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Archaeologists identified the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age according to the trait that categorized each era’s tools. Following that logic, it stands to reason that tomorrow’s researchers may look back at our era and name it the Communications Age.

We’ve witnessed a dramatic transformation over the past century in the manner in which messages are written and transmitted. Handwritten correspondence gave way to a uniform series of letters on the printed page, thanks to manual and electric typewriters, word processors and computers. Alexander Graham Bell’s invention morphed from crank phones mounted on the wall to rotary, touch tone and, now, cell phones that can travel anywhere.

The traditional type of communication seems to flow through this issue of Bloomsburg: The University Magazine. From Huskies quarterback Dan Latorre calling the plays on the football field to professor Steven Hales and commencement speaker David McCormick sharing wisdom through their words, each of those featured in this issue is immersed in communications.

But, just as we once were limited in the manner of conveying messages, today communication opportunities abound, both one-on-one and with a larger group. The arrival of cell phones, e-mail, the Internet, blogs and a variety of social media, including Twitter and Facebook, means you may connect with BU and the wider world as often and as closely as you wish. Likewise, we can connect with you.

In the case of an extreme emergency, we can instantly contact students, faculty and staff by e-mail, text message and voicemail. A quick posting on the university’s Today page conveys a weather-related change in our class schedule. My office and the Alumni Affairs office distribute newsletters by e-mail. Huskies fans quickly learn the results of an athletic contest, in 140 characters or less, through a Tweet sent as the game ends. And, our Facebook presence allows those with an interest in BU to stay connected to us and to each other.

I am now an active participant in this Communications Age, as well, with my own blog where I share my perceptions on events related to Bloomsburg University. I invite you to read my blog and communicate with me by posting your own comments.

David L. Soltz

Editor’s note: Links to BU’s social media sites and President Soltz’s blog may be found at BU Today, www.bloomu.edu/today, and BU Sports Information, www.buhuskies.com. Bloomsburg: The University Magazine is online at www.bloomu.edu/media/magazine.
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News Notes

From the Editors

‘And the survey says…’

The winter 2009 issue of Bloomsburg: The University Magazine asked for your impressions of this publication. Nearly 2,000 of you responded to our first readers survey. Thank you!

Most of our respondents identified themselves as alumni and named the Husky Notes (class notes section), features about alumni and News Notes (campus briefs) as their top three parts of the magazine, respectively. Most of you are generally pleased with the content and read at least one story in each issue, but you told us there was something missing—sports coverage. So, starting with this issue, we are adding a sports section, On the Hill, written by Tom McGuire, BU’s sports information director. Watch for other changes in future issues.

We continually strive to make this magazine relevant and interesting for you, our readers. We hope you’ll feel free to send your story ideas and other feedback at anytime to bmartin@bloomu.edu.

Rosalee Rush, executive editor
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Due Credit

BU launches Principals Academy

Principals Academy, beginning at BU this fall, allows local principals and school administrators to earn continuing education credits close to home. Approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education principal induction program and written to meet the Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Core Standards, the program is designed for first-year principals, but also open to veteran principals and school administrators. State legislation requires newly hired principals to complete an induction course and administrators to get special continuing education credits.

Thomas J. Starmack, assistant professor of educational studies and secondary education, is the academy’s lead instructor, assisted by Tracy Wetzel Krum ’84, principal of Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School, Lewisburg.

New Trustees

Vasta, Wilson and Garrett join council

Three new members joined BU’s Council of Trustees for the September meeting after being nominated by Gov. Ed Rendell and confirmed by the state Senate.

Nancy Vasta ’97/98M, Langhorne, fills the unexpired term of Robert Gibble ’68, who resigned. She is product development manager with CIGNA, Philadelphia, where she has worked since 1999. She also is a member of BU’s College of Business Advisory Board and former member of the Corporate Advisory Council.


Terrell Garrett ’10, an interpersonal communications major from Philadelphia, is the new student Trustee, replacing Nicole Najpauer, who graduated in May. Former vice president of the Black Cultural Society and executive board member of the Frederick Douglass Learning Institute, Garrett has been a student director and founder of the mentorship program, Men of Intelligence, Notability and Desire.

Three current members also were reappointed. They are: Steven B. Barth, Lewisburg, chair; Robert N. Dampman ’65, Ringtown, vice chair; and LaRoy G. Davis ’67, Feasterville.
Middle States Reaccreditation

Commission reaffirms BU quality

Bloomsburg University received accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) for the seventh time, reaffirming the quality of the university’s education, leadership and self-study process. BU was first accredited in 1950, and the commission approved the latest 10-year reaccreditation at its summer meeting.

The university-wide accreditation is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and ensures BU remains eligible for federal funding, including federal student aid and research grants, according to Richard Baker, chair of the Middle States steering committee. Among the highest commendations, MSCHE said BU remains financially strong because of its extensive annual planning and budgeting activities. BU also ranks near the top of the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) on several measures key to attracting new students.

MSCHE is a voluntary, nongovernmental membership association that defines, maintains and promotes educational excellence across institutions with diverse missions, student populations and resources. For more information, visit cob.bloomu.edu/middlestates.

Chief Fundraiser

Evans leads advancement division

Erik Evans joined BU in late July as vice president for university advancement. An advancement professional with more than 11 years of experience at public and private institutions, Evans is responsible for all aspects of the advancement functions of the university, including development, alumni relations, communications and government relations. He works closely with the Bloomsburg University Foundation.

Evans previously served as associate vice president for advancement at Juniata College and executive director for alumni and development at Lock Haven University.

Forensics Funding

University receives $295,000 to expand center

Bloomsburg University received a total of $295,000 to expand the Center for Computer Forensics Research. U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski and Sen. Bob Casey facilitated $200,000 in funding through the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act; U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter facilitated $95,000 in funding through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2009, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education.

The grants allow the center to expand partnerships between BU and law enforcement agencies by providing training, service and research related to extracting information from digital media.

The Center for Computer Forensics Research builds upon BU’s bachelor’s degree program in computer forensics. The program combines computer science training with specialized courses in computer forensics, criminal justice, ethics and accounting fraud.

Notable Designations

Kozloff, McCormick honored

Two former BU presidents have been honored for their devotion to higher education.

BU’s Council of Trustees voted to name the university’s newest apartment complex in honor of Jessica S. Kozloff, who retired in December 2007 after nearly 14 years as BU’s president. The $31 million apartments opened this fall and house 544 students in three, four-story buildings. The apartments will be dedicated Friday, Oct. 16, to kick off homecoming weekend.

James H. McCormick, BU’s president from 1973 to 1983 and the first chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), was named chancellor emeritus by PASSHE’s Board of Governors. McCormick currently is chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.
Pilot Program
Migrant youths attend institute

Twenty-two youths attended Pennsylvania’s first migrant leadership institute for middle school students this summer at BU. The week-long pilot program, a collaboration of BU and the Pennsylvania Department of Migrant Education, grew from BU’s migrant community project that has served mostly younger students for the past 13 years.

The migrant middle school students participated in workshops, field trips and discussions to promote leadership, civic responsibility, communication skills, critical thinking and personal development. At the same time, 16 BU education majors gained experience working with individuals whose backgrounds are different from their own as part of a three-credit practicum.

The Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit’s migrant education program invited BU to pilot the institute, which received support from a BU Foundation Margin of Excellence award, student scholarships provided by the BU Student Pennsylvania State Education Association and funding from the state migrant education program.

Free Training
12,000 benefit from BU’s WEDnetPA program

Nearly 12,000 Pennsylvania residents have gained work-related skills during the past decade through BU’s partnership with the Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania (WEDnetPA). Across the commonwealth, more than 800,000 employees at 14,000 companies have taken advantage of WEDnetPA’s Guaranteed Free Training Program since it began in 1999.

Tom Fletcher, BU’s director of corporate and continuing education, says Bloomsburg University has provided $2.6 million in WEDnetPA funding to more than 100 companies in northeastern, south-central and central Pennsylvania during the past 10 years. Nearly 12,000 employees benefited from basic skills and information technology programs, he adds.

BU is one of 33 educational partners statewide that make up WEDnetPA, an organization created to provide training that will help companies become more competitive and strengthen the statewide business environment.

Top Profs
Karpinski, Wilson named TALE winners

The spring 2009 TALE (Teaching and Learning Enhancement Center) Outstanding Teaching Award recipients are Barbara Wilson and Michael Karpinski, exceptionality programs faculty. Honored at May commencement ceremonies, each received a $750 professional development stipend, sponsored by the Bloomsburg University Foundation, and a plaque to recognize their achievement. The award winners were nominated by members of the Class of 2009 and graduate students who received their degrees this spring.

Like the Pros
NFL camp experience links to BU program

In his three-day stint working with the Minnesota Vikings at their offseason minicamp, Joe Hazzard noticed a lot of similarities between the athletic training staffs of a NFL team and BU’s clinical athletic training program, including the equipment used and the treatment that was given.

Hazzard, program director of BU’s graduate athletic training program, was invited to help at the Vikings’ minicamp by the team’s head athletic trainer, Eric Sugarman, who Hazzard has known for more than 16 years. Sugarman previously worked with the Philadelphia Eagles and at West Chester University, when BU football coach Danny Hale coached there 20 years ago.

Based on his minicamp experience, Hazzard says he can explain to students how similar athletic training is on all levels. Hazzard’s main responsibility at the camp was to make sure the running backs stayed hydrated and had enough towels to cool down. Among the star players Hazzard assisted were Adrian Peterson and Chester Taylor.
In Agreement

Exercise Science accord formalized

Representatives of BU and Luzerne County Community College formally signed the exercise science articulation agreement at LCCC's President's Room. The agreement allows students who earn associate's degrees in exercise science-fitness leadership from LCCC to move seamlessly into BU's exercise science bachelor's degree program. Shown, left to right are, front row: Dana Clark, LCCC provost and vice president of academic affairs; Thomas P. Leary, LCCC president; and Jonathan Lincoln, BU assistant vice president for academic affairs; back row: Joan Bush, LCCC associate dean of counseling and student support services; Tim McConnell, chair of BU's exercise science and athletics department; Tom Martucci, assistant chair of BU's exercise science and athletics department; and Robert Marande, dean of BU's College of Science and Technology.

Quick Takes

A paper by Angela R. Hess, assistant professor of biological and allied health sciences, and six co-authors, “Epha2 as a promoter of melanoma tumorigenicity,” was published in the journal Cancer Biology and Therapy and highlighted on the cover of the Feb. 1, 2009, issue. The research study was conducted in collaboration with researchers from the Children’s Memorial Research Center and Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

Michael Patte ’92/’94M, associate professor of education, was awarded a Fulbright Lecturing/Research Scholarship to study the field of playwork in the United Kingdom. He will spend four months in the UK lecturing and conducting research.

Marilyn Miller, associate professor of exercise science, was among 30 presenters at the International Patellofemoral Joint Research Retreat in Baltimore, which included participants from the U.S., Italy, Australia, Brazil, Wales, Germany, Belgium, England, Israel and Thailand.

Two essays by Mark Noon, assistant professor of English, were published in the Dictionary of Literary Biography: American Radical and Reform Writers. The essays focus on former Scranton mayor Terence Vincent Powderly, who led the Knights of Labor from 1879 to 1893, and Rose Pastor Stokes, an early 20th century reformer who worked as a journalist, public speaker, poet and playwright.

An article by Camille Belolan, assistant professor of writing in developmental instruction, “Can Color Boost Memory and Creativity?” was published in the PADE Informer, a publication of the Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators.


Deborah S. Stryker, assistant professor of exceptionality programs and president of the Association of College Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ACE-DHH), presented her research, “Distance Education Beyond the Classroom: Preliminary Results,” at the national conference in New Orleans.

Sam Slike, professor of exceptionality programs, served as accreditation site visitor for the national Council on Education of the Deaf (CED). His team reviewed the University of Texas Health Science Center-Deaf Education Teacher Preparation Program in San Antonio.

Mark Decker, assistant professor of English, presented “The Mysteries of Los Angeles; or, They Live as an Update of the City Mysteries Genre,” at the Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference in Atlanta.

Avinash Srinivasan, assistant professor of mathematics, computer science and statistics, served on the external review board of four international journals and on technical program committees of six international conferences and workshops. Srinivasan also was the student research symposium coordinator for the 15th annual IEEE International Conference on High Performance Computing held in Bangalore, India. He gave an invited talk at Sri Sathya Sai University at Prashanthi Nilayam, India, titled “Computer Forensics: A New Education Major and Career Path.”

Regina Bobak, instructional technology specialist, and Julie Wolfe, instructional support specialist in the Instructional Media and Design Center, presented “Lessons Learned from Standardization Selection and Small-scale Implementation” at the 2009 Turning Technologies Regional Users Conference at Temple University.

Margaret O’Connor, associate professor of business education and business information systems, and co-author Tulay Girard from Penn State Altoona won the 2009 Midwest Business Administration Association (MBAA) International McGraw-Hill/Irwin Distinguished Paper Award for their research paper, “A Collaborative Approach for Developing Interactive Case Studies: Learning from a University Setting” at the 2009 MBAA International Conference in Chicago.

Gifford Howarth, assistant professor of music, was an international adjudicator this summer for the World Music Contest (WMC) in Kerkrade, The Netherlands. The WMC takes place every four years, and the participating groups come from around the world. Howarth adjudicated the percussion ensemble, marching band and drum corps categories during the month-long contest.
Pardon Our Dust

“Pardon our dust while we remodel to serve you better.”

Anyone who has been to the upper campus of Bloomsburg University recently might feel that type of sign would be appropriate, since there has been a construction project involving a university athletic facility each of the last few years.

Starting in 2006, BU has constructed the field known as Sports Stadium for the field hockey, soccer and lacrosse teams; moved the tennis courts from the lower campus to the upper campus; remodeled Redman Stadium for football and track and field; and made improvements to Litwhiler Field for baseball. Now the final piece of the puzzle is bringing Nelson Field House, a facility built in the early 1970s, up to modern standards.

The Nelson Field House is the centerpiece of the athletic facilities. Not only is it used by most teams at some point during the year, it also is used by many physical education classes. Just four sports—men’s basketball, men’s swimming, men’s indoor track and wrestling—used Nelson when it opened in fall 1972. The athletic program now has 20 sports split equally between men and women. Space for so many teams and coaches was hard to come by.

Among the renovations to Nelson is a new bleacher system for the main gym area, a new scoreboard, new wrestling room on the lower level, a new and expanded press box, dedicated locker rooms for each sport, additional storage space and improved offices for head coaches and assistant coaches. The pool renovations include improved lighting, bleachers, new starting blocks and an improved timing system and record board. The project also provides enhancements to both upper and lower entrances that will showcase the awards teams have won over the last three decades.

“Throughout the years the university has been committed to the Division II philosophy of a balanced athletic program,” says BU athletic director Mary Gardner. “The recent renovations and new construction, totaling nearly $18 million, exemplify this commitment.”

While the changes are readily visible to BU’s students, athletes, coaches and staff, they have not gone unnoticed by others in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC). “Nearly every school in the PSAC has inquired about our renovations and construction,” Gardner says. “Other schools have asked for drawings and plans. They all agree that we have some of the best facilities in the PSAC.”

The renovations to Nelson Field House will also serve those outside the campus community. “We have hosted numerous high school playoff games at the Sports Stadium and at the tennis center,” Gardner adds. “Nelson’s updated facilities will allow us to better serve the needs of high school athletes, their families and the community.”

Exciting fall sports season on the way

All indications are that another exciting fall sports season is on the way for Bloomsburg.

The football team was featured in three national pre-season publications this summer. The Huskies were ranked seventh in Division II by Lindy's Football Annual and the Sporting News and 15th by USA Today Sports Weekly.

Jan Hutchinson’s field hockey team will be seeking its fourth straight national title in 2009 after posting a record of 23-1 a year ago. If the Huskies can win the national title, it would be the second time in school history the team has won four-straight championships (1996-99).

The women’s soccer teams will be looking for a return to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) and National Collegiate Athletic Conference playoffs, while the men’s soccer team will feature a young squad poised to make a run at the post-season. The cross country teams will be under the guidance of interim head coach Bernie Empie, while the men’s and women’s tennis teams use the fall season to prepare for the spring season.
The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference’s (PSAC) list of scholar-athletes for the 2008-09 season includes 92 Bloomsburg University student-athletes who earned recognition for their work in the classroom. Among those honored was 2008 Huskies football co-captain Jon Ochs, Wind Gap, a College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) first team Academic All-American and the 2008-09 Bloomsburg University Senior Scholar-Athlete. Also honored was field hockey player Jamie Vanartsdalen, Huntingdon Valley, a CoSIDA third team Academic All-District selection. In addition, both Ochs and Vanartsdalen were named to the 2008 PSAC Fall Top 10 honoring the top 10 male and female student-athletes from the fall sports season.

For student-athletes to receive the distinction, they must compile a minimal cumulative grade point average of 3.25 for the year. Overall, 1,859 student-athletes from around the PSAC were named scholar-athletes.

Students Information adds social media sites

For years the Huskies Web site, www.buhuskies.com, has been the place to get Bloomsburg University sports news. While the Web site continues to offer the most in-depth coverage of BU sports, fans can now follow the Huskies on Twitter, the Huskies Daily Blog and YouTube.

Fans can get up-to-the-minute news through Twitter delivered right to their cell phones as text messages (standard text messaging rates apply) or get a daily update in a short blog format by going to http://buhuskies.blogspot.com. Also available is the BU Sports Info channel on YouTube. Among the items to be uploaded to the channel are short features on the Huskies student-athletes.

Transactions

Brad Karli was named men’s basketball assistant coach. Karli comes to Bloomsburg after serving as an assistant coach at Elizabeth-town College.

Former BU men’s swim coach Eli McLaughlin passed away in July. He was 77. He served as the head coach from 1961 to 1986.

Jeremy Winn ’00 was named part time football coach in charge of the running backs.

Ryan Rehbolz has been appointed as a full-time intern in the Office of Sports Information, Athletic Marketing and Promotions. He formerly worked for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Louise Duffus and Liam Smith were named full-time assistants for men’s and women’s cross country and track and field. Duffus comes to Bloomsburg from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, while Smith formerly was an assistant at Lehigh University.

BU Photo Store opens

Have you ever wanted a photo from a Bloomsburg University sporting event to display at home or at the office? You may now purchase photos of Huskies sporting events at the BU Photo Store on the Web. Visit www.bloomu.edu/sports/galleries and check out the images, with more added each month. The site is completely secure and offers buyers a chance to purchase photos from a variety of sports.
It had been a series of tiring plane rides that started in Baltimore and ended with the big Air Force transport C-130 touching down at the Balad Air Base in central Iraq.

For Jody L. Ocker ’89, who had taken a direct commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force after getting her Bachelor of Science in nursing from BU, everything led up to this moment.

The Air Force Theater Hospital at Balad. A connected series of 30 tents, all linked together. Dusty. Hot. About 120 degrees outside and inside. Even with the air handlers cranked, the operating theater was a sweat-dripping 100-plus.

Then there were the wounds. These were combat injuries, and combat injuries are messy. Around 800 patients came through every month, many choppered in after getting blown up.

“Patients in Iraq came in with multiple, catastrophic injuries—limbs missing or barely hanging on, multiple limbs gone. There was a guy who lost three limbs,” says Ocker, now a lieutenant colonel, commander of the 65th Medical Operations Squadron at Lajes Field, a base on the Azores in Portugal.

“The other difference is they are dirty. They may be scooped off the road when an IED (improvised explosive device) goes off. They may come in with their uniform still smoldering, with the smell of gasoline because their truck got blown up or gravel in the wounds and on the stretcher,” she says.

Ocker spent 123 days between May and September 2007 caring for Americans and Iraqis, civilians and soldiers, adults and children. In addition to working hands-on, Ocker supervised five other nurses and 13 medical technicians, all assigned to the emergency department.
When not working on a 12-hour shift, six days in a row, Ocker and most of the other military personnel were confined for their safety to the base, which periodically came under mortar attack. But for all the stress and exhaustion that came with the deployment, Ocker says it is an experience she treasures.

“Absolutely I would do it again, because my guys are still over there getting hurt,” says Ocker, who received BU’s 2009 Distinguished Service Award. “I wanted to be part of the team; I wanted to be the person that is going to take care of them when they get hurt.”

When Ocker and the other medical personnel arrived in Iraq, they had just three days to work with those whom they were replacing. Additionally, Ocker received about four weeks of intensive training at the University of Illinois in St. Louis, where the military set up field equipment and special mannequins to mimic serious battlefield wounds.

The preparation helped, Ocker says, but the first days seem like a blur. So much to learn. And the pressure of knowing lives are literally in your hands.

“It’s hard for me to remember specific cases of those first few days. They run together: really mangled limbs, shrapnel wounds, head injuries,” she says. “There is one that I remember, that happened early on. An IED blew up a personnel carrier, and these guys were badly burned.

“One was burned over almost 100 percent of his body. He was still alive … he was breathing … but there was nothing we could do,” she says. “We took him off to a separate room and some of the nurses stayed with him to make him comfortable. People stood by him until he passed away.”

Despite the severity of many of the injuries, the trauma unit had a 98 percent survival rate. In the modern battlefield, the injured can be airlifted by helicopter, and many times as long as enough blood and other fluids can be replaced quickly, the patient can be stabilized, Ocker says.

“These are young men and the reason they are in cardiac arrest is not because of a heart attack, but because of blood loss,” she says. “If you get fluids and blood in them, the heart would start beating again.”

Ocker didn’t start out thinking of a military career, or even a career in nursing. The Sunbury native studied engineering at Penn State for a couple years, then worked in a hospital’s business office during a year in Florida. After returning home, she remembered how she liked caring for nursing home patients while at Penn State. And two of her three older sisters were becoming nurses, including Kelly Ocker George, who graduated from BU in 1988.

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“Once I started with the nursing classes, I knew it was a good decision,” she says. “I think it blends nicely with the science side of my brain and the human compassion side of my brain.”

Settling down in one place and working in a community hospital didn’t sound appealing. Still, she hadn’t thought about the military until she visited Langley Air Force Base with two fellow nursing students, toured the hospital and met the head nurse.

“I really wanted more adventure and there was the possibility of going overseas,” she says. “I felt, for a three-year commitment, I would get good nursing experience and maybe get to travel somewhere. It would be a win-win.”

Soon after Ocker enlisted, volunteers were needed at the air base hospital in Turkey to help handle expected casualties from Desert Storm. She arrived in May 1993 and stayed for just over a year. From there, she spent a year and a half earning her master’s in nursing at the University of Maryland at Baltimore in return for another three-year commitment.

Ocker says the constant challenges keep her enthusiastic, and each posting and increase in rank bring more responsibility, more to learn. So far in her Air Force nursing career, Ocker’s responsibilities have ranged from civilian and battlefield trauma stations to delivery room nursing and treatment of cancer patients.

The lifestyle does have a price. Ocker was briefly married to a man she met while stationed in San Antonio, but they divorced in 2003. It’s possible to have a family and a military career, Ocker says, but it’s not easy.

“I took a different path and I have been able to do a lot of great things, adventurous things and travel,” she says. She sometimes thinks of her married sisters and their children … and sometimes they envy her experiences.

Of all her experiences, she says, nothing compares to caring for the troops in Iraq and later seeing how well many are able to cope with life-changing injuries, wounds that would have been a death sentence before modern technology.

“When you look at a man in his early 20s who has lost both legs, you wonder how this guy is going to deal with this. But they do adjust, and many of them can and do live fulfilling lives.”

During her deployment in Iraq, the air base hospital was moved into permanent buildings with new equipment, and the series of 30 tents was being dismantled. As a Congressional delegation toured the base, Ocker pointed to the old trauma room’s scarred and stained floor, especially in Trauma Bay II. The markings told the story of the thousands who were treated and those who cared for them. Consequently, parts of Trauma Bay II were recreated at the National Museum of Health and Medicine, next to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Pictures of the exhibit, as well as a comment from Ocker, are on the museum’s Web site.

“Some people wounded in Iraq go there with families and have a venue that helps them talk about their experiences,” Ocker says. “People can talk through what happened to them, and more healing is being done there.”

Ocker has served 20 years and could retire next year after her current posting is done, but that’s not in the cards. Instead, she would like to eventually be a stand-alone chief nurse at a large facility, she said.

“I’m going to hang in there and become a colonel and see what other things they can offer me,” Ocker says.

**Editor’s note:** To learn more about the Trauma Bay II, Balad, exhibit at the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Washington D.C., go to www.nnhmwashingtondc.museum.

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BY KEVIN GRAY

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the foundation, Venuto has constructed a career that included jobs as a personal trainer, nutrition consultant, motivation coach, fitness model, health club manager and freelance writer. Each position allowed him to gain knowledge and broaden his perspective, which ultimately helped him launch his brand.

Venuto is the founder and CEO of the Burn the Fat Inner Circle, an online community centered on his diet and fitness philosophy that provides information and support to its members. Venuto also has written two books—e-book, “Burn the Fat, Feed the Muscle,” and his recent work, “The Body Fat Solution,” which addresses the psychological, emotional and social factors that often prevent dieters from succeeding.

With bookstore shelves fat with diet books, what makes Venuto’s philosophy stand out? His gimmick, quite simply, is that he has no gimmick. Venuto knows that people are looking for a magic diet. He also knows that there is no such thing. Instead, Venuto focuses on the psychology and mental side of diet and fitness, touting an all-natural approach seasoned with common sense.

“I don’t think it’s so much what diet you follow; it’s what makes you follow your diet,” he says. “Everything I write—all of my books, articles and newsletters—has a strong focus on motivation and how to stick with the diet and fitness program.”

While he hasn’t retired from competitive bodybuilding, promoting “The Body Fat Solution” is taking up a great deal of Venuto’s time.

“Unless you get a big break, it’s really a constant effort to keep the momentum going,” he explains. “As an Internet publisher, I have built a newsletter subscriber list of more than a quarter-million people, so when I release a new book, I have a little bit of an advantage over other authors.”

Getting the word out helped push “The Body Fat Solution” to a successful debut on Amazon.com; it sold thousands of copies and earned several No. 1 sales rankings. Efforts were bolstered by positive reviews in Oprah magazine and the Wall Street Journal, and an appearance by Venuto as a featured trainer in Men’s Fitness magazine.

“It’s been very exciting,” Venuto says. “But the most satisfying thing is hearing about how people have used this approach to transform their lives.”

Venuto himself is a testament to the power of transformation as his teenage hobby became his passion and that passion became his life’s work.

Kevin Gray is a freelance writer based in the Lehigh Valley.
Dear Staff,

Representing the class of 1942, Barbara Straub and I met the first week of our freshman year at B.S.T.C. in 1938.

We dated all four years and married Nov. 19, 1942, two months after I was Commissioned Ensign, U.S.N.R. We raised five fine boys.

We appreciate our Alma Mater and want to give the enclosed check for $500.

We want this modest amount to represent the amount of money I had to borrow for my first four years at B.S.T.C.

By living at home at R.D. 4, Danville and “thumbing” back and forth, I had a total cost for my education of $1,000.

Sincerely,
Stuart L. Hartman

May 20, 2009
The National Candle Association estimates U.S. consumers spend about $2 billion on candles each year. The most important characteristic? Three-fourths of candle buyers say it is fragrance.

The scents are enticing. Nearly 50 aromas, including applesauce cake, cinnamon bun, coconut toffee bar, spiced tea, strawberry melon, ocean mist and Pennsylvania Woodlands, come packaged in jars, encapsulated in floating candles and formed in endless shapes and sizes. Each is the creation of Pat Bird Hess, a 1979 Bloomsburg grad and proprietor of Colonial Candlecrafters in Lewisburg.

For 37 years, Hess has helped keep the candles burning at Colonial Candlecrafters, taking a hobby shop begun in 1972 in her parents’ basement to a business that today boasts nearly a half million dollars in annual sales. Her efforts were recognized earlier this year when she was named one of Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell’s “Best 50 Women in Business,” based on dedication to business growth, professional and personal accomplishments, community involvement and advocacy for women entrepreneurs.

Hess’ hands are literally all over the products. She decorates the personalized wedding and anniversary candles and “Critter” candles introduced two years ago. She uses a small hammer to create designs on the line of distressed candles, and she’s the accountant, marketer, Web designer and photographer, as well.

Living above the business with her husband of 30 years, Greg, who works in the construction industry, allows Hess to put in her customary 10-hour days (17-hour days from Thanksgiving to Christmas) before heading into the community. A dedicated volunteer, she has a long history with SUNCOM Industries of Northumberland, a nonprofit agency that helps people with disabilities find meaningful employment, and the Greater Susquehanna Valley YMCA. She’s vice president of the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau and a member of the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, where
she facilitates the Small Business Support Group. Hess also helped market the SUN Area Career and Technology Center’s expansion efforts as a member of its strategic planning committee and assists other women entrepreneurs as they launch their own small businesses.

The spark
Hess’ mother, Beverly Bird, a retired nurse with seven children, launched the hobby on the kitchen stove with one mold and a single aroma pack. Soon, Beverly and her husband, Howard, who worked at a steel mill in Milton, were making hundreds of candles at a clip and marketing them at the weekly farmers market in Lewisburg.

In 1971, the Birds purchased a building on Route 15 south of Lewisburg and on March 3, 1972, opened the building where they made and sold their candles. Over the years, six of their children worked there; Hess was just 14 when she began helping out.

When she enrolled at Bloomsburg, Hess intended to become a secondary math teacher but was told there would be no job market when she graduated. So, armed with her experience at her parents’ shop, Hess aimed instead for a degree in business administration.

“I still consider myself a teacher, though,” Hess explains. “I am a firm believer in teaching people why things work the way they do.” Following that philosophy, she enjoys sharing her craft with visitors to Colonial Candlecrafters, whether they arrive individually or as part of a bus tour of area artisans.

The flame
Pat and Greg purchased Colonial Candlecrafters from her parents in 1982 and have taken the business through two expansion projects. In 1995, they opened an adjacent 2,800-square-foot building where the manufacturing is completed and two years ago, they added a new product line, the “Critter” candles.

Those Critters—cats and dogs, ducks and frogs and lots of wax creatures inbetween—have given Hess a renewed enthusiasm. Before the Critters, she and Greg were seriously talking about selling the business. Today, she happily adds her personal touch to the new candles, which are made using between 150 and 200 molds purchased specifically for the line.

Tapering off?
While Colonial Candlecrafters may be a disposable income business, Hess says sales remain respectable in the current recession.

“We find that people like to keep their cozy spot cozy. They may not go out and spend big money to redecorate a room, but they will come in and buy something that looks pretty, smells good and has the warm ambiance of a sturdy candle flame.”

Hess says she could never do all she does if not for the support and hard work of her four employees and her family, which includes daughter Angela, a chef.

She’ll know when it’s time to retire, she says, when the job isn’t fun anymore. For now, that day seems far away. “It’s warm where I work, it smells good and I can get messy. What more could I want?”


Sue A. Beard retired last year as editor of The Record Herald, Waynesboro, Pa.

Abigail and Victor
“Victor” and “Abigail,” characters born in the imagination of Pat Bird Hess ’79, have entertained Lewisburg area radio listeners for 11 years while subtly extolling the products of Colonial Candlecrafters. The 60-second mini-dramas, which describe the couple’s ever-evolving relationship, are set in the colonial era, when life was much, much simpler.

“I like to think that people decompress while listening,” says Hess, who writes the commercials by hand while relaxing with husband Greg at their cottage along the west branch of the Susquehanna River. Leisurely days on their boat—far from the stress of running a business—give Hess the time to write 12 to 15 vignettes for the coming year.

The 12th season of Victor and Abigail’s story debuts this fall on four local radio stations, and each “episode” airs for two weeks. But, although fans have encouraged Hess to bring the couple to life on Colonial Candlecrafters’ Web site, that is not likely to happen.

“Right now, Abigail is a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse. We know that Abigail has brown hair and Victor has blue eyes, but beyond that, we know nothing. Everyone has their own image of what Victor and Abigail look like, and that is how it should be.”

Critter’ candles joined the product line in 2007

‘I am a firm believer in teaching people why things work the way they do.’
– Pat Bird Hess ’79
Playing in his last season at Bloomsburg University, Dan Latorre is a graduate student who already earned three undergraduate degrees—in finance, management and French. If Bloomsburg offered a degree in time management, he surely would have one more, based on his accomplishments academically and athletically during the 2008 season.

In the fall semester he took 19 credits and came through with a grade point average of 3.78. Despite that academic workload, Latorre led the Huskies to an 11-2 record, including a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) playoff win, and was named first-team All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC).

“When I look back, it was ridiculous,” Latorre says of the busiest semester of his college career. “I’d wake up early and go to football meetings and watch film. Then I’d go to class. From class, I’d go straight to practice, which finished up between 6 and 6:30. After that, it was a quick supper before heading to the library where I stayed until midnight.

“When I came home, I studied until about 2 in the morning and then started the process all over again. It definitely took a toll on me mentally and physically.”

It wasn’t an ideal situation. Because some of his classes extended late into the afternoon, Latorre often arrived late for practice. Huskies head coach Danny Hale revised the practice schedule to accommodate his starting quarterback, but he did not discourage Latorre from taking 19 credits.
“He’s a goal-oriented young man,” says Hale. “He knows what he wants to do. It’s hard to deny somebody the opportunity to have that triple major, which he felt he needed for his future.”

Hale, who is in his 17th season as head coach of the Huskies, believes Latorre’s many attributes more than make up for his lost practice time. “He has a command presence—that winning attitude that the other kids pick up on. They believe that Danny can come up with the play.”

Latorre joins seniors Jesse Cooper and Stefan Adams as the Husky captains for the 2009 season. Entering this season, he had started 37 consecutive games and ranks third in school history in career touchdown passes and passing yardage.

He has the full package of athleticism, toughness and intelligence. But, above all, Latorre is a winner. Coming into the 2009 season, his combined record as a starting quarterback at Southern Columbia Area High School and Bloomsburg was 59-8.

In his senior year at Southern, Latorre quarterbacked the Tigers to a 15-0 state championship season and was named the state’s player of the year in Class A. He was recruited by a number of schools, but chose Bloomsburg, pleasing the BU graduates in his family, mother Kim ’97 and brother Dave Jr. ’05/’08M, as well as his grandfather Ray, perhaps his biggest fan, who has attended Huskies games for more than 20 years.

But on Aug. 5, 2005, Latorre’s college football career appeared to end just one practice after it began when he went to Hale’s office to tell him he was leaving the team. His heart wasn’t into football, he told the coach, and he had too many things on his mind.

Latorre’s senior year in high school saw not only astounding success, but also incredible sorrow. Prior to his final football season with the Tigers, friends and teammates Tarik Leghlid and Eric Barnes died in a drowning accident after a day of summer football camp at BU. In the spring, friend and classmate Carissa Berkheiser died in a traffic accident.

Those tragedies, the long, emotional football season and the summer that disappeared too quickly took a toll on Latorre’s desire to play college football. He thought the desire would be rekindled when he
seasons removed from the I-AA national championship and in front of a raucous, capacity crowd of more than 14,000. To make things even tougher, the Huskies had to play without their leading rusher, Jamar Brittingham, who was sidelined by an injury.

Under those trying circumstances, Latorre gave Huskies fans an exciting glimpse of the future and won over those teammates who may have resented him for quitting a year earlier. He completed his first five passes and finished 14-17 overall in a game in which the Huskies led into the fourth quarter of an eventual 14-3 loss. With Latorre at the controls, the Huskies would not lose another game that season until the NCAA Division II semifinals at Northwest Missouri State.

This season, with a more reasonable class schedule of nine graduate credits, Latorre hopes to lead the Huskies to a PSAC title and another run in the NCAA playoffs. Regarding his future beyond his playing days at Bloomsburg, Latorre says, “It’s the dream of everyone who plays football to keep going, to play at the next level. If I got a call for a tryout, I would definitely do that, but my focus is moving on to the next chapter of my life, which for me, is graduate school.”

After growing up in the rural community of Elysburg and matriculating to Bloomsburg, Latorre hopes to earn a master's of business administration or master's of international business … or both … at an institution in New York City, such as New York University, Fordham or Columbia.

When Latorre begins the process of applying to these schools, he can count on the recommendation of Nathalie Cornelius, assistant professor of languages and cultures, who taught about three quarters of the classes he took toward his French major.

“Dan has the ability to balance a variety of different classes and a quantity of different courses at one time and do well in all of them,” she says. “He has an internal drive that is rare to see. He takes full responsibility, and his work is top quality. That’s what I would tell the graduate school. He can do anything he wants.”

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.
For a young boy, Bloomsburg State College was a “magical place.” A place with ball fields in his backyard, two swimming pools and a gymnasium. His home, the stately Buckalew Place, had secret trap doors to the attic and basement, and just a short walk away, were a dining commons with an ice cream bar and a student union with a game room. All around, were hundreds of baby sitters.

David H. McCormick was just 8 years old when his father, James H. McCormick, became Bloomsburg’s president. He lived on campus with his parents, Maryan and Jim, and brother Doug until 1983 when he graduated from Bloomsburg Area Senior High School and left for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. That same year, his father became the first chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

The McCormick family returned to Bloomsburg in May 2009 for an anniversary celebration. Jim McCormick was honored on the 25th anniversary of both the founding of the State System and the groundbreaking for his namesake building, the James H. McCormick Center for Human Services. A day later, he watched his son deliver the commencement address to BU’s 1,181 spring graduates.

Now married and the father of four daughters, ages 2, 4, 6 and 8, Dave McCormick referred to his “very special homecoming” in his commencement speech, calling yesterday’s students “the big brothers and sisters I never had.” He also issued a challenge to the May graduates. “It is your destiny,” he said, “to address today’s many problems that are complicated, expansive and connected. … The magnitude of these challenges may seem overwhelming, but your generation will be and must be part of the solution.”

He urged the Class of 2009 to be inspired by members of World War II’s Greatest Generation, who “seized the opportunity of a lifetime when Providence called, looked within themselves and found greatness. In such moments of decision, destinies were shaped. The same will be true for you.”

McCormick’s call to action was built upon his own experiences in business and government. A veteran of the first Gulf War, he earned a doctoral degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. McCormick enjoyed a successful career as a technology entrepreneur and business leader before serving as the U.S. Treasury Department’s undersecretary for international affairs, deputy national security adviser for international economic policy and the president’s personal representative to the Group of Eight industrialized countries.

Now Distinguished Service Professor of Information Technology, Public Policy and Management at the Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University, McCormick admits growing up on Bloomsburg’s campus had a lifelong effect. “I will always want to be close to a campus,” he says. “The students’ optimism and ambition make a campus an energizing place.”

Bonnie Martin is co-editor of Bloomsburg The University Magazine.
Everyday Philosopher

What do cats, dogs and beer have in common with Aristotle, Locke and Plato? Everything, according to Steven Hales, professor of philosophy. Through teaching and research, Hales attempts to connect the dots between ancient philosophy and modern life.

Steven Hales finds that engaging students in philosophy requires the ability to merge the modern with the ancient to ultimately make students see the role philosophy can play in everyday experiences.

The pleasure of introducing non-philosophers to the discipline is not only evident in the classroom, but also in Hales’ body of published work. Tucked among the academic texts the BU philosophy professor has authored or edited, including “Relativism and the Foundations of Philosophy” and “Nietzsche’s Perspectivism,” are several less traditional volumes: “What Philosophy Can Tell You About Your Dog,” “What Philosophy Can Tell You About Your Cat” and “Beer and Philosophy.”

It’s these books that show how intrinsic philosophy can be to everyday life. “The whole idea is to take these ideas and topics to people who might not...
‘A little neuroscience, a little probability theory, a little physics ... these things expand your own understanding and application of philosophy.’ – Steven Hales, philosophy professor

have an interest and show them there are philosophical implications to normal events,” he says. It’s a concept that has been successfully adapted to a variety of subjects in recent years, Hales adds, citing similar works like “The Simpsons and Philosophy” and “Star Wars and Philosophy.”

These books create a link between philosophical conceits and popular culture, making philosophy simultaneously more applicable—and approachable—for non-philosophers. “Beer and Philosophy,” for example, addresses questions like “Are beer buddies true friends?” and “What’s the difference between an authentic beer and a facsimile?” The book not only features contributions from philosophers, but also includes essays by individuals within the beer industry.

While Hales enjoys the creative challenges that come from publishing, the true appeal of philosophy hasn’t changed since Plato’s “Republic” piqued his interest as a high school student. “I can’t say that I understood most of it, but I remember thinking, ‘Hey, this Plato is saying something I like.’ So, when I got to college, I started as a philosophy major.”

His first introductory philosophy course at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, “made a huge impression” and confirmed he’d made the right choice. He earned his doctorate from Brown University and completed a three-year appointment at Georgia State University in Atlanta before accepting a position at Bloomsburg, where he’s been winning over BU students to philosophy for 15 years.

What attracts modern college students to one of the oldest disciplines in human history? Hales acknowledges that philosophy professors usually find themselves in classrooms full of students with little previous knowledge of philosophy. While this can be a challenge, he says, “it’s always exciting for me to teach lower division classes, where students rarely have a background in philosophy. They can become really engaged in the material and clearly take a lot away from the class.

“For introductory classes, I usually have students read something that’s a bit ‘sexy’ by a modern author like Oliver Sacks. Once they digest something like that, then works by Plato and David Hume become more accessible. I try to make discussions and readings relevant to their everyday experiences.”

His strategies are paying off. In 2006, Hales was one of two recipients of the TALE (Teaching and Learning Enhancement Center) Outstanding Teacher Award, nominated by graduating seniors. Hales was recognized for his ability to make difficult course materials engaging and understandable. “He excels at taking complex subject matter and presenting it in a way that even novices in the field... can understand,” according to one student nomination.

For Hales, figuring out the puzzles that are an inherent part of philosophy has always been his favorite aspect of the discipline. He will focus on the questions surrounding rational intuition this fall as a professorial fellow at the Institute of Philosophy of the University of London’s School for Advanced Study. He received one of two fellowships for the research position, offered through an international competition.

Hales understands the value of looking beyond the traditional realm of philosophical debate to find answers in his research. When he decided to focus on a popular debate in metaphysics, for example, he consulted a physicist. “The relativity theory of physics bears on this philosophical debate, so I went out to learn what the relativity theory states.”

This collateral learning, Hales says, is one of the most valuable skills for philosophers to develop. “A little neuroscience, a little probability theory, a little physics ... these things expand your own understanding and application of philosophy. I like being part of the conversation on these topics.”

Lynette Mong ’08 lives in Seattle, Wash., where she works as a books merchandising specialist at Amazon.com.

'50 Wayne Von Stetten, Spring Run, was presented the distinguished alumni award by the Columbia Education Foundation. An educator for four decades and an author of three books, he was recognized by the Bloomsburg University Alumni Association with a Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

'62 Owen “Bob” Lagerman was named citizen of the year by the Sunbury Rotary Club.

'66 Robert Gering is a property management and real estate appraiser for Northern Virginia Association of Realtors.

Births

David Girio ’90 and Natedao Laosongkram, a son, Nathaniel David, Oct. 14, 2008
Joyce Bradley Humphrey ’90 and husband, Jim, a daughter, Meghan Jean, Jan. 22, 2009
Jeffrey Pallante ’90 and wife, Maureen, a son, Aidan Jeffrey, Sept. 24, 2008
Jennifer Lindberger Jonassen ’91 and husband, Eric Jonassen ’92, a daughter, Claire Lorraine, March 5, 2009
Christine Girman Morgan ’92 and husband, Shawn, a son, Cooper, Sept. 7, 2007
Renee Remsky Antes ’93 and husband, Jim, a son, Jack William, Nov. 10, 2008
Janeen Schrann Satryk ’93 and husband, Jaime, a daughter, Payton Elizabeth, April 2008
Maria Kolbush Klass ’94 and husband, Matthew Klass ’92/’94M, a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, July 10, 2008
Melissa Schneider Vonderhaar ’95 and husband, David, a daughter, Lily Wells, Feb. 20, 2009
Tara Rothenberger Chauhan ’96 and husband, Dipesh, a daughter, Maya Renee, May 3, 2008
Andrea Liacouras Kapsilis ’97/’99M and husband, Michael, a son, George Alexander, Aug. 26, 2008
Jennifer Adams ’98 and husband, Gary Bean, a son, Jackson Adams, April 15, 2009
Christina Bianchi Birstler ’98 and husband, Brian, a daughter, Bianca Theresa, Aug. 16, 2007
Megan Dougheury Carmosky ’98 and husband, Michael Carmosky ’98, a son, Tyler Joseph, Nov. 21, 2008
Kristina Kett Fleming ’98 and husband, Christopher, a son, Drew Nicholas, April 8, 2009
Amber Wenckus Scott ’98 and husband, Jeffrey, a son, Jethro Brenner, April 7, 2009
Laura Yeager Acri ’99/’01M and husband, Charley, a son, Toby Charles, April 27, 2009
Christine Laubach Donmoyer ’00 and husband, Lorren Donmoyer ’96, a daughter, Catrina Nicole, April 1, 2009
Justine Boer Frantzen ’00 and husband, Drew, a daughter, Chase Erik, March 5, 2009
Alice Newhart O’Brien ’00 and husband, Joe, a daughter, Greta Marie, Feb. 12, 2009
Adam “Pic” Picinich ’00 and wife, Allison, a daughter, Alexis Hayden, Jan. 27, 2009
Holly Goldman Cipollo ’01 and husband, Louis, a son, Louis Robert Cipollo, Jan. 12, 2009
Sarah Duncan- Winsiewski ’01 and husband, Michael, a son, Connor Michael, March 24, 2009
Meghan Friedland Piazza ’01 and husband, Dan Piazza ’00, a son, Wesley Christopher, March 4, 2009
Amy McCormick Rosenbaum ’01 and husband, Scott, a daughter, Paige Ellen, Feb. 28, 2009
Chad Mohr ’02 and wife, Danielle, a son, Jacob Allen, April 16, 2009
Michele Hib Slusser ’02 and husband, Jeremiah, a son, Duke Charles, July 21, 2008
Carrie Montella Mish ’03 and husband, Michael Anthony III, a son, Michael Anthony IV, March 3, 2009
Timothy Staub ’03 and wife, Denise, a son, Noah, May 14, 2009
Jessica Fickinger Krevinas ’06 and husband, Michael, a son, Connor Michael, Oct. 7, 2008
Ashley Green Adams ’07 and husband, Bernie, a son, Michael, July 10, 2008

Event held in Austin

Attending a recent alumni event in Austin, Texas, are, left to right, seated: Paul Toney ’87, Robert Latsha ’66, Stephanie McDonald ’93/’98M and Lynda Michaels ’87/’88M, director of Alumni Affairs; and standing: Jim Hollister ’78, BU assistant vice president for University Relations; BU President David Soltz; Dan DiFeo ’70, Andrew Lyman ’00, Ronald Konkol ’79 and Tom Fowles ’67.

'Monique Cavalliero Lautenschlager retired from Honesdale High School in the Wayne Highlands School District after teaching French and English for 37 years. Ron Reitz was appointed to the board of directors of the Mental Health Association of the Capital Region Inc. He helped organize the Harrisburg-area Festival of Hope in March.

Michael Shull retired from the Manheim Township School District in June 2009 after 38 years teaching fifth and sixth grades. He also coached wrestling and baseball for a combined 24 seasons. His awards include “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers” and the Junior Achievement Outstanding Teacher Award. Shull and wife, Rose, live in Lititz.

**'72** Patty Veach Johnson is a sales associate with Century 21 Alliance in Exton.

**'73** James R. Wehr, a certified public accountant with Klein & Rizzo Inc., Williamsport, was elected president of the north-central chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He also serves on the board of directors of the north-central chapter of the American Red Cross.

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**BSC class ring surfaces after three decades**

Robert Anderson lost his Bloomsburg State College ring more than 30 years ago and was stunned when it suddenly turned up this summer. “I was flabbergasted,” Anderson said, after receiving a call from Alumni Affairs that the ring, which he hadn’t seen since 1975, was found.

How and where the ring was located after so many years is not known, but Anderson isn’t concerned with those details. Anderson, 62, graduated from Bloomsburg in 1972 and shortly afterward began working in the mental health field at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. One day in the winter of 1975, he was walking along a path from Geisinger to the nearby Pine Barn Inn when it started to snow. It was a fast-moving storm that left the path slushy and slippery.

“It was an unexpected snow … I wasn’t even wearing a coat,” Anderson recalls. “I was walking down the hill and slipped and fell.”

Anderson used his arms to break the fall. In the process, the ring flew off his finger into a wooded area next to the path. He searched and searched for the ring. “I finally gave up because I was wet. I was cold. I was uncomfortable,” he says.

He went back the next day and scoured the area again. He looked around for his lost ring more than two dozen times before giving up the search.

Anderson worked for Geisinger for many years, eventually moving into management and leaving the Danville area. He was vice president of the health system’s eastern region when he departed in 2001 to begin private consulting. He and his wife, Kathleen, now live in Dallas, Pa.

Despite the passage of time, he never got over the loss of his college ring and thought “wistfully about it” over the years. Anderson feels a special connection to Bloomsburg. Both of his brothers graduated from here: Michael in 1965; the late Douglas A. in 1972. His wife, Kathleen, graduated in 1990 and his son, Morgan, is a currently a sophomore at BU, majoring in geosciences and geology.

Anderson considered replacing the ring. His wife often gave him monetary gifts for holidays or birthdays and encouraged him to do just that. But since Bloomsburg is now a university, his style of ring was no longer available. Recasting the ring would have been costly.

In July, a patient showed up at the office of Dr. Joseph J. Mowad, head of Geisinger’s urology department, with a Bloomsburg ring in hand. Knowing the physician’s long association with the university as a Trustee, he turned it over.

Mowad had no idea that the ring had been missing for 34 years and simply gave it to a university official. Anderson’s name was inscribed inside the ring, allowing Alumni Affairs to locate him. When surprised with news that the ring had been found, Anderson and his wife drove immediately to Bloomsburg to retrieve it.

“It’s a joy to have it back,” he says.

—Brenda Hartman
Several honored at awards luncheon

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jody Ocker '89 and Cheri Bohler Rinehart '79, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers, received 2009 Distinguished Service Awards during the Alumni Association Awards Luncheon. The award recognizes alumni who have achieved a significant professional accomplishment, given outstanding service to BU or the Alumni Association and demonstrated a significant contribution to humanity.

Also honored was Ivonne Gutierrez Bucher '91, who was named the 2009 Young Alumnus of the Year. Bucher, the first Hispanic to be appointed a deputy secretary in Pennsylvania, currently is the Governor’s Office of Administration liaison to Pennsylvania’s Cost Containment Council and special adviser to the secretary of Public Welfare.

H. Preston Herring, BU’s vice president for University and Student Affairs, and Chang Shub Roh, BU professor emeritus and founder of the Global Awareness Society International, were named honorary BU alumni.

Six to enter Athletic Hall of Fame

The 28th Athletic Hall of Fame class will be inducted Friday, Oct. 2, in the Kehr Union, Ballroom. The induction of six graduates—Randy Watts '75, wrestling; Bob De Carolis '76, administrator; Gisela Smith '92, field hockey; Stephanie Humphries Campbell '95, swimming; Chet Henicle '95, baseball and football; and Jen German '97, basketball—brings the total number of members to 131.

Watts was a two-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) champion at Bloomsburg and posted a career record of 79-27-3 with a dual-meet mark of 49-16-3. In his wrestling career, he won or placed in 25 open tournaments. He competed against 10 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) I champions, three Olympians and one world champion and was named to “Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities” and “Outstanding College Athletes of America.”

De Carolis earned letters for football and baseball at BU. His career in athletic administration began in 1979 at the University of Michigan where he was an administrative assistant. He currently is the 12th athletic director at Oregon State University. Among his major accomplishments at OSU, De Carolis developed and executed the financial recovery plan that helped the athletics department eliminate a $12.5 million accumulated deficit and grow the overall budget by more than $20 million.

Smith was a two-time winner of the Broderick Award as the field hockey National Player of the Year, a first team All-American, the PSAC field hockey athlete of the year and a member of the NCAA All-Tournament team. She scored 13 goals and had 14 assists during her four-year career at BU. During that time the Huskies won three PSAC championships and compiled a record of 84-8-2. Smith served as team captain her senior year.

Campbell was a five-time individual All-American and a three-time All-American in swimming relays. She was also a five-time PSAC champion, winning three consecutive 200-butterfly titles. Campbell finished as a PSAC runner-up five times. She capped off her career by being named the top senior female athlete for 1994-95. She still holds the school record for her time of 57.24 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly.

Henicle, a two-sport standout, still holds several baseball records for the Huskies. He is tied for the all-time lead in career doubles with 50, fifth all-time in hits, runs scored and triples, and ninth in home runs. He was a three-time first-team All-PSAC East choice in baseball at two positions and was All-North Atlantic Region as a senior. In football, Henicle was a two-time All-PSAC East first-team selection and was named third-team All-American by the sports information directors. He was named first-team All-Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) twice and as a senior was chosen to play in the Snow Bowl, the top Division II all-star game in the country.

German is the No. 2 all-time leading scorer in the history of Bloomsburg women’s basketball, finishing her career with 1,853 points. She is also third all-time in steals with 26, second in 3-pointers made with 158 and third in career assists with 387. As a senior she was named both the PSAC East Player of the Year and first team All-PSAC East and All-ECAC South after averaging 18.1 points, 3.6 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game.

For hall of fame ticket information, call the BU sports information office at (570) 389-4413.
Teacher wins Milken award

Lynn Duckart Carney ’97M, a kindergarten teacher at Tri-Community Elementary School, Bressler-Steelton, received a $25,000 Milken Educator Award during the 2009 Milken National Education/Teacher Advancement Program Conference in Los Angeles. Carney is one of 70 teachers of kindergarten through 12th grade to receive this year’s award.

Carney was honored for leading a classroom viewed as a model for effective teaching within the Response to Intervention (RTI) framework. She also was featured in “Teaching Matters,” a DVD commissioned by Pennsylvania’s secretary of education that highlights effective teaching practices in action.

In the accompanying photo, Carney receives the award from Lowell Milken, Milken Family Foundation chairman.

Tri Sigmas hold picnic

About 20 Tri Sigma alumnae attended a picnic at The Barn at Boone’s Dam in Bloomsburg. Shown, left to right, are former student Donna Mazzoni, Nancy Cotton Lansberry ’83, Molly Wagner Troutman ’84, Cindy Haas Beg Begg ’83, Marta Marcelli Moyer ’83, Val Reilly Metzger ’92, Karen Craig Weingarten ’94/’95M, Dorothy Howard Calum ’82, Kathy Savitts ’82 and Gloria Hazeltine Williams ’83.

Richard A. Montella (top right) is vice president and director of strategic resources of the Bureau of National Affairs (BNA), a specialized news and information publisher. He serves on the board of Llesiant Inc., Arlington, Texas.

Kevin J. Kotch (lower right) served as a panelist for the Insurance Coverage Committee Seminar at the 2009 conference of the American Bar Association’s Section of Litigation. He works in the litigation department of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel.

L. Evelyn Thompson, Harrisburg, earned a master’s of business administration in health care management from the University of Phoenix. She is an appeals technical analyst for Independence Blue Cross.

Timothy Grunstra, Etters, a principal with Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz, was named to the board of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

Jane Mehlbaum Farrell, Camp Hill, earned a master’s degree in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh in April 2008.

John MikNich is an information security specialist for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Harrisburg.

Jodie A. Gibble, Lower Heidelberg Township, is director of marketing for The Highlands at Wyomissing, a continuing care community.

Mike Lewis is the assistant director of the Mifflin-Juniata Career and Technology Center.

Stephenie Jonas-Sullivan, a human resources professional, was promoted to chief of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in Wiesbaden, Germany.

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Shannon L. Miller, Sunbury, was promoted to executive director of the Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corp., administering seven regional CareerLink centers.

’T94 Tina DelVecchio Jones was featured as one of the top 25 women in business by the Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal. She is the director of human resources at Mercy Health Partners, Scranton.

’T95 Kellie Root Cruz is a real estate agent with Ocean Atlantic Sotheby’s International Realty in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Group gathers in Jersey
BU alumni from New Jersey gathered for a social event. Shown, left to right, are Nathan Conroy ’06, assistant director of Alumni Affairs; Scott Kulick ’84; Theresa McGrath ’94; Kevin McGrath ’93; Tom Martin ’87; Shawn Laverty ’93; Vanessa Beaus ’03; Justin Fountain ’03; and Nicole Premuto ’03.

Philly alums socialize
A social event for BU alumni living in the Philadelphia area was held recently. Those attending, left to right, are Shannon Kremski-Freitas ’02, Valerie Reilly Metzger ’92, Betsy Kugler Hopkins ’91, Karen Craig Weingarten ’94/’95M and Jen Endress ’02.

Marriages
Carla Zeeger ’83 and Richard Gotshall, Nov. 8, 2008
Michael Brown ’88 and Shawn Marie Gabriel, Aug. 30, 2008
Theresa Bahner Sweeney ’89 and Joseph Ganc, Nov. 4, 2006
Donna Kahler ’92 and Todd Bender, Nov. 1, 2008
Heather Bolich ’94 and Todd Angel, Aug. 7, 2009
Peter Calabro ’94 and Carolyn Langen, June 20, 2008
John Stillo ’96 and Melanie Langen, June 20, 2008
Fred W. Schmidt ’99 and Deborah Lapp, June 21, 2008
Ryan Bilger ’00 and Amanda Brosious, May 12, 2008
Charles Penn ’01 and Janice Emiliani, Oct. 11, 2008
Sarah Brainin ’02 and Ryan Bakley ’02, April 24, 2008
Dana Leigey ’02 and Robert Smetana, July 5, 2008
Alison Freshwater ’03 and Michael Boyle ’97, Aug. 2, 2008
Allison Baum ’04 and Michael Seiger, May 2, 2009
Brian Carr ’04 and Jennifer Wascavage, Feb. 28, 2009
Kelly Ernest ’04 and Kevin Kolmer, Nov. 22, 2008
Amanda Finan ’04 and Matthew Forcine, Aug. 31, 2008
Billy Thomas ’04 and Monica Marinos, Dec. 27, 2008
Carissa Borick ’05 and Seth Hench, July 12, 2008
Amy Breidingher ’05 and Michael DePalma, Aug. 2, 2008
John P. Flynn ’05 and Rebecca Slayton, Oct. 4, 2008
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Kelly Deininger ’06 and Eric Newswanger, Oct. 20, 2007
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Greg Orth, Lancaster, is the director of Henry Rak Consulting Partners.

’97 Cheryl Knapp Fallon, Paxinos, a photographic artist, showed her work in an exhibition presented by The Arete Living Arts Foundation at Manhattan’s Chashama Gallery.

Amy Shaner Rogers ’97M is chair of Lycoming College’s Education Department and chief teacher certification officer, teaching courses in content area literacy and curriculum and instruction.

Tiffany McDermott ’07 and Christopher Sallemi
Ashley Miller ’07 and Jason Yeager ’07, Oct. 18, 2008
Anthony Threet ’07 and Erin Depew, Nov. 8, 2008
Jocelin Tuomisto ’07 and Joshua Bailey, Sept. 6, 2008
Maria Wright ’07 and Christopher Morreale, July 19, 2008
Maryjane Butler ’08 and Jon Kriesher, Dec. 31, 2008
Ashley Nutt ’08 and John Lawley, July 19, 2008
Philip Waltz ’08 and Brandi Burrows, Oct. 11, 2008
Danielle Zarambo ’08M and Kevin West ’03M, Aug. 9, 2008
Sharele Tucker Hatfield, Johnstown, received the Lady Liberty Award from the YWCA of Greater Johnstown, in recognition of her service with the U.S. Army Reserve Military Police from 1997 to 2005, including a tour in Iraq. She holds a law degree from Widener University, and is an attorney adviser with the Social Security Administration Office of Disability Adjudication and Review.


Tony Phillips is the vice chairman of the Northumberland County Republican Party.

Rich Uliasz (right) helped ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange as part of CNBC’s 20th anniversary celebration. A video editor with CNBC for 12 years, he serves on BU’s Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Ryan Allen, Canton, is assistant vice president and controller of First Citizen’s National Bank, Mansfield. He also owns and manages a real estate rental business.

Jessica Hess Geffken earned a master’s in education from BU and accepted a teaching position with the Lake and Peninsula School District in Alaska.

Chris Ivey, a Squirrel Hill filmmaker, has created a documentary series called “East of Liberty,” which addresses the issues of race, class and gentrification.

New Orleans Saints’ Jahri Evans ’07 establishes annual scholarship

New Orleans Saints offensive lineman Jahri Evans ’07 has established a full scholarship for out-of-state minority students enrolled in BU’s Master of Science in clinical athletic training program.

Lauren James-Penn, of Houston, Texas, is the first recipient of the annual Jahri Evans Scholarship, which began this fall. Evans, who earned a bachelor’s degree in exercise science from BU, has pledged to cover tuition and fees for a student on an annual basis.

“IT’s always good to help someone in need further their education,” says Evans, a Philadelphia native and two-time All-American at BU. “Bloomsburg was instrumental in getting me to where I am today. I was brought up to always give back and be grateful for what you have.”

James-Penn, who recently earned a bachelor’s degree in health and kinesiology from Prairie View A&M University, says the scholarship enabled her to relocate from Texas to study in Pennsylvania’s only entry-level master’s program in athletic training and one of 16 offered nationally. “This was exactly what I was looking for in a graduate program,” James-Penn says. “This program really prepares you for the national certification exam.”

Evans says the scholarship allows him to stay closely connected to the university. “It will always feel like home,” he adds.

Evans, picked by the Saints in the fourth round of the 2006 NFL draft, recently signed a one-year contract as a restricted free agent. In addition to the annual scholarship, Evans has a foundation for educational and charitable purposes that provides scholarships to college-bound students and sponsors an annual football camp.

Local chapter defeats winter blahs

The Carver Hall Chapter held a Winter Night Out at Balzano’s. Among those attending were, left to right, Karen DiRienzo ’95 and husband, Robert; Crystal Wertz ’98 and husband, Gerald; and Michael Trelease ’06 and wife, Michelle.

’00
Kelly A. Bordner earned a doctorate in behavioral neuroscience from the University of New York, Binghamton. She is a post-doctoral associate at Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn.

John Christmas is an account manager for Estes Forwarding Worldwide, Richmond, Va.

Jeffrey M. Rott, Collegeville, completed seminary studies and was ordained into the priesthood at a ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

’01
Matthew Day, Red Lion, is a special education teacher with Harford County (Md.) Public Schools.

’02
Michael Brinkos received a fellowship from The John Frederick Steinman Foundation for his master’s study in the field of social work.

BU graduate student Lauren James-Penn, left, meets Jahri Evans ’07 in a campus lab.
Michael Guyer, Coatesville, is branch manager at Fulton Bank’s Gap office.

Jason Biser is a senior professional information technology recruiter for Apex Systems Inc., Blue Bell. Sara Kosteva-Straut graduated from the Philadelphia School of Art. She is owner of Fae Group, a Florida company.

Michael-Lindsay Tronco is a registered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at Cooper University Hospital, Camden, N.J. She received the Ronald Bernardini Memorial Award for outstanding work in her unit in 2007.

John Wertman, Montgomery, is the nurse manager at Sunbury Community Hospital’s behavioral health unit.

Steve Turzanski, Bloomsburg, is a licensed sales agent at Zimmer Insurance Agency, Bloomsburg.

Dr. Alicia Gilbert is a chiropractor at Viafore Family Chiropractic Center, Middletown.

Deaths

Helen Brennan Mullen ’32
Mary Jane Fink McCutchey ’36
Mervin W. Mericle ’36
James L. Marks ’37
Katharine “Kitty” Leedom Bokum ’39
Robert J. Kashner ’39
Violet Logar Mosgo ’49
Robert J. Cashman ’50
Avis Wesley Kocher ’50
Concetta Petarra Pasquarella ’50
Charles “Chuck” Daly ’52
Robert E. Hale ’53
Shirley Yencha Smith ’54
Richard A. Bittner ’56
Edward S. Augustine ’57
Peter J. McMonigle ’57
Joy Dreisbach Linn ’59
Randall J. Fox ’60
Edna Kern Koh ’61
Thomas J. Hixon ’62
Martha Hogan Darling ’64
William M. DeAngelo ’65
David A. Doebler ’65
David Hibbard ’67
Thomas R. Bennyhoff ’69
Lee J. Berry ’69
Robert J. Zaleski ’69
Linda L. DiRocco ’70
Ruth Piccaro Fones ’71
Shirley B. Klemovage ’72
Alfred L. Steele ’72
James R. Yannes Jr. ’72
John E. McMahon ’73
Deborah Kriebel Williams ’74
Carolyn LaRose Henry ’75
Susan Hoover Haas ’79
John E. Servose ’79
Janice Snellbaker Antonicelli ’80
Jeffery A. Bohlin ’81
Susan Baldwin McGrady ’82
Heaven Evanchick Capozzelli ’83
Thomas E. Dolan ’83
David S. Miller ’83
Thomas L. Schulze ’85
Daniel A. Gallagher ’86
Craig W. Johnson ’87
Lawrence T. Ganther ’90
Lora Antonio Lomma ’90
Scott M. Kostenbauder ’92
Thomas Yorko ’95
Joseph T. O’Boyle ’98
Michael A. Patzuk Jr. ’07
Jeffrey W. Nemeth ’09

Jamie Longazel spoke at BU’s Immigration Matters Forum, discussing the events leading up to the passage of the Illegal Immigration Relief Act in Hazleton.

Cpl. Keary Molinaro, an intelligence analyst with the U.S. Marine Corps, returned home in February after a year serving in Iraq.

Joseph M. Schreck, Milton, graduated from Evangelical Theological Seminary with a master’s of divinity in congregational ministry.

Diana Germano, Lyndhurst, N.J., is group manager of New Concepts for Living Inc., a community for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Andrew Laudenslager is an officer with the Colonial Regional Police Department, Bath.

Karie Marchewka is a special education teacher with Baltimore County Schools.

Karen Tredway Olander ‘06M is a real estate sales associate at Century 21 Select Group, which serves the Hazleton area.

Allison White is an accountant at Beard Miller Co., Allentown.

George Aulisio earned a master’s degree in library and information science from Drexel University. He works at the University of Scranton’s Weinberg Memorial Library.

Kent Frescoln is a detention officer at the Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center.

Brett Mallinson is a biology teacher at Jackson Liberty High School, Jackson, N.J.

Jacqueline Miller, Lebanon, is a registered nurse in the heart and vascular intensive care unit at Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

Anthony Threet is an information technology professional at Powell, Rogers and Speeks Inc., Halifax.

Mary Sue Buss, Watsontown, a quality assurance laboratory technician at ConAgra Foods in Milton, is Sunbury’s health officer.

Cynthia Gallagher ‘08M is a nurse practitioner at AlternaMed, specializing in cardiac health and chronic illness control in the adults.

Tharon Holmberg ‘08M is a registered nurse practitioner with SUN Home Health and Hospice.

Ashley Nagle is a special education teacher in the Milton Area School District.

Tiffany Stahl Savidge teaches kindergarten at Baugher Elementary School, Milton.

Todd M. Wolinsky is a social studies teacher with the Central Columbia School District.

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Over the Shoulder

By Robert Dunkelberger, University Archivist

Remembering the Brave: Veterans Memorials on Campus

Colleges and universities have long provided memorials to their students who fought and died in service to their country. Bloomsburg University is no exception, with the first memorial dedicated to the veterans who served in World War I.

More than 380 Bloomsburg students, faculty and alumni participated in the war, including 15 women. They served in all branches of the military, at bases in the United States and overseas in Europe. Sixteen lost their lives, five due to combat and the rest because of the terrible illnesses that swept through camps and battlefront areas.

After the war ended in November 1918, it was decided to honor those who lost their lives. Biology professor Daniel S. Hartline designed a living memorial consisting of white pine trees dedicated to each person and laid out in the shape of a six-sided star with a flagpole in the center.

On May 30, 1919, hundreds gathered for the dedication ceremony. As reported the following day, “The memorial, as planned by the Senior class, and so well brought to accomplishment yesterday, was to give the school a grove, marked by a 75-foot Walworth steel flag pole, with the individual trees memorializing the heroes of the school who gave their lives in the war … thus serving the double purpose of a Senior memorial to leave with the school, long a custom with the graduating class, and the school’s method of memorializing the heroes who went out from the school to war.”

A second ceremony was held on Memorial Day 1922 to dedicate a large boulder with a marble tablet listing the names of the 15 initial honorees and in 1924 on Armistice Day, now known as Veterans Day, a new bronze plaque was put in place that added the name of a 16th veteran who had lost his life. As yet another tribute nearly 80 years later, a group of history students raised money to restore the World War I Pinery, as BU’s oldest memorial is now called. The project included replacing trees, placing benches and installing a plaque detailing the memorial’s history. Participants in an emotional rededication ceremony on April 25, 2003, told the story of the sacrifices made by these veterans.

In the 1940s, World War II again evoked the patriotism of Bloomsburg’s students and alumni, and hundreds more became part of the war effort. This time the state teachers college itself was involved as it hosted Naval programs that trained flight instructors and officers. First proposed right after the war, plans were put in place by 1953 to honor the dead from this conflict.

As Carver Hall was remodeled from classrooms to office space, it was decided to completely illuminate the dome with spotlights, rather than the single light that had topped the building since 1931, in memory of those lost in the war. A total of 27 former students and alumni were honored for their sacrifice, and the Carver Beacon was dedicated on Feb. 19, 1954, the 85th anniversary of the establishment of the normal school.
Speakers such as Francis B. Haas, state superintendent and former Bloomsburg president, praised the service of the individuals, including Lt. Col. Woodrow Hummel, who was killed in Belgium; Lt. Lamar Blass, an outstanding track and field athlete who died in Italy; and Mary Freas Schuyler, who served in the Women's Army Corps in England. Said alumni president Elna H. Nelson, “As this dome is lighted, when darkness falls, as an after glow of their living, may we be worthy of their sacrifice.”

In the mid-1980s, veteran John F. Magill Jr. ’48 urged the Alumni Association Board of Directors to install the campus’ third veterans memorial in front of the Fenstemaker Alumni House. The memorial, honoring all alumni and former students who served in the armed forces, was dedicated at homecoming on Oct. 28, 1989, during a service led by retired Navy captain and future interim president Curtis R. English ’56. Placed on the alumni house’s front lawn, it consisted of a flagpole, flagstone walkway, five benches and a marble monument with the seals of the five branches of the armed forces.

Bloomsburg University has done well in honoring the men and women who have served their country. We must never forget their commitment and sacrifice.
Calendar of Events

Academic Calendar

Fall 2009
Thanksgiving Recess Begins
Monday, Nov. 23, 10 p.m.
Classes Resume
Monday, Nov. 30
Classes End
Friday, Dec. 11
Finals Begin
Monday, Dec. 14
Finals End
Friday, Dec. 18
Graduate Commencement
Friday, Dec. 18
Undergraduate Commencement
Saturday, Dec. 19
Spring 2010
Classes Begin
Tuesday, Jan. 19
Spring Break Begins
Saturday, March 6
Classes Resume
Monday, March 15
Classes End
Monday, May 3
Finals Begin
Tuesday, May 4
Finals End
Saturday, May 8
Graduate Commencement
Friday, May 7
Undergraduate Commencement
Saturday, May 8

Art Exhibits

Exhibitions in the Haas Gallery of Art are open to the public free of charge. For more information, gallery hours and reception times visit http://departments.bloomu.edu/haasgallery.

Sue O’Donnell, digital art
Through Sept. 11
Reception and lecture: Thursday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Claire Rau, installation
Sept. 21 to Oct. 17,
Reception and lecture: Monday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Theresa Hackett, drawing and painting
Oct. 27 to Nov. 25
Reception and lecture:
To be announced

Senior Exit Show
Dec. 7 to 16
Reception: To be announced

Celebrity Artist Series
Most events in the 2009-10 Celebrity Artist Series season will be presented in the Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at (570) 389-4409 or visit the Celebrity Artist Web site at www.bloomu.edu/today/celebrity. Community Government Association cardholders pay half of the ticket’s face value for all shows. Programs and dates are subject to change.

Kevin Johnson, Ventriloquist
Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $24

Cirque Le Masque
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 and 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $34

Yamato, the Drummers of Japan
Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $29

Ten Tenors
Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $29

Robert Ballard: Tales of an Ocean Explorer
Thursday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $19

“Annie,” the Musical
Saturday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $34

River North Chicago Dance Company
Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010, 7 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $29

Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour
Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, 7 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $29

The Tchaikovsky Ballet Theatre in “Sleeping Beauty”
Saturday, March 6, 2010, 7 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $29

The Georgia Guitar Quartet
Saturday, March 27, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
Carver Hall, K.S. Gross Auditorium, General Admission: $26

Turtle Island Quartet
“Love Supreme: A Concert for the Soul”
Saturday, April 10, 2010, 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall, General Admission: $24

Concerts
Listed events are open to the public free of charge.

Bloomsburg University-Community Orchestra
Sunday, Nov. 15, 2:30 p.m.
Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall
Chamber Orchestra
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2:30 p.m.
St. Matthew Lutheran Church 123 N. Market St., Bloomsburg

Theater
Tickets for theatrical productions are available at the box office in Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at (570) 389-4409 or visit the Celebrity Artist Web site at www.bloomu.edu/today/celebrity. Community Government Association cardholders pay half of the ticket’s face value for all shows. Programs and dates are subject to change.

Dedication of Jessica S. Kozloff Apartments
Friday, Oct. 16

Homecoming Weekend
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18
Homecoming weekend events: Class of 1959 50-year reunion, 25th/35th nursing anniversary celebration and nursing alumni reunion and informal reunions of all classes from the 1970s and multicultural alumni.

Football, Huskies vs. Cheyney Wolves, Saturday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m., Redman Stadium. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and senior citizens. BU students with a valid ID are admitted free. Gates open 90 minutes before kickoff.

Parents and Family Weekend
Friday to Sunday, Oct. 23 to 25

For the latest information on upcoming events, check the university Web site: www.bloomu.edu/today
New this fall! Be among the first to have your own miniature Roongo, a 15-inch replica of BU’s Husky mascot. This soft, stuffed animal is an exact likeness of the big dog, complete with a gold jersey bearing Roongo’s number, 00. Stuffed animal not your style? You’ll also find BU’s mascot or his telltale paw on T-shirts and sweatshirts, caps, decals, giftware, mugs, pennants and other spirit items.

Huskies have been synonymous with BU pride since 1933. Today, Roongo—whose name comes from the school colors of maroon and gold—can be found leading cheers and greeting students, alumni, fans and friends.

The University Store offers hundreds of items for Huskies fans of all ages and gift cards in any amount. Shop online at www.bloomu.edu/store or stop by in person for a traditional shopping experience.
Celebrity Artist Series Special Presentation

Robert Ballard: Tales of an Ocean Explorer

Hear deep-sea explorer Robert Ballard talk about his 120 expeditions and amazing discoveries, including the R.M.S. Titanic, the Bismarck, U.S.S. Yorktown, PT 109 and the Lusitania.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall
General admission: $19
(570) 389-4409 or www.bloomu.edu/today/celebrity