Dear Friends;

As I write for the spring edition of Horizons, it is a time of very mixed emotions for me. As was indicated in the last edition, I will be stepping down as President of Delaware Valley College on July 13 of this year. That will make ten years that I’ve had the opportunity to provide the leadership for this fine institution. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, board and friends and have had excellent support from all. Without that support we would not have been able to accomplish what we have done nor would we have made the progress that has taken place during this past decade. I thank each of you for that support. Together we have been able to make good things happen at Delaware Valley College. There is, however, much left to do. I know I can count on all of you to give the same support to the next president that you have given to me, and many more accomplishments will be on the horizon for Delaware Valley College.

As I reported last fall, we had our fourth consecutive year of all time high enrollments here at DelVal. Retention and enrollment remains strong this spring semester and at this time, we are running 25% ahead of last year on applications and deposits for next fall. This is a good sign that Delaware Valley College continues to be a college of choice for many students.

Spring at Delaware Valley College means Green & Gold Dairy Sale (which is growing into a major spring event) as well as A-Day. A-Day of course, has been in existence for more than fifty years.

I will close by saying again, thank you for your support over these last ten years and offer my best wishes to each of you.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Leamer, D.Ed.
President
Cover Story

Students and staff alike point to Dr. Leamer’s strong ties to student organizations, athletic teams, and clubs as evidence of a commitment to excellence and renewed vigor for the college. Here pictured with Justin Fyfe ’08 and Christie Muñoz ’07. Story begins on Page 14.

Words of Wisdom

Building confidence in education, business, and life, Dennis DeSimone ’72 credits Delaware Valley College for showing him the way.

Media & Communication

Television producer, journalist, web editor and more, the possibilities communicate a bright future for this new program.

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This is how one biology major from Woodbury, NJ, describes the college that played such an important part in his life. The mere mention of the school evokes such emotion and passion in the man that you cannot help but marvel at the strong bond he still has with the school today.

“I received a wonderful education at Delaware Valley College,” said Dennis DeSimone. “Many of the things I learned there are still in my head. Whether I’m hiking or crossing a stream or climbing a mountain or even reading medical periodicals, it’s all still there.”

DeSimone described college as an enormous confidence builder. DelVal provided him with the ingredients and setting to mature and grow in an atmosphere of truly dedicated, genuine people. It was that very atmosphere that first attracted him to the campus.

“The administration and faculty were extremely caring, passionate and loved what they were doing,” he explained. “It was infectious and easy for me to attach myself to. It had an enormous effect on me.”

“In education, it is very important to encourage,” he continued. “I met great educators who made a point of telling you what you had done right, not just what you had done wrong.”

The rolling hills, the charm of the bucolic setting, the close-knit, nurturing community… It sounds like the perfect country life of arcadian contentment.

“Get in a RUT and STAY IN a rut.”

DeSimone recalls two messages from his college days that he still carries with him today. The first was delivered by David Burpee, the commencement speaker at his graduation. He told the graduates, “Get in a rut and stay in a rut.” DeSimone interpreted this to mean that you should find your passion and go for it.

The second message came from Dr. Joshua Feldstein, the president of the college at the time. Standing in front of the library, he told DeSimone that the measure of a person's intelligence is not what he knows, but his ability to seek out the source of the answer to solve the question or problem. “I have used this in life and business over and over,” said DeSimone.
Following graduation, DeSimone worked for a short time at a variety of racetracks, including Liberty Bell, Garden State, and Delaware Park. He had served an apprenticeship working with the veterinarians caring for the horses that raced at these tracks and continued on that path.

From the time DeSimone was a youngster, though, he had a passion to construct. Perhaps drawing on the advice from David Burpee, DeSimone decided to follow that passion. “It was in my blood,” he explained. “Much of what I learned was self-taught. It came from reading books and seeking out information. I made a lot of mistakes, but I learned from those mistakes.”

Initially, DeSimone dabbled in landscaping, but it always seemed that he ended up building. With the support of his encouraging and enthusiastic parents, he began his own construction company. That company, DeSimone Construction, has now grown to a competent team of builders who are in their 33rd year of business. They work in the light commercial and residential marketplace and have constructed custom homes, completed upscale renovations, and built office buildings, banks, churches and apartments. DeSimone’s daughter, Patience, now works alongside him in his business. He describes her as a wonderful asset to both his work and his life.

DeSimone said his degree in biology has helped to give him an edge in his professional life. “We have done a lot of work for the medical field and having been in laboratories before has been an advantage,” he said. Even during his leisure time, DeSimone reflects upon what he learned at DeVal. “I have an extreme passion for nature and the outdoors,” he said. “Whether I’m skiing, hiking, adventure traveling or just reading books about nature, I’m still putting my biology degree to use.”

DeSimone has also supported a variety of charities in numerous ways. He serves on the board of directors for the United Way and the board of New Point Behavior Health Center. He has served on an environmental commission and a hospital foundation.

One of DeSimone’s most recent projects is the construction of a home in Costa Rica. Upon completion, he hopes to enjoy this new home with family and friends in a paradise setting where they can explore and remain connected to nature. He has certainly gotten into a good rut and plans on staying there. — Jennifer Suskie

“The measure of a person’s INTELLIGENCE is not what he knows, but his ability to SEEK OUT the source of the answer TO SOLVE the question or problem.”

Dennis pictured with daughter, Patience, the day before their assault on Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, Africa.
Most Katrina relief groups have focused on buildings and structures. Yet, one group from Delaware Valley College decided that the people who have remained in their hometown need something extra to bring their town back to the way it was. In January, a group of ten students along with two advisors traveled down to Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, to try to help restore some sense of normalcy.

The Bux-Mont Katrina Relief Organization in conjunction with the Historical Society of Doylestown enlisted the help of these DelVal students because of their expertise in landscaping.

The group worked diligently to repair the irrigation system and reconstruct the landscape design at Tercentenary Park. The students also restored a brick walkway that had been destroyed. They were able to use the original bricks that were engraved with the names of local persons who had supported the construction of the park.

In addition, the DelVal group constructed footings for a pavilion in Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park. This park is often used for planned community activities. Once the park projects were completed, the students picked up spare jobs to finish up their trip. They pitched in on a clean-up effort around a FEMA trailer and baseball field and painted ceilings in some homes in the Bay Saint Louis and Waveland areas.

Chris Stem '07, one of the Delaware Valley College students on the trip, said that although you see many photos of the area in the news, you don’t get a full grasp of the situation unless you go down there.

“It was a big shock,” he said. “It’s very surprising how far they’ve come, but there is still so much to do.”

Stem described the area to be like a ghost town. Those who have remained are most appreciative and more than happy to see the volunteer groups.

“When we were in Lowe’s or Home Depot, everyone stopped and said thank you,” he said.

The Mississippi trip has given Stem a fresh perspective on life. “I find it interesting how people have gone on with their lives and how they are still looking to the future,” he explained.

The hurricane took away their properties, their belongings and it doesn’t mean much in the long run. The material items can all be replaced.

Delaware Valley College has now formed a long-term commitment with the Historical Society of Doylestown and the Bux-Mont Katrina Relief Organization. Students plan to revisited the area in March to continue their work.

— Jennifer Suskie
IN THE NEWS

The new DelVal display at the 2007 Pennsylvania Farm Show made its debut in early January with splashes of color, dashes of sparkle, and life-sized images of the campus and its talented students!

Alumni, friends, and families dropped by the one thousand square-foot booth for talks about the progress of the college and new programs for the new year.

Dean of Agriculture and Environmental Science, Dr. James Diamond ’61, commented he thought there would be a state-wide shift towards agricultural education this year.

“There are more niche marketing and educational kinds of activities to teach people where their food comes from.”
- Dr. James Diamond ’61

This year’s Farm Show also recognized our students and dairy cattle exhibit as being some of the best!

Middletown, PA, junior Amy Brandt, a large animal science and dairy major, received a $3,500 scholarship from the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation, an amount matched by DelVal.

Some new events this year included the Pennsylvania energy harvest, growing agricultural technology, PA Preferred best chef of Pennsylvania finals, and sheepdog trial tests.

Of course, to do the Farm Show right, visitors had to drop by the State Horticultural Association’s booth for some crunchy caramel apples and fresh peach sundaes. — Stephanie Lucas ’07

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW
Students Shine at Farm Show

Junior Elizabeth Walker did a wonderful job answering questions about our educational displays.

Dairy Awards include: Holstein Senior Yearling in Milk—third place; Holstein Two-Year Old—eighth place out of 26; Holstein Winter Yearling Heifer—third place; Jersey Winter Heifer—first place; Ayshire Spring Yearling Heifer—third place; and Ayshire Junior Three-Year Old—second place.

Beef Awards include: Early Spring Hereford Heifer calf—fifth place; Angus Junior Heifer Calf, February — seventh place; Angus Junior Heifer Calf, March—sixth place; and Angus Jr. Heifer Calf, April — fourth place.

Mascot Caesar made an appearance this year!

This year’s butter sculpture was a tribute to Ben Franklin and used more than 800 lbs of butter.
Stepping up Security

Delaware Valley College takes the first steps in upgrading domestic homeland security this spring.

The college will offer a three-day seminar on Geographical Information Systems (GIS) designed for law enforcement, emergency management services, fire departments, emergency services and other first responders for homeland security.

With the help of Delaware Valley College professors familiar with the industry and the latest ESRI ArcGIS software, the course will inform and help regional groups develop their homeland security preparedness programs.

GIS is a collection of software and geographical data that can be used to analyze and display all forms of geographically referenced information.

The GIS systems can restructure new information with existing and shared information.

The participants in the course will receive a limited 90-day license of ESRI software to continue their development after the course ends.

The first seminar is scheduled for May 22-24 on campus.

For more information about the program or to register for the seminar, call the Office of Continuing Education at 215-489-2375 or visit www.delval.edu/continuing/GISEMHSSEMINART.htm.

Manure + food and landscape waste + = Compost + agricultural sustainability!

Challenge faced: Reduce waste, college-based, waste chased, sustainability embraced

Delaware Valley College received a Composting Infrastructure Development Grant of $105,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

With funds from the grant, DelVal will purchase several pieces of composting equipment that will allow expansion of its current composting operation.

Also included are a commercial-grade shredder specifically designed to process wood waste that will allow landscape waste from the College’s 85-acre main campus and arboretum to be included in the compost mix. Doylestown Township is partnering with the college on the purchase of the shredder and will use it to process landscape wood waste from township residents. A 40-foot belt elevator and hydraulic portable bagger will facilitate better raw material handling. This will increase packaging efficiency and allow the College to bag the compost waste for sale to the public. Bags will be sold at The Market at Delaware Valley College, a retail establishment open to the public and operated by students.

“Our composting operation is very aggressive, but there was still some throw away of waste products and some items in the compost that made it less attractive to certain buyers,” said Lawrence Hepner, professor of Environmental Science at Delaware Valley College who prepared the grant application.

“As a college community we are committed to sustainable agriculture and teaching our students that we need to deal with waste products in a sustainable fashion from an environmental, economic and social perspective. Our students will see how we go full circle from food production, to table, to consumption, to recycling and reusing waste products,” he added.

Hepner indicates that this project will increase the long-term volume of organic materials composted and increase the use of organic materials as finished compost at the College. All compostable material from the agricultural operations as well as general college operations like landscaping and food waste will be processed and sold. Some of the product will be used internally. The compost will be of a premium quality and will continue to be licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as a soil conditioner and will adhere to their specifications.
Lurking Monsters?

How many times have you passed Lake Archer and wondered what sorts of creatures lurk in the depths?

Perhaps you have heard that a few years back one of the coaches on campus released a large-toothed fish in the lake. Others say it has always lived there. Unfortunately, neither theory has been proven. Many fishermen had tried to catch the legendary fish but were unsuccessful. They were only able to catch bass, sunfish, carp, and the occasional turtle.

After years of disappointment, many started to think the legend was just fiction. It seemed as though the mystery would never be solved...that was until the summer of 2005 when an avid fisherman caught the legendary fish. The fisherman was trying to catch a catfish, so he decided to use hot dogs that he had left over in his fridge. Less than ten minutes after casting out, he felt a tugging on his line. After struggling with the line for a while, he was startled to find out what was on the other end. He had caught an alligator gar. For those not familiar with fish species, an alligator gar is a primitive fish with razor sharp teeth. Alligator gars can grow eight to twelve feet long and often weigh 100 pounds at maturity. They are usually found in the southeastern United States. You can only imagine the shock of the fisherman in finding this fish on campus.

Adam Shepherd ’07 was the fisherman in the story. “I guess I just got lucky that day,” he said. “Don’t worry, I threw the gar back after I got pictures of him.”

— Christie Munoz ’07

The Presidential Search Committee continues its search for college’s 12th President

Delaware Valley College’s Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee (PSC) has entered into deliberations and robust discussions in its work to decide on the next president of the college with an anticipated announcement soon.

The national search firm contracted by the Board, RPA & Associates, received more than 200 letters of interest from national and international candidates for the position. The firm then reported to the Board their discussions with 15 of the top candidates and presented the best to the PSC, which then reduced the list to seven. Those seven were brought in to meet with the PSC in February; three were selected for the two-day, on-campus interviews with the college community.

The President is the chief executive officer of the College and reports directly to the Board of Trustees. The President has direct administrative responsibility for all aspects of institutional functioning and leads an administrative team that includes the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Chief Information Officer, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, Vice President for Business and Finance, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Vice President for Enrollment Management, and the Special Assistant to the President. The President’s primary responsibilities are to support and advance the mission of Delaware Valley College, to provide leadership to the College community, and to represent the College to the community-at-large.
Digital photography, web pages, e-commerce are just a few of the terms associated with the World Wide Web that have become common place in today’s business world. The many changes that have occurred within the communication industry have opened new doors for students interested in this field of study.

Recognizing the tremendous career opportunities available to students who are entering this digital era, Delaware Valley College is launching a new major in Media & Communication in Fall, 2007.

The technological advances that have brought about the need for such a program have actually allowed DelVal to get involved in this area. Changes in the structure of mass media as well as innovation have reduced the cost of equipment and operation. Radio and television broadcasts can be done through the Internet, which has done away with the need for expensive and unsightly broadcast towers. Studio and editing work can be done on personal computers.

“It’s the right time,” said James O’Connor, Assistant Professor of Media & Communication. “Everyone has a presence on the web and within ten years, it will be the distribution point for all media.”

“There is a definite area of growth within this field,” he continued, “and a big demand for it in this area. “We want Communications to have a big presence on campus, and the college will truly benefit from it. A strong college culture requires a strong media.”

Jack Schmidt, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Departments of English and Liberal Arts agreed. “This major will bring talented, creative students to DelVal who will help communications on campus. They will be able to effectively get information out there about interesting events taking place. We also hope to broadcast documentaries for alumni, parents and students.”

In addition, O’Connor said the department is currently looking into broadcasting DelVal sporting events and discussion panels on radio and television. There will be heavy coverage of agricultural news on campus as well.

Students in this major will be self-starters who are highly motivated, enjoy technology, are creative and have a genuine interest in current events. “This is an active major,” said Schmidt. “It involves hands-on learning. Students must be willing to work hard and get out in the field.”

The Media & Communication program was designed to provide students with a college experience where they will always be creating and building the skills that will make them ideal candidates for fast-moving careers. In addition to the core liberal arts coursework, students will complete classes in video production, digital photography and editing, writing for radio, television and the internet, web design, news reporting and writing, e-commerce, writing for public relations, promotion and advertising and media management.

O’Connor stressed that Media & Communication is not strictly for journalists. “There are a variety of employers who need people on the frontline with the skills to operate and manage multimedia tasks,” he explained. “In the science fields, for example, all research is communicated through video and web tools. In criminal justice, Homeland Security posts public information on websites and in videos. The fields of business, education and law enforcement all require a working knowledge of the media.”

“We hope to see students in other majors on campus adding a minor in Media & Communication,” O’Connor stated. “It is a good mix for all majors.”

A central focus of the program will be the development of a career portfolio. Students will create a multi-media portfolio with work samples that reflect their skills in writing, video production, digital photography and web design. Students will also maintain a well-rounded, updated resume. These tools give students an immediate advantage in getting internships, summer jobs and entry into a faster career track.

The faculty are a good reflection of the hands-on emphasis and well-rounded goals of the program.
The program is the first of its kind in the area and meets a need to have an agribusiness-focused, graduate-level program right in the heart of Pennsylvania’s AG country.

“It’s a perfect match,” says Thomas Kennedy, director of the MBA program. “Our comprehensive and successful program, is now offered conveniently in Harrisburg.”

The college developed its MBA program in 2003 in response to the need for well-trained professionals to manage the complex agribusiness industry.

“DelVal’s history and leadership in agriculture education gave us the interest, and frankly, the responsibility to develop this program,” said Kennedy.

“Students in the program gain a core body of knowledge, have excellent technology and communications skills as well as a solid understanding of the agricultural industry. Graduates can supervise and interact with specialists throughout the agribusiness/business environment and fully understand the issues forcing change in the agribusiness industry and the opportunities and threats represented by these changes. 489-2322 or email him at thomas.kennedy@delval.edu.

Delaware Valley College began offering its master’s of business administration with a concentration in food and agribusiness at Harrisburg Area Community College (Cameron Street location) in Harrisburg, Pa.

“DelVal’s Media Center will be the base of operations for the radio station as well as video editing labs. The television station will expand and will be receiving new studio equipment and a new server.

Bill Gates has said that the internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow. With enhanced equipment, Delaware Valley College Media & Communication students will give the world a glimpse of all that the college has to offer.

— Jennifer Suskie

For more information about Delaware Valley College’s MBA program and how to begin studies at the new location at Harrisburg Area Community College’s Harrisburg Cameron Street campus, contact Tom Kennedy, director of the MBA program at 215-489-2322 or email him at thomas.kennedy@delval.edu.
Baruch S. Blumberg gave a presentation about the importance of research investments recently at the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County in Doylestown.

Blumberg won the 1976 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for his discovery of new mechanisms for the origin and dissemination of infectious diseases.

The Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County is a joint-owned research enterprise between the college and the Hepatitis B Foundation.

New Members to Board of Trustees announced

William J. Mullin is vice president of West Point Quality Operations in the Manufacturing Division of Merck & Co., Inc., out of West Point, Pa. He has been with the company since 1975, joining as a quality control inspector. He has assumed positions of increasing responsibility in quality, production and technology services during his more than 30 years with Merck.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in pharmaceutical sciences from St. John’s University and his master’s in organizational behavior from the University of Pennsylvania. Mullin is a member of the Society of Organizational Learning, the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Quality Association and the Pharmaceutical Quality Research Institute where he serves on the Manufacturing Technical Committee.

In addition to his new role on DeVal’s board, Mullin’s community pursuits include volunteering for the American Museum of Natural History, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the American Heart Association. He served on the Friends of McCormack Observatory, an astronomy facility at the University of Virginia and is a member of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton.

Thomas D. Clemens currently serves as vice president of corporate affairs for The Clemens Family Corporation, Hatfield, Pa., which operates several businesses under the CFC banner including Hatfield Quality Meats, PV Transport and CFC Real Estate, all located in Hatfield; Country View Family Farms, Harrisburg; CFC Logistics, Quakertown, Pa.; and Wild Bill’s Foods, Leola, Pa.

In his role as vice president, Clemens serves as chief government affairs, municipal relations, customer, vendor and shareholder relations officer and provides strategic direction relating to all those areas.

He is a member of the American Meat Institute and the International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration. A lifelong Lansdale resident, he has served on the North Penn School Board and is a member of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. An avid outdoorsman, he is a member of the Souderton-Harleysville Game, Fish and Forestry Association. Clemens is a life member of the Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company and served Towamencin Township on its Planning Commission in the early 1990’s.

Clemens earned his bachelor’s of business administration degree from Muhlenberg College and his master’s of business administration from St Joseph’s University.
From the moment he walked on campus nearly a decade ago, Dr. Thomas C. Leamer was hooked. Remembering back to his fledgling classroom teaching days in the 1960s, he recalls the whirlwind of experiences, challenges and pleasures of a lifelong pursuit of academic excellence.
As a new arrival to Delaware Valley College, Leamer couldn’t escape the sage advice of an early-career mentor: “Don’t merely copy or emulate all that you’ve seen and done,” he was told. “Set your own path, but continually build on the strengths you see before you.”

“Before I got here I did indeed have some ideas and thoughts on what I wanted to do, but then remembered that wise counsel from years ago. I then did my homework, so to speak, by consulting the various constituencies here on campus, including the board of trustees – and then went about changing those things that needed changing,” he said.

“With that in mind, it has certainly been an exciting 10 years on campus, especially having had the opportunity to work with a dedicated faculty and staff,” Leamer added. “All that’s been done is the result of a team effort, not of a ‘one man operation.’ I also want to emphasize that my wife Sue, has been an important part of the team. She has been a definite asset to the college and the community.

It’s a fitting story today, as Leamer prepares to conclude his 10 years as president of Delaware Valley College. As he retires, he can admire a much different campus than the one he inherited. Aside from the physical upgrades, he is widely credited with building a more efficient undergraduate program, infusing the curriculum with an entrepreneurial spirit and building strong relationships with industry and alumni.

“I’ve liked being very visible, both on and off campus,” he said.

DeVal’s modern day physical campus might be his most visible legacy. Under his leadership, the college grew with a boom in construction all across campus. There’s the newly-built South Hall (a state-of-the-art residence hall featuring suite-style living quarters for more than 300 students), the new Farm Market, a refurbished dining hall, new entrance facades on a number of buildings, three new NCAA fields (field hockey, baseball and softball), new scoreboards, new parking facilities, technology upgrades, new barns and facilities for agricultural operations, as well as a complete renovation of the football field. Off campus the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County was completed in September of 2006.

“We’re especially proud of these improvements and the modern image they portray,” Leamer said, gazing across the tree-lined commons. “Our students and staff deserve surroundings that enhance their academic experience while here, especially now in the 21st century. People say they’re proud to be here and I’m pleased with all the upgrades our team has accomplished. Their value far exceeds the investment.” “While much has been accomplished, there is still much more to be done.”

When he came on board in 1997, he recognized that the college needed to increase its student applications and also that the infrastructure was showing its age. A change was needed and he set his mind and will to the task.

During his tenure, Leamer’s leadership helped boost competitiveness for admission among new students, culminating in a 15 percent increase in the enrollment of more academically-qualified candidates. As a result, figures released from the college’s Registrar’s Office point proudly to the largest enrollment

“I am a ‘HANDS-ON person,’ but have also tried to give those with responsibility the ACCESS and means to do their jobs without telling them how to do it,” Leamer said simply.
Build on the STRENGTHS
in college history and the announcement that DelVal was again ranked in the top 25 of the US News & World Report listing for northern comprehensive colleges.

“Dr. Leamer was exactly the president DelVal needed during the last decade,” said Patricia Hilton, chairperson of the college’s Board of Trustees. “The college is a better place because of his commitment to academic excellence, his holistic approach for students, his pursuit of staying on the cutting edge of science and technology and his vision for the future.”

Holistic? In modern day academe? The answer is an emphatic “yes” from Leamer. “The interplay between faculty and students is so very important in an effective academic environment,” he explained. “After 43 years of being both a student and faculty member myself, you absorb many truths. Working with students and seeing them grow is vital to their education and to your own, as well.”

Willfully eschewing the stodgy “Mr. Chips” professorial image, Leamer instead wades into the campus environment often, pausing to converse with students, infusing faculty and staff alike with a genuine sense of enthusiasm for the DelVal experience. “When we hold orientation sessions, I encourage parents, too, to get involved in the many opportunities we offer to develop their sons’ and daughters’ leadership skills,” he said.

“When our students leave here, they are going out to work and be a contributor to society. I feel our holistic approach makes them better citizens here on campus and a success out in the business world, as well.”

Thus, Leamer says his focus has consistently been to make the college “a competitive, exciting place to be.” He especially encourages student volunteerism, not just on campus but throughout the surrounding community. “There are many groups and organizations that directly benefit from the hard work and creative spirit of our fine young women and men. They truly are the leaders of tomorrow,” Leamer stated. “I have thoroughly enjoyed my association and interaction with our students.”

The philosophy has worked. “When I meet with people who employ our graduates every year, they tell me they particularly like the DelVal student hire because they actually know how to do something, rather than just theorize about it, because of our innovative and immersive work experience programs,” he said.

If the Role Fits, Wear It With Pride

Many people believe presidents to be responsible for every decision on campus and to be the solution to all the institution’s problems. Yet, others assume they are mere figureheads without any real authority.

Neither extreme position is true. Although the president is the one individual to whom a board of trustees delegates executive responsibility for leadership and management of the institution, the president’s job as CEO is enormously complicated because of the expectation of shared governance – a sacred value in higher education, yet a potential minefield for the unwary. The sheer number of players involved in governing American colleges and universities is both what makes higher education strong and the job of president difficult.

At DelVal, Leamer took the positive approach. He continually enhanced the faculty and spearheaded a drive to raise much needed funding through new gifts and pledges. The college just successfully completed a comprehensive campaign, raising more than $10 million for further campus improvements through the cultivation of alumni, friends, foundations and corporations, as well as former and present board of trustees members.

The Chronicle of Higher Education commissioned a recent study, asking presidents about where they spend their time and what they see as their number one concern. Overall, presidents rated fundraising
as their single greatest challenge. They are fully aware that their institutions need additional funding to grow (and in some cases, simply to survive) and as presidents, they are uniquely positioned to raise the largest gifts.

Interestingly, however, the presidents in the survey didn’t consider fundraising their most important qualification for the job. Presumably, they recognized that while fundraising may require a substantial amount of their time, they can’t be effective in this role unless they are seen as successful academic leaders and have a successful institution to “sell.”

“It was a challenge to be sure, but I believed in our DelVal ‘product’ and it became increasingly easy to inspire such moral and financial support in others,” Leamer recalled.

He also indicated one can encounter other subtle stumbling blocks along the path to excellence. “You must guard against moving too fast, not knowing the institution well enough and not appreciating its values, morals and culture,” he said.

This president, then, remained as good as his word and the advice from his early mentor, always realizing the import of developing relationships with the school’s important constituencies. Given the nature of shared governance, the coin of the realm for presidents is relationships. They can have superb ideas and excellent skills, but will be unable to accomplish anything without the support of others, both inside and outside of the institution. “I’d like to think you earn support by constantly networking and nurturing relationships among trustees, faculty, students, alumni, governing bodies and community leaders,” Leamer observed.

Such carefully crafted relationships have formed the hallmark of Leamer’s administration, helping him and his team add new programs and amenities throughout the college and its community, including a revised scholarship program based on an eligible student’s academic performance as well as their economic needs. New and profitable partnerships have been forged with businesses, institutions and other schools throughout the tri-state area, as well as the establishment of an expanded series of continuing MBA programs in several disciplines.

A new media center classroom helps students focus on electronic and web design skills, as state-of-the-art wireless and digital technologies continue to interweave creative minds from all corners of the campus and the world. During Leamer’s tenure, the director of communications and public relations position was made permanent, solidifying positive outreach to the college’s various publics. The alumni magazine Horizons evolved into a sophisticated, world class publication, read by key decision makers, informing industry leaders of DelVal’s graduates’ accomplishments in the fields of science, technology and business. Even a major feature film, “Signs,” used the campus as a location, enthralling students and faculty with the “Hollywood in Doylestown” presence of the film’s star, actor Mel Gibson.

The changes and improvements at DelVal are many and cost-effective, but that comes as no surprise to Leamer. He quickly acknowledges the range of responsibilities is indeed broader at a small college, yet still requires a sincere, personal touch. “The breadth of the faculty and academic disciplines here is enormous. I’ve always made it a point to learn from faculty members, staff and students individually. One day I’m discussing computer programming matters with an IT expert, and the next I’m talking about fertilizers and organic growing techniques with a professor of agriculture,” he said with a smile.
Trustee head Patricia Hilton readily agrees, saying “Bettering a college for today is just one part of a college president’s myriad responsibilities. Setting a college up for a successful future is also a key factor in determining a college president’s mark and legacy. I think time will prove that Dr. Leamer’s tenure here at Delaware Valley College was spent doing both. He is an exceptional leader, a determined visionary and a true friend to all of us. He will be sorely missed,” she said.

Leamer, though, this Renaissance Man turned scholar-administrator, does not seem to eagerly anticipate his upcoming “retirement.” He instead views his departure from the DelVal community not as an end, but rather as a true “beginning.” His voice again pauses, as he searches for outward words to express inner feelings. “This has not been an easy decision by any means. I have truly enjoyed my work here and working with the many fine faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents and board members. I cherish the decade I have spent here and, although there is a time for all good things to end, a part of my heart will always belong to Delaware Valley College,” he said. “The experiences at Delaware Valley College have professionally and personally been a high point in our lives for both my wife and me.”

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“My years here have been extremely rewarding. I will miss the daily associations with all of you. We’re all a very small family, and it’s that I’m going to miss,” Leamer added. “I want whoever is sitting here 20 years from now to reap the benefits of what DelVal has achieved.

Plans for the immediate future include spending more time with his family in upstate New York and Richmond, Virginia as well as relaxing at their property in the Poconos. Leamer also looks forward to applying his consulting expertise to other institutions seeking to hire new presidents, perhaps even serving as interim president himself. Beyond that, he hopes to ENJOY WITH HIS WIFE exploratory “road trips” to the Dakotas, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming and other western states. Whatever his destinations might be, they are sure to be a deeply rewarding experience for Leamer and for those whose lives and minds he has yet to inspire.
With a number of returning players, including 22 seniors, expectations were high for the Delaware Valley College football team in 2006 and the Aggies did not disappoint. The squad, under new head coach, Jim Clements, notched an 8-3 record, including their fourth consecutive appearance in a postseason game.

The Aggies opened the season with a 19-7 victory over FDU-Florham and then traveled to Wilkes University for a battle of nationally-ranked teams and the top two squads in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC). The game lived up to its hype as a defensive battle resulted in a 7-7 score at the end of regulation. The Colonels were able to score in overtime and then stopped Delaware Valley on its possession to snap the Aggies’ 22-game, regular-season winning streak.

Delaware Valley bounced back with come-from-behind wins against Lycoming College (17-16) and Lebanon Valley College (19-18). The Lebanon Valley game saw the Flying Dutchmen’s raucous Homecoming crowd fall silent as freshman quarterback Mike Isgro threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver John Kiphorn with just 41 seconds remaining. The score capped a comeback that saw the Aggies rally from 11 points down in the final 3:24.

Delaware Valley then hosted its Homecoming on October 7 and the team responded with a 39-0 drubbing of Moravian College. The Aggies followed with a 21-13 win at Albright College before they suffered a stunning, 17-10 setback at home to Susquehanna University.

Staring at a 5-2 record and with the hopes of a third straight MAC championship realistically out of reach, the team dug in deep and recorded three consecutive shutouts against King’s College (10-0), Juniata College (21-0) and Widener University (16-0). The triumph at Widener was the fourth straight against the Pioneers and the Aggies kept possession of the Keystone Cup that is awarded annually to the winner of the rivalry game.

With the regular season over at 8-2 (7-2 and second place in the MAC behind Wilkes), Delaware Valley now awaited word as to whether or not it would be selected for an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Bowl Game. Not only were the Aggies chosen for the postseason, they were also the hosts for the South Atlantic Bowl against Salisbury University.

Delaware Valley lost the game by a 15-9 decision but the senior class left the field knowing that they were the most-successful class in school history with a 41-7 record, two MAC titles (2004, 2005), two trips to the NCAA quarterfinals (2005, 2006), a 2003 ECAC title and a 2006 ECAC runner-up finish.

Individually, the class left its mark all over the record books. Defensive lineman Anthony Silver, who was named an All-American by two publications, capped his career by becoming the school’s all-time leader in sacks with 26. He also became just the third player in school history, and the first lineman, to notch more than 300 tackles in a career (314).

The wide receiver tandem of David Carmon and Don Marshall combined for 373 catches for 6,142 yards and 48 touchdowns in their illustrious careers. Carmon set the all-time record for receptions with 214 while his 3,087 yards rank second. Marshall finished second on the career list in receiving touchdowns with 29.

Kiphorn became the Aggies’ all-time leader in punt return yardage (469) and placekicker Bill Miller set a new scoring standard (all players) with 205 points. Miller is also the all-time leader in both field goals (21) and extra points (142).
MAC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
Kevin Bliss  First Team Defensive Back
Kevin Harrigan  First Team Offensive Lineman
John Pursell  Second Team Linebacker
Anthony Silver  First Team Defensive Lineman
Travis Albanesi  Second Team Defensive Lineman
David Carmon  Second Team Wide Receiver
Don Marshall  Second Team Wide Receiver
Bill Miller  Second Team Placekicker
Matt Murphy  Second Team Defensive Back
A.J. Neal  Second Team Linebacker
Justin Porter  Second Team Linebacker

ECAC ALL-SOUTHEAST TEAM
Kevin Harrigan  First Team Offensive Lineman
John Pursell  First Team Linebacker
Anthony Silver  First Team Defensive Lineman

D3FOOTBALL.COM ALL-AMERICA TEAM
Anthony Silver  Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman

DON HANSEN’S FOOTBALL GAZETTE ALL-AMERICA TEAM
Anthony Silver  Third Team Defensive Lineman
John Pursell  Honorable Mention Linebacker

D3FOOTBALL.COM ALL-EAST REGION TEAM
Anthony Silver  First Team Defensive Lineman
John Pursell  Second Team Linebacker
Kevin Harrigan  Third Team Offensive Lineman

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John Pursell  Second Team Linebacker
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Fall & Winter
ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM
The following athletes were named to the Middle Atlantic Corporation All-Academic Team*
*To qualify a student must be at least a sophomore in class standing and maintain a 3.20 or higher cumulative grade point average.

Beth Alexander
Women’s Indoor Track & Field
Michele Boderck
Women’s Cross Country
Sara Brown
Women’s Cross Country & Women’s Indoor Track & Field
Rachel Federico
Women’s Cross Country & Men’s Indoor Track & Field
Nicole Geib
Women’s Cross Country
Kelly Harding
Women’s Indoor Track & Field
Andrea Held
Volleyball
Jackie Holdsworth
Volleyball
Kate Klish
Volleyball
Lauren Lansberry
Field Hockey
Chris Lucas
Football
Nicki Martini
Women’s Soccer
Nate Martone
Football
Abby Pennsinger
Field Hockey
Emily Perryman
Women’s Soccer
Greg Rissinger
Football
Chris Scourafas
Football
Jacob Serfass
Football
Ralph Stambaugh
Football
Bonnie Zobel
Volleyball

Sara Brown
Bonnie Zobel
ATHLETICS

Di Girolamo Named Freedom Coach of the Year; Pavlik Named Rookie of the Year

The Aggie field hockey team, under new head coach Carol Di Girolamo, qualified for the 2006 Freedom Conference playoffs as they went 10-9 overall and 4-3 in conference play.

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Wrestling captures Regional Championship and 18th at NCAA’s

LaForge Finishes As National Runner-Up, Earns All-American Accolades

It was another banner season for the Delaware Valley wrestling team as the Aggies registered a 17-2 record, captured the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship and placed 18th at the NCAA Division III Championships.

The Aggies, who were ranked as high as fourth during the season, notched wins over four nationally-ranked Division III teams. Also among the 17 wins were victories over three Division I programs and three Division II programs (one against the 15th-ranked team).

Delaware Valley then went on to the Midwest Regionals, which served as one of the qualifying tournaments for the NCAA Championships.

The Aggies won the team title by 19 points and three wrestlers were selected for nationals: Ricky LaForge (141 pounds), Ryan Herwig (157 pounds) and Kyle Bilquist (Heavyweight). Head coach Brandon Totten ’96 was named the Midwest Regional Coach of the Year for his efforts.

LaForge, who transferred to Delaware Valley prior to the season was the number two seed in his weight class at the NCAA Championships. He reached the finals with relative ease as he needed just 48 seconds to pin Derrick Smith (Oswego State) in his opening match. LaForge made even quicker work of seventh-seeded David Manoogian (Case Western) in the quarterfinals as he dropped him in 40 seconds. He then earned a 7-4 victory over sixth-seeded Michael Bonora (Rhode Island) in the semifinals.

In the finals, LaForge dropped a 7-3 decision to top-seeded Quincy Osborn (Augsburg). LaForge finished with a 32-3 record in his lone season with the Aggies and ended his collegiate career with a 114-33 mark. He became the 51st All-American (top eight finish) in Delaware Valley wrestling history and the fourth wrestler in as many years to reach the NCAA Division III finals (Josh Housekeeper was the 184-pound runner-up in 2004 while Jamall Johnson was the 197-pound runner-up in 2005 and the national champion last year).

For the second straight year, Herwig reached the third round of consolations and was one victory away from a top eight finish and All-American honors before being eliminated from the tournament. The junior finished the year with a 33-15 record.

Bilquist, a sophomore transfer, was ranked as high as third during the year. He dropped both of his matches at the NCAA Championships and ended his first season with the Aggies with a 38-7 record.

WINTER RECORDS

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141-pound NCAA Runner-up Ricky LaForge
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Pencils down! Answers can be found on page 28.
Dear Fellow Aggies,

This is a wonderful time of year on campus, when winter gives way to spring and all of the activities bring alumni back to visit. Of course, A-Day is always a favorite event and, especially exciting for those about to become alumni, graduation is close behind.

Always looking toward the future of Delaware Valley College, the Alumni Association has set up a male and female Aggie Athlete of the Month Award. Each month, a pair of outstanding athletes will be presented jackets from the Association. In honor of this new award, we’ve also established another scholarship. The scholarship is open to all students, but the highest consideration will be given to those who are involved in campus activities.

And speaking of scholarships, I want to continue to encourage all alumni to support this year’s Annual Fund, which is being dedicated to support The Great Scholarship Campaign. Designed to provide financial aid to students with the greatest need, the fund provides the opportunity for more young people to benefit from a Delaware Valley College education. To contribute to The Great Scholarship Campaign, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 215-489-2397 to speak to a member of the Institutional Advancement team.

With the close of this school year, we give a final salute to the ten years of dedication and support that Dr. Thomas Leamer and his wife, Susan, have offered to the college community. At Homecoming, the Alumni Association presented them each with a Delaware Valley College chair to commemorate their service, but our appreciation goes far beyond that. We wish them well in their new ventures.

Visit the Alumni section of the College website, WWW.DELVAL.EDU/ALUMNI, for additional details.

I am always proud to say I am an Aggie—you should take pride in that, too.

Sincerely,

Ray Cupples Jr. ’64
Alumni Association President

Events

A-Day Weekend April 27-29, 2007
Fun for the entire family!

Senior Brunch-Class of ’07 May 18, 2007
12pm, Levin Dining Hall

Commencement Breakfast-Class of ’57 May 19, 2007
9am, Levin Dining Hall

Commencement Ceremony May 19, 2007
10:30am, Rain or Shine, Segal Quad
the 1940’s

In February 2007, four old-timers from the ’40’s met in Hallandale, FL, for a short mini-reunion. From Century Village, Pembroke Pines, there were Bill Roberts ’40 and Sig Mermelstein ’45. From Hallandale, there was Willie Weisberg ’41 and from Van Nuys, CA, there was Maxie Wurzel ’42. All are veterans of WWII and have been sharing experiences since graduation. They would appreciate hearing from other classmates from these classes.

the 1950’s

Joseph A. Fitzpatrick ’61 was awarded the 2006 Heritage Award for outstanding service and dedication to the New Jersey agricultural community, presented by the New Jersey Agribusiness Association.

Joseph A. Fitzpatrick ’61

Andrew Zonay ’65 announces the appointment of his son, Thomas ’85 to the Vermont Southern District Court as a trial judge on January 24, 2007. Thomas graduated from Vermont Law School in 1988 and runs his own private criminal law practice in Hartland, VT. He is the chairman of the Vermont Human Rights Commission. Thomas is married and has three children.

Kirk Anderson ’69 (Hort.) retired after 38 years with the USDA. He had 11 years with The Farmers Home Administration and 27 years with The Food and Nutrition Service.

Kirk enjoys hunting, fishing, traveling, and enjoying life. The Anderson’s have lived in Tallahassee for twenty years and cannot think of a better place to be.

the 1960’s

Jan Larsen ’61 writes “Random House has recently published a book entitled At All Costs by Sam Moses. This is a factual WWII book that features my father, Frederick Larsen. I am the three-year-old in the book who with my mother are part of a prisoner-of-war exchange with the Nazis (in Norway). The book is in all bookstores.”

Robert Mickel ’70, a Rutgers Cooperative Extension Agent, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award last summer by his state and national peers. The award was presented at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents meeting in Ohio.

Milton Parker ’71 (Hort.) retired from the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service in 2004 after 26 ½ years of service. He is married to the former Allie Moore of Clinton, N.C; they have two daughters Rebeca and Lydia who are presently students at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. and Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

Bill Brightcliffe ’72 was named Director of Fire Services for Montgomery Township in June 2006. The position also includes responsibilities as fire marshal and emergency management coordinator. He and his wife recently moved to Ambler, PA.
The Alumni Association visited with family and friends through our four receptions. We met some new faces in sunny Florida and Philadelphia and caught up with some of our friends in Baltimore and Hershey. It was great to see everyone again!
David Bokan ’72 (Hort.) retired from Florida Department of Agriculture. He now is working as an Educational Sales Consultant for National Geographic School Publishing Group.

Gary Simone ’73 was recently promoted to Senior Director, leading the newly created Corporate Compliance Audit to Senior Director, leading the newly created Corporate Compliance Audit function for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and reporting to the company’s Chief Compliance Officer. “I’ve been with BMS 20 years and re-located to central New Jersey after 14 years at BMS’ Syracuse facility where I was responsible for managing environmental, health & safety programs for global pharmaceutical manufacturing and research operations. My wife, Pat, and I are enjoying New Jersey’s ‘tropical-like’ climate (as compared with the Syracuse climate). Our three children, Megan, Jeff and Ryan are all out of the nest and doing very well on the east coast from Boston, MA, to Wilmington, DE, to Fairfax VA. I would love to hear from my fellow class of ’73 classmates. Send emails to gsimone@patmedia.net.”

Donna (Foley) Carty ’77 earned an Associate’s Degree in Veterinary Technology in 1998 and became a Certified Veterinary Technician. She worked in three Bucks County vet practices and at White Eagle Toxicology Labs before her current position of anesthetist at Veterinary Oncology Services in Chalfont, PA. She volunteers at the Special Equestrians Therapy Facility and is a member of the Bucks County Animal Response Team. In 2002, she was honored with the Central Bucks County Big Sister of the Year award with the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. She lives with her husband, Tom in Warrington, PA.

Roy Cohen ’78 received the Joan G. McDonald Award for Outstanding Teaching in the Sciences at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, in May 2006. The award included cash and a sizable professional development fund as well as dinner with the McDonald family and an award celebration. “This event was the highlight of my teaching career at Xavier University thus far.”

Pete Thomas ’77 (OH) was recently honored for his continued dedication to girls softball in Media, PA. He has coached slow pitch and fast pitch teams for the town league for 20 years. During this time, Pete also coached for 4 years at Springfield Lake Middle School and currently coaches the Penncrest High School freshman softball team. A service award has been established in his name. It will be awarded annually by Media Area Girls Softball Inc. Pete continues to work for Elwyn, a facility for the mentally and physically challenged. Pete has been with Elwyn since 1979, starting out as the Grounds Supervisor and currently working as the Director of Facilities.

He and his wife Kathy (Rigolizzo) ’76 reside on grounds. Kathy is the Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph Parish in Downingtown. Their daughter Becky and son-in-law Brian will celebrate their first anniversary in November. Becky works as an engineer for Boeing and will soon complete her MS in Mechanical Engineering. Their daughter Abbey completed her MS in Kinesiology (Athletic Training) in June 2006 and recently began working toward her Ph.D. in this same field.

Deidra (Pisauro) Wentzel ’89 has been promoted to Operation Manager of GTT Services L&T, Inc.

Robert Deemer ’90 recently accepted a position at Farm Fresh First, LLC, located in Bergen, NY as Agriculture Manager. Robert recently was employed at Birds Eye Foods as a Commodity Manager. Birds Eye Foods has sold their NY vegetable processing facilities to Allen’s, Inc. of Siloam Springs Arkansas. The new owners of the facilities have contracted with Farm Fresh First, LLC to provide raw product supply services for their New York operations. Bob works with numerous farmers to produce peas, sweet corn and carrots for the frozen vegetable market.

Glenn Biondi ’91 and his wife, Catherine, celebrated daughter Sarah Catherine’s first birthday this past October 28th.

Matthew ’94 (Chemistry) and Lisa Tomascik Cheeseman ’95 (Bio) have relocated to Charlotte, NC. Matthew is a chemistry teacher at Ardrey Kell High School. Lisa is a veterinarian at Harris Boulevard Veterinary Clinic. They recently completed construction on their new home in Charlotte.

Michael Ludwig ’94 (Bus. Ad.) Recently took an Operations Managers position with Williams-Sonoma Corp. in Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife Amy, married in 2003, they have two children Madey 9 yrs old, and Aidan 2 yrs old.

Tech Savvy?

An updated look & enhancements are coming to the Alumni Online Community. Keep checking the site for these new features soon!

For Alumni Information visit.....

www.delval.edu/alumni

e-mail: alumni@delval.edu
Melissa Carboni ’03 and Matthew Hostrander ’02 are happy to announce their marriage on October 14, 2006, in Woodstock, NY. They currently reside in Hatfield, PA. Marisa Santora ’03 was the maid of honor, and Carl Wagoner ’03 was a groomsman. Marisa L. Santora ’02, Jenn Jilson ’02, Diann Smith ’02, Brian Dusault ’03, Marta Wonderly ’03, John Rawluk ’03, and Lauren Duffy ’07 were also in attendance. “We took a honeymoon trip to Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine where we stayed primarily at different B&B’s and enjoyed the time away.”


Kathleen V. Salisbury ’98 wed Michael J. DeVos ’98 on May 28, 2005, at Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe, NH. They currently reside in North Jersey and are both actively involved in the New Jersey Native Plant Society.

Karen (Ritter) Reiter ’04 and Matthew Reiter are happy to announce their marriage on October 14, 2006, in Perkasie Mennonite Church. They currently reside in Zieglerville, PA. The reception was held at The Gypsy Rose in Collegeville, and their honeymoon was in beautiful Saint Lucia.

Amy Eckert ’04 and Jeffrey Thomas ’03 are happy to announce their marriage on October 20, 2006, in Fallston, MD, at St. Marks Church. Jessica Melhorn ’04 was maid of honor, and Harry Schussler ’04 was best man. There were several Delaware Valley College graduates in attendance. The reception was held at Bulle Rock in Havre de Grace, MD. The couple honeymooned in Playa de Carmen, Mexico, and currently reside in Bel Air, MD.

Sarah Malewicki ’06 and Bert Martin ’05 were married on July 29, 2006, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Gettysburg, PA. A reception was held at The Lodge at Blue Ridge Summit. They reside in Pittsgrove, NJ.

Heather (Rhodes) Comegys ’05 and Willie are happy to announce their marriage on October 14, 2006. The ceremony took place at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville; the reception was held at the Atlantic Golf Course at Queenstown Harbor, MD. After a honeymoon to Curacao, the couple is residing in Ridgely, MD. Heather is a Marketing Coordinator at Perdue AgriRecycle in Delaware.

Kate Decker (’05) was the maid of honor. Lindsay Eversole ’05, Ashley (Warren) Winterstein ’04, and Megan Messix ’06, were bridesmaids. Dr. Slane, Pat Smith, fellow sisters of Delta Epsilon Beta, and other DeVal alumni friends were in attendance.
New Arrivals

Howard Agnew ’62 and wife Renie are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Haylen Ann Lawrence. She was born on August 1, 2006, in Paoli, PA, and weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz.

Leah Braas ’97 and Angelo Ambroseccia are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Nicholas Francesco Ambroseccia. He was born on January 14, 2007 at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines, IA, and weighed 8 lb., 8 oz.

Scott Zeltt ’86 (Animal Husb.) would like to announce new baby boy Nicholas Ruben Zeltt born January 6, 2006.

Deidra (Pisauer) Wentzel ’89 and William Wentzel announce the birth of Courtney Leigh on August 31, 2006, at University of Iowa located in Des Moines, IA, as Staff Veterinarian.

Cheryl (Warren) Vest ’90 and Steven Vest are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, McKenna Myrtle. She was born on July 21, 2006, in Newark, DE, and weighed 9 lb., 1 oz.

Wendy (Jesiolowski) Freed ’96 and husband, Shawn, of Souderton, PA, are proud to announce the birth of the first child, Samantha, on January 14, 2007, in Grandview Hospital, Sellersville, PA. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 19 1/4” long.

Alexis (Morris) Cordero ’98 and Matthew Cordero are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Giavanna Sophia Cordero. She was born on August 24, 2006, at University of Princeton Medical Center, Princeton, New Jersey, and weighed 8lbs., 1 oz.

Colleen (Behm) Eckhardt ’98 and Stephen Eckhardt welcomed their daughter, Abigail Nicole, on April 6, 2006. She has a big brother, Colin, 2.

Mariah (Krauter) Drentch ’99 and Justin Drentch had Kathryn Rose on July 6, 2005, and Nicholas Angelo on Sept. 6, 2006.

Benjamin and Andrea (DiMaria) Griffith ’99 announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia, on May 28, 2006. The Griffins reside in Elkton, MD where Andrea has worked as a horse trainer for the last four years.

Jaime (Jarrah) Brownlee ’02 and Andrew Brownlee ’05 are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy. Oliver Jonathan Brownlee was born on September 19, 2006, in Wilmington, NC, and weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz.

Nancy (Daniels) McCormick ’00 and Brian McCormick ’00 would like to announce the birth of their son, Emeric Daniel. He was born on July 12, 2006, and weighed 8lbs, 14 oz. Emeric was born at Inter-community Hospital in Newfane, NY.

Daniel P. Friedland ’94 was promoted to Director of Ancillary and Specialty Networks at Health Partners. Friedland will manage a broad range of projects in support of Health Partners’ Provider Affairs Division. Mr. Friedland also holds an MBA in Healthcare Administration from LaSalle. He resides in Lansdale, PA.

Leah Braas ’97 recently accepted a position at the Animal Rescue League of Iowa located in Des Moines, IA, as Staff Veterinarian.

Benjamin Zartman ’98 writes, “I participated in the National Council on Economic Education’s (NCEE) Training of Writers program, held in Bucharest, Romania, in September, 2006. Each year twenty-four writers are selected to participate in this program. One hundred and eleven U.S. educators from 31 states and 116 educators from 25 countries have taken part in this program since 1996. Founded in 1949, the NCEE conducts its mission through the EconomicsAmerica program for the nation’s schools; EconomicsInternational, a program for supporting economic education delivery in emerging market economies; and Economics Exchange, activities for life-long learning.

Mr. Zartman was also recently promoted to the position of Economic Education Specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.”

Michael J. DeVos ’98 works as the Ecological Landscape Designer for Greater Newark Conservancy. He also spends his winters grooming the slopes at Mountain Creek Resort, which means he and his wife both get to ride for free all winter!

Kathleen V. Salisbury ’98 received her Master’s Degree in Public Horticulture Administration as a Longwood Fellow at the University of Delaware. She went on to become Director of Horticulture for Greater Newark Conservancy in Newark, NJ, and has recently been promoted to Director of Education & Horticulture. Kathy also is an adjunct professor in the County College of Morris Horticulture Technologies Program.
Gustave Gellens ’36 10/1/06
Martin G. Mellon ’38 7/1/06
Stephen A. Kugelman ’42 9/7/06
E. R. Sweeten ’55 12/11/06
Gilbert Finkel ’57 1/5/07
William J. Roberts ’61 10/14/06
Gary D. Shisler ’66 8/17/06
Norman L. Mogel ’71 12/16/06
William J. Conn ’75 1/13/07
Bruce M. Henry ’75 10/1/06
Timothy S. Chubb ’95 10/18/06
Charles I. Wollins ’50 5/4/05

In Memoriam

Gilbert “Gibby” Goodworth ’00 has been living for the past four years in San Francisco, CA, with his husband/partner Dr. Mark Jurek. Gibby is currently working as a senior research associate at a biotechnology company, Fire Prime Therapeutics, Inc.

David Kennedy ’01 recently accepted a position at Wayne County Conservation District located in Honesdale, PA as Nutrient Management Specialist. David recently was employed at Dairy One as Field Technician. “I started working at the District in October of 2006. I work primarily with farmers by helping them properly utilize their manure and fertilizer nutrients while promoting runoff solutions to maintain clean waterways, streams and ponds. I also help promote erosion control by using no-till methods and grass based farming.”

Kenneth Teleski ’02 has been teaching 7th and 8th grade English in an intermediate school in Bayside, NY, for the past 3 years. He is also attending Queens College working towards his Master’s degree. He expects to graduate in June 2007.

Kami Smith ’02 graduated from the M.S. program in analytical chemistry at Lehigh University and is planning to continue onto a Ph.D. program in neuroscience in the fall of 2007.

Amy (Steel) Pedersen ’03 has been working in Finance at Lockheed Martin for the last two years. “I married Christian Pedersen on July 23, 2005, and we’re expecting our first child in February, 2007.”

Emily Clementi ’05 (Bio) began graduate school (Ph.D. program in biomedical sciences) at the University at Buffalo.

Peggy Farley ’05 was recently promoted to Community Relations Manager by the Hepatitis B Foundation. In her new position, Farley’s primary responsibility will be to build and expand awareness about the good work of the Hepatitis B Foundation within the local and national community. Farley brings more than 20 years of business experience to the Foundation, primarily in the nonprofit sector.

Farley received a bachelor’s degree in Marketing and Business Administration from Delaware Valley College. She is currently enrolled in their Masters of Business Administration program. Farley is a long-time resident of Bucks County, Pa.

DO YOU KNOW?

This tile is in the mantle in Lasker Hall. Do you know what is the significance?

With the help of Mary Jane Sergeant from the library, we found an answer. The tile was placed above the fireplace to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Lincoln’s birth. It was surprising to find that the tile was not American made. It was produced by the British tile company Sherwin and Cotton. The designer was George Cartlidge, he created this tile around 1891. Mr. Cartlidge had a very special method for making this title so photographic. The process includes making an original model in clay, then from plaster, and finally from a metal die. The tile is then glazed and fired flat to produce a vivid photographic image.

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