role in reaching out to students and helping to expand CCM's ministry program.

Sister Debbie believes that a college campus is for more than the acquisition of knowledge—it's for personal growth, too. "Are they growing in their relationship with God?" she asks. "I hope to help through presence and availability."

## Mr. Mayor

*Recent grad leads town government*



**Dan Knorr**

At 22, Dan Knorr '07 is the youngest mayor in Bloomsburg town history, but that doesn't mean he lacks experience.

"As young as I am, I had more experience than an outsider, since I already had my feet wet with town council," Knorr says, referring to his two years of service as a council member. Knorr ran unopposed for mayor last fall and won with 914 votes. He began his

two-year term in January, after graduating in December with a double major in political science and history.

As a recent graduate, Knorr understands the important relationship between the university and the town. "It's tough because I represent a wide array of individuals, and I have to represent both the university students and town members equally. But I also have a good perspective of both sides, which certainly has its advantages."

## Star Student

*BU freshman receives Dell Scholarship*

BU criminal justice major Jorge Maldonado is the only student in Pennsylvania and one of only 250 students from across the country to be awarded a scholarship through the Dell Scholars Program.



**Jorge Maldonado**

The Dell Scholarship, funded through the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, is awarded to students with qualifying financial need who participate in a college readiness program. Since 2004, the foundation has provided more than \$9 million in college scholarships.

Maldonado, a graduate of Bloomsburg High School, was enrolled in the TRiO Upward Bound Program at BU, starting in 2005, his sophomore year in high school. Upward Bound, open to high school students from low-income backgrounds, stresses academics and diversity to prepare students to become the first members of their families to attend college.

## BU vs. Villanova

*Huskies play at Wachovia Center*

BU's Jason Green, center, drives on Villanova's Malcolm Grant during last fall's exhibition game at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia. With three BU players from Philadelphia and three more from the metro area, the Huskies were almost as much of a home team as Villanova.

"I think it was big for them personally to have their family and friends come out and watch them play in a big-time environment," says BU basketball coach John Sanow. "It was a lot of fun for the players even with the final score." Bloomsburg lost to the Wildcats, 88-41.



Sean Quinn/Aurora Imaging Co.



## Virtual Classroom

Technology makes class accessible to all

Sam Slike, left, curriculum coordinator for BU's education of the deaf/hard of hearing program, uses an interactive program for his online courses that allows students to simultaneously watch a sign language interpreter, read closed captions of Slike's lecture, type in questions and review slides of the material. Pamela Bergman, an instructional designer for the Institute for Instructional Technology, adapted the program to include a videophone for deaf students to communicate back to the interpreter and instructor. Shown in the photo with Slike is BU sign language interpreter Kristen Fitzgerald-Eggleton.

## Easing the Transition

BU, Lehigh Carbon CC forge agreements

Officials from BU and Lehigh Carbon Community College formalized two agreements designed to ease students' transition from LCCC associate's degrees to BU bachelor's degrees.

An elementary education completion program agreement allows BU to offer upper-level elementary education courses at LCCC's Morgan Center in Tamaqua. Students who receive an associate's degree in education at the community college will be able to earn a BU bachelor's

degree at the Morgan Center campus, where BU faculty will teach all junior- and senior-level courses in elementary education.

Also signed was a dual-admissions agreement that simplifies the transfer process for students who begin their college studies at any LCCC campus with plans to complete their coursework at BU, says James Matta, BU's assistant vice president and dean of graduate studies and research.

## Field Hockey Finesse

Huskies repeat as NCAA champs

BU captured the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II field hockey championship with a 5-2 win over UMass-Lowell (UML) last November. The NCAA title, the 14th for head coach Jan Hutchinson, was the second straight title for Bloomsburg, the fifth in the last six years and ninth in the last 12. The game was also a bit of revenge for the Huskies, who were beaten by UML in the 2005 NCAA title game.

"I'm very excited for this group of players," says Hutchinson. "Every team is different, and this group of players fought hard throughout the year, overcoming several losses, to get here. But, ultimately, I think it was those losses that helped us get to where we wanted to be and that is NCAA champions."

Offensively, Bloomsburg finished the year with 132 goals scored, smashing the previous record of 108 goals scored. "I knew we had some very good scoring threats coming into the season," Hutchinson comments. "I just never knew we would be this good. It does go to show that we had a lot of depth in that area."



## NRC Grant

Agency provides scholarship funds

BU received a grant from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to provide scholarships for one or two students per year who are enrolled in BU's health physics program. Scholarship recipients will be selected through a competitive process based primarily on academic merit and other criteria established by the NRC.

Students may receive up to four years of scholarship support if funding continues to be provided by the NRC and the student maintains the necessary qualifications. Each scholarship recipient must agree to employment with the NRC for a period of one year for each full or partial year of academic support.

Total funding for this scholarship program is \$17,280 per year. David R. Simpson, associate professor of physics and engineering technology and coordinator of BU's health physics program, is serving as program director for the project.



*Introducing*

# President Soltz

STORY BY BONNIE MARTIN

On an unseasonably warm and sunny day in mid-November, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors appointed David L. Soltz as Bloomsburg University's 13th president. With his wife Robbie by his side, the new president accepted, saying he is 'delighted and honored with the wonderful opportunity at an excellent university in an excellent system.'



**D**avid and Robbie Soltz were looking for a certain type of situation. They wanted a university located in a traditional college town where the institution had a positive influence on the community and the region. They wanted a university with strong academics that served as the area's cultural center while contributing significantly to the economy. They found it all in Bloomsburg.

After a career spent at three different universities in two Western states, David Soltz knew the characteristics he wanted in the institution he would lead as president. "I saw Bloomsburg University's profile as very similar to Central Washington University," he says as he leaves Central Washington, where he's served as provost and senior vice president of academic affairs. "It looked right from the beginning like it was a very good fit."

Soltz's tenure as BU's president began in early January, following the retirement of Jessica S. Kozloff, BU's president for 13½ years. Judy Hample, chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, calls him "a talented leader who will serve both Bloomsburg and the commonwealth well."

Dr. Joseph Mowad, a member of BU's Council of Trustees and chair of the presidential search committee, agrees. "Dr. Soltz is uniquely qualified to provide the necessary leadership to continue Bloomsburg University moving forward in a very positive direction," he says.

Soltz grew up near Chicago and moved to California as an undergraduate student, earning a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1968 and a doctor of biology degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1974.

"When I went to grad school at UCLA, I really didn't see myself living in a major urban area," he says. "Then, I started my career and got married. We had two careers and three kids and stayed in L.A. for 30 years."

After living for three decades in major California cities, the Soltzes found the rural life they love when they moved to Ellensburg, Wash., in 2001. And, their home on three acres has provided lots of space for their four horses and three dogs.

They didn't experience the "culture shock" some might expect when they moved to Ellensburg. "I conducted research as a biologist, including field research in the desert regions of southern California," the new president says. "I spent a lot of time in small towns and rural areas. We've

lived in L.A., but it's nice to be in a college town in a rural area near a major city. With Bloomsburg as our home, Robbie and I will enjoy the special qualities that can be found in a close-knit community and the ability to visit big cities like Philadelphia and New York from time to time."

Soltz says his presidential aspirations came at a logical point in his career. "Much of my career has been in academic administration, and I was in my seventh year as provost," he says. "With my academic experience, it was time to look for this opportunity, so I'd been looking selectively."

"I've dedicated my career to comprehensive universities that do the things this university and PASSHE do well, such as provide access and opportunity for students, excellence in education and highly valued degrees that benefit graduates personally and professionally."

Soltz calls the similarities "striking" between Central Washington and BU. "The size of the student body, the mixture of old and new buildings, the academic background of a teachers college that became a comprehensive university, the high-quality faculty, the dedicated staff and the pride the students and alumni feel are qualities both universities share," he says.



**David Flores, a senior art studio major from Danville, center, greets BU President David L. Soltz, right, and his wife Robbie during their mid-November visit to the campus.**

His priorities at Bloomsburg include learning about the issues important to the university and the neighboring community, getting to know the faculty, staff and students and inviting student leaders to be an "advisory voice" in academic issues, similar to a task force he initiated at Central Washington. He expects to place a lot of emphasis on educational exchange agreements, which he believes are vitally important.

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"I've traveled to Asia seven times to establish meaningful academic exchange programs, including a recent trip to Korea," he says. One of those agreements led to private financing to support a professor of Chinese. From that seed grew a tenure track faculty position and, last year, an academic major in Chinese at Central Washington.

His wife, Roberta "Robbie" Soltz, earned a doctor of biology degree from the University of California, Irvine and has been a faculty member at Central Washington. In Ellensburg, she was chair of the Kittitas County Board of Health Advisory Committee and a member of the Western Art Association's board of directors. She also coordinated the Leadership Ellensburg program through the local Chamber of Commerce. Robbie Soltz was the primary writer on a number of grants, including a \$1 million National Science Foundation grant to fund Central Washington University's Science Talent Expansion Program (STEP), designed to increase recruitment, retention and performance in science, technology, engineering and math.

The couple views their move to Bloomsburg as a tremendous opportunity. "You know, a candidate interviews the institution, too, and I found many positive things about this institution," says Soltz. "I like the feel of the town, the faculty enthusiasm and the committed students ... good students who are enthusiastic and happy about their education. All of the pieces are in place." ■

*Bonnie Martin is co-editor of Bloomsburg: The University Magazine.*



Eric Foster

**David L. and Roberta 'Robbie' Soltz**

## **David L. Soltz**

David L. Soltz served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Central Washington University before he became Bloomsburg University's 18th president on Jan. 7. As chief academic officer of the regional comprehensive university located in Ellensburg, Wash., he was responsible for four colleges, the library, graduate studies, continuing education, international programs, research and grants, as well as student academic support services.

Active in a number of organizations related to higher education, he served as chair of the Inter-institutional Committee of Academic Officers for the state of Washington's six public baccalaureate institutions and as Central Washington University's representative to the State Higher Education Coordinating Board. For the past four years, he was the state representative on the executive committee of the Northwest Academic Forum.

Soltz also served on the executive committee of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Grant Resource Center and was an original member of the implementation committee for the American Democracy Project. Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire appointed him to the Committee on the Education of Students in High Demand Fields.

From 1996 to 2001, Soltz was dean of natural and social sciences at California State University at Los Angeles and, from 1988 to 1996, he chaired the department of biological sciences at California State University, Long Beach. He also was chair of the board of governors of the California Desert Studies Consortium from 1992 until 2001.

As provost or dean, he made official visits to 10 universities in China, often negotiating cooperative agreements for international education opportunities. He's taught courses ranging from freshman seminar and general biology for non-majors to graduate seminars on ecology and evolutionary biology.

Soltz earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a doctoral degree in biology from the University of California, Los Angeles. His research focuses on environmental biology and the population biology of fishes living in stressful environments, such as high temperature and high salinity. He has written one book, a symposium volume and numerous journal articles and environmental reports.

Soltz is a Rotarian and, before moving to Bloomsburg, was a member of the board of the United Way of Kittitas County and the strategic planning and implementation committee of Kittitas Valley Community Hospital.

The new president enjoys hiking and fly fishing in his leisure time and, with his wife Robbie, rides and raises quarterhorses. The Soltzes have three young adult children and two granddaughters.

The number of bachelor's degrees granted in the U.S. increased 24 percent between 1995 and 2005, reflecting the growing number of students pursuing a postsecondary degree, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Yet in math- and science-related fields, the number of degrees granted actually declined. A Bloomsburg University professor is working to change that trend.



# Math Matters

STORY BY LYNETTE MONG '08

Elizabeth Mauch is always searching for new ways to help students succeed, from the youngest elementary student to the college senior. She is particularly aware of the high attrition rate among science and math students at the college level and is determined to find a way to help these students complete their studies.

To do this, she's started a summer program for young girls, led BU's Math and Science Resource Center and, most recently, helped BU attain a \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

The grant, co-written with James Matta, dean of graduate studies and research, is designed "to recruit and retain students in the sciences and math, and to fund low-income students," Mauch says. Beginning this fall, it will provide 13 scholarships of \$10,000 per year for four years to students who are majoring in math or science and satisfy low income requirements. Scholarship recipients will receive tutoring through BU's Student Support Services and live in a Science and Technology Living Learning Community with other students in similar majors.

Mauch, associate professor of mathematics, computer science and statistics, believes the additional academic help and a positive living environment will keep students from giving up on the sciences. "Through tutoring, especially placing a heavy emphasis on math, we hope to help students before they fall behind."

Originally from New York, Mauch received her undergraduate degree from Moravian College and her master's and doctorate degrees from Lehigh University. She came to Bloomsburg with a certificate in math secondary education, but was surprised when the head of the department assigned her to teach several math content courses for elementary education majors. Yet after nine years, she says, "Elementary math is something I've become increasingly interested in.

"It interests me how kids learn math at the elementary level, because that is the time when we seem to keep them or lose them," Mauch says. To determine the best methods of teaching math, she often goes to elementary schools to work with current teachers. "You only

really learn what teaching methods are effective if you are in the classroom, working with students every day."

Mauch believes that retaining students begins long before they enter college. Every year, Mauch organizes a Math and Science Summer Experience camp for girls in middle and high school, using activities and demonstrations to pique their interest.

"We get a lot of good college students from around this area. Emphasizing math and science to them when they are younger will help us retain them as students when they are older," Mauch says. To make the experience accessible, scholarships are available and, in summer 2008, the camp will be open to boys.

Mauch has no intentions of slowing down her efforts to help BU students, present and future. "I like bringing projects to fruition. And I love being involved with these students and helping them to succeed." ■

*Lynette Mong '08 is an English/creative writing major from Kennewick, Wash.*

'The best moments found on reality TV are unscripted, or beyond the grasp of most scriptwriters,' writes Michael Hirschorn, executive vice president at VH1, in Atlantic Monthly's May 2007 issue. Perhaps that explains the appeal of the genre that's now a staple of network programming.



# GRADS Unscripted

STORY BY KEVIN GRAY

The critics of reality television say it is rife with wannabe-actors and contrived storylines; however, there is another, much brighter side to the genre. As two Bloomsburg University alums have found, reality programming can provide great opportunities to expand a career or to help build one. Neal Gallagher, director of photography on NBC's "The Biggest Loser," gets to watch the hit weight-loss show unfold through his lens. Meanwhile, designer Lisa H-Millard impressed producers enough to earn a spot as one of 11 contestants on the second season of HGTV's top-rated series, "Design Star."



## Neal Gallagher: 'This one is special'

Neal Gallagher, who makes his home in Dallas, Pa., has had a long career in the broadcast industry. After graduating from Bloomsburg in 1982, he became a cameraman for WNEP-TV in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. He then moved on to become a freelance cameraman and worked on assignments that took him around the globe.

The career he finds so personally and professionally rewarding has never been boring, he acknowledges.

And Emmy Awards won in 1993 and 1995 for his work on two specials with magician David Copperfield, along with another nomination in 1999, attest to the quality of his work.

Now, as director of photography for "The Biggest Loser," Gallagher is in charge of 14 camera operators and camera assistants. He works with the director to develop the show's look, which includes how interviews are shot and where cameras are placed. In addition, he serves as the liaison between the director and the show's department heads.

"My job is half management, half photography and half putting out fires," he jokes. "It's as much about dealing with people as it is actually shooting the show. Generally, we work 12-hour days and it takes five shooting days for each episode. On any day, there may be anywhere from four to eight cameras shooting as much as 10 hours of footage. Multiply that by five and you find it takes a lot to make a one-hour show."

Each season consists of 14 episodes plus a live finale. Another challenge he faces is making sure the crew gets all of the shots they need. Although the show is not live, Gallagher points out, "we can't go back and get the shot again."

Gallagher is extremely proud of the finished product. "I've liked the other reality projects I've done, but



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Neal Gallagher '82, facing page, takes in the scene from behind the camera on 'The Biggest Loser.' In photo above, Clive Pearse, host of 'Design Star,' offers his perspective to contestant Lisa H-Millard '03.

this one is special," he says. "I honestly believe that our show helps people improve their quality of life. We do it without judging, making fun of or taking advantage of our contestants. I'm more proud of being part of 'The Biggest Loser' than I am of anything else in my career."



**Lisa H-Millard:  
'Behind the scenes was crazy and fun!'**

While Gallagher spends a lot of time behind the camera, Lisa Hunsinger Millard's time in front

of the camera on "Design Star" was relatively brief. Still, she too learned a great deal from her reality television experience after she watched the first season of "Design Star" and decided that she would make a good contestant on the show's second season.

"I love the challenge of the show, where you are given specific limitations to work within," says H-Millard, a 2003 Bloomsburg graduate. "I am the type of person who tiptoes along the boundaries without crossing them to show my creative abilities."

H-Millard's confidence paid off as she was selected to be on the show. In the first challenge, she and the other contestants had to design the Las Vegas penthouse loft where they would live. H-Millard incorporated all of the castmates' names into her design of the garage door

area; however, the judges dismissed her from the show. Despite her early exit, H-Millard has no regrets about appearing on "Design Star."

"Behind the scenes was crazy and fun!" she says. "I knew that being on the show would give me an opportunity to test working residentially and commercially. I also knew that this was a great opportunity for people to see my personality and creative side."

It also was a great opportunity for H-Millard to see what goes on behind the scenes during production. "You don't think about things like going to the bathroom after you are fitted with a microphone," she says. "You need clearances to go into a store to film. There are two bedrooms and two bathrooms for 11 people. And sleep schedules are not good as the camera lights are on while you are trying to sleep in the four hours allotted."

Married to Lee Millard '02 who coordinates exhibits in Bloomsburg University's Haas Gallery, H-Millard works for Atlantic Equipment Specialists, a national restaurant design firm. She hopes her appearance on the show will help her field other career opportunities, including launching her own design business. ■

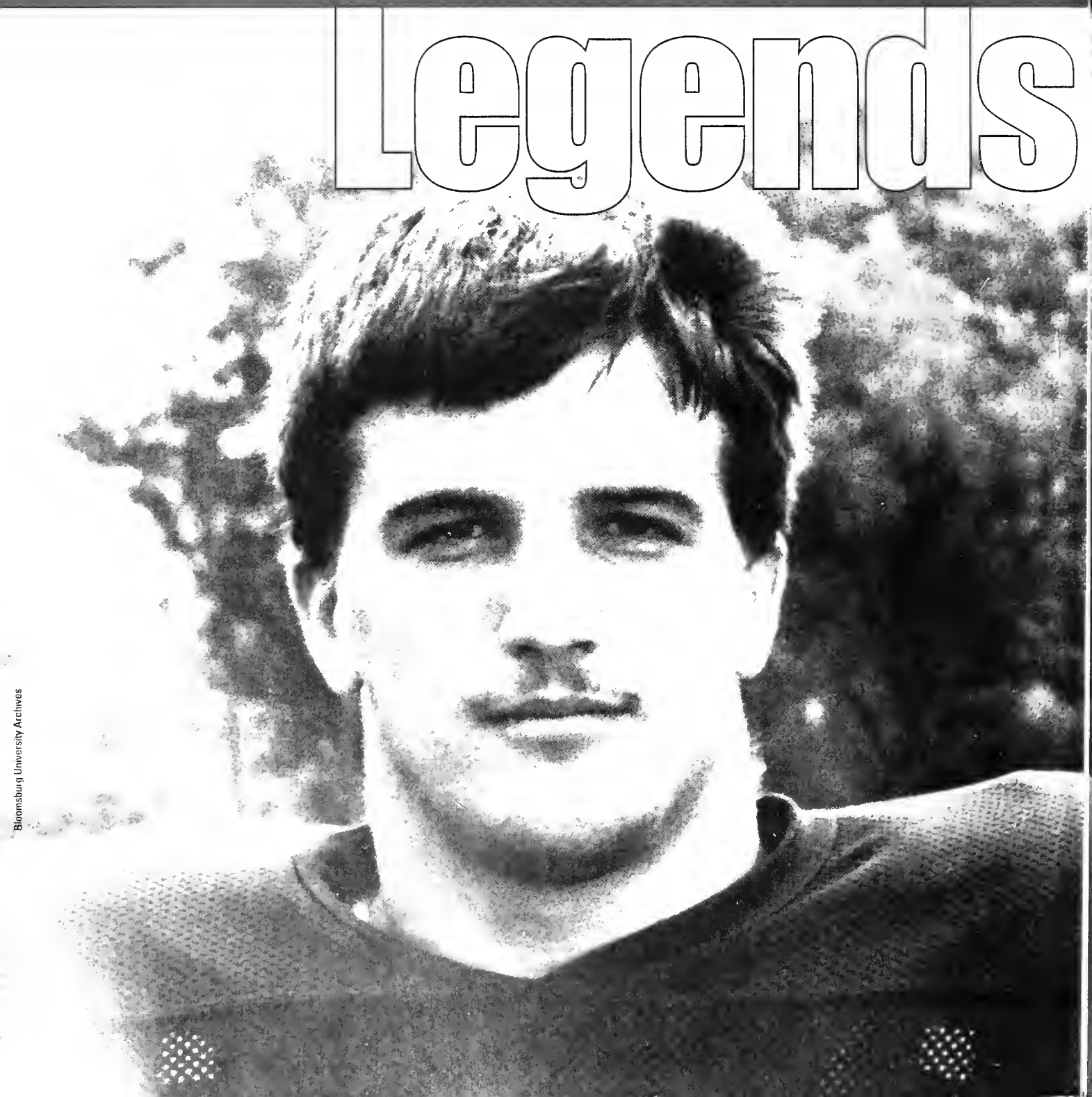
**Editor's note:** For a glimpse of Lisa H-Millard on "Design Star" and samples of her design work, see [www.lisahmillard.com](http://www.lisahmillard.com). To learn more about NBC's "The Biggest Loser," see [www.nbc.com/The\\_Biggest\\_Loser](http://www.nbc.com/The_Biggest_Loser).

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STORY BY JIM DOYLE '72

In the Company of

# Legends





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**Frank Sheptock, seen during his college career, facing page and at left, surprised many when he chose to play for Bloomsburg. His accomplishments led to college football's highest honor, induction into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame, in summer 2007, below.**

**Jim Thorpe, Red Grange and Knute Rockne were among 54 pioneers in the College Football Hall of Fame's first class in 1951. A college coach credited with helping to rebuild Huskies football as a player in the 1980s is a member of the hall of fame's latest class.**

**T**he high school football star had a big decision to make. It was his senior year, and several Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference schools were very interested in his services. Millersville and West Chester both seemed like logical choices. They were conference powerhouses, and this senior was used to winning. After all, he played for the winningest program in the history of high school football.

Still there was something intriguing about the recruiting pitch delivered by the new coach at Bloomsburg State College. Eventually the high school star, Mount Carmel's Frank Sheptock, defied logic and decided on Bloomsburg, a football program that had a combined record of 1-18 in the two previous seasons, including a humiliating 72-0 loss to Millersville in 1981.

That decision turned out to be a great one for Bloomsburg football

and for Sheptock '86. The Huskies, who were winless the season before Sheptock arrived on campus, showed steady progress during his college career, culminating in an unbeaten regular season and a trip to the Division II national semifinals when he was a senior. Sheptock's outstanding play at middle linebacker earned him three first-team All-American selections. And in summer 2007 he received college football's highest honor when he was inducted into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

Sheptock explains the appeal of George Landis' recruiting pitch: "Coach Landis had a passion and an attitude that said 'I believe we can win at Bloomsburg, and I believe that I can build some of this around you.' Here was a person that wanted to try and rebuild something and give a group of individuals an opportunity to come in and make an impact on the pro-



Dick Wroblewski

gram. He had a passion for the game and a passion for me as an individual. He also did a great job of recruiting my mom. Obviously, my parents had a big influence on my life and my decision."

The turnaround in Bloomsburg's football fortune came slowly. Sheptock was one of 14 freshmen who started for the 1982 Huskies. Bloomsburg was much more competitive than they had been in the two previous seasons, but they only managed a 1-7-1 record. That was hard to take for a player like Sheptock whose Mount Carmel teams had lost a total of nine games in his three years of varsity football. Walking off the field after the Huskies' season-ending 34-7 loss at East Stroudsburg, Sheptock decided he'd had enough.

"I was with my mom and my girlfriend Lisa and I said, 'This is it, I'm outta here. It's not going to work out.' Obviously, cooler heads prevailed. Coach Landis refocused me by telling me that I had made a commitment and we would go through some rough times. That had a profound effect on me which continues to this day as a coach and a father—overcoming adversity, working through things, being true to your word.

"That's probably what I'm most proud of concerning my time at Bloomsburg. I wanted out, but some people that were important in my life refocused me. We were able to hold it together and turn things around."

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Frank Sheptock, second from left, takes the stage with other inductees to the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

The Huskies did, indeed, turn things around. In 1983 they finished 5-5 including a win over Millersville just two seasons removed from that 72-0 loss to the Marauders. It was the win over West Chester in week five, however, that may have been the real turning point in the Huskies' fortunes. The week before in a win at Mansfield, Bloomsburg's sophomore running back, Vernon Rochester, suffered an injury that left him paralyzed. At Redman Stadium the Huskies, in tribute to their injured teammate, rallied from a 24-5 deficit for a 25-24 victory over the Golden Rams, a team that had beaten them 46-0 in the previous season.

In 1984 the Huskies clinched the PSAC Eastern Division title on Jay Dede's 50-yard "Hail Mary" pass to Curtis Still on the game's final play. Two weeks later Bloomsburg lost a seven-point decision to California in the PSAC championship game at Hershey.

Everything came together for Sheptock and the Huskies in 1985. After an unbeaten regular season, Bloomsburg destroyed the heavily favored IUP team 31-9 in the PSAC final in front of an overflow crowd at Redman Stadium. They followed with a 38-28 win over Hampton in a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) quarterfinal before losing to North Alabama in the national semifinals in Florence, Ala.

Sheptock ended his career with his third straight first-team All-American selection and finished with school records that still stand for tackles in a career (537), single season (159) and single game

(23), as well as career fumble recoveries (12).

With his college career over, Sheptock's goal was to play at the professional level. The last of several tryouts was with the Miami Dolphins. Afterward, he had a heart-to-heart talk with Miami's director of player personnel and came to terms with the fact that his playing days were over.

In 1987, Bob Chesney gave him the opportunity to be an assistant coach at Lourdes Regional High School. Joe Demelfi hired him a few years later as an assistant at Wilkes University and when Demelfi stepped down Sheptock had his first head coaching job. Currently in his 12th season as the head coach of the Colonels, he had a 74-44 career record going into the 2007 season. In 2006, Wilkes was 11-1, ranked 12th in the nation in Division III in the final American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) poll. He also was named coach of the year in the Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC) as well as the AFCA Region 2 coach of the year.

Sheptock commutes to Wilkes from his home in Berwick where he lives with his wife Lisa '86, a school nurse at Berwick High School, and their daughters Nicole, 16, and Kelly, 13.

He anticipates a long coaching career. "Sure, I love the game, and I love being around the kids. When you approach it from a teacher's perspective, it's not about football. Football is your classroom, but you're teaching young men how to live their lives, how to be committed to their families. That's what it's all

about. How many lives can you touch? How many people can you help?

"When you're allowed to do that in a game that you love, you have to ask yourself, How lucky am I? I never thought I would find something I enjoy more than playing football, but I think I found it in coaching. I would like to do it as long as the good Lord allows me to do it because I love it."

On July 21, 2007, in South Bend, Ind., Sheptock received college football's ultimate honor when he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He was part of a class of 20 that included Heisman Trophy winners Charlie Ward and Mike Rozier, major college football's winningest coach Bobby Bowden and former Florida University starter Emmitt Smith who eventually became the NFL's all-time leading rusher. Sheptock calls the experience "phenomenal."

"The memories it brings back of my time at Bloomsburg, in addition to what I'm going through now, are very, very special to me. The people at the College Football Hall of Fame make you feel like this is your day and your weekend. I was given the same treatment as the Heisman Trophy winners. I feel very fortunate that the decisions I made as a young man eventually led to this type of situation. So many people touched me in different ways to make this type of day possible. I feel very, very lucky as a person and a player."

Bloomsburg University is also very lucky ... lucky that Frank Sheptock decided 25 years ago to be part of rebuilding Husky football. ■

*Jim Doyle '72 retired after teaching at Southern Columbia High School for 32 years. He is the radio play-by-play voice for Bloomsburg University football and men's basketball on WHLM-AM.*



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The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty reports that more than 3 million people experience homelessness each year, including 1.3 million children. Through photography and advocacy, retired BU Professor Gary Clark makes sure others truly see this invisible community.

# Capturing Invisible

STORY BY KELLY MONITZ

Gary F. Clark cruised around abandoned buildings, small wooded patches and under bridges looking for Charlie and Lisa, a Florida couple stranded, penniless and living on the streets of downtown Wilkes-Barre.

The couple came to northeastern Pennsylvania to care for a sick relative, but found themselves on the wrong side of a family squabble with no way home. Lack of \$140—money for two bus tickets—kept them on the streets as warm October days gave way to damp, bone-chilling autumn nights.

Clark, a retired Bloomsburg University art professor and homeless advocate, hoped to connect with the pair he befriended the day before. He carried a bedroll, a soft, durable place to lay their heads at night until another solution could be found.

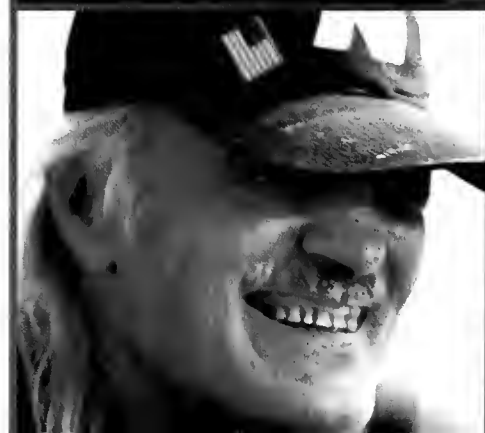
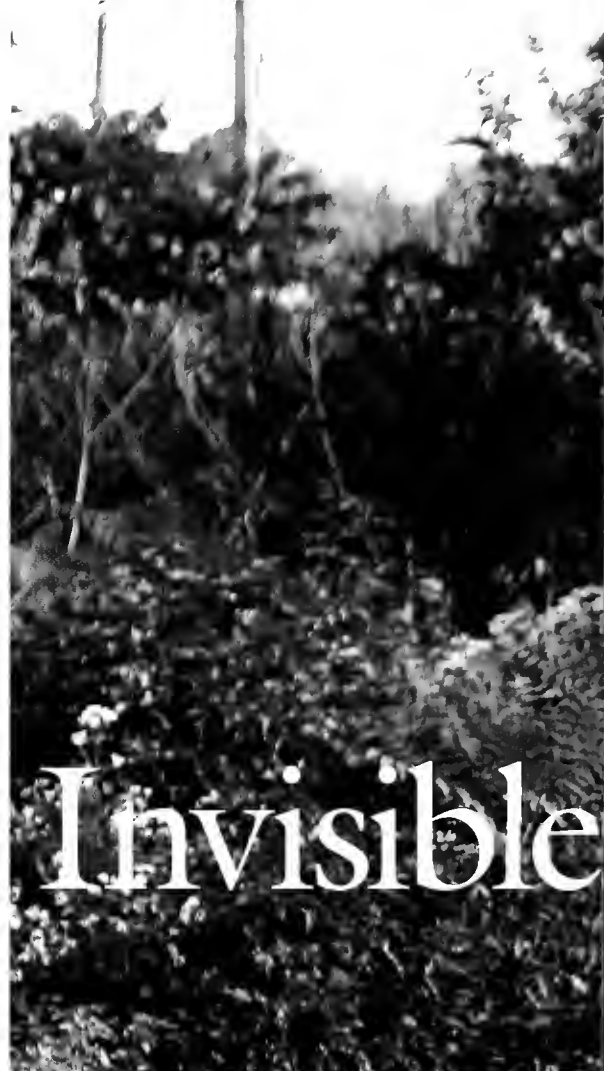
The city has two homeless shelters—one for men and one for women. But the couple refused to separate for even a few hours, Clark says. Nights found them huddled behind a city church and other areas tucked just out of sight, largely invisible to the community around them.

Clark, though, has always seen the homeless.

Even as a boy, he saw them on the streets of New York City and wondered about them. As an adult, Clark walked among them and mustered the courage to ask how they became homeless and what their lives are like.

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Retired BU professor Gary Clark, far right, connects with the homeless, including Charlie and Lisa, top, and Pinky.



Lives



Stefanie Wolownik, the head of Reach, a drop-in center at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, applauds Gary Clark's work, because he has brought awareness about people who fall through the cracks.

These men, women and children didn't hold back, sharing their stories with him. Their plight raised his own awareness and moved him to activism.

An award-winning artist, Clark uses his talents as a photographer to put a face on the homeless people he meets in cities, such as New York and Philadelphia, and in smaller communities near his Bloomsburg home.

Nearly five years ago, Clark began posting their portraits and stories on a photo Weblog, [www.fotolog.net/mashuga](http://www.fotolog.net/mashuga), to raise awareness of the problem of homelessness and inspire others to activism.

"I want my photos and stories to put human faces directly on the numerous and immediate problems facing the homeless today," Clark says. "Once you hear their stories, see their faces, understand their plight, it becomes much more difficult to simply ignore this problem."

He calls his project Essential Humanity.

Millions have viewed the Web site, and thousands have responded, Clark says. He has also presented his work locally and abroad and founded the Northeast Pennsylvania Alliance Against Homelessness at BU. The fledgling organization aims to unite students from colleges throughout the region to help those living on the street and eventually end homelessness.

The heart of Clark's project, though, is his one-on-one work with the homeless, a facet that often takes him into potentially dangerous situations on the streets. Some of his subjects are drug and alcohol addicts or mentally unstable. A canister of pepper spray goes with him on all of his jaunts.

Weaving through a maze-like building complex on a Sunday morning, Clark looked for signs of makeshift shelters and unsecured doors and windows. A number of homeless once camped against a bridge support near the large complex, but no one stays there now, he says, because an apartment building overlooks the site.

A few blocks away, people started filing into the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. The Catholic Social Services program, which provides lunches daily and dinners three nights per week, is one of Clark's regular stops in the Diamond City. He hoped to find Charlie and Lisa there.

Not immediately seeing the couple, Clark decided to look for Ellen, a homeless woman he met two years ago. A registered nurse and an alcoholic, Ellen lives in a wooded patch on a hilltop just outside the city limits.

Turning a corner, Clark spied an old friend, Mike, cutting through an empty parking lot, and greeted him with a hug. Mike had just left his camp on the other

side of the railroad tracks and was making his way to lunch. He told Clark that he wasn't drinking anymore, but he remained out on the street, unwilling or afraid to set up a life inside.

Life on the streets has its own perils, though. Mike lost everything last February when someone found and burned his camp. He wasn't hurt; others haven't been as lucky.

Jimmy, another of Wilkes-Barre's homeless, nearly lost his life when two men doused him with lighter fluid and set him afire as he lay along train tracks, passed out from more beer than he could handle.

"December 19, 1999," Jimmy says, sitting inside the soup kitchen. "I don't forget that date. It happened right over here down from the old Welfare office."

That day, he woke up as flames ate through his clothes and seared his flesh. Smoldering, Jimmy made his way to a friend's home and she got him help.

His scarred body and damaged muscles make him too weak to hold a job. Jimmy lives inside now, but still has attachments to those on the streets, including Ellen. Both Clark and Jimmy feared that she wouldn't survive another winter on the streets and hoped to convince her to come inside. But she didn't show up at the soup kitchen this Sunday, either.

Outside the building, 49-year-old Sandy waved to Clark, excited to tell him her news. Her boss offered her a permanent position, another step toward the normal life a prescription drug addiction stole from her.

She started taking pain pills following a surgery. One prescription led to another—Vicodin, Percocet, OxyContin—and then she turned to the street drug, heroin, she says.

"I came out onto the streets. I had a lot of experiences out there," Sandy recalls. "I saw a murder. I saw someone killed for \$30. There are desperate people out there."

Sandy was desperate, too. "I wouldn't eat for days. I was a skeleton," she says. "I died three times. I went to jail 15 times."

Her last stay in the Luzerne County prison saved her because she took the help offered, got clean and started rebuilding her life, she says. On this Sunday, Sandy had started looking for an apartment of her own while staying at Ruth's Place, the local women's shelter.

The most important lesson she learned through it all is that anyone can end up on the streets. "I was a homemaker. I was a stay-at-home mom. I came from a good Christian family," Sandy says. "It can happen to anyone."



**Charlie  
Weiss**

Marlin Wagner

Stefanie Wolownik, the head of Reach, a drop-in center at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, agrees. "It could be any one of us," she says.

Wolownik works with the homeless every day, helping some to re-establish themselves and others to meet day-to-day needs from clothing to blankets.

The homeless often find themselves in a deep, deep hole, she says. They've lost their families, children, home and jobs, and some don't have the ability, strength or knowledge needed to rebuild a life. Some don't want to work to rebuild, because they fear they'll lose it all again, Wolownik says.

"They remember what they used to have," she says. "Working for \$7.50 an hour is hard if they used to work for \$15 an hour.

"Pride," she says. "They still have their pride."

The drop-in center, like the soup kitchen, is one of Clark's regular stops. Wolownik applauds his work, because he has brought awareness about people who fall through the cracks. The drop-in center has also benefitted from blanket and clothing drives that he organized or inspired others to conduct.

Most of Wilkes-Barre's homeless stay near the city's center, where they can get a nourishing meal at the soup kitchen or relax in front of a television at the drop-in center. Both are within blocks of each other, as are the areas where the homeless seek meager shelters.

When Clark first came to Wilkes-Barre, a few of the homeless steered cleared of him, and not because his street name, Mashuga, is Yiddish for "crazy," either.

Jeb didn't approach Clark because he didn't know if he was a do-gooder or someone who did good. "People

**Charlie Weiss' face tells the story as part of Gary Clark's slide presentation, 'Essential Humanity,' offered during the Northeast Pennsylvania Alliance Against Homelessness' third annual conference last fall.**

who do good are there all the time," Jeb says, explaining that's what warmed him to Clark.

This day, Jeb sat across the street from the soup kitchen with his dog, Aries, a Staffordshire bull terrier. Jeb and Aries live deep in the woods, where Jeb hopes to build a fireplace to keep them warm through the winter. Last year, Jeb went inside, not for himself, but out of worry for his dog, which he rehabilitated. Clark hoped they would go inside again during winter's coldest months.

Clark's thoughts returned to Charlie and Lisa, the stranded Florida couple. When he finally found them eating a warm meal inside the soup kitchen, he told them that he had a bedroll for them, but had no luck finding help to get them back home. He hadn't given up, though, he assured them.

The couple did get home, Wolownik said later. An angel, someone like Clark, came forward with their fare.

Although Clark admits he would have given the pair the money if he had it, he wasn't the angel. "I guess it was someone who felt right about it. Sometimes that kind of thing happens. Someone gets moved by their plight and does something.

"It's a hit-or-miss thing, but sometimes people connect," Clark said. ■

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anne-Sophie Ekelund '79 enrolled at Bloomsburg State College with faltering English, a passion for learning and a sense of amazement at an environment where creativity was strongly encouraged. The art major graduated with a desire to travel and learn about other cultures, never dreaming she'd one day be involved in providing educational opportunities in a country far different from her native homeland ... or her collegiate one.

Coming from a small town in Sweden, "the move to Pennsylvania was not such a drastic change for me," Ekelund says. "As a foreign student, I did my best to contribute to the international atmosphere at BSC—at this time there were about 20 international students on campus—but my new friends also came from towns in Pennsylvania such as Berwick, Moosic, Southampton and Holland."



Sonam Jamyangling and  
Anne-Sophie Ekelund

# Pay It Forward: From Bloomsburg to Tibet

STORY BY BONNIE MARTIN  
WITH ANNE-SOPHIE EKELUND '79



Ekelund traveled extensively after graduation and was living in Beijing in the mid-1990s when she had the opportunity to visit Tibet. "Although I was alone and communication was difficult, Tibet was without a doubt the most beautiful and interesting place I had seen. I was very intrigued by it all and decided to return one day," she recalls. "Two years later, I returned to Tibet to get married, be part of inaugurating five schools and meet new relatives."

Ekelund's husband, Sonam Jamyangling, is known to many as "the school builder," a title earned as he raised funds to construct 108 schools and 108 libraries throughout Tibet. Born in Tibet, Jamyangling had studied in Denmark as one of 20 boys sponsored by a Danish prince after arriving in India as a refugee in 1959.

Twenty-seven years later, he returned to the Tibetan Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China as part of a delegation to observe whether human rights were being respected. On the trip, he saw great poverty in the countryside and noticed that there were no schools. Instead, teachers with only three years of formal education taught children as they sat on the ground.

Back in Sweden, Jamyangling began five years of negotiations with Chinese authorities for permission to build a boarding school in his home village of Katsel. Eventually, the Swedish Tibetan Society for School and Culture became the first foreign aid organization allowed to build a school, a plan that grew to 108 educational institutions, 108 libraries and a special gift to Ekelund.

"On our wedding day, he announced to me that the organization would also fund an art school



Tibet, often called 'the roof of the world,' is known for its picturesque landscape of snow-covered mountains and winding rivers.

in the Potala Palace, which was requested to him by an older master painter of thangka, a scroll painting on silk with Buddhist motifs. I could not have asked for a better wedding gift," she says.

As Jamyangling put in long hours, his health began to deteriorate, and the couple returned to Stockholm where they continued to work on projects for the society. To support herself and her husband, Ekelund became a project manager for the Swedish furniture industry, organizing exhibitions and events abroad.

Today, 13,000 children, including many orphans, attend primary schools funded by the Swedish Tibetan Society for School and Culture and built by local construction teams in the Tibetan Autonomous Region and the Tibetan areas of China's Qinghai and Yunnan provinces. Another 100 students attend high schools and universities in China's coastal cities with the society's support. A non-profit organization with 1,800 members, the Swedish Tibetan

Society for School and Culture has received funding from the Swedish International Development Authority, Volvo, Atlas Copco, IBM and private donors.

Ekelund says she hopes the Tibetan children being educated through the organization's efforts will one day "feel supported and encouraged with opportunities ahead."

"There was an American movie, 'Pay it Forward,' which had an incredibly simple but effective concept," she says. "The phrase meant if one did something good for another, instead of paying back that individual, the other would do some good for someone else. Bloomsburg has done so much for me, and I would like to pass this on to as many Tibetan children as possible." ■

*Editor's note:* For information on the Swedish Tibetan Society for School and Culture, see [www.tibet-school.org](http://www.tibet-school.org). Anne-Sophie Ekelund '79 may be contacted at [annesophie001@yahoo.se](mailto:annesophie001@yahoo.se).

# Husky Notes



## '56 Charles P. "Skip" Skiptunas and Tina A. Valente Skiptunas

(right) retired from careers in education. They are living on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary aboard the cruise ship, *Insignia*, while touring the Greek Isles. Tina taught at the elementary level. Skip served as a teacher, head football coach, principal and, for the last 20 years of his 40-year career, as a school superintendent in New York State.

'57 Nancy Gilgannon, a BU professor emeritus, was elected president of the Kiwanis Club of Hazleton, becoming the sixth female to hold the top office in the organization's 86-year history.

'60 Dale A. Krothe, a BU Alumni Board director for 13 years, is in his eighth year of service on the Berwick Area School Board. A U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, he retired as a mathematics teacher at Berwick after 33 years. He chairs the BU alumni veterans committee.

'61 Joe Thompson, a retired coach and teacher, was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. He was a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national wrestling team while at BU.

'63 Harry Mathias Sr. was inducted into the hall of fame for the Warrior Run School District. He taught in the district from 1963 to 1990 and served as an adviser and coach.

'64 Vince Gilotti was inducted into the Jim Thorpe Sports Hall of Fame. A graduate of Jim Thorpe High School, he was the first All-State football selection in the school's history. Gilotti began his professional career as a teacher and later became a real estate broker.

Frank Rizzo was honored by McCann School of Business and Technology for his work as accounting director at the Hazleton campus. He began teaching more than 33 years ago.

'65 Harry Ravert, Fredericksburg, Va., is semiretired after 32 years working for the U.S. Army and five years with General Dynamics. He now works part-time as an Army consultant.

## Quest sponsors trips on bike or on foot

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two trips offered, June 17 to 26 and Sept. 17 to 26: The Dingle Way, one of Ireland's most scenic long-distance walking trails, is located in the southwest of Ireland, starting and finishing in the town of Tralee in the County of Kerry.

### England: Walking and Photographing the Lake District

July 1 to 8: Professional photographer Dave Ashby will



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lead the tour through the English Lake District's small villages and market towns with views of the Irish Sea, mountain lakes and distant hills.

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## Five inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Members of the 26th BU Athletic Hall of Fame class inducted last fall are Toby Rank '80, Donna Graupp '87, Kelly Cuthbert-Jameson '89, Bill Connelly '90 and Kathy Maguire-Stoudt '92.

Rank played on the men's soccer team for four years and scored 29 goals (number three all-time in school history)



Tom McGuire

The newest inductees into BU's Athletic Hall of Fame are shown with former president Jessica Kozloff. They are, left to right, front: Donna Graupp, Toby Rank and Kelly Cuthbert-Jameson and, back: Kathy Maguire-Stoudt, Kozloff and Bill Connelly.

Graupp played field hockey and softball. As a two-year member of the field hockey team, Graupp was a two-time All-American and two-time All-PSAC (Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference) selection while playing for the Huskies. She totaled 28 goals in her career and had three assists. In softball she earned All-Region honors during her career.

Cuthbert-Jameson was a four-year member of the lacrosse team and finished her career as the school's all-time leader in goals scored with 156 and in career points with 183 (now second in both categories).

Connelly was a four-year member of the men's basketball team and is BU's fourth all-time leading scorer with 1,481 points (graduated in third place). He led the Huskies in scoring in both his sophomore and senior seasons and was named first team All-PSAC East both years. He was also named second team All-PSAC East as a junior. Connelly holds BU's career record for free throws attempted with 534.

Maguire-Stoudt was a three-year starter for the women's basketball team. She finished her career as the school's fourth leading scorer with 1,213 points (now seventh) and all-time leader in free throws attempted and made (514 and 361 respectively). She remains number two in steals with 284 and is 10th in assists with 225. Maguire-Stoudt was named first team All-PSAC East as a junior.

and assisted on 14 goals. He also is third in career points with 71. He was a four-time All-PSAC East selection and was named to the All-Region team as a senior. Rank is co-holder of the school record for goals in a game (four) and points in a game (nine).

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**'67** Mary Ann Kaminski Charles retired after more than 32 years as an elementary and middle school teacher. She worked mostly at Wellsville Elementary School in the Dillsburg area.

Joseph Lubeskie, Kulprunt, retired from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional High School after 40 years as a teacher and coach.

**'68** Dennis Siegmann retired from Connecticut's Bristol Public Schools after 35 years. He retired as a high school principal and later returned as a middle school principal. He serves on the board of the National Federation of High School Athletics for wrestling and was honored with "Dennis Siegmann Day" in the City of Bristol for his service to the school.

**'70** John Wolk has completed 37 years in education. For the last three years, he has served as assistant principal for administrative operations at Upper Darby High School. Prior to that, he was an assistant principal for 11 years.

**'71** Rev. James Cavallero was appointed pastor of Salem United Methodist Church of Danielsville. He is also teaching American film studies at Penn State University. He and his wife Mary live in Quakertown.

**'73** Rick B. Jarman (right) is president and CEO of the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences after a career at Eastman Kodak Co., where he was director of technology partnerships. He co-founded the Infotonics Technology Center near Rochester, N.Y.



Dennis Moser, a special education teacher at Big Spring High School, was a finalist for the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Award. He has been teaching for 34 years.

Gregory Roussey was named director of transportation construction-management services at Buchart-Horn Inc., Basco Associates of York.

**'74** Stephen A. Andrejack, Camp Hill, earned a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Penn State University in August 2007.

**'75** Mary Lou Alfonso graduated from The King's Seminary in Van Nuys, Calif., with a graduate certificate in Christian ministry.

Debbie Demko, a Pottstown High School English teacher, was named to Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women in Teaching and Education.

Patricia Bedeman Miller is dean of student affairs at Keystone College.

**'76** John Bigelow (right) was promoted to president of New Jersey American Water. He had been the company's senior vice president in charge of regulatory programs and enterprise risk management.



# Husky Notes

**'77** Mary Kropiewnicki (right) is assistant provost for assessment and program review at Wilkes University. She has been employed at Wilkes since 1992, most recently serving as the director of the doctor of education program.



**Ernest Lemoncelli** was certified by the Princess Cruises Academy as an expert cruise professional at "commodore" status. A travel agent with Maxima World Travel Services, Lake Worth, Fla., he is treasurer of the Delta Pi/Sigma Pi Alumni Association.

**Jerry Radocha** stepped down as head boys' basketball coach of Whitehall High School in 2007, ending his 25-year coaching career at the school.

**'78** Judy Spitzer Sexton (right) is director of Clarke Pennsylvania Auditory/Oral Center in Bryn Mawr. A long-time educator of the deaf and hard of hearing, she previously worked as an early interventionist and educational support specialist for Clarke and as a principal of the Archbishop Ryan School for the Deaf.



**Joan Williams** was named director of marketing at Ginger Cove, a life-care retirement community in Annapolis, Md.



## Jimmi Simpson stars in Broadway show

Actor and alum **Jimmi Simpson '98**, left, discusses his role in Aaron Sorkin's play, 'The Farnsworth Invention,' with, left to right, BU students Nayeem Islam of Bangladesh and Andrew Bliss of Mechanicsburg and English professor Ervene Gulley following a performance. Simpson stars in the Broadway production opposite Hank Azaria. Simpson plays the title character, Philo T. Farnsworth, a boy genius who invented television in 1927 and was later pitted against the head of RCA, played by Azaria, in a legal battle over Farnsworth's patent. Simpson originated the role of Farnsworth at the La Jolla Playhouse in California. 'The Farnsworth Invention' began previews in October. Simpson graduated from BU with a degree in theatre arts.

## John Wetzel appointed to Board of Pardons

**J**ohn E. Wetzel '98 was recently appointed to the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons. The board of pardons is a five-person panel responsible for reviewing criminal cases to advise the governor on whether clemency should be approved or denied.



**Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll and John E. Wetzel**

"I have enormous confidence in John's expertise and experience in corrections," says Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll, who serves as chair of the board. "The board of pardons will be more effective in rendering its decisions with Mr. Wetzel joining our ranks."

Wetzel was nominated for the post by Gov. Edward Rendell and unanimously approved for appointment by the State Senate. He was sworn in during a private ceremony in Harrisburg.

Wetzel, of Chambersburg, serves as warden of the Franklin County Prison. He is currently working towards a master's degree in applied psychology from Penn State.

**'79** Kevin Wixted was appointed division chairman of drawing, painting and photography at Alfred University's School of Art and Design.

**'80** Diane Lewis, Hellertown, was promoted to assistant director of continuing education at Penn State Lehigh Valley campus. Previously assistant to the director of admissions at BU, she has worked at Penn State for the last seven years.

**'81** Mary Ellen Rutledge Eshelman (right) was named a shareholder in Rettew, a multidiscipline engineering, planning, land development and environmental consulting firm. She has been the company's human resources director since 2003.



**Gina Spleen Jaeger** is a captain with the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C.

**'82** Scott Behrent, Pittsfield, Mass., is manager of casualty operations with Farn Family Casualty Insurance Co. He received an award for academic excellence from the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter.

**Kevin Kerrigan** is in his first term as treasurer of the Livingston (N.J.) Chamber of Commerce. He is a partner in the accounting firm of Wiss and Co., Livingston.

**Michael McMane** is in his third term as vice president of the Livingston (N.J.) Chamber of Commerce. He lives in Livingston and is a financial consultant with AIG Advisor Group.

**Anthony J. Varano Jr.**, Berwyn, is CEO and owner of Documents Solutions Group Inc.

**'83 David J. Bonenberger** is regional director of operations for PPL Electric Utilities for Luzerne, Schuylkill, Carbon and Northumberland counties.

**Stephen Drees** (right) is managing director for financial markets for Harte-Hanks Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio. He was previously president of The Allegiant Group.



**'84 Bryan Kellenberger** is plant controller for Material Sciences Corp., Morrisville.

**Colleen McAuliffe** is chief financial officer for Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania.

**Kathleen Moran**, Newtown, is vice president for clinical operations for Acurian Inc.

**'85 Theresa Loughney** is administrator of Bristol Glen, a continuing care retirement community sponsored by United Methodist Homes of New Jersey.

**'86 Bill Plasko** was inducted into the Tamaqua Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame. A standout in football, baseball and basketball in high school, he played basketball at BU.

**'88 Donna Hibshman**, Allentown, is head field hockey coach at Parkland High School. She was previously the team's assistant coach. She was a member of BU's championship field hockey team and an academic field hockey All-American.

## Births

**Carla Williams Karboski '89** and husband, Ron, a daughter, Veronica Marie, Dec. 16, 2006

**Pamela Palermo Schoenstein '91** and husband, George, a daughter, Grace Evelyn, Aug. 9, 2007

**Lisa Rutkowski Loftus '92** and husband, Mark, a son, Nathan Michael, Aug. 7, 2007

**Lori Blydenburgh Ahern '93** and husband, **Jim Ahern '95**, a son, Jared Everson, June 24, 2007

**Cathleen Zicari Flynn '93** and husband, Frank, a son, Ryan Joseph, Aug. 29, 2007

**Jeremy "Jerry" Schuebel '93** and wife, Amy, daughters, Amanda Marie, Sept. 4, 2003; Audrey Nicole, Nov. 12, 2004; and Alyssa Jessie, May 3, 2007

**Carolyn Landis Brzezicki '94** and husband, Michael, a daughter, Brooke, July 6, 2007

**Stephanie "Niki" Jones Kutchi '94** and husband, **Rob Kutchi '94**, a son, Calum Seamus, Sept. 9, 2007

**Karen Craig Weingarten '94** and husband, Kevin, twins, Reese and Lila, Feb. 23, 2007

**Tracy Walker Funk '95** and husband, Eric, a son, Evan Russell, May 10, 2007

**Michael Gillespie '95** and wife, Bree, a son, Benjamin Michael, Oct. 23, 2007

**Melissa Burns Pritchett '95** and husband, Adrian, a son, Jess Allen, Dec. 1, 2006

**Tara Rothenberger Chauhan '96** and husband, Dipesh, a son, Drue, Sept. 11, 2007

**Kimberly Nagy Colvin '96** and husband, **Charles Colvin '95**, twins, Grace and Andrew, Aug. 1, 2007

**Sandi Schwartz Weisenfeld '96** and husband, David, a son, Zachary Jordan, Aug. 1, 2007

**Michael Kaleta '97** and wife, Debra, a son, Michael Robert III, Aug. 22, 2007

**Holly Kapuschinsky Magalengo '97** and husband, Scott, a daughter, Aislin Shae, May 5, 2007

**Marlena Zappile Thomas '97** and husband, **Kirk Thomas '98**, a daughter, Lia Sofie, Sept. 6, 2007

**Jennifer Davis Olds '98** and husband, Chris, sons, Tanner Aspen, Oct. 2, 2004, and Collin Christopher, Aug. 10, 2006

**Jill Yendrzeiwski Beddingfield '99** and husband, Kevin, a daughter, Sydney, May 17, 2007

**Stacey Cardell Consentino '99** and husband, **Michael Consentino '98**, a son, Michael, June 25, 2007

**Erin High Cover '99** and husband, Steven, a daughter, Mackenzie, April 19, 2007

**Patty Mullen Doan '99** and husband, Rick, a daughter, Audrey Leigh, June 12, 2007

**Jaclyn Janowicz Schaeffer '99** and husband, Wes, a son, Zander Joseph, Sept. 10, 2007

**Shelly Levan Stokes '99** and husband, Carl, a daughter, Jillian Kate, Feb. 24, 2007

**Eliza Ayers Booth '00** and husband, Michael, a son, Kordell Charles, May 24, 2007

**Diane Sommers Reese '00** and husband, David, a daughter, Keira Elizabeth, Sept. 10, 2007

**Sherry Goliash Rine '00** and husband, Wade, twin sons, Gavin Riley and Garrett Austin, May 19, 2005, and a son, Landyn Wade, March 9, 2007

**Kate Mickel Schmidt '00** and husband, **Jason Schmidt '00**, a daughter, Carly Ann, Sept. 10, 2007

**Angela Shoffler Charnosky '01** and husband, Andrew, twin daughters, Brook and Addison, June 29, 2007

**Stacy Au Jachowicz '01** and husband, **Joe Jachowicz '00**, a daughter, Jenna Lynn, Jan. 15, 2007

**Kristin Metzger Lahr '02** and husband, Carey, a daughter, Madison, June 18, 2006

**Greta Keller Rosler '02** and husband, **Shawn P. Rosler '00**, a son, Wesley Patrick, Aug. 30, 2007

**Laura Seigfried Seward '02** and husband, Jeremy, a daughter, Emily, June 21, 2007

**Jasmine Slingwine Corazza '03/07M** and husband, Al, a daughter, Eve Mary, Aug. 15, 2007

**Leslie Barrows Steese '04** and husband, **Jonathan Steese '04**, a son, Connor Adam, Oct. 2, 2006

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**Kyle Kern** is head varsity basketball coach at Allentown Central Catholic High School.

**Aaron Menapace** was named Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association Athletic Administrator of the Year. He is employed as the director of interscholastic athletics at Hamburg Area School District.

**'89 Wendy Blass**, an English teacher in the Berwick Area School District, earned her master's in curriculum and instruction degree from BU in 2007.

**Sharon Zuzelski Castano** is the internship and mentoring coordinator at Wilkes University.

**'90 Tammy Specht**, a certified accountant, joined the Gratz National Bank's Board of Directors.

**Patti Wylie** was a finalist for the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Award. She is a literacy coach for pre-kindergarten to sixth grade in East Lycoming School District.

**'91 John Andronis** is loan portfolio manager at Team Capital Bank.

**Gerald Blancard** performed with the Battle Creek Symphony as baritone soloist in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. His recitals have included appearances in Hawaii, San Francisco and Coldwater and Battle Creek in Michigan.

**Scott Frederick**, Susquehanna Township, is fiscal director for the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Staff Services.

**'92 Suzanne Davis Glowaski** earned her master's in education degree from Chestnut Hill College and is an interpreter for the deaf at BU.

**Sharon T. Kerstetter** is a family and consumer science teacher at the Central Columbia School District.

**Tom Paternostro**, a U.S. Navy Reserve petty officer first class, returned from military service in Iraq. A father of two, he is a social studies instructor at the Danville Center for Adolescent Females.

**'93 Kurt Davidheiser**, Boyertown, is an agent with Zuber Realty. He is a board member and past president of the Boyertown Area Wrestling Association.

**James Karaba** is principal of the Nellie F. Bennett Elementary School in the Point Pleasant, N.J., district, where he had served as assistant principal.

**Jeanette Underhill** teaches at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School in Lewistown.

**'94 Janelle Banack** is a part-time intervention specialist teacher for Lititz Elementary School.

**Chris Beadling**, president of BU's Alumni Association, is also president of the Doylestown Rotary Club.

**Stacey Hohenberg** (right) was promoted to manager of corporate marketing communication for ICF International. She earned her master's degree in 2007 from Johns Hopkins University.



**Mark Temons** was a finalist for the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Award. He has taught sciences, served as department chairman and coached at Bishop Neumann, Williamsport and Muncy high schools.

**'95 Michael Gillespie** and **Greg Orth** participated in the Tour de Pink—a three-day, 212-mile bicycle ride—which raised \$350,000 in support of the Young Survival Coalition.

**Marsha E. Wilkinson Kouf '95/02M** accepted a teaching position with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16, teaching deaf and hard of hearing students at Danville Middle School.

**Denise Teles** was awarded the local Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award. She works as a math teacher at Emmaus High School.

**'96 John D. Snyder** is a project manager and head of land development operations in the Chambersburg office of Rettew Associates Inc. of Manor Township.

**Lisa Stockmal Starcher** is the managing editor of Contact Lens Spectrum, a clinical trade journal for eyecare professionals.

## Recent grad gains alumni post

**N**ate Conroy '06 recently returned to BU as assistant director of alumni affairs, representing the university to current students and young alumni.

As a BU student, Conroy was president of the Community Government Association and one of three student representatives on the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Governors. He led campus tours for students and their parents as an Orientation Workshop Leader and represented BU in a very visible way when his image was used on a university billboard. After earning a bachelor's degree in secondary education/history Conroy taught social studies at Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School.

In his position as assistant to alumni affairs director Lynda Michaels, Conroy works with students and recent graduates to show them the benefits of staying connected to BU through the Alumni Association, from career development and networking to discounts on life insurance and car rentals. He invites them to become involved and introduces them to ways they may give back to BU as a mentor, volunteer or donor.

"This is the coolest job in the world," Conroy says. "I get to sit around and talk to people who are passionate about something we love."



Nate Conroy

## Marriages

**Mark Kessler '87** and Heather Hoshauer, March 20, 2007

**Joellen McGee '89** and Paul Davis, July 18, 2007

**Eric Deeter '90** and Beth Christian, July 13, 2007

**John L. Shultz '93** and Angela Ranck, Aug. 11, 2007

**Jeffrey Hibshman '94** and Gina Gahn, July 3, 2007

**Charles Hughes '94** and Ruth Jeanette Anna, July 7, 2007

**Becky Souder '95** and John Trochimowicz, Sept. 23, 2006

**Lisa Mull '96** and Justin Frantz, June 23, 2007

**Deborah Marinko '97** and Donny Nichani

**Meredith Marko '97** and Michael Harrigan, May 27, 2007

**Alicia Chesney '98** and Bobby Majcher, May 5, 2007

**Shane Mull '98** and Deanna Schreiber, June 2, 2007

**Kimberly Sisko '98** and Jeremy Ryzner, Aug. 11, 2007

**Nina Beacher '99** and Aaron Norakus '00, Sept. 9, 2006

**Stacey Emery '99** and Michael Campbell, May 9, 2007

**Jennifer Gaffney '99** and Michael Stower, July 14, 2007

**Heather Serfass '99** and John Maginn '01, Oct. 8, 2004

**Justine Boer '00** and Drew Frantzen, July 7, 2007

**Melissa Calucci '00** and Gregory Steber

**Angela Martin '00** and Russell Treas Jr. '05, June 2, 2007

**Michael Morella '00** and Sun Hwa Chung, June 2, 2007

**Megan Rowe '00** and Christian Skultety, July 30, 2007

**Susie Sweeney '00** and Ryan Callahan '00, July 7, 2007

**Susan Berryman '01** and Steven Moyer '99, July 7, 2007

**Danielle Kadingo '01** and R.C. Thompson, May 19, 2007

**Kristie Phelps '01** and Christopher Pietruszynski, Aug. 18, 2007

**Jeffrey Piazza '01** and Michelle McCabe, July 6, 2007

**Laura Renda '01** and Sean Porrovecchio, March 25, 2007

**Phillip Updegraff '01** and Kathleen Shue, June 30, 2007

**Kimberly Wilcox '01** and Aaron Welles, April 20, 2007

**Michelle Barbera '02** and Justin Shipe '03, Sept. 2, 2006

**Nicole Del Gotto '02** and Joel Harvey '01, Nov. 4, 2006

**Lori Effinger '02** and Ronald Gensil '03, April 10, 2007

**Scott Neuhard '02M** and Mary Beth Fitzgerald, March 15, 2007

**Rebecca Savoth '02** and Raymond Pastore '01, Sept. 9, 2006

**Kathleen Yerkes '02** and Patrick Wirth, June 14, 2007

**Chad Bellott '03** and Gretchen Walker, June 23, 2007

**Melanie Bennett '03** and Alan Nelson, Oct. 13, 2006

**Kendra L. Branchick '03** and Philip Martin, June 9, 2007

**Amanda Edelman '03** and Matthew Brown, Aug. 11, 2007

**Lauren Mallen '03** and Peter Spera '02, May 27, 2007

**Janene Marcus '03** and John W. Shank

**Heather McCarthy '03** and Roger Billman

**Tiffany Smith '03** and Geoffrey Worthington, June 30, 2007

**Tarah Sperrazza '03** and Brian Rawhouser, June 23, 2007

**Rebecca Callas '04** and Kevin Leonard '05, Sept. 28, 2007

**J. Rickelle Dennell '04** and Stephen P. Davis, July 19, 2007

**Elise Genco '04** and Juan Berrocal, Aug. 31, 2007

**Maura Luciano '04** and Patrick Irving, July 7, 2007

**Nicole Newhouse '04** and Justin Boyer, Oct. 14, 2006

**Lindsey Sampsell '04** and Chris Snyder, May 12, 2007

**Emily Shockey '04** and Dan Nystrom, July 7, 2007

**Katie Stott '04** and Gerard McNamara, July 2007

**Sarah Campbell '05** and David Spatz, July 7, 2007

**Amy Fox '05** and Court Kauffman, June 16, 2007

**Laura Gawthrop '05** and Brett Mitchley, July 7, 2007

**Karen E. Kratz '05** and Justin Sauder, April 21, 2007

**Tara Rynhart '05M** and Scott Varner, June 23, 2007

**Ashley Scheller '05** and Brian McHale, April 21, 2007

**Beverly Stoltzfus '05** and James Dawalt II, April 28, 2007

**Ashlee Howard '06** and Jedd Gardner, June 23, 2007

**Gina Ormont '06** and Jonathan Sabo '02, May 26, 2007

**Brandon Palmer '06** and Danielle Sheppard, June 9, 2007

**Debra Rudy '06** and Dustin Belack, Aug. 4, 2007

**Ashlie Dell '07** and Dale Sitler, June 9, 2007

**Jennifer Doria '07** and Jeffrey Sledjeski

**Nicholas Karnes '07** and Amy Bowman, March 10, 2007

**Karlen Reich '07** and Eric Light '06, May 19, 2007

**'97** Kimberly Shewack Babbish, West Hazleton, earned the doctor of audiology degree from the School of Audiology at Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Elkins.

**Kyrston Toomey Strauch** is teaching French and Spanish to junior and high school students at Lake-Lehman High School.

**'98** Christine Butcher Christman earned her master's degree in business administration, human resource management, from St. Joseph's University.

**Sherry Clements** joined Geisinger's Children's Miracle Network as northeast regional coordinator.

**Lyndell Davis** is vice-principal at Hopewell Valley Central High School.

## Minishak named vice president of digital sales for MSG Media



**Frank Minishak**

**F**ranks Minishak '84 was recently named vice president of digital sales at MSG Media, working closely with the MSG Interactive division to generate revenue through advertising and sponsorships.

As vice president of digital sales, Minishak is responsible for developing and executing a comprehensive digital sales strategy for all of MSG's digital platforms, including Web sites, broadband video, wireless and video on demand for Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, television networks MSG and FSNY, and the New York Knicks and Rangers.

**Michelle Heffner**, a member of the Pennsylvania Bar and Schuylkill County Bar, has been appointed as judicial law clerk for the Honorable Jacqueline Russell of the Court of Common Pleas, in Schuylkill County.

**Angela Heverling** received her law degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and now works for the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

**Derek Long**, North Salt Lake City, Utah, recently passed the Utah Bar Exam.

**Chris Robinson** is the athletic director at Broadway High School in the Massanutten District in Virginia.

**Laurie Chaple Schneider**, Pike County, is a marketing assistant with Affinity Advantage Financial.

**Todd Trembula** is a licensed acupuncturist and herbalist at the Charlotte Acupuncture and Wellness Center.

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Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815

**'99 Jennifer Aponick** is the supervisor of special education for Salisbury Township School District.

**Brian Gasper** is the principal of the Penn Kidder campus of the Jim Thorpe Area School District.

**Mike Montgomery** is director of marketing and business development at York-based SA Architects.

**Adam Nichols** opened a marketing and consulting firm in Langhorne.

**Vishal Petigara** joined Archer & Greiner P.C. in Haddonfield, N.J., as an associate.

**Irv Sigler**, BU's only Harlon Hill award recipient, is coaching varsity football at Thomas Fitzsimons High School in Philadelphia.

## Deaths

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|---|-------------------------------|
| Dorothy Bennetto Tubridy '27                | James R. Babcock '52          |
| Margaret A. Bacon '29                       | Harry J. Weist '56            |
| Lydia Rauch Davis Butler '31                | Ethel Herman Swayer '58       |
| Lois Hirlman Quick '31                      | Herbert Scheuren '59          |
| Lucile McHose Ecker '32                     | Ann L. Yurgis Socha '59       |
| Mary Cole Smith '32                         | George E. Nace '61            |
| Arlene Werkheiser Traub '32                 | Joanne Sipe Wimmer '63        |
| Mary Betterly Maiers '33                    | Frank C. Dowman III '65       |
| Pauline Reng Turek '33                      | Ann Rapella Turi '66          |
| Gladys Ritter Croman '34                    | Louise Holic DuBois '67       |
| Andrew Petro Sr. '34                        | Charles E. Wagner '67         |
| Letha Crispell Schenck '34                  | Judith Dobb Fairchild '68     |
| Ernest E. Line '35                          | Richard W. Lichten '68        |
| Beatrice "Bea" Kirchman<br>Hilderbrandt '36 | W. John Strong III '68        |
| Edward R. Phillips '36                      | James E. Shaughnessy '69      |
| Marian McWilliams Cohen '37                 | Robert E. Stroble '69         |
| Rowena Troy Barrall '38                     | Kathryn Endrizzi Walsh '69    |
| Mary T. Quigley '38                         | Harry K. Berkheiser Jr. '70   |
| Lawrence H. Klotz '41                       | Peter E. Parnell '70M         |
| Dora Taylor Smith '42                       | William L. Schappell '72      |
| M. Helen Keefer Schnure '44                 | Betty J. VanGorder '72        |
| Joseph V. Stulb '44-45 (Navy V-12)          | Neil K. Oberholtzer '73       |
| Cleo D. Kinney Pass '45                     | Robert M. Laubach '74         |
| Lorraine Utt Moyer '46                      | Bernard Salek '74             |
| Phyllis Schrader Walker '46                 | Terry L. Stellfox '74/88M     |
| Harry J. Bertsch '49                        | Marion Toolan Brieden '76     |
| Anthony Paulmeno '49                        | Catherine Reeve Stresing '76  |
| Leroy Keller Henry '50                      | Theodore Kalkbrenner '82      |
| Richard E. Jarman '50                       | Wendy J. Whitmoyer '82        |
| Donald R. Smethers '50                      | Barbara Kuchta Challenger '92 |
| Joseph E. Sopko '50                         | John F. Kowaleski '93         |
| Leah Wertman Fritz '51                      | Michael J. "Penguin" Buck '94 |
| Daniel Parrell '51                          | Kathleen Leshock Bressi '95   |

'00 **Tanya Bieski** earned her master's of science in nursing degree at Salisbury University. She is a certified family nurse practitioner in Berlin, Md. She was recently published in *Nursing Economics* for her thesis work on foreign nurse migration.

**Joy Hubshman** is marketing manager for the Masonic Village at Dallas, an active adult retirement community.

**Eric Lansberry** works as marketing coordinator for Caesars Pocono Resorts in Lakeville. He lives in Scranton.

**Dave Marcolla**, Lansdale, joined AT&T as marketing manager for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware markets.

**Michael Nguyen '00/02M** passed the Pennsylvania state boards for his physical therapy assistant license. He is teaching physical therapy at Central Pennsylvania College and working at Lancaster Orthopedic Group.

**Kevin Robatin**, a physician's assistant, joined the family medicine department at Geisinger Medical Group in Sunbury.

**Kelly Smaltz** is a sales associate with Coldwell Banker's Conshohocken office.

'01 **Sheri Ashman '01M**, Orwigsburg, is executive vice president of marketing at First National Bank of Chester County.

**Kimberly Boyce** is a merchandise buyer with Boscov's Department Store, Reading.

**Elisabeth Erickson** received a master of liberal arts degree from Temple University in May 2007.

**Jessica Martin Fieldhouse** is a planner with First Capital Engineering of York. She has worked as an urban planner for five years and most recently was the city planner for York.

**Kim Gasper** received a master's of science in education degree from Graceland University in May 2007.

**Angela Muchler**, an audiologist, opened Susquehanna Valley Hearing Professionals at Brookpark Station, Lewisburg, in 2007.

**Kristie Phelps** is an interventional radiology technologist at Reading Hospital and Medical Center.

'02 **Fred Fox** graduated with a master's in computer science degree from Stevens Institute of Technology in 2007.

**Ryan Quinn** is the educational services officer for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard at Ft. Indiantown Gap, Annville.

**Peter Spera** is a manufacturing manager with Havis-Shields Equipment Corp, Warminster.

'03 **Allison Carr** received a second national interpreting certificate from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf in December 2006.

**Benjamin Inners** was promoted to captain in the Air Force in May 2007. He is based in Colorado.

**Matthew Kenenitz** teaches English at MMI Preparatory School.

**Kendra Branchick Martin**, Mechanicsburg, is director of media relations for Gettysburg College.

**Lois O'Boyle** was accepted to the graduate program in marine biology at the University of West Florida.

**Angela Runciman** is studying comparative literature in the doctoral program at SUNY Binghamton. She began teaching in fall 2007 after working as a graduate assistant with recruitment and admissions.

**Heather Vogt**, Williamsport, earned a master's degree in education from Wilkes University. She is a learning support teacher at Curtin Middle School.

## Corporate partners offer benefits to alumni, friends

**B**U alumni and friends can benefit from their university connection thanks to BU's corporate partners who offer special discounts while giving financial support to university students and programs.

The proceeds generated from the corporate partners program benefit the Athletic Scholarship Fund and the Celebrity Artist Series, according to Tom McGuire, director of sports information, marketing and promotions. Corporate partners not only sponsor events, but also provide additional rewards to those associated with the university. For example, several Bloomsburg area restaurants offer discounts and some local hotels give special rates, McGuire adds. Other corporate sponsors include banks and credit unions, car dealerships, an amusement park and television and radio stations.

BU alums can show their support for these local businesses and take advantage of discounts when they return

to Bloomsburg for events like Homecoming and Alumni Weekend, McGuire says.

"The best aspect is these agreements are truly mutually beneficial. The athletic financial support boosts available scholarship dollars to help attract talented students to represent the university. Those associated with the Celebrity Artist Series help bring diverse cultural opportunities to our campus and the surrounding region, as well," says Jim Hollister, assistant vice president of university relations.

"For their efforts, the partners are recognized for their support of higher education and get great exposure for their businesses to our very large constituency," Hollister adds.

For a complete list of BU's corporate partners and links to their Web sites, visit [www.bloomu.edu/visitor/motels](http://www.bloomu.edu/visitor/motels). To become involved in BU as a corporate partner, contact Tom McGuire at (570) 389-4413.

# Husky Notes

**'04** Rebecca Callas is a probation officer with the state of New Jersey.

Amy Wilk, a speech-language pathologist with Geisinger Health South, Danville, holds a certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association.

**'05** Nicole Combs is a researcher at the University of Denver where she is pursuing a master's degree.

Timothy Finnegan is an eighth-grade learning support teacher at Haverford Middle School.

Kevin Leonard, Flemington, N.J. is a supervisor in the retirement group at Merrill Lynch.

Cynthia McMillin '05/'07M is a speech and language pathologist at St. Elizabeth/Humility of Mary Health Partners, Youngstown, Ohio.

Jason Scott is covering Silver Springs as a reporter for the Sentinel, Carlisle.

**'06** Kristie Anzulavich is a nurse practitioner in the sleep disorders center at Evangelical Community Hospital.

Lisa Bauman, Plains, a speech pathology graduate student, is the 2007 recipient of the \$1,000 Von Drach Memorial Scholarship. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies.

Kara Anne Boneillo is enrolled at Wingate University, where she is studying for a master's in education degree.

John Neil Della Croce '06M is enrolled in Temple University's dentistry program.

Justin C. Hill is teaching in the Donegal Area School District in Mount Joy.

Christopher Kuebler joined the police force in Upper Saucon Township.



## Cruisin' Seattle

BU alumnus Bill Garson '63 and his wife Dana of Seattle, Wash., hosted an alumni cruise aboard the Dana Lou II in late September. Among those attending the event were, left to right, front row: Pam Halstead '84, BU Alumni Director Lynda Michaels '87/'88M, Valerie Frey '93 and Kathy Rogers '71; and back row: Chris Billet '94, Bill Garson '63, former BU President Jessica Kozloff '07H, Dr. Steve Kozloff '07H and Nancy Anderson '58.

Gina Ormont Sabo is teaching 10th-grade English in Baltimore, Md.

Ronald Stump is a high school social studies teacher for the Schuylkill Technology Centers in Mar Lin.

Kristine Tofts (right) has entered first-year studies at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, W.Va. While at Bloomsburg, she was named outstanding biology senior student and received the Phi Kappa Phi Honors Program scholarship.



Joseph Yasinskas, Clarks Summit, teaches ninth-grade English and world history at Scranton Preparatory School.

**'07** Anthony Borgia, Factoryville, is athletic director and planning assistant room coordinator at Mountain View High School.

Jamie Houseknecht is a research associate with Becton, Dickinson and Co., a biomedical firm. He works within the biosensor performance and development department.

Kristen Koveleski was awarded the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society Award of Excellence. Koveleski is pursuing her doctorate in sport and exercise psychology.

Adriann Schick, Muncy, joined the audit staff of Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz.

Paul Zipko is employed as an automation engineer for EZ Soft, Inc., in Malvern. He is the son of Dawn and Ken Zipko '78.



Rebecca Funk Campbell

## Alumna leads WABC-TV

Rebecca Funk Campbell '83 was recently promoted to president and general manager of WABC-TV, ABC's flagship station in the largest television market in the nation, New York. In her new

position, she has overall management responsibility for the station, including its three digital TV channels, Internet site and "Live with Regis and Kelly," which is produced by WABC-TV.

Campbell had been president and general manager of WPVI-TV, the ABC affiliate in Philadelphia, since 2003. She joined the station in 1997 and served as program director and, later, as vice president of programming. Earlier in her career, Campbell worked at KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh, WFMZ-TV in Allentown and WGAL-TV in Lancaster. The Philadelphia Business Journal named her as a recipient of the 2007 Women of Distinction award.

She and her husband John are the parents of two children, Dylan and Taylor Anne.





# Calendar of Events

Noted ceramist and sculptor Toshiko Takaezu visits the new Academic Quad where 'Endless Circle,' the bell she cast on BU's campus in 1987, is installed. Friend and BU art professor Karl Beamer is shown at left.

## Academic Calendar

### Spring 2008

#### Spring Break Begins

Saturday, March 8

#### Classes Resume

Monday, March 17, 8 a.m.

#### Reading Day – No Classes

Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2

#### Classes End

Saturday, May 3

#### Finals Begin

Monday, May 5

#### Finals End

Saturday, May 10

#### Graduate Commencement

Friday, May 9

#### Undergraduate Commencement

Saturday, May 10

### Summer 2008

Session I - May 19 to June 27

Session II - July 1 to Aug. 8

Session III - May 19 to Aug. 8

## Art Exhibits

*Exhibits in the Haas Gallery of Art are open to the public free of charge. More information about shows is available at <http://departments.bloomu.edu/art/gallery.html>.*

#### Dylan Vitone

Photography, through Feb. 15

#### Yoshiko Shimano

Printmaking, Feb. 25 to March 28

#### Juried Student Art Exhibition

April 7 to 25

*For the latest information on upcoming events, check the university Web site:*  
[www.bloomu.edu/today](http://www.bloomu.edu/today)

## Celebrity Artist Series

*Events are held in Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall, or Carver Hall, Kenneth S. Gross Auditorium. For more information, call the box office at (570) 389-4409 or check the Celebrity Artist Web site at [http://orgs.bloomu.edu/arts/celebrity\\_list.htm](http://orgs.bloomu.edu/arts/celebrity_list.htm). Community Government Association cardholders pay half of the ticket's face value for all shows. Programs and dates are subject to change.*

#### Swing, Daddy-o: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Saturday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m.  
Mitrani Hall, \$20

#### Dreams in Motion: Paul Taylor Dance Company

Saturday, April 5, 8 p.m.  
Mitrani Hall, \$20

#### Broadway at Bloomsburg: Evita

Sunday, April 13, 8 p.m.  
Mitrani Hall, \$25

#### Wonderful Sound: Ninth Annual BU Jazz Festival Boby Zankel & The Warriors of Wonderful Sound

Friday, April 25, noon  
Mitrani Hall, \$5

## Concerts

*The concerts listed below are open to the public free of charge unless indicated otherwise.*

#### Chamber Orchestra: Spring Concert

Sunday, March 2, 2:30 p.m.  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church,  
123 N. Market St., Bloomsburg

#### Bloomsburg University-Community Orchestra Concert

Sunday, March 30, 2:30 p.m.  
Haas Center for the Arts,  
Mitrani Hall. Featuring Randall Wolfgang, oboe

#### Gospel Choir: Gospelrama

Saturday April 19, 3 p.m.  
Kehr Union, Ballroom

## Bloomsburg University-Community Orchestra Symphony Ball

Saturday, May 3, 6 p.m.  
Kehr Union, Ballroom; Reservations required, (570) 389-4289 or [mjelinkek@bloomu.edu](mailto:mjelinkek@bloomu.edu)

## Theater

*Tickets for theatrical productions are available at the Haas Center for the Arts box office Mondays through Fridays from noon to 4 p.m.*

#### Bloomsburg Players: Moonchildren

Wednesday to Sunday, Feb. 20 to 24, Alvina Krause Theatre, 226 Center St., Bloomsburg. For show times and tickets, call the Program Board ticket office, (570) 389-4340.

#### Bloomsburg Players: Lysistrata

Wednesday to Sunday, April 16 to 20, Alvina Krause Theatre, 226 Center St., Bloomsburg. For show times and tickets, call the Program Board ticket office, (570) 389-4340. Tickets go on sale March 17.

## Alumni Events

*Visit the alumni online community at [www.bloomualumni.com](http://www.bloomualumni.com) for further details or to register. For information, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (570) 389-4058, (800) 526-0254 or [alum@bloomu.edu](mailto:alum@bloomu.edu).*

#### Geisinger BU Alumni Reception Florida Alumni Mixer

February (dates to be announced)

#### Maryland Alumni Mixer

Thursday, Feb. 7

#### Basketball Alumni Reunion

Saturday, Feb. 9

#### Alumni Mixer in Charlotte, N.C.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

#### Carver Hall Chapter Dinner and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy performance

Saturday, Feb. 16

## Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 23

## Philadelphia Alumni Mixer at Philadelphia Phantoms Hockey Game

March (date to be announced)

## Harrisburg Alumni Mixer

Thursday, March 6

## Northern Virginia Alumni Mixer

Friday, March 7

## Carver Hall Chapter Wine and Cheese Social

Thursday, March 13

## Lehigh Valley Alumni Mixer

Thursday, March 20

## Wyoming Valley Alumni Mixer

Thursday, March 27

## Alumni in the Classroom Week

Monday to Friday, April 7 to 11

## Alumni Weekend

Friday to Sunday, April 11 to 13

## Alumni Awards Luncheon

Saturday, April 12

## Grad Finale

Wednesday and Thursday, April 16 and 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, May 17

## Jesse Bryan/John Cook

Multicultural Alumni Weekend  
Friday to Sunday, June 27 to 29

## Special Events

### Siblings' and Children's Weekend

Friday to Sunday, April 11 to 13

### Renaissance Jamboree

Saturday, April 26

### Parents and Family Weekend

Friday to Sunday, Sept. 12 to 14

### Homecoming Weekend

Friday to Sunday, Nov. 1 and 2

# Over the Shoulder

By Robert Dunkelberger, University Archivist

Bloomsburg University Archives



The original barn, related outbuildings and a field of corn and cabbage can be seen in the foreground in this 1893 photograph. In the background is the dormitory complex, later Waller Hall.

## Barns, Hogs, and Crops: A Look at the Campus' Rural Past

The last remnant of Bloomsburg University's agricultural past, the old barn, disappeared from campus 50 years ago, ending nearly 90 years of farming and animal husbandry as a part of daily life for students and faculty.

For the school to grow from a literary institute to a normal school in 1869, a dormitory had to be constructed to house students and faculty. Equally essential was a barn to house their horses and to store the equipment needed to plant and harvest the farmland east of campus. The first barn was built in 1870 where Luzerne Hall is now located, and the crops grown nearby helped to supplement the food served in the dining hall.

In 1894, the site of the barn was needed for an employees' dormitory. The barn was torn down and a new one was constructed in the area of the current Northumberland Hall. The new barn was two stories tall with more than 1,500 square feet available for use as a stable and for storage of the school wagon.

The raising of animals gained renewed importance following the 1903 purchase of Buckalew Place, now the president's residence. Two years later, Principal Judson Welsh suggested that a "piggery" and slaughter house be built near Buckalew to provide meat for the dining hall and to take care of the school's extensive garbage problem. The hogs could eat it!

Although employees continued to perform the primary work involved in growing crops, faculty member Daniel S. Hartline began a biology program

in 1913 for students to learn about agriculture. During the first two years, students grew more than \$1,000 worth of vegetables on plots of land where Elwell Residence Hall is now located. Most of the crops went to the dining hall and included onions, radishes, lettuce, tomatoes, potatoes, corn and cabbage.

Student involvement soon ceased, however, and by the mid-1920s the effort produced such a limited amount of food that it became a money-losing endeavor. In 1927, President Francis Haas asked the Trustees to approve the removal of the Buckalew "piggery" and end all college-sponsored agricultural work. Farming was completely phased out a year later.

The old barn remained in use for the storage of plumbing and carpentry supplies and lawn machinery, but its days were numbered when the carpentry shop was completed in 1938. With plans in place by 1955 to build a new men's residence hall, the barn was razed during summer 1958 to clear the way for Northumberland Hall. The last trace of the campus' rural past was no more.



This winter photo of the 1894 campus barn, taken about 1950, shows the Class of 1917 greenhouse to the left. In the background is Navy Hall and to the right are swing sets for students in the Ben Franklin Training School.

# The University Store.



## Maroon and gold at heart.

Showing their Husky pride are, left to right, BU students Mallory Byle, a senior from Jim Thorpe; Allyson Yacovelli, a junior from Lewisville; Ashley Adams, a senior from Elysburg; Ashley Kunkle, a junior from Slatington; and Nicole Hale, a sophomore from Philadelphia.

Brown. Red. Black. Turquoise. Lavender. Burnt Orange. Lime Green. And Pink...make that *Hot Pink!* Traditional styling comes in untraditional colors today as fans show their Husky pride in T-shirts of various hues. But no matter the color, every T-shirt and every fan are true maroon and gold at heart!

Priced at just \$9.99 each, the 100 percent cotton T-shirts with the white full-chest design add a certain zip to anyone's collection of BU attire. A great new look as BU ushers in a new era, the shirts are available in adult sizes small to XXL, with some colors sized for children, too.

For more traditional tastes, the University Store stocks a full range of BU hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts and other attire in the customary maroon, gold, gray and white. And all Husky fans can find hundreds of giftware items and BU apparel, as well as gift cards in any amount, at the University Store, open seven days a week and online at [www.bloomu.edu/store](http://www.bloomu.edu/store).

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Paul Taylor has used bodies in motion to illustrate aspects of life since 1954. His choreography, known for its extraordinary athleticism and naturalism, is showcased in PBS's American Masters series program, "Dancemaker." EU's unique program includes a new dance, "De Sueños," meaning "of dreams," set to music from the Kronos Quartet's CD, "Nuevo." Also on the program are "Musical Offering" (1986) and "Cloven Kingdom" (1976). The 2008 tour, part of American Masterpieces: Three Centuries of Artistic Genius, is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for EU students and children ages 12 and younger. For information, call the Haas Center Box Office at (570) 369-4400.

Leap into Entertainment



Espinade photo - Lois Greenfield

## Paul Taylor Dance Company

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## Work vs. Good Work

*Prof studies personal values in the workplace*

For Joan Miller, assistant professor of nursing, there is a difference between “work” and “good work”—and that difference can turn a job into an inspired and rewarding career.

Miller has taught in BU’s nursing department for 13 years. During that time, she noticed nursing students were becoming increasingly jaded toward their future profession, prompting her to look into ways of encouraging excellence and moral accountability among nurses entering the workforce.

Miller soon discovered The GoodWork Project, Harvard professor Howard Gardner’s multidisciplinary study of good work—work that is excellent in quality, socially responsible and meaningful.

Although research on business, journalism and law were already in progress, no studies had been conducted in the nursing field. So, Miller interviewed 24 professional nurses at various stages of their careers to determine why they are in the profession, establish their values and beliefs and learn how they overcome obstacles in the workplace with those values in mind. She found that the values those nurses developed early had the strongest hold on them later in life. With this in mind, Miller determined that ethical standards for nurses should be taught early in their education and reinforced later.

Miller incorporated the idea of good work into a freshman nursing seminar course last fall and found that mentors often inspired these values in young nurses. “Role models— from one’s family or profession— are essential,” Miller says. “Students enter this profession because they want to help others and, when asked about values that support their desire to be a good nurse, they say they wouldn’t compromise the integrity they learned from those mentors.”



Joan Miller

## Music to Their Ears

**Program earns accreditation**

BU’s music program earned accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). BU’s program is one of 617 programs accredited nationally.

“Reviewers visited campus two years ago and again last spring,” says Stephen Clickard, chairperson of the music department. “They examined our curriculum and facilities and listened to our students and ensembles perform. They were interested in the musicianship level of our students as they enter and exit our program. Our students did very well.”

Enrollment in BU’s music program, which consists of tracks in music education certification K-12, audio/video recording and liberal arts, has grown from 14 majors in 1997 to 76 majors in 2007. The department has eight full-time faculty and four adjunct faculty.



Eric Foster

## Journalistic Perspective

*Media pros share expertise*

Journalism professor Walter Brasch moderates a discussion panel during the Journalism Institute, a day-long event attended by about 150 high school students and their advisers. Panelists included Mike Lewis, WNEP-TV anchor; Justin Walden, national media specialist for Geisinger Health System; Brandi Mankiewicz '94, associate publisher of Journal Newspapers; and Joanne Arbogast, managing features editor for the Daily Item, Sunbury, and editor of Inside Pennsylvania magazine. Other BU graduates participating in the institute were Andy Heintzelman '85, editor for the News-Item, Shamokin; Sam Bidleman '76, newspaper adviser at Bloomsburg High School; Pat Trosky '95M, features and entertainment editor of the Citizen's Voice, Wilkes-Barre; Danielle Lynch '07, reporter for the Daily Local News, West Chester; MaryJayne Reibsome '02, graphics and Web designer; Nicole Clark '07, a graduate student in BU's institute for interactive technologies; Matt Colosimo '06, BU broadcast engineer; and Jonathan Gass '05, copy editor and page designer for the Patriot-News, Harrisburg.

## Sharing Experience

*Program brings young profs to BU*

A new program offers young professors the opportunity to develop their professional skills while they live, work and teach at BU. The Frederick Douglass Teaching Scholars program, designed for recent graduates of doctorate programs and graduate students entering the final stages of doctorate study, welcomes applicants from historically under-represented populations who want to gain experience working as faculty members.

The program encourages diversity within the campus community and exposes students to different cultures and ideas, according to provost James Mackin. Frederick Douglass Teaching Scholars are also introduced to the benefits of working at BU and have the opportunity to become involved in campus organizations and initiatives.

The first Frederick Douglass Teaching Scholars, Wazi Apoh, assistant professor of anthropology, and Ivan Turnipseed, assistant professor of business management, have created and taught specialty courses, worked with student organizations on campus and served as temporary faculty members within their departments. Turnipseed, who specializes in the hospitality industry and human resources management, has taught courses in both fields. Apoh, who is from Ghana, created two new courses focusing on the archaeology of Africa and the anthropology of human rights.



Eric Foster

**Ivan Turnipseed, assistant professor of business management, left, and Wazi Apoh, assistant professor of anthropology, are BU's first Frederick Douglass Teaching Scholars.**

"The scholars gain teaching experience and, hopefully, learn from our institution," says Jonathan Lincoln, assistant vice president for academic affairs. "Students can take specialty courses they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to take. Current faculty have the chance to mentor and learn from the new faculty members, and our future applicant pool increases. In my opinion, this program is a win for everyone involved."



## Forward Motion

### Redman Stadium renovations begin

Renovations are underway at Redman Stadium, home of the Huskies since 1974. After gaining approval from the Council of Trustees in late-December 2007, work moved ahead on the project that features a press box with elevator, new rest rooms, artificial turf field, track and field facilities, new railings, a new parking lot and new visitor bleachers. Many of the improvements will bring the stadium into compliance with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Trustees accepted the bid of \$3.2 million, along with an additional \$250,000 for lights, pending approval from the Federal Aviation Agency. The FAA's decision is expected later this year.







# Volcano Watcher

STORY BY MARK E. DIXON

**CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, USA Today and National Geographic are just a few of the media outlets that have turned to Carolyn Driedger '75 for an understanding of activity at Mount St. Helens and Mount Rainier from her vantage point at the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascades Volcano Observatory.**

**Snow-capped Mount Rainier is a picturesque – and potentially dangerous – backdrop to many communities in Washington state.**

Carolyn Driedger '75 left Pennsylvania in the 1970s to study glaciers. U.S. glaciers were all out west, so it was in Washington and Alaska that she first had the opportunity to observe these large chunks of ice and how bureaucrats respond to them. In Alaska, Driedger and her colleagues in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) reported to officials that Alaska's Columbia Glacier was calving off icebergs at an accelerating rate.

"People laughed," Driedger recalls.

Silly bureaucrats. In 1989, while trying to dodge one of those bergs, the Exxon Valdez oil tanker struck a reef and spilled 10.8 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound. Cleanup cost millions. Today, researchers predict that the 30-mile-long Columbia Glacier will fully disintegrate within 50 years, to be replaced by a water-filled fjord.

But the spill wasn't Driedger's turning point.

What changed her life was a visit on May 17, 1980, to Coldwater Ridge, an observation point in southwestern Washington from which volcanologists were monitoring a long-dormant—though rumbling—volcano five miles away.

Driedger, interested in the effect of volcanic action on glaciers, was there to share her know-how. The mountain was covered with glaciers and she hoped to track the effects of its increasing warmth upon them. "The volcanologist on duty, David Johnston, said it wasn't safe there and told me to



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After the eruption of Mount St. Helens, politicians realized what a volcano could do. In addition to the 57 dead, Mount St. Helens had destroyed 27 bridges, nearly 200 homes and 185 miles of highway. Rocks from the landslide and lateral blast covered 230 square miles.

go home for the night," she says. The next morning, she was driving back to the volcano when she witnessed the catastrophic landslide and eruption, which swept away the observation point on Cold-water Ridge, opened a gaping hole in the volcano and reduced the volcano's summit elevation by more than 1,300 feet. Johnston, whose last words to headquarters were, "Vancouver, Vancouver, this is it," was killed.

In retrospect, the disaster created a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," says Driedger.

Suddenly, politicians realized what a volcano could do. In addition to the 57 dead, Mount St. Helens had destroyed 27 bridges, nearly 200 homes and 185 miles of highway. Damage to public property alone was estimated at \$1.1 billion—in a rural, mostly forested area. Rocks from the landslide and lateral blast covered 230 square miles and the volcanic layers, which were an average depth of 150 feet, measured more than 600 feet deep in places.

Much of the damage was caused by the lahar, or volcanic mudflow, that followed the eruption, not the eruption itself. A lahar is a flow composed of volcanic rock and ash and water that descends the slopes of a volcano, usually along a river valley. The water—which binds the debris together and provides its motive force—was supplied by the ice previously on the summit.

"Removal of snow and ice on the volcano doesn't happen as quickly as you might think," says Driedger. "A lot of ice was probably vaporized on that day, but a



Courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey

Volcanic ash still exists in much of the land surrounding Mount St. Helens, significantly altering the area's environment.

lot of it also went down the valley in the lahar. Some ice remains on the mountain today."

Other disasters re-emphasized this concept. In 1985, the eruption of Columbia's Nevada del Ruiz volcano produced a lahar more than 130 feet high with a top speed of 40 miles per hour. The lahar swamped the town of Armero, killing 23,000 people. In the Philippines, the lahar which followed the 1991 Pinatubo eruption killed hundreds of people while the eruption killed significantly fewer people.

"Around that time, (USGS) realized that we would have mud flows in an eruption," she says. "So we decided that we'd better figure out how much snow and ice we had to deal with."

Driedger and her colleagues performed hundreds of measurements on Cascades volcanoes, using a portable "ice radar" system that sends and receives an electronic pulse.

"The electrical conductivity of ice is different than with rock," she explains. "So, by sending an impulse and measuring how long it takes to return, we can determine the thickness of the ice."

More than a dozen major volcanic peaks are sprinkled around Oregon, Washington and northern California, but the closest to a major population center is Mount Rainier, only 54 miles from Seattle and the nearly 600,000 people who live there. Other cities—Tacoma (194,000) and Puyallup (33,000)—are closer.

"As it turned out, there is about one cubic mile of perennial snow and ice on Mount Rainier," says Driedger. "It's as much as on all the other Cascades volcanoes combined." Because of the volcano's massive ice load and close proximity to large populations, USGS considers Rainier the most dangerous volcano in the Northwest. Geologi-



Driedger stands beside the stump of a tree leveled by a prehistoric lahar.

cal studies, previously performed in the 1960s and '70s, have been updated during the past decade and the mountain is now studded with sensors.

"People won't listen to you when things are quiet," says Driedger. "Plus, we at USGS realized that we had to beef up the monitoring of Cascade volcanoes."

Today, Driedger—assigned to the USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory—and her colleagues know if Mount Rainier so much as wobbles. But that's only the scientific part of the story.

According to Driedger, USGS had no mechanism of communicating what its newer studies and measurements and sensors revealed. In the years since the 1980 eruption, the agency had compiled copious statistics, but they mostly sat on the shelf.

Driedger proposed an outreach program to educate officials and the public about volcanic and seismic hazards. In 1995, USGS agreed and appointed her to run it.

"I was the only one who had a background in education because of my Bloomsburg days," explains Driedger, who had been an earth science education major. "Plus, a lot of the phone calls were already coming to me because I was willing to talk to reporters."

Thanks to Driedger, USGS today has a multi-pronged educational program that reaches officials, emergency professionals and the general public. She organizes seminars for teachers and participates in drills that test emergency preparedness. She speaks frequently at public meetings, where she has learned to strike a moderate stance on development in lahar-prone areas.

"You can't say 'Don't build anything,'" she says. "So, what I suggest is that municipalities avoid putting their hospitals, police stations and other critical facilities on the valley floor." Typically, only structures on high ground survive lahars.

Evidence is abundant. When builders excavate foundations in Puyallup Valley, an area of weak unstable rock on Rainier's northwest side, they frequently unearth massive tree stumps that were buried by prehistoric lahars. But even that doesn't alter many building plans, says Driedger. If no regulations exist forbidding development, development will happen.

"The attitude is kind of, 'It won't happen for another hundred years, so what does it matter?'" she says.

Delivering such messages is a challenge, sympathizes Andrew Bacon, an environmental activist who serves on a local land-use commission in Pierce County,

Wash. Bacon frequently opposes proposed developments in areas subject to flooding, lahars and other hazards. Like Driedger, he is used to being ignored.

"Development laws ... allow developments to proceed which should be stopped," says Bacon, "including the big ones near Rainier which have a great chance of being wiped out in an eruption or lahar event." Most residents will be ignorant of the danger, he says, presuming that they are safe since they were approved.

So, as at the start of Driedger's career, officials who don't listen may be her biggest challenge.

But she still loves the mountains. Driedger grew up in a Blue Bell, Pa., family which headed west every summer. She chose Bloomsburg, in part, because of its mountain location. Then, as a sort of bonus, she scored a room on the top floor of Columbia Hall, where she lived most of her college career.

"It had a great view of the mountains," she recalls. "I also had great professors. Dr. Wendelin Frantz, who chaired the geography department, was so inspiring. He was always challenging us to ask questions and to not just make assumptions."

Married in 1992 to volcanologist Larry Mastin, Driedger and her husband live in Vancouver, Wash., with their daughter, Clara, whom they adopted from China in 1997.

"Clara is the most volcano-knowledgeable ballet dancer I know," she says. ■

Mark E. Dixon is a freelance writer in Wayne, Pa.

# World View

**Quality academic programs, reasonable costs and a friendly environment draw students to Bloomsburg from across Pennsylvania. The same traits also attract students from much farther away.**

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ERIC FOSTER

Until he stepped onto Bloomsburg's campus, Darpan Singhal, a native of Indore in central India, had never seen snow. Neither had Amreen Mosthapha from Bangladesh, Xianrui Meng of China or Marina Miranda of Brazil.

But Yulia Smotrova, a Russian student in Bloomsburg's master's of business administration program, says one of the things she misses about home "is the snow."

For Singhal and Miranda, growing up in cities where the typical winter temperatures are in the 50s (Fahrenheit), several inches of cold white stuff on BU's academic quad is something new and unique. For Muscovite Smotrova, several inches is a mere dusting that hardly counts.

The facts on the ground may be the same, but the perspectives students bring to campus from different locations around the globe are very different. These different perspectives are a valuable addition to the intellectual and cultural climate on campus, says Madhav Sharma, director of international education.

"International students bring the knowledge and experience of other cultures from around the world to our Pennsylvania students, who may never have traveled outside the U.S., so they may interact and understand globalization firsthand," says Sharma.

"In addition to bringing their perspective to the classroom, international students also spur American students to go abroad by their example. In a regular semester, we have 30 to 35 students study abroad and during the summer that increases to more than a hundred."

When Sharma arrived at Bloomsburg 15 years ago, there were about 50 international students on campus from a dozen counties. In 2007-08, Bloomsburg has 150 international students representing 58 nations.

Despite their varied experiences, international students choose Bloomsburg for many of the same reasons that native Pennsylvanians do: the reputation of academic programs, the small-town atmosphere and the affordability.

When Jessica Laasonen of Finland arrived at BU in fall 2006, she intended to stay just a year as an exchange student. But she found herself smitten with the town, the university and her classes.

The latitude that American students have when choosing classes is something Laasonen finds exciting. "In Finland, at the university level, you've already selected a track and that determines what courses you take," she explains. "I had a course in GIS (Global Information Systems) here that I would never be able to take outside of a technical school in Finland."

Smotrova, who earned a dual undergraduate degree from both Bloomsburg and the Moscow Finance Academy under the Government of the Russian Federation, chose to continue her graduate studies at Bloomsburg because of the strong reputation of BU's MBA program and of the American higher education system in general.

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Russian student Yulia Smotrova carries the Slovakian flag during BU's homecoming parade.





RU international students shown, left to right, are Amreen Mosthapha, Xianrui Meng, Darpan Singhal, Marina Miranda and Jessica Laasonen.

"I had a choice between Newcastle College in Great Britain or Bloomsburg," she says. "The United States is considered to have the best higher education system in the world. And Bloomsburg is affordable."

Bloomsburg is also attracting students through formal exchange programs with universities in other countries, particularly China. Xianrui Meng came to Bloomsburg in January along with three other students from Shandong University of Technology.

"This is a peaceful and beautiful town," says the student, who will spend the next 18 to 24 months at Bloomsburg completing his computer science degree.

More than 20 students from China currently are studying on campus, including Meng and his cousin. That number will continue to grow in the coming years with a cohort of about two dozen students expected to arrive in fall 2010 from Shandong University alone.

Bloomsburg has formal exchange agreements with eight universities in China and more than 20 universities worldwide. As the number of international students at Bloomsburg has grown, so has the positive "word of mouth."

"My sister had a friend who came here and said it was a good school for business," says Mosthapha, who looks forward to a career in the U.S. as a financial manager or marketing manager.

Miranda chose Bloomsburg based on the recommendation of her cousin, who earned a doctorate degree in audiology from BU. And Singhal, whose father is a doctor, selected Bloomsburg because he could complete the well-regarded graduate program in exercise science in just over a year.

While the academic programs attract students, the charm of the community keeps them.

"When I walk into the shops on Main Street, people remember me," says Laasonen, a junior business management major from Helsinki. "That doesn't happen in a city as big as Helsinki."

"Bloomsburg feels very safe," says Miranda, a senior mass communications major whose hometown, São Paulo, has 19 million residents, making it one of the largest cities in the world. "It was a little difficult to get used to such a small town."

Although the Bloomsburg community has much to offer, international students still face challenges. Food, transportation, customs and manners are all different from home.

"I'm a vegetarian and I have to cook all of my own food," says Singhal. "Our food is not like a salad you have here. We cook with 20 to 30 spices every day. Protein comes from nuts like cashews, almonds and pistachios."

Miranda misses the beans and rice that are a staple in Brazilian cuisine. And, even when Smotrova can locate the ingredients for a traditional Russian dish, she finds that the end result just doesn't taste the same.

Subtle cultural differences can bring on some homesickness, the students admit.

"One of the biggest differences was getting used to the American cheerfulness," says Smotrova. "In America, you have to wear a smile all the time. In Russia, we don't have to act happy if we aren't."

International students also discover a less-formal atmosphere in U.S. classrooms. "In India, you can't drink in class," says Singhal. "You have to wear a shirt



and trousers, and you stand when the professor walks into the room.”

Bloomsburg’s international students often bring an extra degree of seriousness to their studies. “My family taught me to invest in education, not in tangible things,” Smotrova says. “I think of education as a buffet. Get as much as you can.

“You’re here to be a better person, learn how to think logically, become open-minded,” says Smotrova, who took six classes a semester as an undergraduate and four a semester as a graduate student. “I will go back to Russia and help my country and make Russia a better place to live. I know I will be responsible for my parents, too.”

Singhal’s experiences in his family’s hospital have given him a special sense of purpose. “I’ve seen the gate between death and life. I think about why we are here in this world. Not about daily frustrations and problems, but why we are human. We should do something for humanity. Life goes in seconds and we should not waste it.”

Just as these students devote themselves to their studies, they enjoy opportunities to teach their classmates about their own cultures and homelands.

Laasonen, for example, says her American friends often believe Finland’s largest company, cell phone manufacturer Nokia, is located in Japan. “My countrymen are bothered by this, but I remind them that some American states have as many people as Finland. Do we know the names of all the American states?”

Smotrova believes physical distance contributes to Americans’ lack of knowledge about the rest of the world. “In Russia, you have neighbors. You feel it.

When you live in the United States, it’s the center of the world. France seems so far away.”

But there are signs of change, she says. “Three years ago, I helped professor Luke Springman from languages and cultures with a Russian class. There were five students. This year, when I helped, there were 25 students.”

Smotrova’s time away from Moscow has also given her an opportunity to see her home from a fresh perspective. “When I went back to Russia the last time, it was like I was the tourist,” she says. “I was taking pictures everywhere. For me, it was like a new country.”

Like Smotrova, many international students become informal ambassadors for their home countries. They march in BU’s homecoming parade each fall and, along with international faculty, host a banquet each spring semester that brings hundreds of guests from the campus and community. And, through the efforts of the international education office, international students and faculty serve as guest speakers with community organizations.

Laasonen says one of her most gratifying experiences occurred in Riverside Elementary School in the Danville School District where she talked to children about her home country and its holiday traditions.

In Finland, she says, “everyone knows that Santa Claus lives in Lapland, a northern region of the country, not the North Pole.

“At Riverside, the children asked me if reindeer were real,” she says. “I told them, ‘Yes they are, but they don’t fly.’” ■

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Stephan Pettit '89 knew he needed to set a personal goal to achieve his first professional success. A Harley-Davidson seemed like a logical choice.



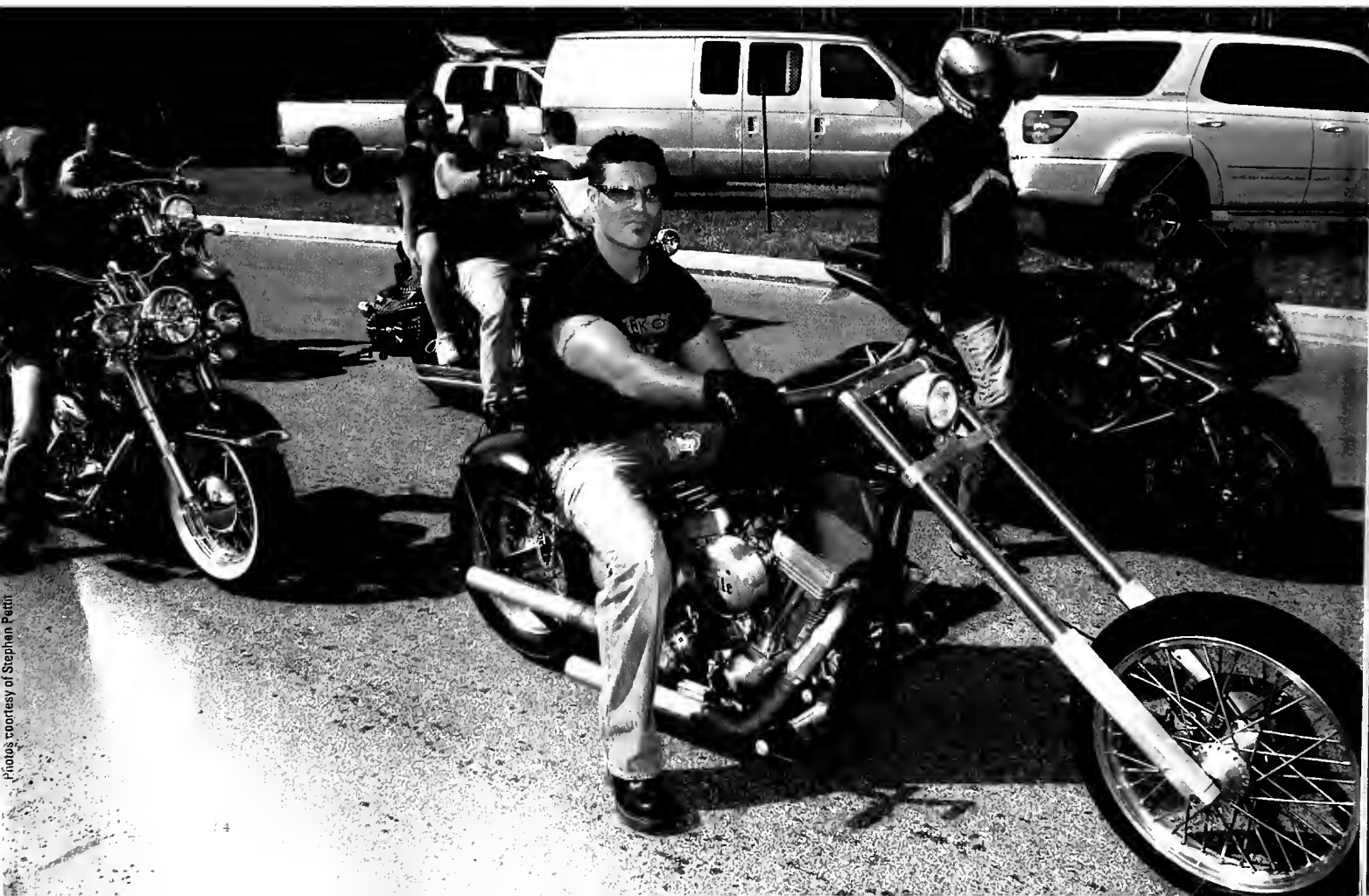
# Discipline and *Drive*

Ever drop off some old paint cans, cleaning products or batteries during a household hazardous waste cleanup drive? Or maybe read about some toxic waste site and wonder what happens to the dirt and other dangerous materials that are being dug up and hauled away? Stephan Pettit and his Tampa, Fla.-based

company, Clean Earth Systems, often play a role in the disposal of hazardous materials such as these.

Starting in 1993, Pettit, a 1989 Bloomsburg grad and Husky line-backer, has turned a small corrugated box company ("Don't call it cardboard!") into one of the main suppliers of hazardous waste containers.

Since much of the nation's hazardous waste is burned in special incinerators, it seems obvious that the best way to pack the material is in a container that can be burned at the same time. But until recently, a lot of the materials were put in storage drums. Aside from being nightmares to store, companies were left





with contaminated barrels that had to be crushed and thrown out in expensive, hazardous waste landfills when the time came to destroy the contents.

Not so with a corrugated box. While it's built extra strong—the biggest can hold three tons of material—it is totally combustible. Pack it up once, and that's it.

"This was a replacement for steel drums but in the beginning nobody knew what we were selling," Pettit says. "We came in with these corrugated boxes and were running into the old school network, you know, my daddy did drums and his daddy and so on. It was a really hard sell to begin with."

But a desire to sell—and the discipline to achieve tough goals—have been characteristics of the 40-year-old Pettit since he was a kid growing up in Middletown, N.J. His father owned a printing company and spent his entire career in printing sales. Pettit's father passed on a love of selling.

Sports also loomed large in Pettit's life. "I owe most of my professional career to sports," he says. "There's the teamwork and the discipline and all of that comes into play in business. I've said it many times—if it wasn't for football, I would not be where I am today."

After graduating from Middletown High School South, Pettit was recruited by various schools, including Princeton and Rutgers. Then, he got a call from Bloomsburg. It was 1984. Then-head coach George Landis was rebuilding the program and Pettit was excited to be part of it.

"I had been on recruiting trips to other schools, but when I got to Bloomsburg, I absolutely loved the school, the football program and the coaching staff," Pettit says. "You could tell they were going to be a heck of a program."

He was right. Pettit was part of the 1985 team that won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference title and was the first team in school history to win 12 games.

At Bloomsburg, Pettit earned a degree in mass communications, which he thought would help him in the business and sales world. He headed back to New Jersey, where his father convinced him to take a job selling photocopiers—one of the toughest sales jobs to have.

"There are certain tricks within the sales industry itself that I was taught very early on. One was setting a goal for yourself," Pettit says. "I always wanted a Harley-Davidson, so I had a picture of the Harley clipped on my sun visor.

"After you get kicked out of six offices in a row for bothering the receptionist as you try to sell a copier, it always helps to have the goal right there where you can see it. Something tangible you are working toward."

Pettit didn't get his Harley in the year he sold copiers, but he got it soon after moving to Tampa and taking a sales job with E. & J. Gallo Winery, where he worked for three and a half years.

Then a friend told him about environmental packaging. He researched the industry while still working at Gallo and, just a year after forming the business, he bought out his partner. In 1994 he became owner and president of Clean Earth Systems.

Starting with a warehouse and sales crew in New Jersey and Florida, Pettit has guided the company's growth across the country. Clean Earth Systems now has 12 warehouses with sales teams in each, about 30 employees total, and a goal of reaching more than \$10 million in sales this year.

Despite the hard work growing his business, Pettit still takes his

sports seriously. He competes in an ice hockey league and met his wife of almost five years, Diana, while he was head coach of the Tampa Bay Cougars minor league football team, a position he left in 2000. Diana, who is also vice president of the company, raises Arabian horses on the couple's ranch outside of Tampa, which they share with four horses and two dogs. The couple often travels to Vail, Colo., for snowboarding.



In his business, Pettit is eyeing the global market. His corrugated containers meet strict United Nations standards, so they can be used anywhere in the world.

And in his spare time, when he's not playing sports, he's reconnecting with his love of music and once again playing the guitar. This interest gave him his next tangible business goal: A Gibson Les Paul guitar.

"I have a goal of a certain dollar amount and growth rate for the company," Pettit says. "If we hit them in 2008, that Gibson is mine." ■

**Editor's note:** For more information about Clean Earth Systems, go to [www.cleanearthsystems.com](http://www.cleanearthsystems.com)

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Stephan Pettit, right, and Ashley Skrzypek, regional manager, take Clean Earth Systems on the road for a trade show. Opposite page: Pettit's passion for motorcycles inspired early business success; one of his company's products (top).

The mountaineer George Leigh Mallory said in 1922, 'If you cannot understand that there is something in man which responds to the challenge of this mountain and goes out to meet it, that the struggle is the struggle of life itself upward and forever upward, then you won't see why we go.' A BU alum is among the few who understand the challenge of the mountains.



# MAS' MOU

STORY BY LYNETTE MONG '08



When David Good played for the Huskies soccer team in the late '70s, he dreaded the run up Mount Olympus to Nelson Field House that was an inevitable part of practice. Nearly 30 years later, Good has a new appreciation for mountains—and he always takes a reminder of Bloomsburg University with him to the top.

Good, a member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament championship soccer team in 1979, continued to play soccer for many years after graduation, but by 1996 he was looking for another way to stay active. When a friend introduced him to rock climbing, Good caught on to the sport immediately. "I started doing more rock climbing, and the natural extension of rock climbing is mountain climbing. You

are always asking, 'How much bigger? How much higher?'" Good says.

Good climbed his first mountain, Grand Teton, in June 1998. At 6,530 feet, Grand Teton is the second highest peak in Wyoming and, for Good, it began a course of adventure that would take him to some of the highest points on the globe.

"Grand Teton was unlike anything I'd ever done before," Good says. "If mountain climbing is something you enjoy, you find that out pretty quickly. There's a lot of suffering that comes with climbing, between the early mornings, the cold, being dehydrated and hungry. Mentally, it's very tough. People probably fail more times because they think they can't do it, rather than not being able to do it physically. It's amazing what the body can do, but they let their minds take over.

"But I love the challenge of it, to see a mountain and wonder what's up there, and then figure out how to get up there myself."



tainly want a guide,” Good says, “but Aneto was the first major mountain I planned on my own.”

Since he began climbing, Good has conquered mountains in South America, Europe, Africa and Asia, along with the U.S. He has climbed 15 peaks in Colorado alone. Of the famed “Seven Summits”—the highest peaks on all seven continents—Good has conquered two: Mount Elbrus in Russia and Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Although he and his wife took a break from climbing following the birth of their daughter, Eleanor, in 2004, the appeal of the mountains hadn’t faded. Since opening his own investment consulting business last year, Good has been preparing to climb at least two more of the Seven Summits. He plans to climb Mount McKinley—also known as Denali—the highest peak in North America, in June and expects Mount Aconcagua,

# ENTERING MOUNTAINS

At a BU Alumni Association event in Atlanta, Good told former alumni director Doug Hippenstiel about his newfound interest in climbing. If Hippenstiel would send him a Bloomsburg University banner, Good joked, he would climb to the summit of his next mountain with the banner in hand.

“I always had a soft spot for Bloomsburg and, after seeing pictures of people on summits waving their sponsors’ banners, I thought it would be great to get Bloomsburg up there, too,” Good says.

“When Doug actually sent me such a nice banner, I thought, well, I better make it up to the top now,” Good laughs. Since then, the reminder of Bloomsburg has been with him on every climbing trip and has graced the tops of Kilimanjaro, Hood, Uncompahgre, Bierstadt, Antero, Sherman and many other peaks. “A couple of my climbing buddies know that on every mountain they get up with me, they’ve got to get a banner shot,” Good says.

In 2000, Good traveled to Spain with his wife, Janet, to climb Pico de Aneto in the Pyrenees. At 11,168 feet, Aneto was the first major overseas mountain that Good climbed without the aid of a guide. The couple prepared for their alpine ascent by running regularly and training with backpacks that weighed between 40 and 50 pounds. “When you first start climbing, you cer-

tainly want a guide,” Good says, “but Aneto was the first major mountain I planned on my own.”

And as for Everest? “If I can get Denali and Aconcagua under my belt, Everest may be a possibility. But if it doesn’t happen, I’ve climbed Island Peak in Nepal so I can at least say I’ve seen it, that I’ve stood in the shadow of it.”

For Good, the experience of the climb itself is just as powerful as reaching the summit. “When you’re camping out at night at 11,000 feet, when no one’s around and you’re above the trees, the view you get is something you can’t possibly experience in any other situation. That’s one of the most beautiful things about climbing for me.” ■

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Mount Sherman

# Many Feet, One

STORY BY KEVIN GRAY

In late December, 'CBS Sports Presents Championships of the NCAA' featured the story of one member of the 2007 BU women's cross country team, Bethany Schwing. But, for this close-knit team, the real story of the season is the heartaches and the victories that were shared by all.

There comes a time in every cross country race when pain begins to take hold. Exceptional runners expect the pain and push through it. This is true of exceptional teams, as well. Want proof? Consider the amazing season of BU's 2007 women's cross country team.

The hard work began last May when members of the team set a goal to qualify for nationals. Their dedication to achieving that goal was evident from the first race of the season at Buffalo State College, says coach Karen Brandt.

"They went out there with the attitude that they were the best in the race and that they could beat anyone," notes Brandt, who has coached the Huskies men's and women's teams for nine seasons. "You need that kind of confidence to go out and run as hard as you can when you know in advance that it is really going to hurt. This is not a sport for the faint of heart."

Off the course, the team faced a different type of pain. In September,

Kevin Schwing, father of junior Bethany Schwing of Hershey, was paralyzed from the neck down when he fell while trimming a tree. Schwing and her teammates were optimistic when his condition improved enough that he could be moved into a rehabilitation program; however, in mid-October, he developed a blood clot in his lung and died suddenly.

For the self-proclaimed "daddy's girl," the loss was overwhelming. Kevin Schwing, a standout track and cross country runner at West Virginia University, was an integral part of his daughter's athletic accomplishments. "He was always my coach and my best friend," she says.

It was running and the support of her teammates that helped her through her grief. Running, she says, was a refuge that "made sense." The team still had goals to achieve and she returned to practice just days after her father's funeral.

"My father brought me up to believe that you always finish and if something bad happens, you find a way around it," she says. "I just couldn't imagine being without my team. It sounds like such a little thing, but with everything in my life falling apart, they were very normal."

## One for the Record Books: BU Women's Cross Country 2007



Karen Brandt

- First Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) championship
- First National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) East Regional title
- PSAC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year, Karen Brandt
- United States Track, Field and Cross Country Coaches Association East Region Coach of the Year, Karen Brandt
- First trip to the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships
- First women's runner to receive All-American Honors, senior Amber Hackenberg

# Heart

Returning to the routine of practices and competition, the team made its way to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) meet where three teammates finished in the top 15—senior Amber Hackenberg of Mifflinburg, fifth; sophomore Andrea Kellock of Lansdale, ninth; and Schwing, 13th. The trio followed up that performance by finishing in the top 10 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) East Regional, with Hackenberg finishing sixth, Kellock, seventh, and Schwing, ninth. And, Bloomsburg capped off its amazing season by finishing 15th out of 24 in the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships held at Missouri Southern University.

"The girls were motivated for the team above any individual goals or leadership roles," Hackenberg explains. "I truly didn't believe that we would have a chance to go to nationals until PSACs. The PSAC race, which was run in the mud and rain, showed me that the girls could do this."

And they proved it. For Coach Brandt, there were many highlights from the 2007 season, from the determination she saw in her runners in the first race to the unbridled joy they showed at nationals. "They were so excited and happy," she recalls. "Whenever we were in the van that weekend they were singing and laughing and just feeling in love with being alive and young and being at nationals."

As for the coach of the year awards Brandt amassed, she is



Keith Haupt

Running was a refuge for Bethany Schwing, center, during the 2007 season.

quick to share the honors. Her assistant coach—and husband—Jim Brandt has been a key architect of the team's success, she explains.

"The awards are definitely not mine alone," she says. "Jim and I work together in all aspects of building our team and then training and coaching the athletes. Nothing happens with regard to our team without the efforts of both of us."

The 2007 Bloomsburg women's cross country team demonstrated that great effort can yield great rewards. Maybe more important to their success was that, in what predominantly is an individual sport, the Huskies fought through the pain together. ■

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# Outdoor

STORY BY BECKY LOCK



Courtesy of Aaron Myers

***For years, community recreation programs have been dominated by traditional sports—baseball, tennis, basketball. But with the help of a BU alum, one community’s program is giving residents a taste for adventure.***

icture this: Your kayak is sailing smoothly down a river. Mere feet ahead of you, the horizon line drops. Nineteen feet, straight down.

“You don’t know what’s below. But, you push yourself through it,” says Aaron Myers ’03. “It’s exhilarating. You’re pushing your mental and physical ability.”

The 28-year-old Harrisburg native continues to push himself and his fellow adventurers, just as he once did on the Youghieny River, where he kayaked and led paddling trips as a member of BU’s Quest program. Now he is outdoors supervisor for the college town of Blacksburg, Va.

His love for adventure is a deep-seated one, with roots firmly planted by his parents. “Ever since I could remember, there have been

family outings, hikes, canoe and kayak trips,” the Eagle Scout says. “During summers, Dad and I would go on the Susquehanna Sojourn, a weeklong canoe trip that teaches about the Susquehanna River’s impact on the Chesapeake Bay.”

After two internships, Myers was sure he wanted a career that combined personal adventures with continued education. “I wanted to work in the adventure field and teach. And, I ideally wanted a college environment,” he says.

“I was working with high school and college kids before and now I’m working with the community, families and young professionals. Now it’s the first-timer coming out on a trip, the family out to have a good time and doing things in their backyard,” Myers says.

Blacksburg gives Aaron a budget of \$30,000 to \$40,000. With this,

he offers residents a chance to try something different than the softball, baseball or swimming leagues commonly found in municipal recreation programs. So far, Myers has organized and led kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing and caving trips. Educational programs examine topics such as bike maintenance and animal tracking.

He also develops programs, budgets and business plans; coordinates with outside vendors, landowners and university staff; and interviews and

hires crews to run trips. “I’m the only person running the entire program,” Myers says. “I have to have enthusiasm and energy. I deal with unseen problems and roadblocks but have to stay positive and keep the energy flowing for the kids.”

“I’m putting together an environmental education program and trying to re-establish the nature center here. There’s also the marketing side of it. It’s a one-man show.”

Blacksburg appears to have picked the right man for that show.

Myers says he loves to introduce “raw beginners” to an activity and foster in them a love for it. “It’s all about the right attitude. We follow a ‘challenge by choice’ approach. We want to create a safe, comfortable environment for you. You set your own goals and limits. It’s your trip; there’s no competition. Just have a good time.” ■

*Editor’s note: To learn more about Blacksburg’s recreation program, see [www.blacksburg.gov/recreation](http://www.blacksburg.gov/recreation).*

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# Building community one friend at a time.

Bloomsburg University's Frederick Douglass Living and Learning Community brings together students from varied ethnic backgrounds to live, study and grow together. Students learn to embrace diverse points of view through field trips, workshops and lectures. Their residence hall becomes an extension of the classroom.



The Frederick Douglass Living and Learning Community is one of 10 focused communities at Bloomsburg. These include Civic Engagement, Social Justice, Honors, Presidential Leadership, Education, Sciences and Health Sciences, Fine Arts and Humanities, Business and Helping Professions.

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Photos courtesy of Ted Williams

# Running for Mariah

STORY BY LAURIE CREASY

Parents often say they'll do anything for their children. Ted Williams '85 attempted a grueling physical ordeal to show his 10-year-old daughter that anything is possible.

Ted Williams '85 always thought taking on a 48-mile Grand Canyon rim-to-rim-to-rim run would be exciting ... someday. "Then I realized that someday is now," he says.

The financial adviser for Ameriprise in Lancaster, Pa., attempted the R2R2R as a test of his determination and stamina, of course, but he had an additional reason. "I wanted to show my daughter Mariah that anything she sets her mind and heart to, she can do," he admits. "I just want her to know she shouldn't let her physical limitations hold her back."

Mariah, who turned 10 in January, has cerebral palsy. Like many girls her age, she studies the piano, does well in school and loves to sing. She had the lead in her church's Christmas musical last year and her favorite activity is swimming with her mom, dad and younger sister, Gianna.

But, she's also faced more challenges than most children. She's endured Botox injections and physical therapy. She can walk, but not well, after several surgeries and missed the last month of first grade as she recuperated from operations on both of her legs.





**The goal of Ted Williams, left, and his friend Ralph Herr was to complete a 48-mile run of the Grand Canyon in just 24 hours. Opposite page: Williams passes an enormous boulder along a narrow trail.**

"She was laid up in bed for three months, and it took about a year until she improved her walk," her father says. She used a wheelchair and walker for several months, but refused to take her walker with her when she entered second grade, he adds.

Proud of his daughter's determination, Williams hoped to further inspire her by taking on a challenge of his own. "I realized if I told her she could do anything she wanted," he recalls, "I've got to do it, too."

Williams admits the R2R2R quickly became more difficult than he anticipated and, several hours into the 24-hour run, he wanted to quit. The longest he'd ever run at one stretch was about two hours. Now he was going to multiply that by 12—a brutal task that some might call impossible. Yet he couldn't go back. "How was I going to tell her I couldn't do what I planned to do?" he asks.

He and his friend, Ralph Herr, started at 4:30 in the morning one day last spring. On the south side of the canyon, people were about to start their daily routines. On the north side in the dead of night, the runners left civilization far behind. The silence was complete.

Williams and Herr had to run in single file along the edge of the canyon—the trails were narrow and difficult to walk on, let alone run. They had only their thoughts for company. Some of those thoughts were bleak.

At one point, Williams looked down into a 2,000-foot drop. "I thought, if I stumble and fall, will they find me? Will I make it? Will I stop? What will I do? Every step, you're constantly looking down—it's hard to look around. With every foot placement, you're stepping on a rock that's sliding out.

"In my business," he says, "I come up with solutions. But I couldn't come up with a solution to this, except to keep running."

At one point, the pair spotted three huge bighorn sheep perched on a rock above the trail. It was like something straight out of National Geographic, Williams says. They chased the sheep and continued their run.

In the predawn light almost 23 hours into their run, his eyes played tricks on him. "I know I saw a guy sitting there on a lawn chair, at the top of a hill, reading a newspaper. We got closer and closer, and it was just a rock." Williams swears he heard voices, too, even though no one was around.

Then, miraculously, the pair did hear voices—they realized they were returning to their starting point just as others were setting out on the rim-to-rim-to-rim run. They downed celebratory peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and gave each other a high five—but Williams didn't feel a sense of achievement.

It took six to eight weeks, he estimates, before he could walk without pain and several months until he felt a sense of accomplishment. Unexpectedly, he also found that the lonely run made him avoid people for a while. "I just didn't want to be around the hustle and bustle," he says.

Williams admits that Mariah may not understand today the full significance of what he did and why, but he hopes that someday it will make a difference in her life, as it has in his.

The R2R2R has motivated Williams to take on other physical challenges. "Anybody who can run the Grand Canyon can run a marathon," he says, laughing. Then there's the possibility of hiking up Mount Kilimanjaro, the fourth highest peak in the world. Or maybe he'll go to South America or Africa to try a vision quest with shamans. "I've just been reading about how that works," he says. "It's a whole other journey." ■

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# Husky Notes

**'28** Harriet Adams turned 99 in January 2008. She taught for 45 years in the Bloomsburg School District and retired in 1974.

**'55** Phil Gergen, a retired teacher, administrator and naval officer, has served for more than 30 years as sports information director for Mount Carmel Area schools.

**'59** Glen Spaid was inducted into the Central Columbia High School Hall of Fame. He earned 12 letters in basketball, soccer and baseball and led the basketball and soccer teams to county and District 4 championships.

**'68** Russell "Skip" Rudy was inducted into the Exeter High School Hall of Fame this year. He was a three-year starter at defensive end for the Huskies in the '60s.

**'71** Kay Frances Leonard Baker, Etters, is in her 37th year with the West Shore School District. She has worked as a counselor for the last 31 years and, earlier in her career, was a teacher.

**'72** Steve Neumyer (right) is vice president/sales with Associated Paper Inc. in Conyers, Ga. He was installed as president of the Georgia Sanitary Suppliers Association for 2008. He lives in Loganville with his wife, Kathy, and their two sons.



Rev. Donald Raffensperger, Elizabethville, marked his 40th anniversary as a minister in the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2007. He and his wife, Constance, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December 2007.

Kathy Sandy was appointed secretary of the board of directors for the Association of Girl Scout Executive Staff, a national professional development and advocacy organization for employed Girl Scout staff.

## Quest trips span the globe

**B**loomsburg University's Quest program offers extended trips for BU students, alumni and friends. No experience is necessary for many of these trips, and most equipment is provided. Varied amounts of physical stamina are required. Participants travel to destinations in the commonwealth, across the U.S., and in Africa, South and Central America and Europe.

### **England: Walking and Photographing the Lake District,** July 1 to 8:

Professional photographer Dave Ashby will lead the tour through the English Lake District's small villages and market towns with views of the Irish Sea, mountain lakes and distant hills.

**Iceland Biking: A Northern Adventure,** July 17 to 27: A unique way to see Iceland's mountainous landscapes, the tour will take cyclists across the country's gravel-surfaced rural roads. Bikers must be prepared for any road or weather condition.

**Walking Across Ireland: The Dingle Way,** Sept. 17 to 26: The Dingle Way, one of Ireland's most scenic long-distance walking trails, is located in the southwest of Ireland, starting and finishing in the town of Tralee in the County of Kerry.

**Costa Rica Mountain Biking: Coast to Coast,** Dec. 30, 2008, to Jan. 10, 2009: Cross 160 miles of Costa Rica's high-altitude cloud forests, towering volcanoes, pristine beaches, raging whitewater rivers and dense tropical rain forests on a mountain bike at a consistent 85 degrees.



Mountain bikers can experience the unique terrain of Costa Rica on Quest's coast to coast tour.

**Walking in the Cotswold: Celts, Romans and Saxons,** June 10 to 20, 2009: Journey through 2,000 years of British history in a rural region sculpted by the early Celts, Romans and Saxons who cared for a landscape that is quintessentially English.

*In addition to the programs listed above, Quest conducts day trips on most weekends and designs*

*customized teambuilding and other experiences to meet each group's needs. For additional information, contact Quest at [quest@bloomu.edu](mailto:quest@bloomu.edu), (570) 389-2100 or check online at [www.buquest.org](http://www.buquest.org).*

**'73** Barbara Smith Ries is an assistant librarian at the Hershey Public Library. She lives in Lancaster.

**'74** Debbie Stevens Dellegrotti is the principal at Sheckler Elementary School. She taught in Berwick for 28 years before moving to the Catasauqua Area School District six years ago.

Mary Beth Lech retired in November 2007 from the U.S. Air Force after 31 years of service.

Ann Wanner Moser participated in the Heart/Stroke Walk in October 2007. A stroke victim herself, she raised more than \$2,000 for the cause.

**'78** Dr. John Mizzer received the Dade Behring Fellow designation from his employer in recognition of his contributions in advancing the technology of clinical laboratory science. He is a specialist in system development at Dade Behring, Glasgow, Del., and has been credited with multiple publications and patents.

**'79** Col. George Antochy completed a one-year deployment to Kuwait with the Army Reserves in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His wife, Laura Adolphson Antochy '79, teaches kindergarten in Arlington, Texas, where they live.

Becky Tait Reilly was the featured artist at Michelyn Galleries, Doylestown, in September 2007. She paints still life in the traditional style of the old world masters.

**'80** William Dalius Jr. is chief financial officer of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and assistant director of the administrative division.

Chuck Meachum is a pilot-in-command with ERAMed, flying Geisinger Medical Center's LifeFlight 4 from the Williamsport Regional Airport. He also serves as a firefighter/emergency medical technician for the William Cameron Engine Co., Lewisburg.

**'81** Ernest Jackson was promoted to principal at the Chester Academy Middle School in Chester, N.Y. He was also elected the Section 9 chairman for the United States Association of Wrestling of New York.

Patricia Carachilo Rossi, Dover, Del., is director of retail services for Bayhealth Medical Center, including Kent General and Milford Memorial hospitals.

**'82** Raymond J. Distasio Jr., Mountain Top, was admitted as a principal to the accounting firm of Snyder and Clemente. A certified public accountant, he has been associated with the firm for more than 25 years.

Jeffrey S. Fagan is a senior commercial loan officer with Commerce Bank/Harrisburg in Swatara Township. Previously, he was president and chief executive officer of Mutual Inspection Bureau Inc. and president of capital region with Community Banks Inc.

Brian D. Hamm, Center Valley, joined Beard Miller Co., Reading, as a senior accountant in the audit and accounting department. He has worked in the financial industry for 22 years.

## Births

**Marsha Childs Dieffender '92/'06M** and husband, Wayne, a daughter, Emily Grace, Oct. 6, 2007

**Scott Bird '96** and wife, Sara, a daughter, Avary Elizabeth, Oct. 10, 2007

**Amy Goodyear Chermela '96** and husband, Michael, twins, Charlotte and Gavin, March 8, 2007

**Amy Lautermilch Wood '96** and husband, Paul Wood '95, a daughter, Kelly Nicole, Nov. 23, 2007

**Kara Morton Kearney '97** and husband, Ed, a son, Ryan James, Dec. 14, 2007

**D.J. Cahoone '98** and wife, Michele, a daughter, Catharine Grace, Nov. 4, 2007

**Lauren Pasini Pursel '98/'99M** and husband, Kyle, twin daughters, Ellison, April 24, 2006, and Morgan, April 25, 2006

**Lisa Brem Cutillo '00** and husband, Randy, a daughter, Kaitlyn Anne, Nov. 28, 2007

**Jennifer Hart Eberly '00/'02M** and husband, Jeffrey, a son, Ethan Jeffrey, June 16, 2007

**Chi-Chen Ho Schreibeis '00** and husband, Justin M. Schreibeis '00, a daughter, Jocelyn Lee, May 2, 2007

**Carly Pagano Weese '03** and husband, Brandon Weese '03, a daughter, Delainey McLaren, Jan. 25, 2008

**'83** Karen Halderman Murray (right) joined Allen Tate Co.'s marketing and public relations department as a public relations manager.



**'86** Christine Honis Lizbinski is a music teacher at MMI Preparatory School. She has taught music through the Hazleton Philharmonic Society for almost 30 years.

Deborah Luckett Slattery received the outstanding chemistry teacher award from the Susquehanna Valley Section of the American Chemical Society. She is a chemistry teacher at Danville High School.

**'87** Vince Nicastro is in his eighth year as director of athletics for Villanova University.

**'88** Carol Fastrich Aranos is vice president of marketing for AmeriChoice Federal Credit Union. She has more than 13 years of sales and marketing experience and more than seven years of credit union experience.

Diane Gard Brennan, Tucson, Ariz., is serving as president of the International Coach Federation, a worldwide organization aimed at advancing professional coaching. She owns a coaching business, Brennan Associates, and has co-edited a book on coaching.

Filomena Costantino Covert, Shavertown, earned a doctoral degree in mathematics education from Temple University. She is an adjunct professor for Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes University and a district consultant for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit. She serves on the Pennsylvania mathematics advisory committee and has been nominated 15 times for Who's Who Among American Teachers.

# Husky Notes

**'89** Margaret Marshalick Faust is an instructor of nursing at Penn College of Technology in Williamsport. She has been affiliated with Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg, since 1989.

**'90** Michelle Seibert Appel received the best practitioner paper award from the Northeast Association for Institutional Research. She is the associate director for enrollment policy and planning at the University of Maryland.

Katie McKeown Clements, King of Prussia, sang with Peter Nero and the Philly Pops in December 2007 as a member of the Philly Pops Festival Chorus. She is an itinerant teacher of the hearing impaired with Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Mark Reinhardt, currently ninth-grade house principal in the Hempfield School District, will become associate high school principal, effective July 1.

Bruce E. Schriener, formerly of Montoursville, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. He serves in the Military District of Washington, D.C., as a joint staff officer after completing a tour in Iraq.

**'91** Linda Mann Burklow of New Jersey participated in a 26-mile Marine Corps marathon to raise money for injured military personnel.

Richard Remington is vice president of product management and development for Reed Construction Data, Norcross, Ga. He lives with his wife, Renee Farrell Remington '91, and their three children in Cumming, Ga.

**'92** Ricky Bonomo, Harrisburg, was honored as one of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum's distinguished members, Class of 2008. He captured three National Collegiate Athletic Association titles for BU.

Kenneth Rossi is supervisor of special education for the Blue Mountain School District.

**'93** Claire Day, a specialist in dementia education, is director of program and education for the Alzheimer's Association's Delaware Valley Chapter.

Tracy Finken (right), a trial attorney from Lower Saucon Township, was named a 2007 Pennsylvania Rising Star by Law & Politics magazine.



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## Super Statistician

Ed Sfida '94M, talent statistician for Super Bowl XLII, center, poses with Fox sportscasters Troy Aikman, analyst, left, and Joe Buck, play-by-play announcer, last February in Phoenix. Sfida provided the yards gained, punt and return distances and other significant numbers that Aikman and Buck shared throughout the game. He's also been statistician for the Philadelphia 76ers and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Tammy Lee Morsch won a Mothers' Day poem contest after her 6-year-old twin sons submitted the winning poem in her honor, with the help of their grandmother. She is a stay-at-home mom raising her two boys.

**'94** Paul Christman was promoted to director of financial analysis and cost accounting at Teleflex Medical.

Christopher Helt is a senior business services partner at the St. Charles Way branch of York Traditions Bank.

Susan Dantona Jolley (right) is director of donor relations for Wilkes University. She was vice president of development/major and planned gifts at WVIA Public Television for four years.



Gretchen Gillies Murchison is director of counseling and family services at Girard College, Philadelphia.

Gwendolyn Witmer-Belding is director of curriculum for the Blue Mountain School District.

**'96** Jesse Ergott is executive director of neighborhood housing for the City of Scranton.

Pershing W. Markle Jr., Elysburg, was promoted to the rank of major in the Pennsylvania National Guard. A member of the guard for more than 20 years, he is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom II and a Bronze Star recipient. He teaches science at Danville High School.

Megan Pesavento Murray, an English teacher at Easton Area High School, achieved national board certification in 2007 from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

## Marriages

- Peter Sobrinski '84** and Janice E. Lee, July 22, 2007
- John Gnall '90** and Donna Shepherd, June 22, 2007
- Marc Varano '90** and Karen Barsh, Aug. 25, 2007
- Grace Bognatz '95** and Jason Woelkers, Oct. 14, 2006
- Kirstin Foust '95** and Simon McElrea, June 9, 2007
- Holly Andes '96** and Robert Popovitch, Oct. 13, 2007
- Robyn Kuhar '96** and Russell Caiazzo, July 27, 2007
- Cheryl Purta '96** and Michael Jawarski, April 28, 2007
- Lori Storm '96** and David Cawley, Aug. 10, 2007
- Paul A. Cacciamani '97** and Lauren E. Pollock, Aug. 18, 2007
- Jennifer Adams '98** and Gary Bean, Dec. 24, 2007
- Christopher Embert '98** and Maria Izaguirre, July 21, 2007
- Shane Tamecki '98** and Angela Angstadt, Nov. 2, 2007
- Allyson Arnold '99** and Andrew Hackman, June 30, 2006
- Mark Bohr '99** and Jennifer Piazza, Oct. 20, 2007
- Leon O'Neill IV '99** and Alissa Brotman, Dec. 1, 2007
- Amy Pokrywka '99** and Jeffrey Clauss, Oct. 20, 2007
- Lisa Brennan '00** and Robert Siegfried, Aug. 11, 2007
- Stacie Gottstein '00** and Robert Mehalick '98, July 6, 2007
- Gina Libertore '00** and Dave Arnold, Oct. 19, 2007
- Regan O'Malley '00** and Daniel Higgins Jr., Nov. 2, 2007
- Eileen Bell '01** and Elliot Garney, July 19, 2007
- Pamela A. Brennan '01M** and David B. Burns, Aug. 18, 2007
- Steven Collins '01** and Tara Carver, April 11, 2007
- Kathryn Curry '01** and Carl Puskar, Nov. 24, 2007
- Elizabeth H. Smith '01** and Micah J. Gorbey, Aug. 25, 2007
- Katie Stockinger '01/'03M** and **Corey Collier '01**, Oct. 5, 2007
- Danielle H. Zeske '01** and **Wayne Vidzicki '02**, Aug. 14, 2007
- Andrea Brouse '02** and Justin Strous, May 12, 2007
- Mollie Connors '02** and **Lawrence Pryzblick Jr. '02**
- Melissa M. DeFinnis '02** and Jared L. Spaide, June 16, 2007
- Autumn Gibbons '02** and **Matthew Quinn '02**, Oct. 7, 2007
- Dayna Gulden '02** and Erann Culver
- Alicia L. Jordan '02** and James T. Langmayer, July 28, 2007
- Kenneth Marx Jr. '02** and Katrina Yashin, Aug. 11, 2007
- Michael Maziekas '02** and Jessica Mistretta, Aug. 18, 2007
- Jennifer Schott '02** and Blake Gable, Oct. 15, 2007
- Leslie Cunningham '03** and Ryan Perryman, Sept. 22, 2007
- Nicole Dorzinsky '03** and John Antonelli, June 2, 2007
- Peter Clement Frederick Jr. '03** and Kristen Shomper, July 7, 2007
- Michelle Giannone '03** and **Jason Dermes '03/'05M**, Oct. 27, 2007
- Heidi Kalafut '03** and **Nicholas Daley '03**, Sept. 1, 2007
- William Kaledas Jr. '03** and Jessica Lepley, June 23, 2007
- Carrie Montella '03** and Michael Mish, July 21, 2007
- Billie Jean Nogle '03** and Timothy Tyler, Sept. 15, 2007
- Rebecca Phillips '03** and **Michael Kalmbach '03**, July 21, 2007
- Keriann Nicole Stark '03** and Angel Alvarado, Aug. 16, 2007
- Gretchen Angstadt '04** and **Kurt Biedermann '03**, May 27, 2007
- Natalie Moriano '04** and **Santino Ferretti '03**, Nov. 11, 2006
- Nicole Reinert '04** and **Ryan Chulada '04**, June 30, 2007
- Stacey Sims '04** and John Natt
- Veronica Butters '05** and Jacob Lepley, June 16, 2007
- Emily Eaton '05** and **Jeffrey Nichols '05**, Oct. 6, 2007
- Crystal J. Hollednak '05** and Gary J. Rodgers Jr., July 27, 2007
- Devon Jo Orner '05** and Brian Manney, June 9, 2007
- Lacy Phillips '05** and Adam Wilson, Sept. 15, 2007
- Amanda Smith '05** and **Jared Kishbaugh '07M**, Oct. 13, 2007
- Amber Yeagle '05** and Michael Spotts, Nov. 22, 2007
- Michelle Breneman '06** and Calvin Martin, Sept. 8, 2007
- Allison N. Gill '06** and Christopher L. Husted, July 7, 2007
- Christina Bloom '07** and George Ritchey, June 16, 2007
- Jennifer M. Davis '07** and Bradley Oravitz, Oct. 5, 2007
- Nicole Newman '07** and Kevin Lehman, May 26, 2007
- Stephanie Stacharowski '07** and **Michael Hausman '01**, June 22, 2007

**Mark R. Owens**, an attorney, was elected a partner at Barnes & Thornburg's Indianapolis office.

**Angela Snader Schadt** is vice president and portfolio manager in Fulton Financial Advisors' investment division.

**'97** **Stephanie Bombay** is a community income development specialist for the American Cancer Society. **Rev. Drena L. Hubler Miller** is pastor of St. Paul's United

Methodist Church, Drums. She previously served churches in Gilberton, Shamokin, East Stroudsburg and Willistown.

**Sarah Nielson Signorelli** is the major gifts officer for institutional advancement at Saint Joseph's College, West Hartford, Conn.

**'98** **Jennifer Adams** is assistant dean at Colgate University.

# Husky Notes

**Jill Yazwinsky Dougherty**, a ninth-grade reading specialist at Springfield High School, Delaware County, received a \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation award for exceptional talent and accomplishments inside and outside the classroom.

**Mike Hancock**, Lemoyne, is a regional manager for Health Options and Management Services. A former high school baseball coach, he now volunteers as an assistant baseball coach for Mechanicsburg schools.

**Kirk Ream** opened a fitness center, Transformation Training & Fitness, in Carlisle.

**Peter Trentacoste** was promoted to university housing director at Northern Kentucky University.

'99 **Jeffrey Witts**, Dickson City, was promoted to branch manager of Pennstar Bank's Steamtown Mall office.

'00 **Lisa Brennan Siegfried** earned a master's degree in instructional technology from Towson University in 2007. She is employed as a high school social studies teacher by the Baltimore County Public School System.

'01 **Richard Cardamone**, Harrisburg, is a division chief with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's bureau of financial management.

**Christopher L. Reibsome** was sworn into the Pennsylvania Bar Association in November 2007 during a ceremony in the Dauphin County Courthouse. He is a probation/parole officer in Charlottesville, Va.

## Alums connect in the region, workplace



BU President David L. Soltz, center, spends a few moments with BU Trustee Dr. Joseph Mowad, left, and Jim Cleary, associate vice president of labor and employee relations for Geisinger Health System, during an Alumni Association reception at the Pine Barn Inn, Danville. Nearly 75 alumni and their guests attended the reception, as well as BU faculty, staff and students. Approximately 350 BU grads work for the Geisinger Health System.

**A** new alumni chapter and events for alumni in the workplace are two ways the Alumni Association is helping BU graduates stay connected with the university and each other.

The newest chapter of the Alumni Association, the Carver Hall Chapter, is focused on bringing together alums living in Bloomsburg and surrounding areas.

"We had established chapters across the state and country for alumni to get together and network, but we hadn't done anything to revitalize a chapter for people within 20 miles," says Nathan Conroy, assistant director of alumni affairs. Lynda Michaels, alumni affairs director, recognized the need for a local chapter and, last fall,

helped create one. A wine and cheese social, their first official event, brought together nearly 100 alumni from the area.

Conroy believes the Carver Hall Chapter will play an important role in the future of the Alumni Association. "We need more local advocates for the university. This chapter can serve in that capacity in terms of town-gown relations, recruiting from local high schools and volunteering on campus," Conroy says. "In the past we've had a core group of alumni in the area who acted as volunteers, but with the creation of a chapter like this we're opening ourselves up to a larger group of individuals.

"The Carver Hall Chapter will provide an official alumni presence in the community that can advocate and volunteer on behalf of the university," Conroy adds.

The Alumni Association is also linking alums in the workplace. "There is a trend of hosting alumni events with affinity groups that alumni have created during their professional lives. If you host an event for a sorority or fraternity, a sports team or a specific graduation year, why not host an event for all alumni who work at a specific company?" Conroy says.

In February, BU alumni employed by Geisinger Health System met for a social at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville. With about 350 alumni employed by Geisinger and many living in the Bloomsburg/Danville area, the event provided BU President David Soltz with the opportunity to see the strong connection between university alumni and the region.

Chapter and workplace events are just two of the many ways the Alumni Association helps alums stay in touch.

"When you have an alumni event, it doesn't necessarily have to be at the campus," Conroy says. "No matter where the event is held—Danville, North Carolina, Virginia—everyone is talking about Bloomsburg. That's the kind of unique atmosphere you find at these events."

## Deaths

Ruth Shapiro Dickstein '27	Donald Coffman '58
Marguerite Minnich Schumacher '28	John E. Danko '58
Dorothy Traub Winegarden '28	Donald G. Richards '58
Congetta "Connie" Pecora Kotch '30	Robert Zegley '58
Kenneth E. Hawk '31/'39M	Betty L. Boop '59
Dorothy Foust Wright '31	Joan Stablum Kristoff '59
Dorothy Hartman Moore '32	John V. Noble '59
Mary Bray Smith '32	Michael J. Kenna '64
Irene Draina Walton '32	Janet Seibert Kramm '64
Melba Beck Hyde '33	Edward R. Linsey '64
Lucille Gilchrist Kindig '35	Ronald P. Wenzel '65
Mary Frantz Amidon '36	Sarah "Sally" Fleming Hartman '66
A. David Mayer '36	Gail Oakum-Satteson Brunt '73
Josephine Brown Johnson '40	Theresa Zoranski Hammer '73/'74M
Helen Johnson Scammell '41	Harold "Butch" Hoover '74
Eleanor Reilly Dolphin '43	Christine Jendrzewski '74
Andrew F. Magill '43	Jean Martin Rinck '74
Anthony J. Valente '43	Francis "Frank" Ruth '76
Thaddeus J. Swigonski '49	Joseph C. Kopera '77
Leonard E. Gricoski '50	Beverly Mackes Bafunno '79
R. Eugene Hummel '53	Marlene Gordon '79
Joyce Kline Krick '56	Susan Lutz James '83
James E. Starr '56	

**Brian K. Sims**, a Philadelphia attorney, is the legal editor of M.D. News magazine and associate editor of The Philadelphia Bar Reporter. He serves as a member of the Bloomsburg University Alumni Association Board.

**'02 Colleen Horan Kramm '02/'05M** was appointed coordinator of educational technology at the Colonial Intermediate Unit in Easton.

**Kristin Mock-Austin** is an associate director of admissions with Ross University School of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

**Kevin Yurasits** is an applications systems analyst with Mack Trucks, Allentown.

**'03 Mario Dianese** recently passed the uniform certified public accountant examination.

**Kelly Dinan**, Mountain Top, is recruitment and employment manager for the human resources department at Misericordia University.

**Amy Hart** is a nurse at the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown. **Matthew Kenenitz '03/'05M** teaches English at MMI Preparatory School.

**Ryan Messner** is a sales associate with the Wyomissing office of Coldwell Banker. He received his real estate license in 2007.

**Marc Pomarico** is an associate producer for World Wrestling Entertainment.

**Brent Yates '03M** is the manager of the instructional systems design department for Mountain Top Technologies in Pittsburgh.

**'04 Aaron Zeamer**, a graduate of Widener University School of Law, is a law clerk serving a Lancaster County court judge.

**'05 Jessica Barker** is a third-grade teacher with the Easton Area School District.

**'06 Heather Bowman** is a registered nurse at Geisinger Medical Center's Janet Weis Children's Hospital, Danville, caring for pediatric cancer patients. She was featured in the fall 2007 issue of Susquehanna Life magazine.

**Michael Celona** is editor of Medstar Television's "Forensic Files," a medical detective show that airs on truTV (formerly Court TV) and appears in 142 countries.

**Dustin Kaster** works as a field production manager with Banyan Productions, Philadelphia, which produces the TLC show, "Trading Spaces."

**Ronald Stump** is a high school social studies teacher for the Schuylkill Technology Centers, Mar Lin. He is enrolled in BU's master's program in instructional technology.

**'07 Anysia Ensslen** (right), a speech language pathologist, is providing evaluation and treatment services at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky. She serves clients with voice disorders under a partnership program with the University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences.



**Brian Kunsman** was an intern on NBC-TV's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."

**Jason Lech**, Frackville, is an advertising department sales representative with The Republican & Herald, Pottsville.

**Ashley Yelinek** is swim team coach at Connellsville High School.

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# Over the Shoulder

By Robert Dunkelberger, University Archivist

## Beautifying Bloomsburg: Outdoor Art on Campus

The plan to enrich the Bloomsburg campus with pieces of art began 15 years after the school moved to the hill above town in 1867. The first major addition was the fountain near Carver Hall, a gift from the Class of 1882. Other fountains followed, as well as indoor art such as stained glass windows, sculptures and paintings.

In the early 1970s, outdoor art of a less-traditional nature was installed in the areas between many of the campus' newly constructed buildings. Among these were a wooden oak totem and a steel fountain sculpture placed outside the south entrance of the Bakeless Center in 1972 and a steel-and-fiberglass tonal sculpture installed in front of the Haas Center the following year.

Although these pieces were purchased outright, others were completed on a commissioned basis. Competitions leading to commissioned work resulted in the centerpiece for the Aumiller Plaza on the south side of Kehr Union in 1979 and a statue of the Bloomsburg mascot, the husky, in 1983. Bloomsburg area sculptor E. Richard Bonham won the national competition to create the bronze husky, sponsored by the Community Government and Alumni associations. Installed on the Carver Hall lawn and dedicated on Oct. 22, 1984, the husky still stands near the intersection of Penn and Second streets.

The death of longtime art department chairperson Percival Roberts in 1984 provided the greatest impetus for bringing outdoor art to the campus. The following year, the Council of Trustees established the Percival R. Roberts III Memorial Sculpture Garden in the mall area south of the McCormick Center and east of the former Andruss Library, now the Warren Student Services Center.

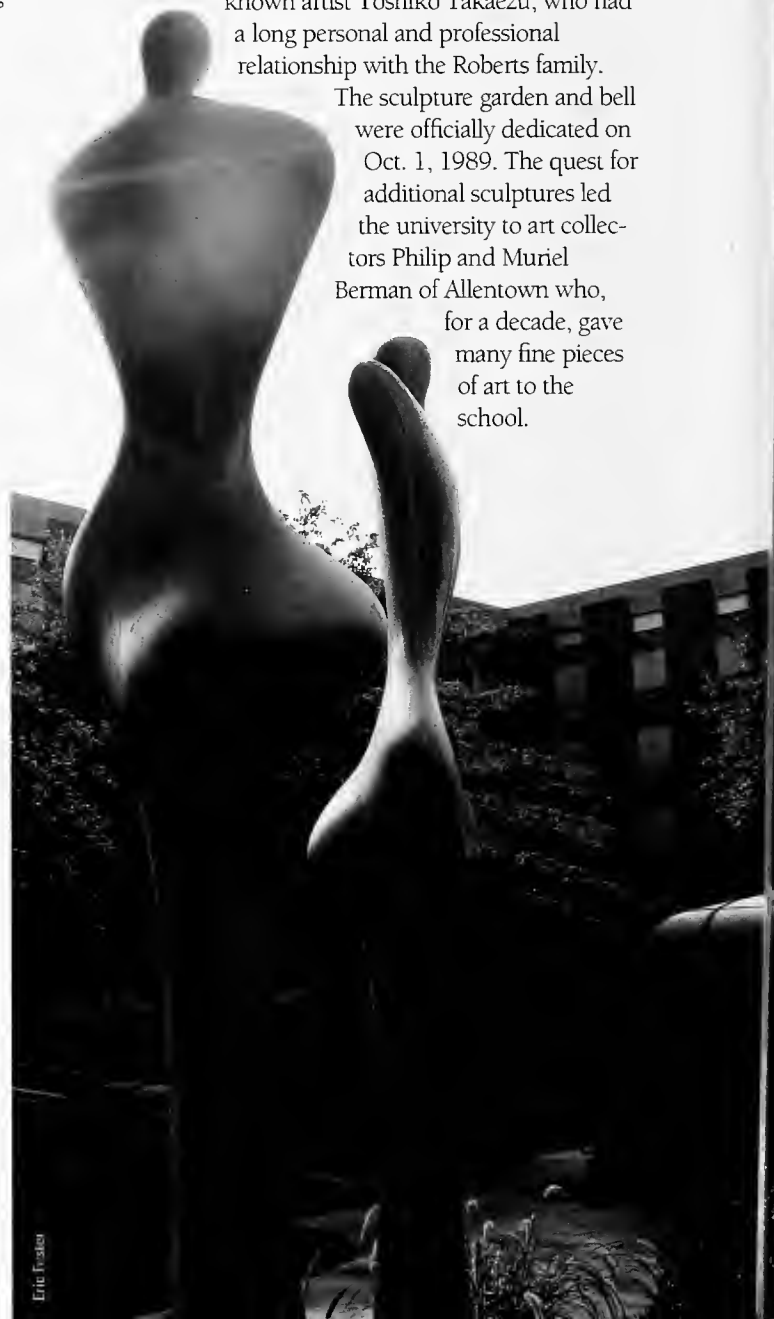
Faculty and staff from the art department and development office were responsible for acquiring appropriate artwork for this space.

The first piece placed in the garden was another commissioned work, a bronze bell by the internationally known artist Toshiko Takaezu, who had a long personal and professional relationship with the Roberts family.

The sculpture garden and bell were officially dedicated on Oct. 1, 1989. The quest for additional sculptures led the university to art collectors Philip and Muriel Berman of Allentown who, for a decade, gave many fine pieces of art to the school.

### *Two Elongated Forms*

**'Two Elongated Forms' by James Myford of Slippery Rock is featured along the walkway between Kehr Union and Scranton Commons.**





The Bermans began collecting paintings in 1948, later expanding their scope to include sculpture. As their collection grew, the couple donated works to universities in the Philadelphia area. In 1989, the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art was dedicated at Ursinus College and, five years later, a sculpture park was established in their honor at the Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown. The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education also benefited from their generosity; Muriel Berman was a member of the State System's Board of Governors and, throughout the 1980s and 1990s, all 14 PASSHE universities as well as the Dixon Center in Harrisburg received art from the couple's collection.

The Bermans made their first contributions to Bloomsburg in 1989 with three bronze sculptures by Minnesota artist Michael Price. One of these, the "Standing Adolescent," was installed in the sculpture garden in fall 1990. Three other sculptures donated by the Bermans were also placed in the mall area—a steel snake near the Bakeless Center and a steel totem by Centennial Gym, both created by psychiatrist-turned-artist Ernest Shaw, and a marble bench along the walkway at the east end of the McCormick Center, sculpted by artist Thomas Sternal.

Philip Berman passed away in 1997 and his wife made the last donations of large sculptures to the university the following year. She donated a marble



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### *Tonal Sculpture*

**'Tonal Sculpture' by artist Joe Moss greets visitors to the Haas Center for the Arts.**

column and marble screen by Sternal; two interrelated sculptures, the "King and Queen," by Sternal and Martha Enzmann; and the "Stone Benches" by University of Alberta art professor Peter Hide. All were installed in the area bordered by Bakeless, the Warren Student Services Center and the mall.

With the creation of the Academic Quad, dedicated at homecoming last fall, six sculptures and the Class of 1940 fountain were moved from their previous locations to the garden area in front of Andruss Library. The Percival R. Roberts III Memorial Sculpture Garden is now part of the new landscaped quad.



# Calendar of Events

Students have a pickup ball game outside Lycoming Hall.

## Academic Calendar

### Summer 2008

Session I - May 19 to June 27

Session II - July 1 to Aug. 8

Session III - May 19 to Aug. 8

### Fall 2008

#### Classes Begin

Monday, Aug. 25

#### Labor Day – No Classes

Monday, Sept. 1

#### Reading Days – No Classes

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11

#### Thanksgiving Break –

#### No Classes

Wednesday to Friday, Nov. 26 to 28

#### Classes Resume

Monday, Dec. 1

#### Classes End

Saturday, Dec. 6

#### Final Exams

Monday to Saturday, Dec. 8 to 13

#### Graduate Commencement

Friday, Dec. 12

#### Undergraduate Commencement

Saturday, Dec. 13

## New Student Activities

### Summer Freshman Orientation

Saturday to Monday, June 28 to 30

### Act 101/EOP Orientation

Sunday and Monday, June 29 and 30

### Fall Freshman Preview

Monday through Thursday, June 16 to 19, and Monday through Thursday, June 23 to 26

### Transfer Orientation

Wednesday and Thursday, July 9 and 10

### Adult/Non-Traditional Orientation

Saturday, Aug. 23

### Welcome Weekend

Thursday to Sunday, Aug. 21 to 24

## Alumni Events

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Saturday, May 17

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Alumni House; Tuesday, June 10

### Alumni Summer Picnic, Montoursville

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### Alumni Summer Picnic, Harrisburg

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Women's Basketball Individual Day Camp, July 7 to 11

Women's Basketball Team Camp, July 18 to 20

### Field Hockey

Intensive Team and Individual Camp, July 27 to 31

Intensive Team Camp, Aug. 3 to 7  
Goalkeepers Camps, July 27 to 31 and Aug. 3 to 7

### Football

Youth Football Day Camp, June 9 to 11  
High School, July 13 to 16

### Soccer

Women's Soccer, June 21 to 26  
Women's Soccer, July 6 to 10

### Swimming

Husky Gold, June 8 to 12 or June 15 to 19  
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### Tennis

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Tennis Camp III, July 26 to 30

### Wrestling

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# From the President's Desk



**D**uring the height of this year's primary election season, the announcer on Bloomsburg's local radio station mused on Sen. Barack Obama's genetic connection to both President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. Genealogical research in the news since May 2007 shows that the senator is a 10th cousin to our current president and an eighth cousin to his vice president.

This political campaign has focused the attention of the American public on many issues, including identity, and it is apparent that a penchant for politics is a common identifying characteristic for these three distantly related politicians. The Bloomsburg University connection, on the other hand, is much easier to trace.

There are the family connections that cross generations, like Ruth Yeager Reinhart '30 who I met at last spring's alumni weekend with her great-nephew, Brian Collins '77, and his daughter, Victoria Collins '05. There are connections between alumni who work for the same organization, like Tim Pritchard and Sharon Reilly Zemaitis, 1990 graduates who are being inducted together into the Athletic Hall of Fame and are employed by the pharmaceutical company AstraZenica. And there are connections between our faculty, staff and the larger community, like the collaborative investigative efforts of forensics expert and assistant professor of anthropology Conrad Quintyn and Pennsylvania State Police Corp. Shawn Williams '93 told in this issue's cover story.

There's also a bond grounded in the affection alumni hold for their university. The English poet Lord Alfred Tennyson said, "I am a part of all that I have met," and, clearly, Bloomsburg University alumni agree, renewing connections through the online community ([www.bloomualumni.com](http://www.bloomualumni.com)) and at alumni events. I have been continually impressed with the strength of this enduring tie as I've witnessed alumni give of their time, treasure and talents to their alma mater.

Since beginning my tenure as president, I have been building my own connections with students and their families, alumni, friends of the university and residents of this region and the state. I have been proud to confer degrees during the first commencement ceremonies in the Academic Quadrangle and honored to represent BU in a variety of settings.

As president, I will continue to expand upon Bloomsburg University's legacy of excellence. That connection will be formalized before colleagues, family, friends and members of the Bloomsburg University community on Friday, Oct. 31, with my inauguration as the institution's 18th president. Please join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David L. Soltz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David L. Soltz

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# News Notes

## Change in Leadership

*Cavanaugh becomes third PASSHE chancellor*

John C. Cavanaugh, former president of the University of West Florida in Pensacola, became chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education in July. He succeeds Judy G. Hample as head of the System that includes Bloomsburg and her 13 sister institutions and enrolls more than 110,000 students.

Previously, Cavanaugh served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He also held various positions at the University of Delaware, including vice provost for academic programs and planning and associate provost for graduate studies.

Cavanaugh, the third chancellor in the State System's nearly 25-year history, attended St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia before earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Delaware in 1975. He also holds both a master's degree and a doctoral degree in psychology from the University of Notre Dame.



John C. Cavanaugh

## Council of Trustees

**Barth named chair; Najpauer appointed**

Steven Barth, Lewisburg, recently was appointed to a two-year term as chair of BU's Council of Trustees. Senior vice president and loan officer at Community Bank, Milton, Barth has been a member of the Council of Trustees since 1998. He succeeds former chairperson Robert Gibble '68.

Also serving as officers are vice chairperson Robert Dampman '65, Ringtown, a legislative assistant to state Sen. Robert Tomlinson and retired superintendent of the Bensalem Township School District, and secretary Marie Conley Lammando '94, Harrisburg, who is employed by Hallowell Branstetter and Long, a political consulting firm.

Trustees also are welcoming a new student representative this fall. Nicole Najpauer, a senior from Northampton, replaces James D'Amico who graduated in May. An early childhood/elementary education major, Najpauer is active in community service and consistently on the dean's list. She was appointed to the Trustees by Gov. Ed Rendell.



Steven Barth



Nicole Najpauer



Eric Foster

## Legislative Reports

*Local lawmaker videotapes tour with president*

State Rep. David Millard, right, who represents Pennsylvania's 109th district, taped a campus tour with BU President David Soltz in early June. The program, slated for broadcast on the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN), spotlights new academic programs, faculty achievements, facility renovations and the perceptions of the university's 18th president upon completion of his first semester. Millard is a 1988 graduate of Bloomsburg University.





## Campaigning for Mom

*Chelsea Clinton has 'conversation' with BU*

Chelsea Clinton spoke about issues ranging from education and health care to renewable energy and the war in Iraq as she represented her mother, former Democratic presidential contender Sen. Hillary Clinton, at BU during primary election season. In the hour-long question-and-answer session, Clinton asked the 200-member audience, made up mainly of BU students, to decide which issues are important, reach out for answers and "make your own assessments."

"We should think about this election in the context of our lives," said the former "first daughter" while standing in front of a banner stating, "Hillblazers: Our Voice, Our Future."

Among the topics Clinton, 28, discussed on her mother's behalf were public education, college affordability, public service, civil unions, discrimination laws, the Iraq war, foreign policy, renewable energy, NATO, drug costs, Social Security, immigration and national security, universal health care and trade agreements.

Making an earlier campaign stop at BU in support of Sen. Barack Obama were TV actors Dulé Hill, star of "The West Wing" and "Psych," and Zachary Quinto, star of "Heroes" and "24." The pair, touring college campuses nationwide, stressed the importance of registering to vote while answering questions before a standing-room audience in Kehr Union.



**Chelsea Clinton shares her mother's views during a campaign stop in Kehr Union, Fireside Lounge.**

## Innovation at a Distance

**Deaf/hard of hearing faculty receive national recognition**

Samuel Slike, curriculum coordinator for BU's education of the deaf/hard of hearing program, and Pamela Berman, instructional designer for the Institute for Instructional Technology, received a 2008 International Distance Learning Award from the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA). Slike and Berman received the award, Best Practices for Distance Learning Programming—Online Technology in Higher Education, for their use of Wimba Classroom, a virtual learning program that combines interactive technologies with traditional styles of instruction. They were recognized for using Wimba to offer courses specifically designed for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Through Wimba, students have access to a sign-language interpreter and closed-caption text, which accompany the standard slide presentation and instructor's voice. "We're making it possible for deaf and hard of hearing people to have equal access to information via the internet," says Slike.

## Tickets to Learning

*BU hosts Honors Program to China*

BU took its turn this summer hosting the annual Honors Program trip for two students from each of the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The students, including BU representatives Sarah Beltz, an elementary education major from Perkasio, and Maureen Dameron, a junior nursing major from Chambersburg, received full scholarships which covered the costs of 6 academic credits, travel and room and board in China.

The students studied the people, policies and preferences of modern China during four weeks at Shandong University of Technology and Yunnan Normal University. The group was accompanied by BU faculty members Jing Luo, professor of languages and cultures, and Youmin Lu, professor of mathematics, computer science and statistics, along with biologist Robbie Soltz, wife of BU president David Soltz, and Daniel Brown, a BU student from Howard, Pa.

## International Exchange

*BU enters agreement with Cameroonian universities*

BU Provost James Mackin and English professor Ekema Agbaw formalized exchange agreements this spring with three Cameroonian universities—Buea, Yaounde I and Yaounde II.

“The three universities that we have committed to working with are among the premier universities in Cameroon,” says

Mackin. “We hope to begin student exchanges with all of these universities almost immediately, with faculty exchanges to occur in the near future. I’m sure Bloomsburg students will come away from a visit to Cameroon with a whole new sense of their place in the world.”

According to Mackin, officials at Buea and Yaounde I universities expressed interest in enrolling their students in BU’s audiology/speech pathology, exceptionality and institute for interactive technologies programs, while officials at the University of Yaounde II focused on BU’s business programs.



**Dorothy L. Njeuma, rector of the University of Yaounde I in Cameroon, left, shakes hands with BU Provost James Mackin to finalize an international exchange agreement between the two institutions.**

## In the Know

### Emergency notification system in place

BU’s faculty, staff and students now have immediate access to campus emergency information, thanks to a new system that allows messages to be sent quickly via e-mail, phone and text messages. Students sign up as part of the process when registering electronically for classes, and nearly half of BU’s faculty and staff have signed up voluntarily. The system, available only to students, faculty and staff with official Bloomsburg University e-mail addresses, will be used solely in case of a life-threatening emergency. Plans call for the system to be tested each semester.

## Boots on the Ground

*Retired prof to keep on mapping*

Nineteenth century technology still has a place in the modern world and Duane Braun, recently retired professor of geosciences, has the proof. Over the last 25 years, Braun charted 9,000 square miles of northeastern Pennsylvania’s glacial deposits, with a waterproof notebook in hand and the help of his undergraduate field assistants. Later, he drew the maps using plastic Mylar sheets on top of a light table.



**Duane Braun**

“Technology hasn’t changed geologic field mapping significantly,” says Braun. “It is still a lot of ‘boots on the ground’ stuff, just like in the 19th century.”

With a global positioning system as Braun’s only piece of modern technology when he is in the field, no one would guess that his Surficial Geology (glacial deposits) maps eventually end up online, viewable on Google Earth and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Web site, [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/topogeo/openfile/ofloc.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/topogeo/openfile/ofloc.aspx).

Braun retired from BU at the end of the spring semester. Moving with his wife to the Pine Tree State, he plans to work with the Maine Geological Survey to map northern Maine which is, compared with Pennsylvania, “just miles and miles of wilderness to explore geologically.”

## Star Power

### Program earns accreditation

BU’s theatre arts program recently earned accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Theatre. Only 150 programs nationwide are accredited in a two-year process that includes self-study and an on-campus review.

“The reviewers saw our performance of ‘Urinetown’ and spent a lot of time with students,” says Bruce Candlish, associate professor of theatre arts. “They examined our curriculum very carefully, as well.”

In addition to the quality of the student production, reviewers noted that the lease arrangement to use the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble’s Alvina Krause Theatre, located downtown, was a good temporary solution for needed theatre space. The current renovation of Haas Center for the Arts is also helpful, says Candlish, as it will greatly expand the size of the scene and costume shops.

## Ride the Rails with Roongo

### Fourth 'Spirit of BU' car available

Orders are being accepted by BU's Supervisory Roundtable for the fourth of six train cars in the "Spirit of BU" series, a three-bay offset side hopper car. Proceeds will benefit student scholarships and Camp HERO at Camp Victory, Millville.

The metal die cast coal car, produced by Weaver Models, Northumberland, is an "O" gauge, triple track, 1:48 scale model with three-rail trucks and couplers, a complete brake system, fully detailed underframe and highly detailed styrene body. Both colors, maroon and Union Pacific yellow, wrap around the entire car which sports the Huskies logo.

The coal car is available at a cost of \$55 each, which includes a coal load, plus \$4.95 shipping and handling per car. Checks, payable to the Supervisory Roundtable, may be sent to Kim Schmitz, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, 400 E. Second St., Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815. For more information, call Schmitz at (570) 389-5107 or Bob Wislock at (570) 389-4529. The deadline for orders is Sept. 30.



## TALE of Two Teachers

### BU faculty members win teaching award

Two faculty members were selected for the 2008 Teaching and Learning Enhancement (TALE) Outstanding Teaching award. Margie Eckroth-Bucher, associate professor of nursing, and Jennifer Stotter, assistant professor of sociology, social work and criminal justice, were recognized for their outstanding teaching at BU's undergraduate spring commencement ceremonies. Winners were nominated by May graduates.

Eckroth-Bucher was nominated for her ability to inspire her students to recognize and understand the needs of patients who have mental health challenges. According to one nomination letter, "She is the epitome of what a nurse should be: professional, caring, a teacher, an advocate and a listener."

Stotter was nominated for her "motivating and strengths-based" teaching style, which inspires her students to "take a stand, make a difference and have a voice." Stotter was recognized for her ability to engage her students in critical thinking, to encourage them to "complete assignments professionally and with pride" and to become "involved with community and national events."

Both faculty members received \$750 professional development stipends, sponsored by the BU Foundation, and plaques recognizing their achievement.



Margie Eckroth-Bucher

## Graduate Studies Leader

*Biologist is BU's newest dean*

Lawrence Fritz is BU's new assistant vice president and dean of graduate studies and research, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of James Matta.

Most recently chair and professor of the department of biological sciences and director of the professional science master's program at the University of New England, Biddeford, Maine, Fritz previously taught at Northern Arizona University and Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia. He also was a research officer with the National Research Council-Canada, Institute for Marine Biosciences, and program director with the National Science Foundation, Division of Biological Infrastructure.

Fritz, who was born in New York City and grew up near Philadelphia, was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines. He earned a bachelor's degree from State University of New York, Stony Brook, and master's and doctoral degrees from Rutgers University and completed post-doctoral study in cell biology at Harvard University.



Lawrence Fritz

# Chain Reaction

STORY BY KELLY MONITZ '90

By any definition, Toni Trumbo Bell was a 'nontraditional' student when she entered college. Her persistence and patience pulled her through and, today, motivate students in the classroom and research lab.

Toni Trumbo Bell couldn't see herself working at Wal-Mart the rest of her life. She started at the retail giant while still a teenager and quickly rose to management. But she wanted something else. Bell wanted to teach.

She decided to go back to school to become a high school biology teacher, but the decision wasn't without obstacles. Bell was 23 years old, divorced, raising a preschooler and living in government-subsidized housing in Kentucky. She needed to take the College Boards, apply to schools, find financial aid and figure out how she would balance a full class load, a job and an energetic toddler. And it was April.

Bell was, as she still is, undeterred and motivated.

Accepted to all of the schools to which she applied, Bell chose the University of Louisville and embarked on a life path that would bring her to Bloomsburg University, where she has taught chemistry and biochemistry for the past six years.

The path wasn't easy at first, Bell says. "Basically, I put my faith in God."

She knew she couldn't work and go to school full-time, so Bell reduced her hours at Wal-Mart, which lowered her rent, and signed up for food stamps, medical assistance and any other government program that could help her. She received grants to pay for tuition and found another program that paid for books. She also had help from her son Brandon's grandparents, who watched him while she worked and attended classes.

College itself presented new challenges. Her adviser was less than helpful, she says, and she found herself trying to schedule classes on her own only to discover that all of the biology courses she wanted and needed were closed.

Her first week in class brought another revelation. After spending just a short amount of time with her 18-year-old classmates, Bell learned that she no longer wanted to teach at the high school level. "I figured I would get fired from any high school teaching job," Bell says. "I decided high school teaching was not for me."

Next, she realized that her major, biology, was extremely popular, limiting the number of job prospects available after graduation. That's when she started rethinking her course of study, switching to another science, chemistry, a field where far fewer undergrads ventured.

Like the other choices she'd made since deciding to go back to school, pursuing a chemistry degree wasn't easy. "I didn't sleep a lot," Bell says. "My son was a rambunctious preschooler. I couldn't crack a book until nine, after he went to bed."

Bell studied until 1 or 2 a.m. and got up for work at 5 a.m. She went to school year-round, working more hours on breaks. And the cycle went on for three and a half years until she completed her degree in 1996.

Weary, Bell wasn't interested in going to graduate school, as one of her professors encouraged her to do.

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Courtesy of Lindsay Baglini-Beagle

Lindsay Baglini-Beagle '05 works in the lab at GlaxoSmithKline.

## Heart in Research

Toni Trumbo Bell's former students credit her mix of patience and persistence with leading them to careers some didn't anticipate.

Chris DeVore '06, who now works for Corning, sees her as a person who is always ready to help a student or colleague. "Toni assisted me in my research, helping me to understand the idea of research as well as training me with the instrumentation," he says. "Toni was born to be an educator."

Shelia Hovi '05 remembers wanting to take part in Bell's research project, but thinking it was beyond her abilities. Hovi, who now makes chickenpox vaccines for Merck, says Bell "used different analogies, explaining over and over in different ways" until she understood.

"She was very patient with me," Hovi adds.

"I believe one of the key traits passed on from her is to be passionate and carry along a strong work ethic at whatever career path I take," says Michael F. Pennell '06, who now works for Absorption Systems. "She treats all of her students like her own children."

And, for Lindsay Baglini-Beagle '05, Bell's influence changed her career ambitions ... but first she had to conquer a dreaded class, biochemistry.

"I enjoyed biochemistry more than any other chemistry class I had taken. However, if it wasn't for Toni, I highly doubt that I would have taken as much as I did from that class," she says.

That academic collaboration continued in the research lab and eventually Baglini-Beagle had to make a decision—whether to become a doctor or scientist. Applying to both medical and graduate schools, Baglini-Beagle eventually accepted a full scholarship to Wake Forest School of Medicine and earned a master's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology. She recently accepted a position as a biochemist for GlaxoSmithKline.

"Toni introduced me to biochemistry and the world of research science. Not only had she taught me how to do the science, she had such a passion for the science that she made me love it," she says.

*'I mother the students a lot. That doesn't mean I coddle them. I tell them like it is.'*

*— Toni Trumbo Bell*

She wanted to work, but four months after graduating with a bachelor's in chemistry she hadn't found a job she wanted and was still working at Wal-Mart. That's when she decided to give grad school another look.

As it turned out, graduate schools wanted her and tuition wasn't an issue, Bell says. Plus, she became a sought-after teaching assistant when her professors realized she could teach just about anything. That work resulted in a paycheck.

She finished graduate school with her doctorate in 2002, but started looking for a teaching job at the college level in October 2001. Bell applied to 50

different colleges and, after numerous interviews, chose Bloomsburg University.

Bell remembers crafting a teaching philosophy, but isn't sure she has one now. She believes in honesty, caring and having open dialogues with her students and encourages, if not demands, classroom participation.

"I want the students to see me. They get all my stories. I love to tell stories, much to my husband's dismay. I'm a real person."

Bell's students also come to her with questions about life. "I mother them a lot," she says. "That doesn't mean I coddle them. I tell them like it is. A lot of them become like my own kids."

She encourages her students to do their own research, working closely with them, and continues her own research, taking on projects that she wants to do—a luxury that she wouldn't have been afforded had she chosen to go into industry, she says.

Bell wishes more young people would consider studying science and encourages some of her students to continue on. "It's hard and it's wonderful and there is always something to learn," she says. "I can see myself doing this the rest of my life." ■

*Kelly Monitz '90, an award-winning journalist, is a staff writer for the Standard-Speaker in Hazleton, Pa.*

# Fry Power

**S**tudents riding a shuttle bus between the upper and lower campuses this fall may detect a familiar scent in the air. In fact, if it's bus No. 5 pulling up to the curb, they may find that they also experience a sudden, unexpected craving ... for french fries.

BU's biofuel bus, the brainchild of Nathaniel Greene, associate professor of physics and engineering technology, and Mark Tapsak, assistant professor of chemistry, has been configured to run on diesel fuel processed from campus dining services' used cooking oil. Cleaner for the environment than traditional diesel, the financial savings are significant as biofuel replaces the 60 gallons of fuel the shuttle bus consumes in a typical week during the semester.

The university also plans to use a biofuel blend for the remainder of its diesel fleet. Biofuel is projected to displace 9 percent of BU's diesel consumption and reduce fossil-fuel-based carbon dioxide emissions by 57,000 pounds a year.

The university committed \$13,000 toward the project from the BU Foundation Margin of Excellence Grant, President's Fund for Academic Initiatives and President's Fund for Staff Development. ■

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Nathaniel Greene



Mark Tapsak





Ricky Bonomo, left, celebrates his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame with his twin brother and fellow wrestler, Rocky.

STORY BY MARION VALANOSKI

**Among the names that stand out in the history of BU wrestling are Shorty Hitchcock and twins Rocky and Ricky Bonomo. Two decades after capturing NCAA championships, Ricky Bonomo continues to collect accolades as one of BU's all-time top grapplers.**

**R**icky Bonomo describes his recent induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Okla. as a “humbling” experience when he compares his record with those of previous inductees.

“When you look up at all the plaques and read off the list of coaches and former wrestlers and their accomplishments, what I did pales in many respects to them,” says Bonomo, the most decorated wrestler in Bloomsburg University history and the owner of three National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I individual championships. “I am honored to have my name mentioned in the same breath as Dan Gable, Wad Schalles, Bobby Weaver and Shamokin Area’s Mal Paul.”

Bonomo '92 and twin brother Rocky, who is the head coach at Lock Haven University, planned to work with their father after graduating from Lake-Lehman High School despite receiving offers from several Division I wrestling programs, including Nebraska and Clarion. Through the intercession of another Huskies standout and former NCAA titlist Floyd “Shorty” Hitchcock, they overcame several academic obstacles and began their collegiate lives at BU.

“In high school we proved ourselves athletically,” Bonomo says, “but we had to prove ourselves academically in order to compete collegiately on the

wrestling team. The first year we were at Bloomsburg, we both red-shirted and used the time to acclimate ourselves to the academics and find out what we wanted to do.”

The first time they were allowed to work out with the Huskies wrestling team, the Bonomos knew life on the mats would never be the same. “It was like going from competing against boys to wrestling against men,” says Bonomo, who now runs a wrestling school for competitors of all ages in suburban Harrisburg. “Whatever we accomplished in high school was brushed aside and we had to prove ourselves on the mats to our teammates and the coaches.

“Coach (Roger) Sanders was intimidating. When he walked into the room, everyone knew they were going to work. There was no ‘dogging’ it or hiding, and he had us prepared both physically and mentally to wrestle.”

During Bonomo’s first season of competition, he and Rocky both missed All-American status by one match. The next three years, however, were nothing short of outstanding.

“What I learned that first year was that I belong with these individuals,” Bonomo says. “That year, I beat Jim Martin from Penn State who went on to win the national championship. And, Rock and I developed a we-can-do-this attitude.”



# MARVEL

Bonomo's sophomore campaign produced a 34-2 record that included nine pins and 11 technical falls and, after beating Iowa's Matt Egland, the first of three NCAA titles. His junior year featured a 28-3 mark and his second championship and, in his senior year, he capped an illustrious collegiate career by going 28-2 and capturing a third individual crown. With a career record of 116-12-3 and three wrestler of the year awards from both the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) and the Eastern Wrestling League (EWL), he remains the third best in school history. Brother Rocky, a two-time All-American, comes in fourth on BU's all-time win list with a record of 110-19.

"I was nervous going out on the mat for that first national title, but once you shake your opponent's hand it becomes all wrestling and you forget the crowd and television lights," Ricky Bonomo recalls. "That second year you are a 'marked man' because everyone is gunning to knock off the defending champion. My third year I wrestled a lot at 126 and 134 (pounds) because of making weight, and people couldn't understand why my matches were so close.

"There were times going to tournaments during my senior year that I just wanted to get out of the car and

walk away from it all. Most people can't comprehend all of the pressure that goes into competing on the Division I level, much less what goes into making it to the tournament and coming out a winner. I had the support of my teammates, coaches and brother who encouraged me and reassured me if I did my best everything would fall into place."

Bonomo credits Hitchcock, who was his high school coach, for pushing him and putting into motion all that was necessary to attend college. "Shorty, who passed away in 2002, was a happy-go-lucky guy who showed me you can have fun while still being serious about what you were doing. The 'bear-hug' move he perfected was passed on to me and I used it in high school and college," Bonomo says.

Working with today's wrestlers at his garage-turned-mat room, Bonomo applies a different approach to wrestling depending upon the age group and weight class he's dealing with at the time but everything still comes down to enjoying what you are doing.

"I want the younger guys to work hard but have fun," Bonomo says. "Let them get exposed to the sport but don't make it a job and the rest will fall into place if it's meant to be. For the bigger and more experienced wrestlers, the workouts are more intense. You want to instill in them the importance of peaking at the right time." ■

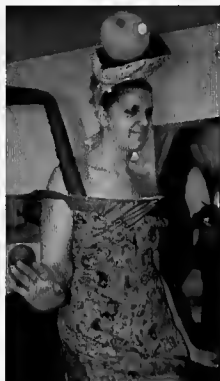
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After much success on the mats at the high school and college levels, Bonomo now shares his winning moves, like this one, with today's young wrestlers.





Courtesy of Meredith Re Grimsley



Garments created of unique materials take over the runway during Personal Adornment Day. Shown left to right in accompanying photos are Matthew Dunbar, a sophomore from Jim Thorpe, modeling an outfit of found clothing and aluminum cans assembled by Steve Martz, a sophomore from Catawissa. Modeling their own creations are, center, Nadeen Roberts, a junior from Bloomsburg, appearing in digitally printed fabrics, adorned with wire, beads and hand-dyed cotton, and Danielle Urbanowicz, a May 2008 graduate from Knoxville, Tenn., wearing an ensemble fashioned of recycled umbrellas in various sizes.

# Fabric of *Expression*

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ERIC FOSTER

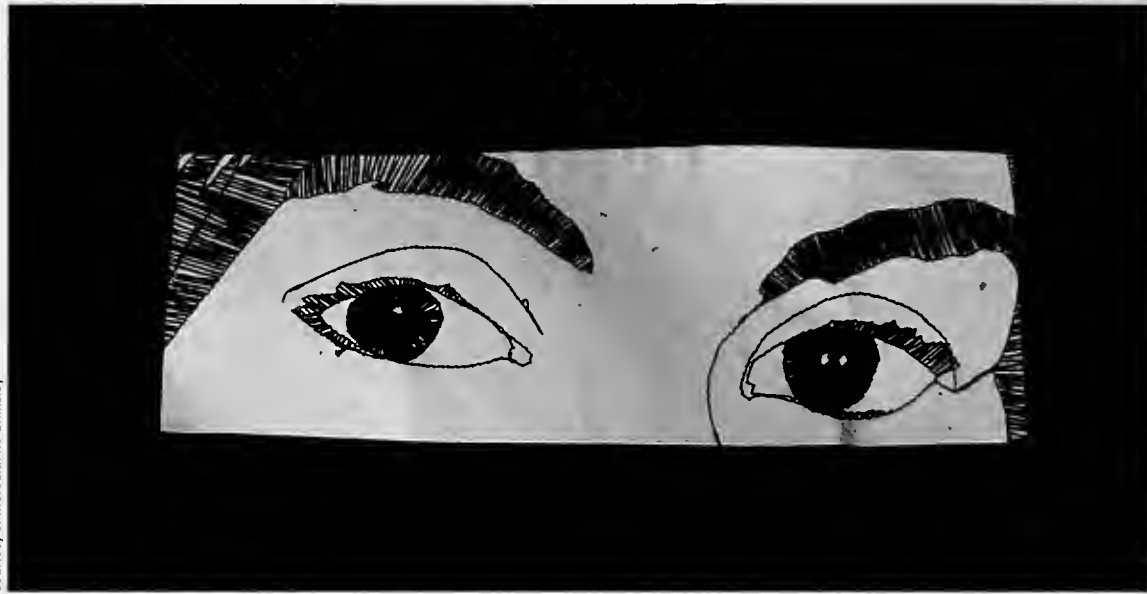
Duct tape. Aluminum cans. Vinyl records. Steel. Not contents you'll find listed on a typical clothing label, but common materials for garments modeled at Bloomsburg's annual Personal Adornment Day.

For the past four Aprils, some two dozen student designers have shown off their work on an impromptu runway in the Haas Gallery of Art. For the students exhibiting their designs, the show is the culmination of weeks of work.

"Some students are excited, some are terrified," says Meredith Re Grimsley, associate professor of art and the organizer of Personal Adornment Day. "But they all have the experience of collaborating, getting feedback from the audience. It's closing the circle, creating a professional experience for them."

A fascination and focus on fabric was something that Grimsley brought with her when she came to BU in 2003.

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– Meredith Re Grimsley

“There’s a sense of process and tactile connection that I didn’t get with other mediums,” says Grimsley. “With fabric, I am using materials that I’d seen my mother, Gail Re, use so there’s a personal connection for me there, as well.”

A native of Atlanta, Grimsley earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in fine arts at the University of Georgia and taught there as an adjunct professor. She initially came to BU on a temporary one-year basis and was selected for the permanent position after a national search the next year.

“When I came here, Karl Beamer mentioned that he had done something like Personal Adornment Day in the ‘80s,” says Grimsley. “So we developed it into something that included bringing in a visiting artist, which elevates the experience for the students.”

Fellow faculty member Karl Beamer, for one, couldn’t be happier to have her as a colleague.

“She had the resume and she had the exhibitions,” says Beamer, who will retire in December after teaching at Bloomsburg for 37 years. “Her work was floating around sculpture and installation. I’m the resident skeptic on installations, but she brought that component to the art program—here’s a space, how can I have you interact with it as a viewer? And she jumped right in with all that exuberance.”

Her exuberance has a way of rubbing off on students.

“I fell in love with art, using fabric in design,” says Rebecca Rugg, who graduated from BU in May with an art studio degree and is now attending the University of Georgia for her master’s of fine arts. “Professor Grimsley loves teaching, loves what she does, and it inspired me to do a lot of things on my own. I was in the studios 24/7.”

That “personal voice” is one of the most difficult things for students to find, says Grimsley. “What is their personal content, their personal voice that’s so valuable that they’re going to spend hours and hours on it?”

“They need to come up with an idea, find the best way to communicate that idea. And they are going to have to defend that idea. Students have focused on childhood disease, family issues and memories of nature from childhood.”

For Rugg, the focus is often on her personal medical concerns. “I’m diabetic, and I make a lot of work about my fears of things that could go wrong with my health,” she says. “I was in the library at all hours, researching what I was going to make, how I



Rebecca Rugg



Creative expressions from Meredith Re Grimsley's own portfolio include, left to right, 'What Do You See,' 'If It Causes You to Sin' and 'Blood Money.'

was going to make it and the concept behind it." Rugg communicated her fears with her entry in the 2007 Personal Adornment Day—a dress reminiscent of a straightjacket.

Student Cortney Sandore's 2008 creation for Adornment Day had a lighthearted princess theme, incorporating a lampshade with holiday lights woven into the top. But creating the piece still required serious planning. "I learned how much work it takes to get something that you're proud of," says Sandore, who plans to graduate in December. "It took about a month of planning with sketches and getting the materials. And then a lot of hands-on work to make it."

"As teachers," says Grimsley, "we're challenging them to value the personal element they bring to the work because if they care, the audience will care."

Through Personal Adornment day, students find that people's familiarity with fabric and clothing can make textiles an especially effective art medium. "Everybody wears it every day," says Rugg. "Your work can be understood by people."

Kaitlin McAteer '06 takes her work to the public in a more direct way. She's applied her art training to shoe design for Kenneth Cole in New York City.

After interning with the firm for several months, McAteer joined the staff full-time in January 2007 and is now an assistant product development manager with a focus on the designer's "Tribecca" line.

"Every part of the design is thought out," says McAteer. "Stitching details can make or break the product."

Though she didn't have any experience designing shoes when she started with Kenneth Cole, McAteer learned fast. She recalls the first shoe she designed from the ground up, a flat with a jeweled upper. "I'm close to the sample size (size 6 for women, size 9 for men) so I had a white pair that I wore all the time," says McAteer.

It's not just students interested in working in design or academia who benefit from art classes, says Grimsley. About half of her students are majoring in other subjects, and Grimsley finds they bring a different perspective to the class.

A strong biology major before changing to art, Rugg found that the art classes had a positive effect on her work in all classes. "With the creative outlet, you're less stressed and more focused in all of your classes," she says. "All students should take an art class. It helps you think about every aspect of a thing."

While the end product may be a dress, a pair of shoes or an abstract work, Grimsley and her students say a project usually starts with a piece of paper and a pencil.

"Drawing is the foundation of any art discipline," says Grimsley. "Everyone should know how to draw and should keep a sketchbook to record the visual and written aspects of their ideas."

The practice of drawing, she says, can increase awareness and offers the artist the ability to truly see the world and "appreciate the beauty that can be vital to creativity."

And, perhaps, for students, to inspire the fashions they create for Personal Adornment Day. ■

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The pieces of the crime investigation puzzle can be as basic as handwritten notes in a binder or as sophisticated as computer analysis of DNA. Solving the puzzle often relies on the collaboration of experts united in the goal of bringing closure to families.

# Victims' Voice

STORY BY JACK SHERZER

It was the end of January 2008 when a state road worker made a grisly discovery along the side of Interstate 80. Trash bags—each containing body parts of what appeared to be a light-skinned adult woman—had been tossed on the side of the highway as it made its way through rural Monroe and Wayne counties.

"I remember that day when I was sitting in my office in Bloomsburg and I heard 'Hey, Swiftwater just found some body parts on the interstate,'" recalls Pennsylvania State Police Cpl. Shawn M. Williams '93, referring to the state police barracks near the sites of the discovery. "In my career, that is the first time I've seen anything like that."

Unlike the gizmos that help solve crimes in an hour on TV, many of Cpl. Shawn Williams' tools are low-tech—a rotary card file, a pen, a three-ring binder and a map of his territory.



Eric Foster

Even as Williams, one of only 19 troopers assigned to the department's Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit, made his way to the scene, he knew someone else he had to call: Conrad Quintyn, an assistant professor of anthropology at Bloomsburg University.

Immediately upon arriving in Bloomsburg in 2005, Quintyn offered his services to the authorities, who often need to know if the bones someone found in the woods are human or animal. "When I heard of body parts not being together I knew, with Quintyn's specialty, he may be able to tell us what kind of instrument was used to dismember the body," Williams says.

"That was my job, to find out whether a knife was used, a saw was used, an ax, whatever," Quintyn says. "I look at the surface of the bones, and the striations on the surface of the bones can give you an indication of whether it's a knife or saw."

One thing Quintyn looks for are "false starts," or places where someone tried to cut and then had to back out and start again because the going got too tough. Such areas can tell a lot about the tool used; if it's a saw, the number of teeth per inch can be determined.

Such information is important both before and after an arrest. Quintyn and Williams agree. Knowing the kind of tools used in a killing helps police when they narrow their list of suspects and conduct searches. And after an arrest, if the cutting tool is recovered in the suspect's possession, connecting the tool to the victim is powerful evidence in court.

In this case, Quintyn told authorities that a saw was used and gave them an idea of what to look for. A 33-year-old man was ultimately arrested and is awaiting trial on homicide charges. When police searched the man's Tobyhanna home, in addition to finding the woman's hands hidden in a wall of the house, investigators also found a saw and different kinds of saw blades.

### *Almost by Chance*

The zeal Williams and Quintyn bring to their work is obvious. But both came to their chosen professions almost by chance.

Williams, 37, came to Bloomsburg University intending to pursue a career in the communications field. Already successful spinning records at parties—it paid for much of his college, he says—he was thinking



### **'Beth Doe'**

Unidentified Caucasian Female  
Located on Dec. 20, 1976 in White Haven,  
Carbon County, Pa.

### **Vital Statistics**

**Estimated age:** Late teens to early 20s  
(born between 1954 and 1960)

**Approximate height and weight:** 5 foot 4 inches,  
130 to 150 pounds

**Dental:** Fillings and some missing teeth

**Blood Type:** O

**Distinguishing Characteristics:** Medium-length,  
natural (not dyed) brown hair. Brown eyes. Small  
circular mole above left eye, mole on left cheek.  
Scar on left leg just above heel, 5½ inches in  
length. No previous fractures. May have been of  
Mediterranean heritage.

**Cause of death:** Strangled, then shot in the neck

**Other:** Carrying a full-term, white female fetus

Updated sketch by Frank Bender, Nov. 12, 2007

Courtesy of Cpl. Shawn Williams, Pennsylvania State Police

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Eric Foster

‘Many people don’t realize that bones are a living tissue and from the bones you can determine population variations, individual variations.’

– Conrad Quintyn, assistant professor of anthropology

of a career in television and had an internship at a Scranton station helping to produce a local program about outdoor life.

But walking through the McCormick Center for Human Services one day, Williams was spotted by a Pennsylvania State Police recruiter, who gave him a brochure about the department and a career as a trooper. The hook was set.

“It was just the demeanor of the recruiter, the way he spoke to me about police work and the things that you do—do you like to work on your own and make important decisions and be involved in interesting investigations and help people?”

While Williams remained a mass communications major with a concentration in telecommunications, he began working as a dispatcher for the university’s police department. After he graduated, he became an officer with the university police.

His goal, Williams says, was to be a state trooper and, ultimately, a detective. But it’s a slow process to

get into the department and, for a while, there was a hiring freeze. Finally in 1997, he took the test for the second time and, just when he was beginning to think that he was out of luck once again, he was called for further interviews and testing. In 1999, he left the university’s police force to become a state police cadet.

“Out of the 12,000 people that took the test when I did, there were only 300 or 400 who made it,” he says.

In a career arc that’s come full circle, he was made a detective a year after becoming a trooper and, in January 2003, was transferred back to the Bloomsburg station, where he worked as a criminal investigator with Troop N. In 2005, three years after becoming part of the elite Criminal Investigation Assessment Unit, he was promoted to corporal.

“My job is victim driven,” Williams says. “I don’t know these people prior to them being murdered but, by the time the investigation is over, I know them better than some of their own family members.

“It’s really the victim’s voice we are trying to work for. They don’t have a voice and they need a criminal investigator to be that voice for them.”

Williams acknowledges that he and his partner, Cpl. Thomas C. McAndrew, put in long hours, which can sometimes be tough on his wife, Rebecca Kissinger Williams ’95/07M, and their four children, ages 3 to 11. “Rebecca is supportive of what I do and involved as much as me,” he says.

And, sometimes, what he sees can be hard to deal with. The toughest case for him occurred in January 2006 when a man shot his wife and their two young children in a motel before turning the gun on himself. His wife survived and summoned help. The father, who shot himself in the stomach, also survived and is now on death row after being convicted of killing the two children.

“That was a horrendous scene to see two little kids, especially when you have your own kids. But you have to put that aside and work the case and get the job done,” Williams says, adding that he is helped by his faith. “I think that keeps me well-grounded and I feel inspired a lot of time, that God is leading me in the right direction through these cases.”



Courtesy of Shawn Williams

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Conrad Quintyn, right, peers into the grave of ‘Beth Doe’ as her body is exhumed more than three decades after she was murdered.





Conrad Quintyn, left, explains the information that can be determined by analyzing bones, including race, gender and age, to students enrolled in Forensic Anthropology.

### *Fascination with Bones*

Like Williams, when Quintyn was thinking about what to do with his life, the notion of anthropology and one day helping police catch killers wasn't even on his horizon. Born in London, Quintyn moved to Florida with his family when he was in high school.

It was after serving as a medic with the Marines and enrolling at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, that Quintyn found something that has fascinated him ever since: bones. His interest led to a doctorate in biological anthropology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a specialty in forensic anthropology, in which the bones and overall skeleton are studied to determine a person's cause of death. His experience includes helping the military search for missing pilots in Vietnam

"Many people don't realize that bones are a living tissue and from the bones you can determine population variations, individual variations. You can determine the physique of an individual, age, sex, race, stature, cause of death. You can determine so many different kinds of trauma from the bones, and even some diseases," he says.

After coming to Bloomsburg from a temporary faculty position at the State University of New York at Oswego, Quintyn let area police know he was available to help. State police called on Quintyn's experience last October when they wanted to exhume a body buried for 30 years.

"Beth Doe" was found by a child playing on the banks of the Lehigh River on Dec. 20, 1976. Someone had tossed three suitcases from the Interstate 80 bridge between Bloomsburg and Hazleton. The suitcase missed the water and landed on the bank, revealing the woman's dismembered remains inside. At the time, authorities were able to determine she was pregnant, shot in the neck and was 18 to 25 years old.

Williams and his partner, who work on cold cases, wanted to try once more to give a real name to "Beth Doe" and find her killer. They arranged to exhume the body so they could obtain DNA samples—something not done in 1976. Those samples could help identify family members, and DNA from the fetus could help identify the child's father.

The body had been wrapped in plastic before being placed in the coffin and, even after three decades, was well preserved. The exhumation was widely publicized with the hope that drawing attention to the old case would prompt someone to come forward.

"I can't believe someone is not missing this girl. She had a recognizable face and she was pregnant," Williams says. "We thought, why can't this be solved? Let's give it another shot."

So far, no leads. But with the DNA evidence collected and other information being re-examined, Williams and his partner, McAndrew, hope to soon identify "Beth Doe."

For Quintyn, too, it's about bringing justice for the victim and helping their families. "You bring closure to the family, that's the important thing. You're not just an academic writing a lot of articles in journals. You want to do something worthwhile," he says. "This is one thing that makes you feel good at the end of the day, you bring closure to families." ■

**Editor's note:** Anyone with information on the "Beth Doe" homicide is asked to contact Pennsylvania State Police Cpl. Shawn M. Williams at shawwillia@state.pa.us.

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Courtesy of Stacy Pane Segal

# To the Rescue

STORY BY BECKY LOCK

Dogs may be man's best friend, but equines are lucky to have one BU grad on their side.



Some of Stacy Pane Segal's earliest memories involve horses, with hooves or with rockers.

Stacy Pane Segal's childhood love of horses matured into respect, admiration and a true dedication to their health and welfare, all valuable attributes in her position as equine protection specialist with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

"There is never a 'typical day' here," Segal says of her job. "I have several ongoing projects. Right now, I'm compiling a database of all horse rescue operations in the U.S. But, I can be interrupted by a rescue call about horses. We try to answer e-mail questions, provide information. If it's a large-scale seizure, we may get involved."

Segal's path to advocacy for equines started on the back of a horse named Skipper. After graduating from BU in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in communications and political science, Segal, 31, worked at Carnegie Mellon University, near Pittsburgh. Her job involved lobbying federal and local lawmakers on defense issues for the university. "I learned how influence and power play into decision making and the appropriation process," says the Hazleton native. "It was an eye-opening experience."

In her free time, she'd go trail riding at a nearby farm, usually on Skipper, whom she describes as "difficult, with a few bad habits." But, to the farm owner, the 6-year-old Appaloosa-cross gelding was "bad" and destined for the "meat truck."

Horrified to learn of the plans for Skipper, she researched slaughterhouses and learned that horses were being slaughtered for human consumption. "I realized I had probably passed horse trailers going to the New

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– Stacy Pane Segal '99

Holland auction, near Lancaster, where every Monday they sell horses for slaughter. I was floored. I could not believe it,” she says.

Segal began to wonder if her insights into governmental lobbying could instill in lawmakers an interest in protecting the lives of horses. Then, while volunteering with groups such as the Equine Protection Network, Segal learned of a bill that had been introduced in the U.S. Congress—the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act.

“The Humane Society of the United States was a leader in lobbying for the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act, which has been pending in the House and Senate for a few years,” she says. “They had a government affairs team working on federal and state levels to pass laws to protect animals and fight laws that would harm them.” Those laws include a recently passed measure that ensures pets are included in disaster planning so evacuees don’t have to leave them behind. Another increases penalties for dog and cock fighting.

Segal has worked for about a year as a member of the HSUS Equine Protection Department

and has been involved in several high-profile rescues. Last year, for example, when three equine slaughterhouses closed due to state action in Texas and Illinois, the HSUS found lodging for all of the horses that were awaiting sale, housed in pens or headed to slaughter.

“One ‘killer’ buyer called from Wyoming and we convinced him to relinquish his horses to us,” Segal says. “I helped with the triage and care of the horses and to find rescues to take them in. It’s really rewarding to learn that horses get rescued.”

For horse owners, Segal’s work centers on education. “Our main focus is the Horses: Companions for Life program,” she says. “Its goal is to help potential, current and long-time horse owners understand what is necessary to properly care for a horse and make good decisions for him at all stages of his life. With proper care, horses can live to 30 years or more.”

In this role, she’s assisted with equine cruelty workshops and helped research the society’s “Complete Guide to Horse Care,” described as “the cornerstone of the Horses: Companions for Life program.”

The hope is to “help horse owners and their horses have successful relationships so fewer horses end up being victims of abuse, neglect and cruelty,” Segal says of her job. “So much is outreach and response.”

She’s come a long way since, as a 3-year-old, she rode an imaginary horse around her home or, as a first- and second-grader, she visited a couple of pastured horses

with her friend Beth. Riding lessons when she was 8 years old just strengthened the bond.

“From that point on, I was absolutely horse crazy,” Segal says. “I remember being struck by how big and strong they seemed, but beautiful and wise and gentle at the same time. Even now, when I see my horse out in the field, running or even just grazing, I am always just amazed at how effortlessly graceful he is.

“Today, I think the feeling I get most from being with and around horses is an acute connectedness to nature and the ability to live absolutely in the moment. Horses truly reflect back what you are feeling, and that forces you to be aware of your emotions and to mentally ‘show up’ completely for your time with them.”

These days, Segal lives in Tacoma Park, Md., with her husband, Stephen, and three cats. About 40 minutes away, Skipper, that same “unruly” Appaloosa gelding, has a comfortable stall. Segal has owned him for almost four years, after leasing him to save his life.

“He’s like a big puppy dog,” she says, adding that his “bad habits” are barely more than personality quirks. “It’s all the other horses I have to worry about now.” ■

**Editor’s note:** The Humane Society of the United States is the nation’s largest animal protection organization, backed by 10.5 million Americans. Learn more at [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org).

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Segal’s love of horses is central to her career and her leisure activities.

# Husky Notes



Brenda Hartman

## Dining with the family

Ruth Reinhart '30, left, was the oldest graduate attending a reunion for alumni from the 1930s and '40s during Alumni Weekend. She was accompanied by her great-nephew Brian Collins '77, right, and his daughter, Victoria Collins '05.

## Quest trips span the globe

Bloomsburg University's Quest program offers extended trips for BU students, alumni and friends. No experience is necessary for many of these trips, and most equipment is provided. Varied amounts of physical stamina are required. Participants travel to destinations in the commonwealth, across the U.S., and in Africa, South and Central America and Europe.

### Walking Across Ireland: The Dingle Way, Sept. 17 to 26:

The Dingle Way is one of Ireland's most scenic long-distance walking trails along low-lying peat bogs and farms, beaches, cliffs and mountains. Located in the southwest of Ireland, the walk completes a circuit of the Dingle Peninsula, starting and finishing in the town of Tralee in the County of Kerry. Accommodations include bed

and breakfast inns and guest houses. The leader is Roy Smith, [rsmith@bloomu.edu](mailto:rsmith@bloomu.edu).

### Costa Rica: Coast to Coast Mountain Biking Adventure, Dec. 30, 2008 to Jan. 10, 2009:

Participants will cross high-altitude cloud forests, towering volcanoes, pristine beaches, raging whitewater rivers and dense tropical rain forests on mountain bikes. The 160-mile trip covers the country's interior, from the bustling streets of San Jose and the pipeline waves of Quepos on the Pacific Coast to the canopies of virgin tropical rainforests. The leader is Brett Simpson, [bsimpson@bloomu.edu](mailto:bsimpson@bloomu.edu).

### Cotswold Ring, England Walking Tour, June 10 to 18, 2009:

The Cotswold Way is one of the most scenic walks to be found in the British Isles. Its rural character has been preserved, with quiet lanes, thatched cottages and rose vine covered stone walls reminiscent of an age long past. The

'55 John Nemetz (right), New Jersey, was honored by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame with a lifetime service to wrestling award. Now retired, he taught history and coached wrestling in Toms River schools for more than 20 years. He also served as a wrestling official.



'58 William L. Bower, who retired from the business department at Berwick Senior High School after 30 years of service, marked his 50th wedding anniversary in May 2008 with his wife, Kay Hummel Bower.

'59 Carl Janetka marked his 10th anniversary in his second career as an education consultant for ProQuest K-12. He retired from the Upper Dublin School District in 1997 after 38 years of teaching, coaching and administration. He and wife, Kathleen Durkin Janetka '69, have three children and two grandchildren.

land was settled by a Celtic people more than 2,000 years ago and artifacts are still visible today. The leader is Roy Smith, [rsmith@bloomu.edu](mailto:rsmith@bloomu.edu).

### Walk Across England – Coast to Coast, June 22 to July 4, 2009:

Participants will walk across the breadth of northern England through some of the island's most beautiful mountains and moorland. The walk will begin in the Lake District region of northwest England, passing through the mountainous and hilly landscape of highland sheep farms and villages of stone-walled

houses, inns and ancient churches before finishing at the North Yorkshire Moors. The leader is Roy Smith, [rsmith@bloomu.edu](mailto:rsmith@bloomu.edu).

*In addition to the programs listed above, Quest also conducts day trips on most weekends and custom-designs teambuilding and other experiences to meet groups' needs. For additional information, contact Quest at [quest@bloomu.edu](mailto:quest@bloomu.edu) or (570) 389-2100 or check online at [www.buquest.org](http://www.buquest.org).*



Participants in Quest's Walk Across England enjoy some of the island's most beautiful scenery.

**'65** Larry Greenly (right) is vice president and past president of South West Writers, an organization to help aspiring writers which received the Bravos Award for excellence and was honored as Albuquerque's Outstanding Arts Organization for 2007.



**'68** Robert E. Boose (right), executive director of the Massachusetts Dental Society, was awarded the Pierre Fauchard Academy's Outstanding Contributions to the Art and Science of Dentistry Award.



**G. Richard Garman**, executive director of Wayne Memorial Health Foundation, was named a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

## Births

**Joseph Dowd '85** and wife, Kelly, a daughter, Audrey Nicole, April 25, 2008

**Christine Girman Morgan '92** and husband, Shawn, a son, Cooper, Sept. 7, 2007

**Nicole Boyd-Hayes '94** and husband, **Daniel Hayes '94**, a son, Jack Boyd, March 17, 2008

**Karen Craig Weingarten '94** and husband, Kevin, a son, Gannon Craig, May 12, 2008

**Amanda Shepard Flaska '95** and husband, Joseph, a son, Ethan Joseph, March 2, 2008

**Jennifer Bedosky Hestor '95** and husband, **Brad Hestor '96**, a daughter, Norah Joy

**Lori Clarke Steiner '97** and husband, Curt, a daughter, Abigail Grace, March 25, 2008

**Jennifer Adams Bean '98** and husband, Gary, a daughter, Juliana, April 22, 2008

**Chrissy Mantione Campenni '98** and husband, Tommy, a daughter, Lucia Grace, March 3, 2008

**Katie Getz Kilian '98** and husband, Kyle, a daughter, Casey Mackenzie, April 4, 2008

**Crystal Kovaschertz Wertz '98** and husband, Gerald, a daughter, Helen Rose, Nov. 16, 2007

**Melissa Wright Wilson '98** and husband, Kevin, twin sons, Jake and Chase, March 13, 2008

**Jill Young Jacobsen '99** and husband, David, a daughter, Cora Faith, March 1, 2008

**Jessica Kehrer McNamara '99** and husband, **Brian McNamara '99**, a daughter, Avery, February 2008

**Keri Ambrocik Roth '99** and husband, **Chris Roth '98**, a son, Charles Regis, Nov. 19, 2007

**Lauren Balanzco Gozzard '00** and husband, Eric, a daughter, Charlotte Lise, May 12, 2008

**Kaci Diem Murphy '01** and husband, **Frank Murphy '98**, a son, Ryan, Aug. 30, 2007

**Melissa Berringer Pfistner '02** and husband, **Michael John Pfistner '01**, a son, Logan Joseph, June 4, 2008

**Chris Repshis '02** and wife, Kiszzy, a son, Chris, Nov. 6, 2007

**Trisha Leitzel Hoffman '03** and husband, Mark, a son, Forest, Jan. 18, 2008

**Kelly McCauslin Kuntz '03** and husband, Stacy, a daughter, Sydney Abigail, March 27, 2008

**Lisa Schneider Williams '03** and husband, **Derek Williams '02**, a son, Casey Michael, May 9, 2008

**Kristen Millard Fourspring '04** and husband, Keith, a daughter, Hannah, Dec. 24, 2007

## Athletics Hall of Fame to induct five

The 27th Athletic Hall of Fame class will be inducted on Friday, Oct. 10, during a ceremony in Monty's. The induction of five graduates—Jim Garman '59, wrestling; Roly Lamy '91, tennis; Keith Torok '79, swimming; Tim Pritchard '90, baseball; and Sharon Reilly Zemaitis '90, field hockey—brings the total number of members to 125.

**Garman** was Bloomsburg's first conference wrestling champion in 1957 and went on to become the first three-time champ. As a senior, he was one of four Huskies wrestlers to compete at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) wrestling championships. He posted an overall dual meet mark of 29-1 in his four years and helped the team to an overall mark of 25-9.

**Reilly** was a two-time All-American in field hockey. She helped Bloomsburg to a four-year record of 82-9-4, two Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) championships and one NCAA title. She finished her career second in career goals with 48 (now fourth) and second in career points with 108 (now sixth). As a junior, Reilly scored a team-high 18 goals while, as a senior, she finished second in goals scored with 12 while adding three assists.

**Pritchard**, who played first base and caught, holds the career school records for batting average (.443) and triples (16). Pritchard also holds the single season records for batting average, hitting .479 in 1990, and triples, with 10 in 1990. He was an All-Conference selection all three seasons at Bloomsburg.

**Lamy** was a three-time All-American. He won four PSAC singles titles and two PSAC doubles titles and was nationally ranked in singles (33rd in 1988 and 1989, 17th in 1990 and sixth in 1991) and doubles (second in both 1988 and 1989, sixth in 1991 and eighth in 1991). He posted a record of 133-42 and holds the school record for most singles wins.

**Torok** earned All-American honors in the 200-free in 1977 and was part of the 400-free relay team that earned All-American in 1975 and 1978. He was an NCAA-qualifier all four years in a total of 11 events. Torok was also a three-time PSAC runner-up in both the 200-free and the 400-relay and had a total of 15 top-six finishes in his career. He set Bloomsburg records in six individual events and three relay events, one of which stood for 28 years.

For ticket information, call BU's sports information office at (570) 389-4413.

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'69 John McKay retired as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional High School.

'70 Kerry Hoffman, a former BU swimmer, was inducted into the Berks County Aquatic Hall of Fame. A charter member of the Berks County Chapter of Swimming and Diving Officials, he worked as an official for 37 years.

'71 James Gilhooley (right), Dunmore, was appointed to the Pennsylvania Professional Standards and Practices Commission by Gov. Ed Rendell. In June, he offered a presentation at the Association for Childhood Education International World Conference in Moscow, Russia. A long-time educator in the Scranton area, he currently is an assistant professor at Keystone College.



Robert Jurbala retired in June from Lackawanna Trail School District, where he was superintendent for nine years.

Renee Zimmerman Kay retired as director of technology for Chichester School District after more than three decades as an educator and administrator.

'72 Sam Mantione retired in June 2007 from E.L. Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre after 35 years.

Daniel Rarig joined Murphy McCormack Business Group as a vice president for business development and relationship management.

'73 Maureen Hauck is assistant director for business consulting at the Small Business Development Center, Bucknell University.



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## Evans rings NASDAQ bell

Ronald Evans '74, chief executive officer of North American Galvanizing and Coatings Inc., presided over the closing bell of the NASDAQ Stock Market on May 1. The company, a provider of hot-dip galvanizing and coatings for corrosion protection of fabricated steel products, has plants in Ohio, Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Oklahoma.

'74 Janice Keil retired from BU in May after teaching in the business education and business information systems department for 27 years.

Richard Pohle retired after teaching science at Honesdale High School, Wayne Highlands School District, for the past 33 years. He was science department chair for 20 years and coached golf for 10 years. He and wife, Susan Burkavage Pohle '74, have two children attending BU.

Tim Wagner received the Bloomsburg YMCA Vanguard Award for community service in 2008.

## Former BU swimmer returns as coach

Former Huskies swimming standout Stu Marvin '78 returned to Bloomsburg as the head coach for the men's and women's swim teams.

As a swimmer at BU, Marvin was an 11-time All-American performer and won five Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference titles. He became the university's first triple All-American award winner in 1975 and equaled that effort in 1977. In 1978, Marvin finished among the top performers in five races to gain All-American recognition in each race. He was a two-time winner of the school's underclassman athlete of the year award and was also awarded the Robert B. Redman Award as the school's top male senior athlete in 1978.

He was the first swimmer inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990. Marvin still holds the school record in the 100-free and has established 12



Stu Marvin

United States Masters Swimming (USMS) records as well as winning 28 national USMS championships.

After graduating from BU, Marvin worked 24 years for the City of Fort Lauderdale's (Fla.) Parks and Recreation Department and directed its aquatics program. He coordinated the operation of the International Swimming Hall of Fame Complex, Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue and the Fort Lauderdale Community Pool system. He coached the Fort Lauderdale swim team and Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue Competition team and worked with Fort Lauderdale Aquatics.

"At this point in my life, my passion for swimming has never been deeper and my loyalty to the university has never been stronger," says Marvin. "I hope to attract great young talent to the program, boost the confidence in each athlete and work towards improving our position in the conference and returning the program to national prominence."

## Marriages

**Michael W. Williams '88** and Michele Richards, Sept. 1, 2007

**Kelly Garner '95** and Craig Exley, April 1, 2008

**Michael Ogurkis '97** and Lorine Angelo, Sept. 29, 2007

**Desiree Hockenbery '00** and Greg Bisignano, June 9, 2007

**Donna Kaniewski '00** and Frank Rabena, Dec. 29, 2007

**Henry Larsen III '00** and Gwen Ketchum, Sept. 29, 2007

**Melissa Shelly '00** and Shawn Saylor, Oct. 13, 2007

**Melissa Zavada '00** and Keith Sharp

**Trisha Calderone '01** and **Steven Stracka '01**, Nov. 24, 2007

**Talia Coppola '01** and Richard Whitlock, May 5, 2008

**Jenn DiMaria '01** and James Tighe, April 26, 2008

**Michael Fedorco '01** and Jacquelyn Muller

**Vanessa Garrapy '01** and Adam Voorhees, Oct. 20, 2007

**Laura Gavio '01** and Michael Barletta

**Melissa Derr '02** and Michael Angstadt, June 23, 2007

**Andrea Flowers '02** and Robert Kramer, Sept. 8, 2007

**Lisa Phillips '02** and Louis Gasper

**Kristin Rhoads '02** and **Jim Kuntz '03**, Nov. 24, 2007

**Erin Stevens '02** and Keith Leal, July 22, 2006

**Cherie Wallace '02** and **Frank Scholl III '04**, Dec. 29, 2007

**Janel Beaver '03** and Calvin Martin, May 26, 2007

**Ashley Behrer '03** and **Kevin Rogers '03**, April 26, 2008

**Andrea Falcone '03** and **Jeffrey Gritman '04/05M**, April 28, 2007

**Eric Kolva '03** and Carrie Laabs, March 11, 2007

**Kristina Truman '03** and Douglas Wilcox Jr., Oct. 13, 2007

**Kristin Barnett '04** and Pete Lents, June 29, 2007

**Rebecca Callas '04** and **Kevin Leonard '05**, Sept. 28, 2007

**Melissa Knapick '04** and Mathew Kline, Oct. 13, 2007

**Adria Kowalski '04** and Kasey Unger, Nov. 3, 2007

**Kristen Millard '04** and Keith Fourspring, July 28, 2007

**Angela Moll '04** and **Ryan Sirak '06**, June 30, 2007

**Amy Reap '04** and John Lawlor, June 2, 2007

**Allison Ridge '04/06M** and Timothy Valentine, June 30, 2007

**Evan Witmer '04** and Sarah Deviney, Aug. 4, 2007

**Amanda Bartkus '05M** and **Christopher Strobl '05M**

**Sara Dieterick '05** and Jason Jarinko, June 9, 2007

**Erica Eltringham '05** and **Thomas Schaeffer '02**, Nov. 17, 2007

**Bethany Finkenbinder '05/06M** and Jake Ramsey, Oct. 7, 2007

**Kristin Graziano '05** and Bruce Shafer

**Cara Gulden '05M** and Brian Buttari, July 7, 2007

**Natalie Hutchinson '05** and Travis Pena, Nov. 3, 2007

**Shannon Killeen '05** and **Ken Ferguson '04**, June 14, 2008

**Ashley Lux '05** and Bryan Smith, June 30, 2007

**Gina Marino '05** and **Justin Thomas '07**, Aug. 31, 2007

**Jennifer Marshall '05** and Harold Kern Jr., Oct. 20, 2007

**Brandy McHenry '05** and Christopher Czock

**Brandi Michael '05** and Joshua Rogers, April 26, 2008

**Mark Piermattei '05** and Amber Catlin, July 28, 2007

**Amy Puntar '05** and **Jeremy Shingler '05**, Sept. 21, 2007

**Jill Remaley '05** and William Engleman, Nov. 10, 2007

**Kara Wagaman '05** and Jason McCauslin, Dec. 1, 2007

**Melissa Walsh '05** and **Ty Wartman '05**, July 28, 2007

**Rachel Cianchetta '06** and Michael Rich, Aug. 4, 2007

**Ashley Dreese '06** and **Ryan Mensch '06**, June 16, 2007

**Jeremy Eck '06** and Kaitlin Klotz, Aug. 25, 2007

**Jason Kehoe '06** and Brooke Welliver, Jan. 5, 2008

**Alicia Marinos '06** and Timothy Seltzer, Dec. 22, 2007

**Jennifer Smith '06** and Brent Bonatz '05, Aug. 24, 2007

**Briana Bashore '07M** and Nicholas Smith, Aug. 18, 2007

**Bethany Brensinger '07** and Michael Wysolmerski, Aug. 4, 2007

**Amber Cherry '07** and Travis Serfass, Aug. 25, 2007

**Mary Duke '07Au.D** and Justin Dietz, Dec. 28, 2007

**Megan Meyers '07** and James Deitterick, July 28, 2007

**Christine Miller '07** and Alejandro Maeso, March 31, 2007

**Amanda Smith '07** and **Jared Kishbaugh '05**, Oct. 13, 2007

**Erica Young '07** and **Kirby Blass '07**, Dec. 29, 2007

**Ingrid Karnes Watson** retired from teaching after 31 years as a secondary school educator. She is president of her own beeswax products business in Sanford, Fla. She and husband, Greg, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 2007.

**75** **Patricia Strunk Crissman**, Camarillo, Calif., is a senior business analyst with Amgen Inc.

**Joseph Scopelliti**, Berwick, is community relations manager for PPL's Susquehanna nuclear power plant in Berwick.

**Brady Stroh** is director of the Center for Geospatial Information Services at Penn State Harrisburg.

**76** **David E. Coffman** is president of the South Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**Barbara A. Wanchisen**, Nanticoke, is director for the board on behavioral, cognitive and sensory sciences of the National Research Council, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences Education.

**77** **Matthew Connell**, Brodheads ville, is dean of Northampton Community College's Monroe campus.

# Husky Notes



## Teammates cruise into their 50s

Several members of 1976-79 men's soccer team celebrated their 50th birthdays with a Caribbean cruise. Shown in matching shirts with the logo 'BSC/50' are, left to right: Toby Rank '80, George Steele '80, Glenn Chestnut '80, Mark Fedele '80 and Steve Buch '80. They were joined on the cruise by wives Lois Hertzog Fedele '80, Julie Metz Rank '79, Robbie Buch, Gaye Steele and Debra Farrell Chestnut '80, who submitted the photo.

**'78** Don Zimmerman, Muhlenberg Township, earned a real estate license and joined Coldwell Banker Landis Homesale Services. He is also owner of EZ Packaging Solutions.

**'79** David Harr is associate vice president for auxiliary and facility operations at the University of Notre Dame.

Joel E. Terschak, St. Louis, Mo., is chief administrative officer for Bunge North America. He and wife, Krista, have six children.

**'80** Sam Malandra is executive vice president of sales and marketing for CRM manager.

**'81** Roanne Heisner Tombasco, Allentown, was promoted to director of logistical services for PPL Corp., where she's worked for 26 years.

**'82** Dr. Larry Maturani joined Clarion Hospital as an internal medicine specialist.

Cheryl Roberts is the marketing manager at Harbor Lights Financial Group of the Lehigh Valley.

**'84** Stephanie Jonas-Sullivan was transferred to Wiesbaden, Germany, for a three-year tour with the U.S. Army.

**'85** Marie Tanzos Beil, Nazareth, is the supervisor for J.C. Penney's online catalog department.

Sandra O'Brien Brettler was elected to a three-year term with the national board of directors for the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses. She is the gamma knife nurse coordinator at Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

Linda Ebbrell Lapp, Bloomsburg, is president of the local Ivy Club for 2008-09.

Rich Robbins is associate dean of arts and sciences at Bucknell University.

Wendy Spease Stafford, Stevens, earned a doctor of audiology degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Elkins Park. She has her own practice in the Cocalico area.

**'86** Conrad Haenny was named teacher of the year at Woodglen School in Lebanon Township, New Jersey. After 17 years in accounting and finance, he now teaches sixth-grade mathematics.

Julia Reichel Hertz, a registered nurse, was named clinical care manager for Lighthouse Hospice in New Jersey.

Richard F. King, treasurer and finance coordinator for Schlouch Inc., received the 2008 Debra Hahn Memorial Award from the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA). He is a certified public accountant.

Victor Koons, owner of a Danville graphic design company, received a 2007 Silver Addy award from the Northeast Pennsylvania Advertising Club and American Advertising Federation.

Glenn Noack was inducted into the Lehigh Valley Basketball Hall of Fame. He is principal at the George D. Steckel Elementary School.

Mark West is president and chief financial officer of SenovvA Inc.

**'87** Ann Pavkovic Grove has been president of her own technical writing firm for six years and was recently named president of a group of technical writers.



Brenda Hartman

## Alumni Association honors trio

Dr. Joseph Mowad, right, a BU Trustee and Geisinger Medical Center physician who chaired BU's presidential search committee, was named an honorary alumnus at the Alumni Association's annual meeting during Alumni Weekend. Also recognized were Brenda Shaffer Conger '78, center, who received the 2007 Distinguished Service Award, and Gary Groenheim '90, recipient of the 2007 Young Alumnus of the Year award. Conger is president of CFC International, an advocacy group for persons with cardiofaciocutaneous syndrome, including her son, and their families. Groenheim, who was unable to attend, is in charge of marketing and advertising for London-based CNBC Europe. Shown at left is BU President David Soltz.



**'88** Stephen Bujno owns a pottery studio in Adamsville, Lancaster County.

Eileen Finn Colarusso, who works for the Archdiocese of Baltimore as coordinator of deaf ministry, signed for the deaf and hard of hearing when Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass at Nationals Stadium in Washington, D.C.

Jacqueline Kimmel Deibert, an elementary teacher in the Tri-Valley School District, has co-authored a second book, "Recipes and Memories of Mahantongo Elementary School."

**'89** Karen Wells Fuller, South Auburn, was promoted to district manager of the northern region for First Liberty Bank and Trust.

Jody L. Ocker was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. She is associate director for the Air Force Nurse Corps and program manager for Manpower and Organization, Office of the Surgeon General, Bolling Air Force Base.

Tina Trager, a certified nutritional consultant, is coordinator for Activate Phoenixville Area.

**'90** Paul J. Lewis is a senior accountant with High Corporate Services, East Lampeter Township.

Joseph Rebarchak Jr. is northern region manager for Mid Penn Bank.

**'91** George G. Kinney is director of planning for Palmer Township in Northampton County.

Kevin Reynolds was named men's basketball coach at Slippery Rock University.

**'92** Christopher Hunt, Wind Gap, is chief financial officer for Moravian Hall Square.

Kimm Miller, former Cirque du Soleil acrobat/high diver, has opened her own Pilates studio in Shillington.

Robert Mindick, Hatfield, is a senior vice president in commercial lending with Sovereign Bank.

Doug Pape, Wilkes-Barre, is Luzerne County's chief clerk/manager.

Timothy Ronan, a certified public accountant, is president of the Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants for 2008-09. He is a partner with Stanton, Echard & Ronan, State College.

**'93** Barbara Rone Davis is director of curriculum for Tulpehocken Area School District in Berks County.

Claire Day (right), director of programs and education for the Philadelphia Alzheimer's Association, was a BU Alumni in the Classroom presenter in April.

Kurt Davidheiser, Barto, is a real estate agent with Herb Real Estate Inc.

Kevin Watts, Maryland, a major in the U.S. Army, was honored for completing 25 years of military service. He was deployed for more than 20 months in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Qatar.

Michael Zigner, Allentown, is director of industry partnerships at Lehigh Carbon Community College. He is



## Deaths

Ruth Allen Smith '26

Ethel Moore Moorhead '29

Mabel G. Penman '29

Helen Cott Berger '30

Lavere A. Dieffenbach Hoyt '30

Myron R. Welsh '30

Albina Zadra Davis '31

Elizabeth Drumm '31

Peter Evancho '31

Marion Hazeltine Meixell '31

Edith Boyer Miller '31

Irma Lawton Eyer '32

Donald E. Bangs '33

June Strausser '33

Maudmae Edwards Eldridge '34

Helen Hestor Merrill '35

Gladys Rinard Ruesch '36

Lt. Col. Drue W. Folk '41

Howard W. Brochyus Sr. '42

Carl David Snyder '42

Kathryn Keener Dildine '43

Andrew F. Magill '43

Julian A. Zinzarella '44

Mary Ellen Kohrher '45

Nellie A. Kramer '46

Clifton S. Skow '47

John W. Williams '50

Gene D. Search '51

Ukasin Vukevich '51

Kathleen Boychuck '52

Thomas C. Jones '52

Mildred Pliscott Furgele '53

Judith Fry McCarthy '54

John Forgach '57

Charles E. Fahringer '58

Kenneth J. Oswald '58

George E. Renn '58

Barry H. Deppen '61

Charles L. Ditton '63

John M. Castetter '64

Peter P. Pokego '65

Irene Sittler Frantz '66

Joseph P. O'Neill Jr. '69

Kenneth D. Schnure '69

Earl Stover '69

Gregg T. Kendall '70

Regina Degatis Lubrecht '70

Judy Kline Boris '72

William R. Hoover '72

David London '72

Minnie Krotzer Watson '73

Morris "Moe" Leighow '74

Diane K. Blessing '75

Maria Russoniello Lewis '75

Karen Startzel Merchlinski '76

Susan Kobilis Nesbitt '76

Brent G. Heywood '77

D. Keith Sneddon '78

Dr. William F. Johnson '79

Louis Marinangeli '79

Patti Tuckett Catizone '80

Deborah Tobin Olive '80

Ruth T. Yeager '80

Glenn A. Faulkner '85

Vincent G. Solarek '94

Travis L. Hoopengardner '07

also secretary of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the University Continuing Education Association.

**'94** Stacey Belhumer earned a master's degree in education and a certification in media technology from Montclair State University.

Dennis Murri has been a language arts teacher at Ridgefield Park (N.J.) High School since 1995. He has been an assistant wrestling coach at the school for 14 years, earning regional and district honors for coaching in 1998, and also coaches track.

**'95** Wade Becker, Etters, is a partner with the auditing and accounting department of the Beard Miller Co.

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**Matthew Gross** earned a master's degree in business administration/accounting from DeSales University. He and wife, **Shelly Smith Gross '95**, live in Doylestown.

**Robert "Bobby" James Jr.** (right) was appointed defensive coordinator for the Bulldog football program at Wingate University in North Carolina. He is also pro liaison for the program.



**Dale Kline**, Philadelphia, co-owner of Atlantic States Realty, is president of the board of directors of the Roxborough Development Corp.

**'96 Matt Hare** (right) is a faculty member at the University of California at Irvine and a string coach at Irvine, Laguna Hills, Trabuco Hills and San Clemente high schools.



**Jodi Piekarski Loughlin '96M** has earned a doctoral degree in adult education from Penn State Harrisburg. She is a teacher and reading curriculum coordinator at the Shenandoah Valley School District.

**'97 Cheryl Knapp Fallon** presented the first solo exhibition of her photography at the Packwood House Museum, Lewisburg, in May.

**Jason Paist**, an optometrist, opened a practice at the Limerick Professional Building.

**Mindy Flegel Rouzer**, Waynesboro, a breast cancer survivor, opened a chiropractic practice in Blue Ridge Summit and plans to participate in a three-day walk to raise money for breast-cancer research this fall.

**'98 Jessica Grim Galle**, a senior accountant, has joined Baum, Smith and Clemens of Lansdale.

**Michelle Heffner**, a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, has been appointed as judicial law clerk at Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas.

**Michael Kogut** is head football coach for Tri-Valley High School.

**'99 Lori Hauser Gibbs** is principal of Northampton Borough Elementary Schools in the Northampton Area School District.

**Susan Goetz** opened a solo psychotherapy practice in Sacramento, Calif.

**Vanessa Klingensmith** is central regional coordinator for the Children's Miracle Network at Janet Weis Children's Hospital, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

**Karen Malinowski** graduated with honors from the University of Baltimore School of Law with a juris doctorate. She works with the Maryland's attorney general's office and as a staff speech language pathologist with Care Resources Inc.

**'00 Christopher Chappell** is an organizational development specialist with the Geisinger Health System.

Courtesy of Cathy Carr Zavacki



## 'Spice' added to kitchen

HGTV's 'Spice Up My Kitchen' team recently remodeled the kitchen of Cathy Carr Zavacki '99, second from left, and husband, Tim, left. Also shown in the Zavackis' new kitchen at their home in Easton are the show's hosts, Lauren Lake, second from right, and Jeff Devlin. The episode aired in May and June.

**Dave Marcolla**, Lansdale, is senior marketing manager for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware market of ATT, where he has worked since 2007. He is also associate board chair of Gilda's Club Delaware Valley, a local chapter of the national cancer support organization, and active in local Chambers of Commerce. In April, Dave was a BU Alumni in the Classroom presenter.

**Stacy Ogur** is a planning consultant at the Philadelphia Water Department.

**Shawn Rosler** (right), a systems analyst and EpicCare trainer with Geisinger Health Systems, Danville, was a BU Alumni in the Classroom presenter in April.



**'01 Pamela Brennan Burns**, Selinsgrove, is community office manager for First National Bank, formerly Omega Bank.

**Sherry Arbogast Glosek**, a special education teacher, is assistant elementary school principal for the Shamokin Area School District.

**Matt Kaminski**, Worcester, was promoted to director of first-year initiatives and judicial affairs at Montgomery County Community College.

**Kathleen Lloyd-Kurtz**, Hazleton, launched an online clothing business.

**Brian K. Sims** opened his own law office in Philadelphia.

**'02 Pamela Pheasant**, Harrisburg, is employed with the Pennsylvania Department of State as a human resource analyst, specializing in position classification and labor relations. She earned a master's degree in arts administration from Shenandoah University Conservatory.



## At the head of the class

**Jill Dougherty '98M**, a teacher at Springfield (Pa.) High School, receives a \$25,000 award from Milken Family Foundation Chairman Lowell Milken. The award, presented at the 2008 Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference in Los Angeles, Calif., recognizes exceptional talent and accomplishments inside and outside the classroom.

**'03 Chaza Fares Abdul**, office manager of The Medical House, Atlas, earned a master's degree in business administration through the University of Phoenix.

**Christy Carpenter Barkley** was named teacher of the year by the Merrimack Elementary School, Hampton, Va. She teaches fifth grade.

**Teena Edwards Curnow** was promoted to supervisor with the accounting firm of Smith Elliott Kearns and Co.

**Christina Bilo Felten** joined Midwives & Associates Inc. of Allentown. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Licensed Midwives and the American College of Nurse Midwives.

**Bethany Samson Fluck** was promoted to human resource director at Devereux Pocono Center.

**Andrea Falcone Gritman**, Norristown, is a field sales associate for Richardson Electronics.

**Mindy Putak Harrison** joined Coldwell Banker Landis HomeSale Services, Schuylkill Haven, as a real estate agent.

**Christopher Smith** is an assistant professional at the Cooper Hill Country Club, Flemington, N.J.

**'04 Elise Genco Berrocal** is supervisor of communications at Pierce College, Philadelphia.

**Jennifer Feldser** is the author and director of "The Other Woman," a World War II comedic drama that was performed this year at the Hershey Area Playhouse.

**Jamie Frey** is the marketing and event planning manager for the Pennsylvania region of ActionCoach.

**Jeffrey Gritman '04/'05M**, Norristown, is the senior e-learning designer for LeanForward.

**'05 Erin Dumin** is director of admissions for John W. Hallahan Girls Catholic High School in Philadelphia.

**Ryan Kudasik '05M**, Gettysburg, is an instructional designer in the e-learning department of JPL Productions.

**Lauren McGill**, an actress with Hazleton's Pennsylvania Theatre of Performing Arts, directed the production of "Barefoot in the Park."

**'06 Trisha Grace** is museum coordinator for the Shippenburg Historical Society.

**James "Jay" Graham** is the owner of Jay's Crab Shack in Ocean City, N.J.

**Jennifer Wootsick** is a geospatial analyst at the Center for Geospatial Information Services, Penn State Harrisburg. She was recently appointed operations manager for the Pennsylvania GIS Conference.

**'07 Robert Biernat**, a former BU linebacker, joined the Reading Express indoor football team.

**Ashley Geiser**, Montoursville, was named wellness director at RiverWoods Senior Living Community.

**Danielle Lynch** received a first-place award from the Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors (APME) for a newspaper series she co-authored for the Daily Local News, West Chester.

**Jennifer Malukas** is a pediatric intensive care nurse with Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey.

**Valerie Malukas '07M** is a fifth-grade learning support teacher with the Harford County School District, Bel Air, Md.

**Ashley Miller** is a mathematics teacher for the Shamokin Area School District.

**Jason Yeager** is a computer software developer for Scientech, Berwick.

**'08 Amanda Dabashinsky**, Schuylkill Haven, who recently earned a degree in special education, is student teaching at D.H.H. Lengel Middle School in Pottsville.

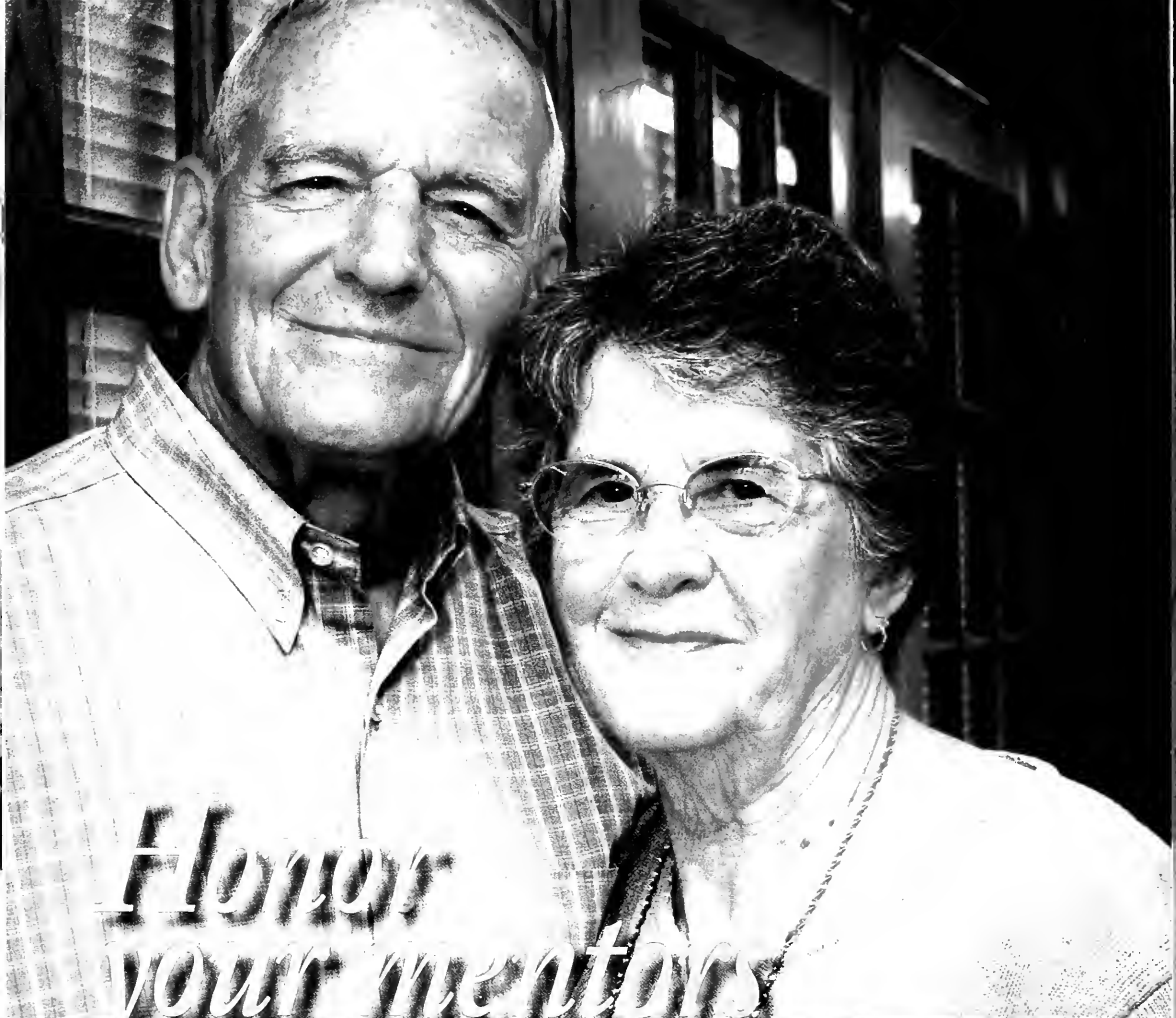
**Stefanie Pitcavage**, Ashland, received a Dixon Scholarship from the Widener University School of Law.

**Brian Wagner**, Schuylkill Haven, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He is working as a public affairs officer at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.

**Evan Duane Wickard** earned certification as a secondary English teacher, following in the footsteps of his parents, **Duane "Butch" Wickard '79**, principal of Upper Perkiomen Middle School, and **Eileen Callahan Wickard '80**, gifted support teacher at Palisades Middle School. Evan's late great-grandfather, **Basil Steele '34**, graduated from Bloomsburg Normal School and was an elementary school teacher in what is now the Lake Lehman School District.

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# *Honor your mentors*

Bill Jones, first chairperson of BU's special education department, spent decades touching the lives of hundreds of students and, with his wife Joan, building a family of special education teachers that includes four of their six children, two daughters-in-law and a granddaughter.

To honor Bill and Joan's commitment to special education, their family and BU's Department of Exceptionality programs established the Jones Center for Special Education Excellence. The dream of the Jones Center is to ensure that all individuals with exceptionalities receive appropriate education and support services.

Learn how you can support the Jones Center or pay tribute to the mentors who inspired your career at [www.bloomu.edu/giving](http://www.bloomu.edu/giving)



# Calendar of Events

BU's Academic Quadrangle is bordered by, left to right, McCormick Center for Human Services, Waller Administration Building, Andrus Library and Centennial Hall.

## Academic Calendar

### Fall 2008

#### Reading Days – No Classes

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 to 11

#### Thanksgiving Break –

##### No Classes

Wednesday to Friday, Nov. 26 to 28

#### Classes Resume

Monday, Dec. 1

#### Classes End

Saturday, Dec. 6

#### Final Exams

Monday to Saturday, Dec. 8 to 13

#### Graduate Commencement

Friday, Dec. 12

#### Undergraduate Commencement

Saturday, Dec. 13

### Spring 2009

#### Classes Begin

Monday, Jan. 12

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day –

##### No Classes

Monday, Jan. 19

#### Spring Break Begins

Saturday, Feb. 28

#### Classes Resume

Monday, March 9, 8 a.m.

#### Classes End

Saturday, April 25

#### Finals Begin

Monday, April 27

#### Finals End

Saturday, May 2

#### Graduate Commencement

Friday, May 1

#### Undergraduate Commencement

Saturday, May 2

## Art Exhibits

Exhibitions are open to the public free of charge. Due to the renovation of the Haas Center for the Arts, exhibits will be offered in alternate venues on campus. For more information about shows and updated information, visit [www.bloomu.edu/today/arts.php](http://www.bloomu.edu/today/arts.php).

### Carl Gombert: The Real Me

Renditions of the human face  
Through Sept. 19  
Kehr Union, Multicultural Center

### Pamela Marks: Works on Paper

Paintings and drawings  
Oct. 5 to 31  
Reception: Wednesday, Oct. 15,  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Kehr Union, Multicultural Center

### Toshiko Takaezu: Works from the

#### Permanent Collection

Ceramics  
November, Dates to be announced  
Andrus Library

### Kerry Stuart Coppin:

#### Photography

Jan. 20 to Feb. 13, 2009  
Reception: Monday, Feb. 2,  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Location to be announced

### Anne Mondro and Donovan

#### Widmer: Sculpture

March 2 to 27, 2009  
Location to be announced

### Student Art Exhibition

April 2009  
Dates and location to be announced

## Celebrity Artist Series

All events in the 2008-09 Celebrity Artist Series season will be presented in Carver Hall, Kenneth S. Grass Auditorium. For more information, call the box office, temporarily located in the Carver Hall lobby, at (570) 389-4409 or visit the Celebrity Artist Web site at [www.bloomu.edu/today/celebrity.php](http://www.bloomu.edu/today/celebrity.php). Community Government Association cardholders pay half of the ticket's face value for all shows. Programs and dates are subject to change.

### Parents Weekend:

#### Forbidden Broadway

Saturday, Sept. 13, 6:30 and  
9 p.m., \$20

### Presidential Inauguration Event:

#### Jean-Michel Cousteau

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., \$20

### Homecoming Weekend:

#### Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats

Sunday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m., \$20

### Broadway State of Mind:

#### Adam Pascal

Saturday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., \$20

### Holiday Show: Chestnut

#### Brass Company

Saturday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., \$20

### Broadway Review: Five Guys Named Moe

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, 8 p.m., \$20

### Valentine's Day Romance:

#### Simone on Simone

Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, 8 p.m., \$20

### Classical: Ahn Trio

Saturday, March 14, 2009,  
8 p.m., \$20

### Simply Sinatra: Steve Lippia

Friday, April 3, 2009, 7:30 p.m., \$20

## Concerts

Listed events are open to the public free of charge.

### Chamber Orchestra: Fall Concert

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2:30 p.m.  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church,  
123 N. Market St., Bloomsburg

## Bloomsburg University-

### Community Orchestra

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2:30 p.m.  
Central Columbia High School  
Auditorium  
4777 Old Berwick Road, Bloomsburg

## Alumni Events

Contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (570) 389-4058, (800) 526-0254 or [alum@bloomu.edu](mailto:alum@bloomu.edu) for information. Details are also available at [www.bloomualumni.com](http://www.bloomualumni.com).

### Alumni and Open 5K Race

Saturday, Sept. 6, 12:30 p.m.  
Contact: Karen Brandt, cross country  
coach, at [kbrandt@bloomu.edu](mailto:kbrandt@bloomu.edu)

### Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

Friday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.  
Monty's, Upper Campus  
Call BU's sports information office,  
(570) 389-4413, for ticket  
information.

### A Taste of Bloomsburg

Saturday, Nov. 1, preceding  
Homecoming football game  
Fenstermaker Alumni House Lawn

### Grad Finale

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Quest Reunion

Saturday, April 4, 2009

## Special Events

### Parents and Family Weekend

Friday to Sunday, Sept. 12 to 14

### Inauguration of President

#### David Soltz

Friday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.  
Nelson Field House

### Homecoming Weekend

Saturday to Sunday, Nov. 1 to 2  
Football, Huskies vs. West Chester  
Golden Rams, Saturday, Nov. 1, 8  
3:30 p.m., Redman Stadium. Tickets  
are \$8 for adults and \$3 for students  
and senior citizens. BU students with  
a valid ID are admitted to games  
open two hours before kickoff.

For the latest information on upcoming  
events, check the university Web site:  
[www.bloomu.edu/today](http://www.bloomu.edu/today)

# Over the Shoulder

By Robert Dunkelberger, University Archivist

## Politicking in Bloomsburg: Simulated Conventions on Campus

Presidential candidates and their family members traversed Pennsylvania in search of votes in spring 2008, including former first daughter Chelsea Clinton, who spoke in Kehr Union's Fireside Lounge, and her dad, former President Bill Clinton, who led a rally at Bloomsburg Middle School.

But this was not the first visit to Bloomsburg from a former or future president or presidential candidate. For many years, notable politicians spoke on campus at simulated political conventions organized to help students learn how the nominating process works.

The first was held in the Carver Hall auditorium in May 1928, with three more conventions in 1940, 1948 and 1952. When the simulated conventions

returned in 1968, nationally known politicians were invited to provide the keynote address or distinguished lecture. Gerald Ford, a Michigan congressman who would later serve as the nation's 38th president, gave the opening address for the Republican convention in Centennial Gym. The student delegates' candidate of choice was New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

In 1972 it was a Democratic convention, with South Dakota Sen. George McGovern nominated for president. McGovern returned the

favor by twice appearing on the Bloomsburg campus. In 1976 he gave a preliminary address in Haas Auditorium, with the convention two weeks later nominating Arizona Rep. Morris Udall. On the first ballot, then-Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter placed third, behind Udall and journalist Hunter S. Thompson.

McGovern returned in 1980, once again as a distinguished lecturer, while student delegates to the mock Republican convention nominated Illinois Rep. John Anderson. Coming in a strong second in 1980



Future President Gerald R. Ford delivers the keynote address at the simulated Republican Convention in Centennial Gym on March 16, 1968.



The 1972 Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern receives a T-shirt from convention chairman Pierce Atwater on March 25, 1976.

was Mr. Bill, the much-abused clay puppet featured at the time on "Saturday Night Live."

Bloomsburg students selected candidates creatively. In addition to Hunter S. Thompson and Mr. Bill, nominees included Archie Bunker from the TV show "All in the Family" in 1972 and talk show host David Letterman and entertainer Frank Sinatra, both in 1984, the year of the final convention. Anderson, who ran as an independent candidate for president four years earlier, presented the distinguished lecture that year; Colorado Sen. Gary Hart was chosen as the candidate to face incumbent President Ronald Reagan.

Although the conventions gradually became more boisterous and chaotic, they were entertaining as well as educational, with candidates nominated, platforms created and well-known political figures presenting their vision for the country. For a brief period every four years, the campus came alive with debate and thousands of college and high school students were given a real-life education in the political process.

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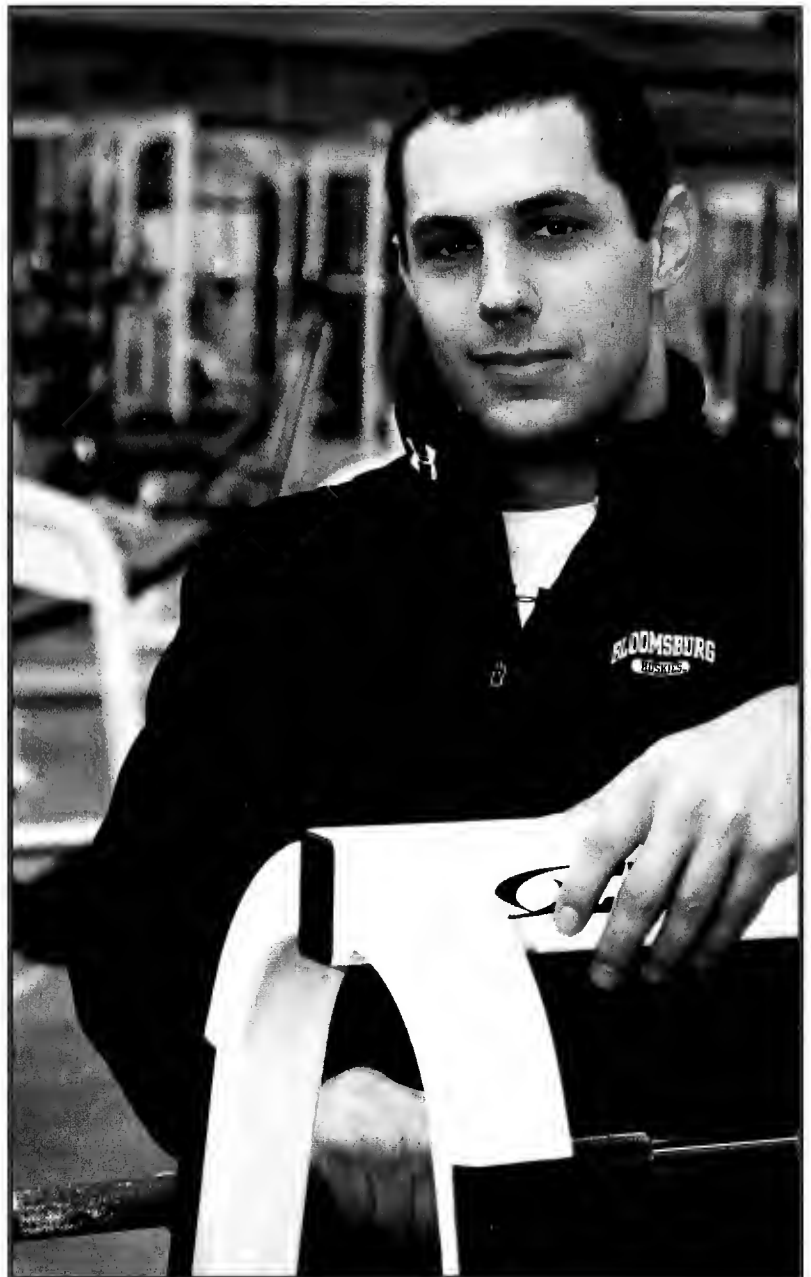
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Sunday: Noon to 4:30 p.m.



*Evan Frey of McConnellsburg works out in the Student Rec Center. An August 2008 graduate who majored in political science, Frey intends to pursue a law degree.*

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# Homecoming Weekend

## The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats

**Sunday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m.**

Carver Hall, Kenneth S. Gross Auditorium

\$20 and \$10

(570) 389-4409 or

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The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats showcase dazzling acrobatic displays, formidable feats of daring and balance, Kung Fu, brilliant costumes and a touch of Chinese comedy. The company flawlessly interprets the art form honed by years of training and discipline. Death-defying stunts mixed with physical agility will keep the entire family on the edge of their seats.

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