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A Salute To

Those who serve

Standing on Bloomsburg University’s Academic Quadrangle as I did during commencement last spring, anyone would be hard-pressed to imagine that members of the United States military currently are fighting in lands far from home. Our daily campus life remains relatively unchanged since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and subsequent military action in Iraq and Afghanistan. That is, with one possible exception: a larger presence of slightly older students who are fitting in college studies between deployments or after completing their military commitment.

This issue of Bloomsburg: The University Magazine is a tribute to all current members of our campus community — faculty, staff and students — who have served in the U.S. military, with a special focus on those who have served since Sept. 11, 2001. The idea for this issue grew from a compelling story about the military service of one member of our “family.” Inspired to look for more, we found the stories you will read in this issue and as bonus online content. We are grateful to those who shared their stories and for the service of all who fight for our freedom, including our alumni.

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Archivist Robert Dunkelberger writes about a special group of alumni, the cadets of the Navy V-5 and V-12 programs, for his Over the Shoulder column (pages 30-31), explaining how their training benefited the war effort while keeping our campus open during World War II. I have been delighted to meet members of this group when they return for reunions.

We often hear how Mr. Dunkelberger’s column brings back memories, and a photograph of the Class of 1960 that accompanied his spring column was no exception.

Fifth from left among the graduates descending the Class of 1912 memorial steps was Joseph Stancato, who we later learned passed away in February. We were pleased to provide a digital copy of the photograph to Mr. Stancato’s niece, Pamela Miller Doncsecz ’84, for her aunt, Mary Ann Stancato. Wrote Ms. Doncsecz, “I am still awed by the coincidental timing of this article and this picture and this graduating class. What a beautiful remembrance.”

This issue of Bloomsburg: The University Magazine is also a remembrance, honoring the courage and patriotism of our military personnel past and present. Thank you so very much.

David L. Soltz
President, Bloomsburg University

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COVER PHOTO: COURTESY OF JAIME NORTH
SOPHOMORE SAMANTHA OMAN helps her training partner Angela Dendler during the Columbia-Montour Aging Office’s day program at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, near campus. BU students have helped older citizens keep fit since 1994 through a course, Adult Health Development Program, taught by professor Leon Szmedra. BU students serve as training partners for adults ages 50 and older to help them maintain strength, flexibility and quality of life.
Barbara Wert observed the frustration of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other disabilities as they struggled to learn new skills. Based on what she learned firsthand, Wert came up with a way to ease that frustration for the children, their teachers and their parents — by making the youngsters the “stars” of their own five-minute movies.

An associate professor of special education, Wert describes the technique, called video self-modeling, in an article published by Assistive Technology Outcomes and Benefits, a joint publication of the Assistive Technology Industry Association and the Special Education Assistive Technology Center at Illinois State University.

Wert, her colleague in BU’s department of exceptionality programs, Walter Zilz, and their crew filmed children with ASD and edited the material into brief movies in which the children were shown performing behaviors they need to succeed in school. Each student was given his or her own personal five-minute video. After watching their movie every day for five days, the children were performing tasks they couldn’t perform before.

She relates the case of a boy with autism who had never learned to ask for things. If he wanted an object — a crayon, for example — he would point to it or shout. Understanding that children with ASD have trouble responding to verbal directions, Wert and her crew filmed the child playing at a table with other children and adults. As they played, the adults at the table would whisper directions to him.

“Ask me for glue,” one would say, and the boy would shout “glue.”

“Ask me for crayons,” another would say, and the boy might point.

The time-consuming part came as the video was edited to brief clips depicting the child performing the behavior teachers wanted him to learn.

The boy in Wert’s example watched the five-minute film every morning before preschool and by the end of the week was asking others to hand objects to him.

“He had seen himself asking for things so, of course, he knew he could do it,” Wert explains.

Occupational therapists have used the same technique to encourage children with autism to exercise, Wert says. Her goal is to encourage families to complete the filming and editing to reinforce the specific skills they want their children to learn.

The Autism Society of America defines autism as “a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions and leisure or play activities.”

One percent of U.S. children exhibit symptoms of ASD, far more than were diagnosed with the disorder two decades ago. “We have better tools now for diagnosing autism, and the disability now includes a wide spectrum of disorders with symptoms that range from mild to severe,” Wert notes.

Before earning her doctorate from Penn State, Wert worked for 22 years as a special education teacher, a teacher in a day program for people with disabilities, a job coach and an early interventionist.

“People with autism have always fascinated me,” she says. “I always wonder what’s in their head, what can they do — and what can I do with them.”
A Handy Gift

TWO YEARS AFTER TRANSPLANT, FATHER WITNESSES GRADUATION

A LITTLE MORE than two years ago, Deanna Handy ’10 gave her father a gift he was hesitant to accept, but one that might save his life — one of her kidneys.

“He gave me life,” says Handy, a recent BU graduate from Philadelphia, “so I was glad to give back.”

Growing up, Handy remembers specialists and dieticians coming to her house to help her father, Rodney Handy, who was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes in his late 20s. Eventually the disease affected his kidneys and he developed chronic kidney disease.

Handy, then a BU sophomore, began researching kidney transplants, without telling her family. Then, she shared her plan. “At first he was hesitant,” says Handy. “He is my dad. He is supposed to be my protector, and he was in a very vulnerable position.”

With surgery originally scheduled for summer 2008, Deanna Handy continued her studies at BU during summer and fall 2007, commuting between Bloomsburg and Philadelphia for essential testing prior to the surgery. Fearing for Mr. Handy’s health, the doctor rescheduled the transplant surgery, which was completed in February 2008. Deanna took a semester’s medical leave from BU.

Both father and daughter recovered fully and the kidney continues to function well. Handy calls her father’s health “a work in progress. We take it one day at a time.”

After a three-month recuperation, Handy returned to her academic career with the help of her advisers and professors. “By graduating, it shows through all of life’s trials and tribulations, one can overcome anything,” she says.

Handy will continue her education at the University of Pennsylvania master’s program for reading, writing and literacy with plans of becoming a reading specialist in Philadelphia, closer to home and closer to her father.
New Dean

MICHAEL TIDWELL HEADS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

The new dean of the College of Business brings experience in academics and the corporate world to his position at BU. Michael Tidwell came to Bloomsburg this summer from Clayton State University, Atlanta, Ga., where he was assistant dean of the School of Business and associate professor of management. He previously taught at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.; Whitworth University, Spokane, Wash.; and Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo., and was a visiting professor at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya, and CHM College and Birla College in India. Outside of academics, Tidwell worked in the marketing department of Epson America and as a management consultant. His research interests include employee intelligence, organizational socialization within multinational corporations and organizational identity.

Tidwell, a native of southern California, earned a bachelor’s degree from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., and master’s and doctoral degrees from Washington State University, Pullman, Wash. ●

Cool Cash

$250,000 STATE GRANT SUPPORTS ENERGY-SAVINGS PROJECT

BU received $250,000 from the Pennsylvania Conservation Works! (PACW) Grant Program to cover expenses related to a chiller replacement project at Carver Hall and Scranton Commons and lighting upgrades in Elwell Residence Hall and McCormick Center for Human Services. Part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the PACW program supports increased energy efficiency, job creation and improved air quality.

The Scranton Commons/Carver Hall project replaced two individual chillers — a 50-ton, air-cooled unit and a 170-ton, water-cooled unit — with a 220-ton, water-cooled, magnetic compressor chiller to serve both buildings. Replacing the existing units is expected to reduce annual energy use by 51 percent and save more than $12,000 in energy costs.

The lighting upgrade in Elwell and McCormick replaces existing fixtures with systems that will use about half as much energy. The work will be completed in conjunction with future renovation projects and is expected to save more than $34,000 in energy costs annually. ●

TALE’s Top Profs

BOHLING, SURMACZ HONORED

Peter Bohling, professor of economics, and Cynthia Surmacz, professor of biological and allied health sciences, were recognized with TALE (Teaching and Learning Enhancement) Outstanding Teaching awards during spring commencement ceremonies. Each will receive a $750 professional development stipend, sponsored by the BU Foundation, and a plaque recognizing their achievement. They were nominated for the award by graduating undergraduate and graduate students and selected by a peer faculty committee.

Bohling was nominated for his teaching abilities and caring, helpful attitude. One nominator said Bohling’s devotion inspired confidence and a sense of calm. Another wrote that Bohling is someone to depend on long after graduation. Nominators said Surmacz is an exceptional teacher inside and outside the classroom. She is credited with encouraging active learning and helping students succeed in achieving their goals at BU and beyond. One nominator said Surmacz always takes time to answer questions completely and clearly. ●
**Come Together**  
**UNIQUE PROJECT GIVES NEW MISSION TO FORMER CHURCH**

A GROUNDBREAKING ceremony was held late in the spring semester for a unique project that will bring together adults with disabilities and BU students studying for careers in special education. The Columbia County Redevelopment Authority and BU are partners in the $3.6 million project which is converting the former Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, East Third and Iron streets, into independent housing for 19 individuals with mental or physical disabilities. Two adjacent homes are being renovated to provide housing for BU students, offering a one-of-a-kind living and learning environment. The project, called Trinity House, is the result of a five-year effort begun by several mothers of disabled adult children and should be ready for its new mission in spring 2011.

**New Director**  
**REV. JEFFREY THOMS LEADS CCM**

Campus Catholic Ministry (CCM) has a new director, the Rev. Jeffrey F. Thoms. He replaces the Rev. Don Cramer, now administrator of Saint Monica Parish, Sunbury, who served in the position for four years.

Thoms grew up in Chambersburg and has been a priest for 10 years. Before coming to BU, Thoms was parochial vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lewistown, and Saint Jude Thaddeus Parish, Mifflintown.

In his new position, Thoms hopes to provide a “home away from home” for students. Helping him to provide a welcoming presence at the Newman House is Farley, his 2-year-old boxer/pit bull.

“College is a time of transitions. My purpose is to serve as a priestly presence for students who wish to nurture their faith in the university context,” says Thoms.

Thoms also serves as administrator of Christ the King Mission in Benton.

**Cyber Crime**  
**DCCI INVITES BU TO PIONEER PROGRAM**

THE PROFUSION of computers in the business world allows employees to complete assignments without traveling to the office. The next logical step enabled junior Tyler Oliver, a computer forensics major from Lebanon, to complete a computer forensics internship with a branch of the federal government without leaving BU’s campus.

Oliver was one of the first interns selected by the Defense Cyber Crime Institute (DCCI), part of the U.S. Department of Defense. He researched random-access memory (RAM) artifacts, specifically looking at a computer’s memory after someone uses a file-sharing program known as Limewire.

During his internship, Oliver worked for a mentor at DCCI; Scott Inch, professor of mathematics, computer science and statistics, served as his unofficial mentor at BU. BU is one of just four universities in the country invited to participate in the DCCI’s first internship program this summer.
Student Leader  RAYLENE BRILL JOINS TRUSTEES

RAYLENE BRILL is the new student member of BU’s Council of Trustees. A senior social work major from Mahanoy City, Brill replaces Terrell Garrett who graduated in spring.

Brill wanted to become a student trustee to represent BU, as well as bring a unique perspective to the council. During her tenure, she hopes to involve more students with the university so they can express their own ideas and concerns. “I want to play a larger role with making decisions that represent and positively affect the student body and university as a whole,” she says.

In addition to the Trustees, Brill is president of Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society, secretary of Phi Alpha National Honor Society for Social Work Students and a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the Social Work Club and Board of Governor’s Advisory Board. She volunteers at the Women’s Resource Center, is service coordinator for TRiO Upward Bound alumni and works for TRiO Student Support Services. Last summer, she was a program assistant for the R. Benjamin Wiley Partnership Program.

Rags to Riches  WOLMAN SHARES STORY

SHENANDOAH NATIVE JERRY WOLMAN, former owner of the Philadelphia Eagles and Flyers, shared his rags-to-riches story with high school students participating in TRiO Upward Bound. Wolman’s career began in the mid-1950s in Washington, D.C., where the high school dropout constructed apartment buildings and skyscrapers. He purchased the National Theatre, the Raleigh Hotel and Connie Mack Stadium and owned and developed Philadelphia’s Spectrum and Chicago’s John Hancock Center. In 1963, he became the youngest owner in the NFL when, at age 36, he purchased the Philadelphia Eagles for $5.5 million, later founding and co-owning the National Hockey League’s Philadelphia Flyers.

Wolman’s talk was sponsored by TRiO Upward Bound, now in its 32nd year at BU. The program serves students in nine high schools from Columbia, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties who are chosen based on their academic potential and need, demonstrated enthusiasm toward learning and other eligibility requirements as determined by the U.S. Department of Education.

Giving to BU  REPORT INCLUDES HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

INTERESTED IN LEARNING about financial gifts to Bloomsburg University during 2009-2010? You’ll find that information and more online, linked from Bloomsburg: The University Magazine’s website, www.bloomu.edu/magazine. Along with financial information, the Annual Report of Giving includes the honor roll of donors and messages from Charles “Chuck” Featherstone ’71, chair of the Bloomsburg University Foundation, and Jerome Dvorak, the foundation’s managing director. As a cost-savings measure, only a limited number of copies are being printed. To request a printed copy of the report, call (570) 389-4524.

‘Doc’ Warren remembered

BU BENEFACCTOR PASSES AWAY

ROBERT D. “DOC” WARREN, who taught history at BU from 1964 to 1983 and founded the social fraternity, Sigma Iota Omega (SIO), which he advised long after his retirement, died in his Danville area home Friday, July 9.

Named an honorary alumnus in 1995, Warren received the University Medallion in 2000 and an Eberly Award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s Fund for Advancement in 2002. In 2005, the Student Services Center was renamed in his honor, recognizing his $1 million trust through the Bloomsburg University Foundation. Warren also endowed a portion of the Presidential Leadership Program with scholarships that were renamed in his honor, established eight endowed SIO scholarships and donated more than 600 items from his Asian art collection and 40 pieces of crystal.

Memorial donations may be made to the Robert D. Warren Scholarship, in care of the Bloomsburg University Foundation, 400 E. Second St., Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815.
Legendary Career Ends

It was a magical run at what would have been a fairy tale ending for retiring softball coach Jan Hutchinson’s final season. But, in the end, the Bloomsburg University softball team tied for fifth at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II softball championships in St. Joseph, Mo. The Huskies ended the season with a record of 50-8, the third time in school history the team won 50 or more games in a season.

Football Trio Honored

Three members of the Huskies football team were named 2010 Division II Preseason All-Americans by Consensus Draft Services (CDS). Receiving honorable mention were Pat Casey of Matamoras, a senior exercise science major; Derrick Price of Burlington, N.J., a junior communications studies major; and Oscar Rivera of Bethlehem, a junior management major.

The Huskies open the 2010 season on the road, taking on the Ashland (Ohio) University Eagles Saturday, Sept. 4, at 1 p.m. For the complete schedule, see www.buhuskies.com.

[PROFILE]

Training Session

On a good day, fans attending a Bloomsburg University sporting event don’t even know the athletic trainers are around. After all, most of their work is done before and after games. However, when an athlete is injured and needs medical attention, the first person on the scene is a certified athletic trainer.

Two of the Huskies’ three certified trainers are husband and wife, Allen and Roxanna “Roxie” Larsen, parents of 2-year-old Gavin. The pair, who have worked at Bloomsburg for seven years, met while employed as certified athletic trainers at Kentucky Physical Therapy in Barbourville, Ky. They married in 2005.

“It is tough juggling the work schedule of collegiate athletic training and parenthood,” says Allen, officially the head trainer at Bloomsburg. “The one thing we have done to help maintain balance is create a caregiving network. Our parents live out of state, so we look to a great day care facility here at BU as well as an amazing group of friends who help us on the weekends. Gavin, Roxie and I are truly blessed.”

Because they work in the same profession, the Larsens sometimes ask each other for help on rehab protocols. Beyond that, they try to separate home and work.

“At times, work does follow us home, particularly during busy times in the season,” Roxie says. “When we come home after a challenging day, we go to the tree right outside our back door and ‘leave’ our work there. This gives us a mental break from the rigors of our jobs and an opportunity to enjoy each other as husband and wife and to enjoy family time with our son.

“Like any married couple, we have times we need to vent to our spouse after a frustrating day. On the flip side, it can be an advantage having your co-worker at home. It gives you a chance to talk out a decision you are struggling with or get more advice on an injury. So we would say there are more pluses than minuses.”

The Larsens say organization and communication are key to successfully blending their professional and personal relationship. “At home, we have a large monthly calendar which details where we and our two dogs are daily, everything from day care arrangements and work hours to medical appointments. This helps us stay on top of everything outside of work to ensure that we have a sound and well-structured family life,” says Roxie.

“It is also important to have an understanding spouse who fully comprehends the demands of a job like ours. What makes it work for us is the strong commitment we have to each other, our son and our job.”
Softball Players Named All-Americans

FOUR MEMBERS OF the BU Atlantic Region champion softball team earned All-American honors. They are:
- Pitcher Shavaun Fisher of Coplay, junior special education/elementary education major, second-team All-American honors from NFCA.
- Danielle Lazorka of Williamsport, senior nursing major, second-team All-American honors from NFCA.
- Lacy Mauro of Jersey Shore, senior exercise science major, third-team All-American honors from NFCA.
- Nikki Shiko of Shamokin, senior elementary education major, honorable mention All-American from Daktronics.

New Leader for BU field Hockey

NIKKI HARTRANFT RHoads ’04 is replacing her former coach, Jan Hutchinson, to lead BU’s field hockey program this fall. Hutchinson, who coached both field hockey and softball, retired earlier this year.

As a player at Bloomsburg, Rhoads was a three-time All-American helping the Huskies to two National Collegiate Athletic Association championships, including a perfect 21-0 season in 2002. She returns to BU after two seasons as head coach at Alvernia University, where she led the Crusaders to a record of 22-18 and a berth in the 2009 Eastern College Athletic Conference playoffs, advancing to the semi-final round. Academically, 10 players from her 2009 squad were named to the SGI/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III National Academic Squad for earning GPAs of 3.3 or higher through the first semester of the 2009-10 academic year.

HALL OF FAME INDuctees

FIVE BU ALUMNI AND the former assistant athletic director make up the 29th class of BU’s Athletic Hall of Fame. These individuals will be honored at the Hall of Fame dinner Friday, Oct. 1, in the Kehr Union Ballroom:
- Jean Buskirk ’93 was a four-year member of the softball team, leading the team to a second-, two third- and one fourth-place finish at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship finals. She made it to the final 60 in the USA Olympic team try-outs and was chosen to participate in the 1994 Olympic Festival. Buskirk, who earned a master’s degree in information technology from Penn State, is employed as a senior project manager in the information technology industry.
- Lee Gump ’97 finished as Huskies basketball’s seventh all-time leading scorer with 1,430 points, fifth in rebounding with 821 and fifth in steals with 149. The all-time leader in blocked shots with 130, Gump was named first team All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East in 1994-95 and 1995-96 and second team All-PSAC in 1993-94. Gump, an administrator in the Bloomsburg Area School District, earned a master’s degree in educational leadership through Bucknell University.
- Laura Jones Coen ’93 was the university’s first All-American in women’s soccer and earned first-team All-Northeast Region honors, both in 1992. As a defender, Coen helped the Huskies to a three-year record of 29-19-1 and a trip to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) playoffs. After BU, she earned a master’s degree as a reading specialist from Lehigh University and served as Lehigh’s graduate assistant women’s soccer coach and William Tennent High School’s assistant girl’s soccer coach.
- Marc Lupinacci ’90 posted a tennis career record of 116-34, fifth all-time in winning percentage and second all-time in wins. A four-time PSAC singles champion and PSAC doubles champion, Lupinacci helped the Huskies to four PSAC championships and a fifth-place national finish at the NCAA championships. A U.S. Professional Tennis Association certified professional, he is tennis director at the Italian Center, Stamford, Conn., and head tennis professional at Stamford Indoor Tennis.
- Shelley Miller Romano ’95, who twice earned Academic All-American honors, was a standout in two sports. In field hockey she was named All-American three times and national player of the year once. Now the second all-time leader in career assists with 32, Romano helped the Huskies to a three-year record of 74-9-4, one NCAA championship and three second-place finishes. In softball, she was a four-year letter winner and part of a team that finished in second place in the 1995 NCAA championships.
- Burt Reese ’03H started at BU in January 1969 as a faculty member, head tennis coach and assistant men’s basketball coach. He coached tennis for the 25 seasons, finishing with a 376-161 record and coaching 11 All-Americans, one NCAA champion, 65 PSAC singles champions, 34 doubles champions, one national rookie of the year and three NCAA scholar-athletes. His tennis teams won the PSAC title 12 times while finishing second six times. Reese, who also was the assistant basketball coach for 33 years, was named NCAA Division II Coach of the Year in 1987 and PSAC Coach of the Year six times.

Call the BU sports information office, (570) 389-4413, for ticket information.
PEACEFUL MOMENTS WERE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ADAM WENDOLOSKI TO FIND, DESPITE HIS DESIRE FOR AT LEAST A BRIEF ESCAPE FROM THE IMMENSE DISCOMFORT SURROUNDING HIM. THE WILKES-BARRE NATIVE FACED DAYS FILLED WITH THE SCENT OF BURNING TRASH UNDER A SOUNDTRACK OF RINGING GUN SHOTS AND THE BUZZ OF F-18S OVERHEAD. NIGHTS WERE DOTTED WITH A CHORUS OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS.
“You’d get used to it,” says Wendoloski, a sophomore criminal justice major who served more than two years in Iraq as an Army infantry solider. “I wouldn’t call it complacency, just learning to live with the ambiance.”

Jogging became Wendoloski’s lone source of solitude from the reality of his first deployment with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard from June 2005 to June 2006. “It was a good ‘destresser,’” he says of his six-mile runs along the perimeter of a busy airfield in western Iraq’s Al-Anbar Province. “It was a big airfield, so there was plenty of room to run and be by yourself.”

Sixteen months later, Wendoloski again faced the anxiety of combat — this time with the 3rd Infantry Division on a primitive combat outpost at the edge of southern Baghdad. Even with a tour under his belt, Wendoloski again faced the anxiety of combat — this time with the 3rd Infantry Division on a primitive combat outpost at the edge of southern Baghdad. Even with a tour under his belt,
I wasn’t sharing everything with a bunch of guys. I didn’t realize how great our life is here, so I made it a point to enjoy every moment. I still do to this day.”

Wendoloski knew his reprieve from combat would be short-lived. He had signed up for full-time active duty in the Army while on deployment as a National Guardsman. “It wasn’t a matter of ‘if’ but ‘when,’” he says. “But I was OK with it.”

A life-changing experience
The belief his previous deployment would make his second tour easier quickly evaporated when Wendoloski discovered the conditions his unit faced in southern Baghdad, a stark difference from the modern Al Asad facilities.

“It was very primitive,” Wendoloski says. “We built everything from scratch. We had to burn (our toilet) waste. It was definitely a third-world existence.”

It also quickly became clear to him that this mission would be more dangerous and unpredictable. The unit was assigned to work closely with the Baghdad population, helping the area rebuild from the recent military surge.

“We were right in the city,” Wendoloski says. “We could smell burning trash all of the time, hear gun shots ring out and, once in a while, something would blow up.”

Any chance of building a routine or developing acceptance of the situation was lost once soldiers attempted to catch their breath. “You would be sitting at your laptop, then all of a sudden … ‘pop, pop, pop.’ You learned if it was a problem, someone would be on the radio to tell you. If it was nothing, you’d hear nothing and just go about your business.

“You would be more worried if you knew there was a patrol out there and heard something blow up. Although you’d get used the sounds, you never got used to the concern.”

This time around, Wendoloski was unable to avoid the pain of losing a fellow soldier. One of his unit’s Bradley tanks was struck by an explosively formed penetrator (EFP) while patrolling through a neighborhood polluted with Shiite militia activity. The attack killed five soldiers.

“We’d see (casualty) numbers in the news, but when you put a name to that number, it changes everything,” Wendoloski says. “You know the story behind it. What led up to it, what happened and what needs to done to make sure it doesn’t happen again.”

The threat of EFPs was among the biggest worries for Wendoloski’s unit, which patrolled in tanks and Humvees. The devices are designed to penetrate armor and can be detonated by infrared sensor, specifically targeting the heat from engines.

“It’s very hard to find out you lost someone,” Wendoloski says. “You get upset but realize you’re there to do a job. You try not to dwell on it, but in the end you will never meet people you can trust as much as someone you get deployed with.” ●

Jaime North, Web writer and editor at Bloomsburg University, served in Iraq from February to December 2003. His image is featured on the cover of this issue.

The Old Freshman
IT DIDN’T TAKE long for Adam Wendoloski to transition from an Army combat soldier to a 24-year-old BU freshman. Within seconds of searching open courses for the fall 2009 semester, the Iraq War veteran discovered a surprising familiarity.

“I saw Arabic on the schedule, so it made sense,” says Wendoloski, a criminal justice major who plans to pursue a minor in Arabic. “I picked up some Arabic in Iraq and wanted to learn more of the language and culture.”

Wendoloski’s interest in the Middle East led him to the Arabic Club and Model Arab League. “The club has given me more perspective on the culture, since I was really only exposed to its negative aspects. My two years in Iraq adds a special flavor to the club. I wasn’t just the old freshman.”

Wendoloski, who transitioned back to the Pennsylvania National Guard in June 2009 after returning from his second Iraq deployment, says the Arabic class and Arabic Club have already eased the stress of a third deployment, if it is to come in the future.

“It plugs you more into the culture,” says Wendoloski, a sergeant with 103rd Armored Regiment in Sunbury. “So if I go back to Iraq, I will know a lot more. Someday, I’d like to go back there and see what Baghdad becomes when it is not known as the City of Death.”
The concept is very simple: build positive relationships with Iraqis by supporting business enterprises that create employment opportunities. For John Holtzman putting it into practice was more difficult.

“During a war effort, countries are limited in access to certain specialties,” says Holtzman, BU’s assistant director of facilities management since 2001. “Civil Affairs is the part of Special Operations that works with local nationals, from tribal leaders and government officials to businessmen. When you stimulate business to employ workers, it brings money into the community and allows businesses to hire local people who are more likely not to go to the insurgents.”

Since first enlisting in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 1980 and subsequently serving in the Army Reserves and on active duty, Holtzman found humanitarian missions to be some of his most rewarding. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1984 and, while on active duty from 1984 to 1990, completed missions to Costa Rica, Honduras and Panama, known as “host nation building.” An engineering officer, he was involved in construction of roads, bridges and buildings with the underlying philosophy that improving the daily lives of local residents would prevent the spread of communism.

Other humanitarian missions followed. After Hurricane Hugo in September 1989, he helped clear South Carolina roads of trees and sand. And in 2002, 12 years after he left active duty and a decade after he enlisted in the Army Reserves, Holtzman was once again involved in military efforts to benefit the civilian population. This time, he was stationed in Kosovo on a NATO peace-keeping mission.

“We did a lot of construction,” Holtzman says. “We also picked two schools, one in an Albanian sector and one in a Serbian sector, that had leaking roofs and no
Holtzman was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq as a facilities engineering team commander in 2004 to supervise construction of desert base camps. For one month, he volunteered to evaluate and counter improvised exploding devices, known as IEDs, on main supply routes south of Baghdad. Two years later, he returned as part of Civil Affairs.

Holtzman prepared for his new assignment during summer 2006 at Fort Bragg’s John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. In his mid-40s at the time, Holtzman was nearly twice as old as some of his classmates, who treated him with respect his rank commanded, yet seemed to be convinced he wouldn’t be able to complete the rigorous training. Not only did he complete the training, he was named first in his class, the distinguished honor graduate.

Holtzman entered Iraq as part of the 1st Cavalry Division. Although he was a reservist, he was assigned to an active duty unit as the governance and economic development team chief, with control over all of Baghdad and the surrounding area. Project funding came through the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations, established in June 2006 to improve economic conditions for the Iraqi people, and Commanders Emergency Relief Funding.

The dairy project in Abu Ghraib began with a meeting of tribal leaders and former plant managers, he recalls. That initial meeting eventually led to establishing an Iraqi project team and plans to restart dairy production in two phases, first by reconstituting powdered milk and then by processing whole milk. “We helped with planning the construction and provided agricultural experts,” he says.

During his year with Civil Affairs, Holtzman was involved in more than 120 missions, traveling to meetings in Humvees or Black Hawk helicopters. He saw firsthand the dedication and bravery of the young U.S. soldiers, some of whom were on their third tours of duty. And he was always aware the insurgents might threaten the cooperating Iraqis and their families and cautious about his own safety.

“When you first get there, you don’t know what to expect. The message from the Iraqi people is, ‘We didn’t ask you to come here but, now that you are, we want what you have: security, jobs, careers, vacations, our own religion, food and health.’”

Still wearing a brace to support the left knee he injured jumping from a helicopter, Holtzman returned to BU in April 2009 after receiving medical treatment and physical therapy. Troops serving in Civil Affairs return to Iraq every year or two and, at age 49, he could be deployed again. Holtzman says he wouldn’t mind going back.

“You gain ground by building relationships with the Iraqi people. You try to do good things, to build trust and confidence with the local people. Sometimes they will turn over information and, if they can help us, it may speed them to a better place.”

Bonnie Martin is editor of Bloomsburg: The University Magazine.
THE WOUNDS TODD BUCHER suffered from seeing combat in Afghanistan were on the inside. For eight months, Bucher and his nine-man Marine squad chased Taliban fighters through the rugged Al Anbar terrain, digging foxholes to sleep in and constantly engaging in firefights.

After the stress of combat and seeing one of his men killed and two others injured, Bucher came home changed in fall 2003. “It was really hard,” the 26-year-old remembers. “I had a constant sense of awareness and readiness no matter what I was doing. I carried a handgun almost everywhere I went — I had a permit — and I didn’t feel safe unless I had it.”

Two years later Bucher redeployed to Iraq, where he and his 12-member squad patrolled Fallujah. Constantly under sniper fire, Bucher’s luck gave out on July 10, 2005, when he saw a roadside bomb just before it went off.

“When I got hit ... we got ambushed right after that,” Bucher says. The blast mangled his left side, but he fought on for another 20 minutes until he was evacuated. “I lost a lot of blood; they brought me back (to life) twice.”

Later that year Bucher, of Northumberland, was medically discharged from the Marines as a corporal, and in summer 2007 he enrolled in Bloomsburg University to study communications. After 16 surgeries he is able to walk and, with difficulty, can use his left hand to write. He still has nearly 1,000 pieces of shrapnel in his body and is facing more operations on his back, shoulder and knee. Mentally, though he doesn’t carry a gun on campus, the hyper-alertness and inability to feel safe haven’t improved.

One place that gives Bucher solace is the Bloomsburg University Student Veterans Association (BUSVA), which he, another student veteran and two professors helped re-form in fall 2009. About 15 active members strong, BUSVA meets at various locations on campus and provides a support group where vets can talk to each other about what they’re going through and find someone who understands.

YOU CAN COME AND NOT FEEL LIKE AN OUTCAST. SIT DOWN AND TALK AND ACTUALLY HAVE SOMEBODY WHO UNDERSTANDS WHAT YOU’RE TALKING ABOUT AND HOW YOU FEEL,” SAYS BUCHER, THE GROUP’S VICE PRESIDENT.

Michael Medvec, who graduated in May with a degree in business information systems, is the association’s outgoing president and driving force behind its creation. Medvec, 28, of Wilkes-Barre, has served in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard for 10 years and was deployed to Afghanistan and Kuwait.

“Especially if you’re a non-traditional student and maybe have been on a couple different deployments, you’re a little older than everyone else and want someplace to fit in where people have gone through some of the same experiences you’ve had,” Medvec says. “You can go talk to your (non-military) friends and get some comfort from them or some advice, but it is really hard for
A Wake-up Call

JOSH PROSCENO, like most Americans, was in shock when terrorists attacked the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001. The shock gave way to a patriotic sense of duty that led to six years in the Air Force and five tours as an aircraft mechanic in Afghanistan and Iraq.

When the planes hit, Prosceno was an 18-year-old freshman at BU. Less than two months later, he signed up under the Air Force’s delayed enlistment program. After his first semester, he left college and his hometown, Bloomsburg, for basic training.

From Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Wash., Prosceno deployed twice to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar and three times to Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan. From those bases, he and his crew flew aboard KC-135s, large jet-powered aerial refueling tankers, into the war zones to assist bombers and fighter aircraft supporting troops on the ground.

While he never came under direct fire, Prosceno had socialized with a group of soldiers who died when their helicopter crashed. “You get kind of complacent when you’re there for a time. It’s a wake-up call. Something like that makes everybody on edge,” he says. “You do your job a little better. It makes you think about what you’re there to do.”

Now a junior at BU, Prosceno is majoring in environmental planning, hoping to become a municipal or regional urban planner.

The patriotism that led him to join the Air Force has paid off, he says. “I’m definitely a better student, and I’m a lot more organized. I’m a perfectionist now. I still fold my shirts into 6-inch squares.”

Though he didn’t see direct action, Medvec’s base in Iraq was mortared on occasion, and there was the tenseness of knowing an attack could come at any time. When he returned to BU, he talked with Al Fundaburk, assistant professor of business education and information technology management, about the usefulness of a campus veterans group.

“Combat changes you, and you need to be able to interact with those who understand combat,” says Fundaburk, who fought in Vietnam with the Army in 1967-68 and then served in the Air Force from 1971 until he retired in 1991. The association is also important because it can help vets deal with the paperwork associated with getting benefits and meeting other needs, he adds.

For example, those involved with the association said they are putting together checklists students can use when they are returning to Bloomsburg from active service or if their studies are being interrupted by a deployment. Checklists cover a wide range of preparations, from filling out forms to avoid financial aid problems to dealing with an apartment lease.

Medvec also hopes the association will continue to be a fundraiser for both veteran and community needs. In March, association members using Kevlar helmets as collection baskets raised $1,500 in downtown Bloomsburg for the Wounded Warrior Foundation for injured soldiers.

Mark Bauman, the group’s official faculty adviser, has studied the issues returning vets face. A Coast Guard reservist and assistant professor of educational studies and secondary education, Bauman says research shows the more connected students — veteran or otherwise — are to their college, the better they will do at school and in their careers.

“So the question for a veteran who comes back after a two-year hiatus is: how can we get that person connected? The veterans association is it,” Bauman says. “From the veterans group, your network grows and moves outward, but the veterans group is the start.”

Looking ahead, Bucher believes the association will grow and provide ever-more important assistance to veterans. Bucher knows first-hand about how frustrating things can be; he’s been waiting for the VA to help him purchase a laptop that would make it easier to take notes and less reliant on his damaged left hand. He’s also had difficulty finding a counselor who understands the stress he feels.

Helping to create the association was just a first step for Bucher, who said he doesn’t regret his service and intends to keep helping those who worked to protect the country. “I would like to lobby for veterans rights,” Bucher says of his plans after graduation. “I’d like to go into politics and work to get better benefits for veterans, better health care and all around better things for veterans.”

Jack Sherzer is a professional writer and Pennsylvania native. He currently lives in Harrisburg.
On the Front Lines

War was the last thing on MAX TOLAN’s mind when he enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 2000 while a junior at Millville Junior/Senior High School, about 12 miles from Bloomsburg. His unit hadn’t been deployed since the Korean War, and Tolan was looking to serve his country and take advantage of college benefits to become a physician like his father, Keith.

The events of Sept. 11, 2001, changed all that.

In 2005-06, the young father found himself in Iraq, and a year later, on the front lines at a battle aid station in Afghanistan. As a medic, he saw injuries he doesn’t want to talk about. He also lost friends, but he doesn’t want to dwell on that, either.

Before he could start college, Tolan’s unit was activated. After basic and medic training in Texas, the 19-year-old was sent to Germany, where he assisted doctors at a post health facility. He managed to make it home just in time for the birth of his first son, Leif, 7.

After three semesters at Bloomsburg, Tolan was off to Iraq, where he first administered routine medical care to about 300 soldiers at a small battalion aid station. For the next four months, he was a shift leader at a Navy-run hospital at Al Asad Air Base, where he stabilized seriously injured soldiers until they could be transferred to a base hospital. Finally, he performed foot patrols around Ramadi with an infantry unit from Kentucky.

After two more semesters at BU and shortly after the birth of his second son, Kyle, 5, Tolan headed for Mehtar Lam in Afghanistan, where he was a medical supervisor at a battalion aid station.

“While I was at Al Asad, we didn’t feel a sense of danger, but in Ramadi, it was certainly more tense. Afghanistan was a cross between the two. On the convoys, we were on high alert, but fortunately, my vehicle was never hit.”

Tolan, a May 2010 pre-med graduate, is now studying at The Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton. After his residency, he’ll owe the military at least another eight years.

The divorced father says his biggest inspiration has been his father, an Air Force physician who did his medical training while Tolan and his sister were growing up.

Tolan’s sons may also follow their dad. “Both of them love to play Army when they’re at my house,” he says.
Korea Connection

It wasn’t a matchmaker or dating service that brought KEVIN and KRISTIN DAVENPORT together; it was the U.S. Army.

The Bloomsburg University students grew up 3,000 miles apart, he in Pennsylvania and she in Washington State. They met in South Korea, where they fell in love, married and welcomed a son, Kenny, now 3.

Thanks to the Post 9/11 GI Bill, they’re full-time students at BU, where Kevin, 28, is a freshman music education major and Kristin, 29, is pursuing her master’s in elementary education.

A circuitous path led to their meeting, but Kristin says if it hadn’t been for her decision to join the Army, she never would have found “my husband, my soulmate, the person I’m going to spend the rest of my life with.”

The couple had different motivations for joining the Army.

Kevin says the military is “kind of the family business.” Except for one generation, the Davenport family’s military service “dates back to the French and Indian War,” he says.

A reservist, Kevin played the euphonium, a tuba-like brass wind instrument, in the U.S. Army Band until his unit was activated in 2003. A 17-week course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., transformed the euphonium player into a counter intelligence special agent. From August 2004 through July 2007, Kevin served in South Korea, conducting national security investigations and serving as a liaison among Korean police, military units and community leaders.

Kristin hoped to become a forensic scientist after earning a bachelor’s degree in anthropology and biology from Western Washington University, Bellingham, in 2003. “Everybody I talked to said I needed either experience or a master’s degree to get into the field, so I joined the Army in 2004 for the life experience and benefits to get my master’s,” she says.

“We both realize the opportunities that exist at Bloomsburg, and we tell kids they must be the driving force behind their educations.”

Tour of Duty

JESSICA HEIN was 6 years old when she saw a film about a flight nurse and instantly knew she wanted a career in the medical field. Today, with five years in the Air Force military police and assignments in Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan behind her, she’s a junior at BU, studying to become a nurse practitioner.

Hein, of Bloomsburg, had been in the Air Force for just two months when terrorists attacked the United States. Less than two weeks after 9/11, she found herself in Bahrain, an island nation in the Persian Gulf within missile range of Iran and Iraq.

What she describes as “an easy tour” to Kuwait followed, but her third deployment to Iraq was another story. While there, she lost a Marine friend whose plane hit the side of a mountain just weeks before he was scheduled to return home and learned another friend had lost his leg from the knee down when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated.

She came under fire herself while doing search and recovery missions. “We would go in and get people and equipment that had been blown up,” she explains.

“That was dangerous. You’re going into an area the enemy is obviously watching. We were fired upon, but nothing bad ever happened.

“You have those moments where you think ‘what kind of craziness is this?’ But you know you’re there for a good cause, supporting your fellow airmen.”

While she saw what she describes as “the ugly” in Iraq, she saw the good, too. “Understandably, the Iraqis don’t want us in their country, but the people who are getting help from the U.S. are appreciative. TV seldom shows that. The media shows a lot of anger, not smiles.”

Hein spent just two weeks in Afghanistan with the Air Force, but expects to be deployed there again during her current six-year commitment as a combat medic in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Active in Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) on campus, Hein is quick to recommend military service to others. “I think it makes people stronger. It instills values and a sense of pride. Today, I’m more worldly, open-minded and understanding. Having seen what I’ve seen, I’m wiser ... a lot wiser,” she says.

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Freelance writer Sue A. Beard contributed to SPECIAL SERVICES: A MILITARY TRIBUTE.
Stacy Stancavage was one of the 209,000 women who serve in the U.S. armed forces today, making up 14.3 percent of active duty military personnel. (Source: U.S. Department of Defense)

getting it DONE

by JULIE NICOLOV

“What are you gonna do? The job has to get done,” she says.
She finished her enlistment and applied for a civilian hazardous materials handler job in Iraq. Her injuries kept her from being hired.
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs considers her 70 percent disabled.
Applying for VA benefits is a yearlong process of paperwork and doctor visits. Often, applicants’ paperwork is sent back, starting the process again. While the VA provides workers to help veterans fill out the forms, Stancavage processed her paperwork on her own and was approved on the first try.

“What are you gonna do? The job has to get done.”

She also helped other veterans fill out their forms correctly. “That’s what made me realize I wanted to be a social worker,” she says.
Despite anterior fusion surgery in April to stop nerve damage in her legs, Stancavage started graduate-level classes at Marywood University in June. She hopes to secure an internship at the VA Medical Center in Lebanon, Pa. Her goal is clear: helping other veterans receive the care they need from the VA.
“I’m grateful, I have all my pieces,” she says. “We still have people who don’t have theirs, and they’re still fighting with the VA.”

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Richard L. Baker, Sergeant
U.S. Marine Corps
VMGR-252 Cherry Point, N.C., July 1968 to December
1969 and January 1971 to August 1971
VMGR-152, Republic of Vietnam,
January 1970 to January 1971
At BU: Chair, Accounting

Dane Bamford, Specialist
Army National Guard
October 2004-October 2010
Al Habbaniyah, Iraq, 2005-2006
Baghdad, Iraq, 2008-2009
At BU: Freshman, Undeclared

David Chalecki, Sergeant
Pennsylvania Army National Guard
February 2002-February 2008
Al Habbaniyah, Iraq, June 2005-June 2006
At BU: Senior, Special Education/Elementary Education Math

Chris Collins, 2nd Lieutenant
U.S. Air Force, Nurse Corps
September 1991-September 1995
Wright-Patterson AFB, Medical Center, Fairborn, Ohio
At BU: Nurse Practitioner, Student Health Center

Robert Compton, Specialist
U.S. Army Reserve
July 2007-Present
At BU: Senior, History and Political Science

Joseph J. Diak, Chief
Fire Controlman,
Surface Warfare (ret.)
U. S. Navy
July 1983-September 2005
Recruit Training Command
(RTC)/Naval Training Center
(NTC), Great Lakes, Ill., 1983-1984,
Guided Missile School (GMS)
Virginia Beach, Va., 1984
USS Hoel (DDG 13), San Diego, Calif., 1985-1989
NTC Great Lakes, Ill., 1989-1992
AEGIS Training and Readiness Center (ATRC),
Dahlgren, Va., 1992
USS Mobile Bay (CG 53), FDNF Yokosuka,
Japan, 1992-1996
ATRC, Dahlgren, Va., 1996-1998
Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) O’Kane (DDG 77),
Bath, Maine, 1999
USS O’Kane (DDG 77), Honolulu, Hawaii,
1999-2001
USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70), Honolulu, Hawaii,
2001-2002
ATRC, Dahlgren, Va., 2002
PCU Momsen (DDG 92), Bath, Maine,
2003-2004
USS Momsen (DDG 92), Everett, Wash.,
2003-2005
At BU: Senior, Business Education

Al Fundaburk, Captain (ret.)
U.S. Air Force
U.S. Army, 1967-1968;
Vietnam, 1967-1968
Biloxi, Miss., 1971-1972
Beale AFB, Calif., 1972-1973
Okinawa, Japan, 1973-1976
San Bernardino, Calif., 1976-1979
Ogden, Utah, 1979-1982
Cheyenne, Wyo., 1982-1984
Kunsan, Korea, 1984-1985
At BU: Assistant Professor, Information and Technology Management

Michael W. Gursky, 1st Lieutenant
Army National Guard
March 26, 2002-Present
Hazleton, Pennsylvania,
March 2002-September 2008
Taji, Iraq, January 2009-September 2009
York, Pennsylvania, December 2009-Present
At BU: Graduate Student, Secondary Education

Stephen L. Hebbard ’91M,
Colonel (ret.)
U.S. Air Force
Commissioned 1963, retired 1994
Pennsylvania Air National Guard, 1972-1994
Officer-in-charge, Motor Vehicle Operations and Maintenance, Lackland AFB, Texas
USAF Basic Pilot Training, Webb AFB, Texas
F-4 Fighter Checkout School, Davis, Montan AFB, Ariz.
F-4 Combat Readiness Training, Eglin AFB, Fla.
Tour of Duty, F-4C Pilot, Da Nang AB, Vietnam, 100 missions over North Vietnam
T-38 Instructor Pilot, Laredo AFB, Miss.
Commander, 111th Air Support Operations Center, Willow Grove Naval Air Station, Pa.
Chief of Productivity and Quality, Headquarters Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.
At BU: Adjunct Faculty, Management

BU graduate student Michael Gursky, a first lieutenant with the Army National Guard, gives school supplies to children during his 2002 deployment to Iraq.
James Imholte, Specialist  
Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
September 1994-Present  
Support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Germany, July 2002-February 2003  
At BU: Sophomore, Undeclared  

Ted J. Mahoney  
U.S. Navy  
1968-2008  
Electronics school, Chicago and San Diego, 1968-1999  
Electronics Technician, Communications and Encrypting Equipment, USS Wasp (LHD-1)  
Amphibious Assault Ship, Norfolk, Va., 1999-2003  
Recruiter, NRS Williamsport, 2003-2006  
At BU: Senior, Management and Geography/Urban and Regional Planning  

Amanda Machey, Lance Corporal  
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve  
December 2007-Present  
Stationed at Wyoming, Pa.  
Baghdad, Iraq, October 2009-January 2010  
At BU: Junior, Math Secondary Education  

Norm Manney  
U.S. Marine Corps, artillery fire direction, Sept. 18, 1972-Sept. 17, 1977  
Pennsylvania National Guard, Company B-109 infantry, 81mm mortar section leader/squad leader, December 1978-December 1981  
Operation Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia  
Operation Desert Dream, Kuwait  
Task Force Grizzly and Task Force Ripper, Iraq  
At BU: Foreman, Paint Shop  

Michael Martin, Sergeant E-5  
U.S. Marine Corps  
June 28, 1973-Sept. 5, 1976  
Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., June 1973-September 1973  
Communications and Electronics School, San Diego, September 1973-December 1973  
Marine Corps Communication Squadron, Cherry Point, N.C., January-April 1974  
1st Battalion 12th Marines, Kaneohe Marine Corp Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, April 1974-May 1975  
1st Battalion 3rd Marines, Operation Frequent Wind, evacuation of Vietnam, March-April 1975  
Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Drill Instructor School and Recruit Training, June 1975-September 1976  
At BU: Assistant Professor; English; Director, Professional Writing Program  

Ronald Matthews, CTR3 E-4  
U.S. Navy  
Aug. 16, 2006-Aug. 15, 2010  
Great Lakes, Ill., Aug. 16- Oct. 17, 2006  
At BU: Freshman, Political Science  

Timothy McConnell  
U.S. Air Force  
December 1967-September 1971  
Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, December 1967-February 1968  
Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., February 1968-November 1968  
Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., November 1968-September 1971  
Temporary Duty, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., January-February 1970  
At BU: Chair, Exercise Science  

James McCormack '90/93M, Lieutenant Colonel  
Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
March 1987-present  
Infantry Enlisted Soldier, Berwick, March 1987-May 1990  
Engineer Platoon Leader, Hazleton, May 1990-April 1995  
Engineer Company, XO/Ops Officer, Hazleton, April 1995-November 1997  
Engineer Company Commander, Reading, November 1997-August 2000  
Assistant Brigade Engineer, Scranton, August 2000-August 2001  
FCCME (SPT), Allentown, August 2001-March 2003  
Deputy Garrison CDR/Post Engineer, Kabul, Afghanistan, March 2003-May 2004  
FCCME (SPT), Allentown, May 2004-October 2006  
Director, Host Nation Support, Allentown, October 2006-April 2007  
Group Senior Operations Officer (S3), Balad, Iraq, April 2007-April 2008  
Director, Host Nation Support, Allentown, April 2008-July 2009  
Battalion Commander, Philadelphia, July, 2009-Present  
At BU: Associate Director, Residence Life
PROFILES OF MILITARY SERVICE  Bloomsburg University’s students, faculty and staff

Wayne Mohr, Specialist 4  
U.S. Army  
November 1970-May 1972  
At BU: Assistant Vice President, Technology and Library Services

Jaime North, Specialist  
U.S. Army Reserves  
January 1996-January 2004  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas, October 2001-October 2002  
Baghdad, Iraq, February 2003-December 2003  
At BU: Web Writer/Editor, Communications Office

Cindi Rose Powell, Specialist  
U.S. Army Reserves  
July 1996-January 2005  
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 365th Engineering Battalion, HSD

At BU: Graduate Student, Counseling, Secondary and Elementary Education

Conrad B. Quintyn  
U.S. Navy  
Active Duty, January 1983-January 1987;  
inactive reserve, January 1987-May 1989  
Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, N.C., 1983 to 1984  
Kilo Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, 1984 to 1987  
Mediterranean, 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit, training operations in Egypt, Spain, and Sardinia, Italy, 1985 (six months)  
North Atlantic, 23rd Marine Amphibious Unit, training operations in Norway, Denmark and Germany, 1986 (six months)  
At BU: Faculty, Anthropology

Kyle Reid, Captain  
U.S. Marine Corps  
The Basic School, Quantico, Va., September 2005-March 2005  
Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla., March 2005-August 2005  
Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Joint Coordination Center Officer in Charge, Fallujah, Iraq, February 2006-October 2006  
Fire Direction Officer Battery G, 2nd battalion, 11th Marines, Camp Pendleton, October 2006-February 2007  
Assistant Operations Officer, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, Camp Pendleton, 2007-2008  
At BU: Sophomore, Pre-Physical Therapy Major

Jedediah G. Smith  
U.S. Air Force, Pararescue  
2001-Present  
Iraq, 2003  
East Africa, Djibouti, Somalia, 2005  
Afghanistan, 2007 and 2009  
Iraq, June 2010-Present  
At BU: Junior, Biology Major

Jim Tomlinson, Specialist 5  
U.S. Army  
1970-1973  
Okinawa and Thailand, 1970-1973  
At BU: Professor, Communication Studies

Jerry Wemple, Petty Officer 1st Class  
U.S. Navy  
Active duty, January 1982-December 1988  
Reserve, December 1988-December 1991  
Fighter Squadron 102, two deployments to the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean aboard USS America (CV-66), 1982-1985  
Instructor, Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, Mass., 1985-1988  
Various reserve assignments, 1988 to 1991  
At BU: Professor, English

“We hope you enjoyed this feature that remembers and honors the courage and patriotism of our military personnel past and present. We are grateful to those who shared their stories and for the service of all who fight for our freedom, including our alumni. Thank you so very much.”

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As if JILL BIDELSPACH ROUSE ’03 did not already have her hands full with child care, she worried about her husband, Don, during his three deployments with the Pennsylvania National Guard. His first deployment was three months after their wedding, and the second was only 24 hours after the birth of their first son.

Rouse, a veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Navy Reserves, works as a PrayerNET assistant in Geisinger's Spiritual Care and serves as an administrator for Pennsylvania Veterans' Family website, a site she helped develop for spouses, family members and communities of military members.

“I'm helping because many do not escape the deployment cycle unscathed, whether it is physical injury, unseen traumas or syndromes,” says Rouse. “It isn't always the military member, but the families who endure the emotional roller coasters and health crises.”

The website is a virtual community where visitors can communicate with each other and read tips and articles on wellness, self care and child care. It also offers maps for locating armories or reserve units. Launched in March 2010, it is a partnership between Geisinger Medical Center and PenTeleData.

It is “everything a suddenly single spouse needs to know, but somehow doesn’t know how to ask in a rural civilian community,” says Rouse.

1971
Gerry P. Little is a member of the Ocean County (N.J.) Board of Chosen Freeholders, which governs 60,000 residents.

1972
Elizabeth Bredbenner Dahlgren ’72M received a distinguished teaching award from Pennsylvania College of Technology, where she is assistant professor of business administration/management.

1973
Richard B. Jarman, president and CEO of The National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, was keynote speaker at the 2010 Hyperworks Technology Conference in Michigan.

1974
Jeffrey Swoyer, Greenville, S.C., is vice president of human resources for D&W Finepack.

1975
Rita Lucian Washick ’75M retired from teaching at the Carbon County Technical Institute, Jim Thorpe. She now teaches children with autism in Manhattan.

1977
Chris Motyka is vice president of support services for Metz & Associates, Dallas, Pa.

Correction
Rachel McClellan-Kirksey ’93 is assistant principal at Eisenhower Science and Technology Leadership Academy in Norristown Area School District. McClellan-Kirksey’s class year was incorrect in her class note and marriage announcement in Bloomsburg: The University Magazine’s Spring 2010 issue.

1969
William Klemick, a chemist, was named Atlas Cement Co. Memorial Museum’s cement worker of the month. Assistant plant manager for Essroc, Nazareth, he has worked in the cement business for 39 years.

1978
Lt. Col. Thomas Doyle ’78/’79 retired from the U.S. Air Force after 34 years. He most recently served as comptroller squadron commander.

1980
Vicki Dunn Gamby ’80M is a speech pathologist at Northeast Elementary School, Cookeville, Tenn. George G. Steele III, Ambler, is corporate account manager with TAMKO Building Products. He’s been with the company 14 years.

1981
LeeAnn Pietrzykoski Augustine, Lansdale, president of Media Strategies, is event planner for The Healing Walks Foundation.

1982
Frank Breslin Jr., California, vice president of global sales for the aerospace, defense and marine business unit of Tyco Electronics, was honored by the company for his leadership.

1984
Rose A. Hartle-Barnhart, CPA, was admitted as an equity partner to the Lansdale accounting firm of Baum, Smith & Clemens.

1985
Richard Robbins, associate dean of arts and sciences at Bucknell University, served as faculty member for the National Academic Advising Association’s Research in Academics Symposium. Kent Smeltz ’83M, president, chief operating officer and chief financial officer of Advanced Sciences Inc., Millersburg, was one of 11 appointed to Mid Penn Bank’s northern region center of influence board.

1986
Neil Boyd, assistant professor of management in Lycoming College’s business administration department, serves on the editorial board of Public Management Review.

1987
Rocky Bonomo, a former college wrestling coach and two-time All American for BU, is owner of Rock Solid Wrestling Camp, Luzerne County.

1992
John Bing, Allentown, is dean of Central Pennsylvania College’s Lehigh Valley location.

Career at a museum
JOHANNA MOSS ’02 is an education associate at the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) in Philadelphia, described as the only museum dedicated to exploring the American Jewish experience.

Moss, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in political science and a minor in sociology, says BU helped “set foundations, focus and groundwork” for her career. She says her college experiences made her aware of events and politics locally, nationally and globally, important for her job at NMAJH where she must keep up with events in Israel and the Jewish community.

As an education associate at NMAJH, Moss leads tours, coordinates programs with the community and school partners, supervises education department interns and helps guide the development of the artifacts.

Quigley confirmed
John Quigley ’81 was named secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) after serving as the agency’s acting secretary for a year.

Quigley joined DCNR as director of operations in February 2005. Prior to joining DCNR, Quigley served as government relations manager with Citizens for Pennsylvania’s Future, a statewide public interest organization.

His career in the not-for-profit, public and private sectors included eight years as the mayor of Hazleton and management positions with two industry-leading companies in the private sector.
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James Brogna, Mountain Top, is assistant vice president for advancement at Allied Services & John Heinz Rehab. He was honored in the Times Leader's “40 under 40” feature.

1993
Charles “Chuck” Budris is director of medical physics and chief operating officer at Shore Point Radiation Oncology Center, Lakewood, N.J.

David Licari is Verizon Wireless’ associate director of business sales for Central Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley.

1994
John P. Bresney, Hackettstown, N.J., is vice president of infrastructure services and operations for Selective Insurance Co.’s information technology services. He is married to Allison Brokenshire Bresney ’93.

Jennifer Oiler Shoup ’94/’98M was elected to a four-year term on the Southern Columbia Area School Board.

1995
Gayle Fogelsoner Clark and husband, Jon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

Brittany Frompovich, a musician and music teacher, is founder of the Virginia Bass Forum, which seeks to advance bass guitar playing. She also manages Kids Jamming for Kids benefit concerts.

Mary Walsh Laudenslager is author of the book, Catch a Break, published through Amazon.com for Kindle and other computer applications.

Jennifer Cording Mastri earned a master's degree in quality assurance/regulatory affairs from Temple University School of Pharmacy.

Robert T. Stoudt is president of the Friends of Allegheny Wilderness. He is deputy director of the Montour Area Recreation Commission.

1996
Jessica Denay (nee Lahm), California, has penned a new book, The Hot Mom to Be Handbook. She is founder of The Hot Mom’s Club.

Alfred “Fred” Gaffney is the executive director of the Columbia-Montour Chamber of Commerce.

1997
Mark Waite ’97M, Virginia, assistant men's soccer coach at Old Dominion University, has joined Beach FC as boys' director of coaching.

1999
Frank M. Carvino is the director and curator of the Fairbanks House, the oldest known wood-frame home in North America.

Jennifer R. Seely is marketing director for Ibis Financial Group, Orlando, Fla.

2000
David Marcolla is senior product marketing manager for AT&T’s Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware markets. He is also the associate board chair of Gilda's Club Delaware Valley.

2001
James R. Lannigan is a senior sales account manager with Graco Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.

Lynette S. Luckers is an assistant professor/counselor at the Community College of Philadelphia.

Eric D. Miller is co-owner of the Backyard Ale House in Scranton.

Frank M. Suchwala is instructor of hospitality management/culinary arts at Pennsylvania College of Technology. He joined the faculty in 2005 and received an Excellence in Teaching Award in 2009.

2003
Rebecca Kinney Peterson is clinical coordinator for the radiological technologist education program at the Hospital of The University of Pennsylvania.

2004
Loren Abbott Bellows is a certified physician assistant with Guthrie Clinic’s family medical practice in Troy.

Jennifer A. Kruk earned a doctorate in molecular biology/biochemistry from Penn State University. She accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Defense, working as a post-doctoral research fellow within the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Kathleen Shemanski earned a master’s degree in psychology and an educational specialist degree in school psychology from Marywood University. She is a certified school psychologist for the Dunmore School District.

2005
Thomas J. Guzik ’05/’07M teaches and coaches at Nandua High School, Onley, Va.

2006
Miriam Carson, Wright Township, a Pocono Mountain West High School science teacher, competed on the game show, Jeopardy! in March, finishing third.

Network executive
Rebecca Funk Campbell ’83 was promoted to president of the ABC-owned Television Stations Group. In her new position, she has chief management responsibility for the 10 ABC-owned television stations and the group’s ABC National Television sales rep firm.

Campbell previously served as president and general manager of WABC-TV, the network’s flagship station in New York City, and president and general manager of WPVI-TV, the ABC-owned television station in Philadelphia. Early in her career, Campbell held programming and production positions at WFIL-TV, Allentown, and WGAL-TV, Lancaster.

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CLASS OF 1960. Class members and Alumni Affairs staff planning the Class of 1960 reunion are, left to right: Dale Krothe, Berwick; Joe Zapach, Binghamton, N.Y.; Gerry Alley, Easton; Lynda Michaels ’87/’88M, director of Alumni Affairs; Joan Powlus, Delaware Water Gap; Joy Bedosky, recently retired from the Alumni Affairs staff, and Paul ‘Barney’ Manko, Moorestown, N.J. The reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 23. To RSVP, call 1-800-526-0254.

TRI SIGMA. Alumna attending a recent Tri Sigma picnic are, left to right, Teresa Schott Wishneski ’90, Kathy Savitts ’82, Denise Labecki Answini ’86, Marybeth Wasno Raidy ’86, Molly Montague Fisher ’86, Cindy Haas Begg ’83, Jeanie Butkiewicz McLean ’84, Christine Brogan Lundeen ’87, Cathy Murray Sarra ’84, Molly Wagner Troutman ’84, Marybeth Nichols Busteed ’85, Evelyn Barkman Manos ’90, Edie Gair Shull ’88, Rosemary Quagliariello Hentnick ’87, Dana Sutton ’83, Carol Reynolds Miller ’86, Jeanine Dennison Yecco ’86, Brenda Steele Grandizio ’89, Carole Cimakasky Peck ’88, Laurie Dennen ’82, Marta Marcelli Moyer ’83, Nancy Cotton Lansberry ’83, Jill Dill Binkoski ’87, Pam Norton Jabon ’87, Molly McLaughlin Naunczek ’86 and Gwen Sheets Raifsnider ’90.

SUMMER PICNIC. Wilma Jones Kennedy ’53, Jonelle Simcox Edwards ’67 and Lura Szerafinski Shader ’55, left to right, were among alumni from the Harrisburg area who attended the Capital Alumni Network’s summer picnic. For information about the Capital Alumni Network, contact Jim Blockus ’77, Blair Aylward ’93 or visit the network’s page at www.bloomualumni.com.

SUPER RINGS. Alumni modeling Super Bowl rings are New Orleans Saints offensive guard Jahri Evans ’07, right, Jim Monos Jr. ’00, Saints area scout, left, and Lindsey Wyckoff Mitchell ’06, basketball communications coordinator for the New Orleans Hornets. Mitchell wears the ring presented to her husband, Jason, Saints college scouting coordinator.

ALUMNI BOARD. The Alumni Association’s new executive committee and new members took office in July. Shown from left with Lynda Michaels ’87/’88, director of Alumni Affairs, are Greg Bowden ’01, president; Kerri Donald Sears ’86, vice president, Lynne Rishel Homiak ’83, treasurer; Rich Uliaza ’97, secretary, and Christopher Beadling ’94, past president. Shawn Booker ’03, Elizabeth Kramer ’84, Lonka Lombardi ’98, John Nicodem ’86 and Mizan Rahman ’94M joined the board as new members.

ON THE WEB WWW.BLOOMU.EDU
Jeffrey Fellman is quality control environmental monitoring associate at Fibrocell Science Inc., Exton.

Kelly Muir ’06/’08M is a speech-language pathologist for Theraplay Inc., Springfield.

Alicia Marinos Seltzer, an attorney with Bull, Bull & Knecht, was sworn into the Columbia-Montour County Bar Association.

2007

Michael J. Abda is the new head boys’ basketball coach at Mid Valley High School, his alma mater, where he teaches social studies.

Mary Bacher, a former Bloomsburg cross country runner, helped organize the Lehigh Valley Special Olympics’ annual track meet.

2008

Brahin S. Bilal is a wide receiver for the Harrisburg Stampede, an American Indoor Football Association East Division team.

Shannon Funk is a tour guide for the Bradford County Historical Society Museum, Towanda.

Timothy Lombardo is a content developer/instructional designer at Ashland University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cory Murphy ’08M is a secondary special education teacher with the Palisades School District, Bucks County.

Kelly Zarski is a strength and conditioning coach at Wake Forest University, North Carolina.

2009

Amy Bannister is a county caseworker for the Delaware County Children and Youth Services, Upper Darby.

Zachary Graybill is employed with the Middle East Policy Council in Washington, D.C.

2010

Jessica Lenig joined the nursing staff at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

MARRIAGES

Paul E. Reese ‘85 and Christopher P. Morris, Nov. 30, 2008


Mary Wash Bauer ‘87 and Robert Risner, Dec. 27, 2009

Wendy L. Miller ‘90 and Mark R. Landis, Oct. 31, 2009

L. Evelyn Thompson ‘90 and Charles Dunn, May 28, 2010

Rachel McClellan ‘93 and Jeffery Kirksey, July 18, 2009

Sarah Corring ‘99 and Michael Miceli, Sept. 27, 2009

Jennifer Girdon ‘99 and Eric Mills, May 5, 2010

Peter Cheddar ‘00 and Andrea Wysochansky, June 27, 2009

Michelle Driscoll ‘00 and Jonathan Comisiak, April 24, 2010

Angela Pearce ‘00 and Zachary McHale, Sept. 29, 2009

Deborah Rohrbach ’00/’02M and Erik Platt, Sept. 5, 2009

Edward Sadauskas Jr. ’00 and Laura Schaffer, April 10, 2010

Devon Zelinka ’00 and Jeffrey Kuniegiel, Sept. 19, 2009

Matthew Cibik ’02 and Kelly Zeshonski, Aug. 21, 2009

Michael Cioffi ’03 and Sarah Thomas, Sept. 19, 2009

Christina Hermany ’03/’05M and Bryan Osenbach

Jaclyn Moro ’03/’09M and Robert Paulukonis, June 27, 2009

Sarah A. Delaney ’04 and Kevin Doyle, July 25, 2009

Brian Irving ’04 and Rebecca Senapedis, Feb. 25, 2010

Tim Kelleher ’04 and Sarah Stieves, Oct. 17, 2009

Scott M. Koder ’04 and Julie R. Robbins, Oct. 3, 2009

Michael A. Mill ’04 and Audrey Yedlock, Aug. 1, 2009

Amy Montgomery ’04 and Justin Bowman ’03

Mark A. Roda ’04 and Ann E. Smith, Feb. 27, 2010

Melissa B. Weitzel ’04 and Michael Thompson, Sept. 5, 2009

Christopher Youreichko ’04M and Allison Stark

Alesha Beitel ’04 and Daniel Putman, Dec. 5, 2009

Jamie Falotico ’05 and Gerrit Tosh, Oct. 17, 2009

Kristin L. Gabriel ’05 and Gregory A. Ratkowski, Sept. 12, 2009

Katie Humen ’05 and Benjamin Hall ’05, Sept. 9, 2009

Sarah Tilhotson ’05 and Patrick Snedeker, April 17, 2010

Stephanie Aucker ’06 and Christopher Kolakowski ’06, April 25, 2009


Lisa Bauman ’06/’08M and Craig Godfrey, Oct. 17, 2009

Desiree Evans ’06/’09M and Geoffrey Whiteley, July 3, 2010

Stephanie Kaiser ’08 and Kevin O’Donnell Jr., July 25, 2009

Susanne E. Stephens ’08 and Daniel Fisher, Sept. 12, 2009

Jillian Thomas ’08 and Michael Leedock, Aug. 15, 2009

Paul Celona ’09 and Debra Reinbold, Oct. 10, 2009

Megan J. White ’09 and Brent Watkins, Sept. 19, 2009

Betsy Rosenberger ’09 and Jason Molden ’07, Jan. 2, 2010

Christina Kunkle ’07 and Joshua Stauffer ’07, Oct. 17, 2009

Jennifer Marchese ’07M and R. Scott Combellack

Marissa Matthews ’07 and Troy W. Smith ’06, June 13, 2009

Carina Minnick ’07 and Emily E. Gray, Feb. 13, 2010

Marguerite E. Chamuris ’08 and Jeffrey Eisenhuth, July 12, 2009

Victoria Cunningham ’08/’09M and Geoffrey Whiteley, July 3, 2010

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BIRTHS

Jeffery Pallante ’90 and wife, Maureen, a son, Aidan, Sept. 9, 2008
Kathy Baird Fitzpatrick ’95 and husband, Eric, a son, Joshua Gannon, Oct. 19, 2008
Melissa Burns Pritchett ’95 and husband, Adrian, a son, Jacob Timothy, April 17, 2009
Lori Mutchler Crowder ’96 and husband, James, a son, Zachary James, Dec. 4, 2009
Jessica Jenkins Tatum ’96/’99 and husband, Todd, a daughter, Parker Lynn, Feb. 4, 2010
Colleen Matthews Parsons ’97 and husband, Kevin, a son, Sean Kevin, April 30, 2010
Shawn McShea ’98 and wife, Anitra, a son, Miles Joseph, April 30, 2010
Lynda Colligon Wayne ’99 and husband, Ryan, a daughter, Madilyn Helena, May 23, 2009
Stephanie Hontz McLaughlin ’00 and husband, Brian, a son, Charles Michael, Dec. 26, 2009
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Suzanne Whitehead Ott ’00 and husband, Stephen Ott ’01, a son, Jacob, March 12, 2010
Pamela Dower Vorce ’00 and husband, Christopher Vorce ’01, a daughter, Tatum Elizabeth, Oct. 26, 2009
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OBITUARIES

Ruth Yeager Reinhart ’30
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Reba Williams Schmidt ’31
Clarence L. Hunsicker ’32
Florence Hartline Butler ’34
Dorothy Johnson Cook ’34
Adeline Layau Hess ’34
Kathryn Wertman Moltz ’34
Lauretta Foust Baker ’35
Ben E. Hancock ’40
Doris Guild Chamberlin ’42
Margaret M. Eroh ’42
Richard C. Nonnemacher ’42
Miriam Mench Bardo ’43
Nan Sidari Jursaki ’43
Jean Ackerman Moyer ’44
Marjorie Downing Cosgrove ’45
Frank L. Molinaro ’48
James G. Tierney Sr. ’48
Robert L. Yerger ’48
Martha G. Bonin ’50
Harry J. Gobora Jr. ’50
Arthur C. Riegel ’50
Bernard “Pat” Zelinski ’50
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STANDING ADOLESCENT, a gift to BU from art collectors Philip and Muriel Berman in 1990, watches students entering and leaving Andruss Library. The university’s first substantial piece of artwork, the stained-glass skylight featured in the Spring 2010 issue, was manufactured by Flanagan & Biedenweg Co. of Chicago, not Tiffany and purchased in 1900.
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY students, faculty, staff and alumni have long served our nation in times of conflict. During World War II, the institution itself had the opportunity to assist in the war effort while continuing to provide educational opportunities.

Many students left school to join the military as the United States’ participation in the war grew during 1942. Bloomsburg State Teachers College President Harvey Andruss knew replacements had to be found. The solution? Host training programs sponsored by the U.S. Navy.

Playing a key role was the Bloomsburg Airport, founded by local businessman Harry Magee in 1932. A Civilian Pilot Training Program instituted at the airport in September 1940 allowed 100 college undergraduates to learn to fly during its two-year existence. Its presence helped Andruss convince the Navy to place the V-5 program for training naval flight instructors at the college. Bloomsburg was one of only six schools in the country to host this program.

Naval personnel were given ground school courses by the college and flight instruction at the airport for
six months before being assigned to air bases to train combat pilots. When they arrived in fall 1942, the former junior high school building was turned over for their use and renamed “Navy Hall,” which it continues to be called today.

The cadets lived on the top two floors of the renovated Waller Hall dormitory and ate their meals in the first-floor dining room which, by 1943, was converted to a cafeteria. The college also added a social room and canteen near the old gym in Waller and expanded laboratory facilities in Science Hall. In all, nearly $350,000 was spent to renovate or repair facilities and purchase equipment for the cadets.

With the success of the V-5 program, the college expanded its military commitment by offering training for prospective naval officers. The first of 500 cadets in the V-12 program arrived on July 1, 1943. Bloomsburg was the only Pennsylvania state teachers college to host V-12 trainees, who received a college education in the areas most needed by the Navy. The cadets quickly adapted to college life, just as the “regular” students — primarily female — adapted to the presence of so many members of the armed forces on campus.

Formal dinners, dances and other social events continued, but were held less frequently than before the war. From 1943 to 1945, rosters of the football, basketball, baseball, soccer, track and swimming teams were composed almost entirely of military personnel; however, the movement of cadets to other institutions to continue their training played havoc with team schedules. In fall 1944, for example, one set of players participated in the first three football games, finished their training and shipped out. In less than two weeks, an entirely new team was put together and ready to play the season’s remaining games.

When World War II was over, the end of the V-12 program was in sight. At homecoming on Oct. 24, 1945, a number of events celebrated the Navy men, including a convocation to thank the college and honor the departing cadets, a final inspection and review on the Mount Olympus athletic field and a farewell dance in Centennial Gym.

An editorial in the student newspaper remarked it would be strange to no longer see the men in “blues” and “whites” on the campus. They had made many contributions to the college, most notably playing on the athletic teams, boosting school spirit and re-establishing the school’s social life. But perhaps their greatest contribution was in keeping the college operating during a time when few other students were enrolled.

The Navy programs made a lasting impact on Bloomsburg, just as the college did for the cadets who spent time on campus. Even now, 65 years after they shipped out, members of the V-12s come back to campus and refer to themselves as “Navy Bloomers.” A recently remodeled Navy Hall, home to BU’s exceptionality programs, stands as a permanent reminder of their prominent place in Bloomsburg University history.
Academic Calendar

FALL 2010
Thanksgiving Break — No Classes
Tuesday to Friday, Nov. 23 to 28
Classes Resume
Monday, Nov. 29
Classes End
Friday, Dec. 10
Final Exams
Monday to Friday, Dec. 13 to 17
Graduate Commencement
Friday, Dec. 17
Undergraduate Commencement
Saturday, Dec. 18

SPRING 2011
Classes Begin
Tuesday, Jan. 18
Spring Break Begins
Saturday, March 5
Classes Resume
Monday, March 14
Classes End
Monday, May 2
Final Exams
Tuesday to Friday, May 3 to 6
Graduate Commencement
Friday, May 6
Undergraduate Commencement
Saturday, May 7

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://depts.bloomu.edu/haa/gallery.
Travis Townsend. sculpture
Sept. 28 to Oct. 23
Alison Stehilik. ceramic installation
Nov. 2 to 30
Senior Exit Show
Dec. 7 to 18

Celebrity Artist Series
Events in the 2010-11 Celebrity Artist Series season will be presented in the Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall, and Carver Hall, Kenneth S. Gross Auditorium. For more information and to order tickets, call the box office at (570) 389-4409 or visit www.bloomu.edu. Community Government Association cardholders pay half of the ticket’s face value for all shows. Programs and dates are subject to change.
Jeanne Ruddy Dance Company
Saturday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m.
K.S. Gross Auditorium
General Admission: $25
Boogie Wonder Band
Saturday, Oct. 9, 2 and 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall
General Admission: $30
Hotel California. A Salute to the Eagles
Saturday, Oct. 23, 8:30 p.m.
Mitrani Hall
General Admission: $30
Chris Brubeck’s Triple Play
Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 p.m.
K.S. Gross Auditorium
General Admission: $25
Natalie MacMaster
Christmas in Cape Breton
Friday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall
General Admission: $30
Walnut Street Theatre.
The Glass Menagerie
Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, 8 p.m.
K.S. Gross Auditorium
General Admission: $25
DRUMLine Live
Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall
General Admission: $30
Hot 8 Brass Band
Friday, March 4, 2011, 7 p.m.
K.S. Gross Auditorium
General Admission: $25
Rioul Dance
Saturday, March 26, 2011, 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall
General Admission: $30
Spring Awakening
Friday, April 8, 2011, 8 p.m.
Mitrani Hall
General Admission: $30
Stefon Harris
Friday, April 22, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Mitrani Hall
General Admission: $30

Concerts
Listed events are open to the public free of charge.
BU Choirs Fall Choral Festival
Featuring Women’s Choral Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Husky Singers
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2:30 p.m.
Carver Hall, K.S. Gross Auditorium
Chamber Orchestra
Sunday, Oct. 31, 2:30 p.m.
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 123 N. Market St., Bloomsburg
Percussion Ensemble
Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Mitrani Hall
Bloomsburg University-Community Orchestra
Sunday, Nov. 14, 2:30 p.m.
Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall
Wind Ensemble
Wednesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
Carver Hall, K.S. Gross Auditorium
Evensong Concert
Saturday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 345 Market St., Bloomsburg
Guitar Ensemble
Monday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.
Carver Hall, K.S. Gross Auditorium

Alumni Events
Visit www.bloomualumni.com for details or to register to attend. For information, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (570) 389-4058, (800) 326-0254 or alum@bloomu.edu.
Alumni Association Board Meetings
Saturday, Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13, 1:30 p.m.
Fenstemaker Alumni House
Carver Hall Alumni Chapter Meetings
Wednesday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m.
Fenstemaker Alumni House
Pre-game Pig Roast
Saturday, Sept. 11
Precedes Huskies vs. Clarion (1 p.m. kickoff)
Near Redman Stadium
Hosted by Carver Hall Alumni Chapter

BU History Jeopardy
Carver Hall Alumni Chapter
Wednesday, Sept. 22, 6 p.m.
Fenstemaker Alumni House
Pre-game Tailgate
Saturday, Oct. 2, 11:30 a.m.
Precedes Huskies vs.
East Stoudsburg (1 p.m. kickoff)
Fenstemaker Alumni House
Hosted by the Capital Alumni Network
Homecoming Alumni Events
Friday to Sunday, Oct. 22 to 24
Education Career Networking Workshop
Friday, Oct. 22, 5 to 7 p.m., Kehr Union
Reception follows in Fenstemaker Alumni House
Sponsored by Student PSEA, College of Education, Alumni Association
Alumni Coffee House
Saturday, Oct. 23, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Fenstemaker Alumni House
Alumni Tent Party
Saturday, Oct. 23, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Featuring entertainment, games and food
Fenstemaker Alumni House
Class of 1960 50-Year Reunion
Saturday, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m.
Monty’s, Upper Campus

Husky Leadership Summit
Saturday, Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m.
Kehr Union Ballroom

Special Events
Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
Friday, Oct. 1
Kehr Union Ballroom
Call BU’s sports information office, (570) 389-4413, for ticket information
Parents and Family Weekend
Friday to Sunday, Oct. 8 to 10

For the latest information on upcoming events, check the university Web site, www.bloomu.edu.
THE HUSKY NATION joins forces with one of the world's most recognizable brands of sportswear that combines style with function. Show your Husky pride with Nike hooded sweatshirts in maroon, white, oxford gray and black; sweatpants; long-sleeve and short-sleeve T-shirts or a hat.

New this year, these are just some of the hundreds of items available at the University Store. Shop the University Store for BU insignia gifts from T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats to pennants, stadium blankets and glassware. And, as the holidays approach, don't forget to pick up a BU ornament for that special student or alum. Can't decide? Gift cards are available in any amount.

The University Store is open seven days a week, with extended hours for special Saturday events. Shop in person, online at www.bloomu.edu/store or at Redman Stadium during all home football games for everything BU.

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Rollin’ the Dice & Enjoying the Nights in Vegas
With thanks to presenting sponsor, Liberty Mutual
Saturday, noon to 2:30 p.m.
Fenstemaker Alumni House
• Refreshments, including traditional “brew,” compliments of the Alumni Association
• Elvis tribute show: Davy J. Elvis and the Mystery Train Band
• Vegas table games with great prizes
• Roongo and the BU cheerleaders
• Culinary delights at minimal cost
• Featured reunions at designated areas:
  Football squads from 1985 and 2000, national semi-finalist and national finalist football
  Act 101/EOP and Board of Governors alumni

Find details and RSVP at www.bloomualumni.com. Alumni registering online by Oct. 18 will be entered into a drawing to win an iPad provided by Liberty Mutual. Questions? Call 800-526-0254.

BSTC Class of 1960 50-Year Reunion
Saturday, Cocktails and beverages, 6:30 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m.
Monty’s, Upper Campus
$35 per person includes appetizers, adult beverages and dinner
RSVP by Oct. 15 by mail or 800-526-0254
Casual attire

Football: Huskies vs. West Chester Golden Rams
Saturday, 3:30 p.m.
Redman Stadium
Tickets: adults, $10; students/senior citizens, $5

Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles
Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Mitrani Hall
General Admission: $30

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