President Joseph S. Brosnan

Inauguration ushers in a new era for Delaware Valley College
Yum Caax was created by local sculptor Margaret Wasserman Levy for Delaware Valley College. It was to honor the 80th birthday of Leon L. Berkowitz, nephew of Dr. Joseph Krauskopf. Ms. Levy created seven other sculptures for Philadelphia area schools, colleges and universities.

In 1987, the statue was damaged. Because there are many other famous statues with parts missing, it was determined to leave Yum Caax the way it was.

Know anything about it? Let us know.
For James Watkinson ’67, days started at 5:30 a.m. and often didn’t end until the late hours of the night. It was the typical life of a veterinarian, but he wouldn’t have changed a thing. Watkinson, who owned Country Lakes Animal Clinic in Mine Hill, NJ, looked forward to every day.

“It’s a great profession. As a country doctor, I’m a dermatologist, an anesthetist, a general practitioner, a surgeon, an ophthalmologist and I have a narcotics license,” he said. “I love working with animals; they have an unconditional love, they don’t lie and they don’t have the anxieties we do. No day is ever the same.”

Living in northern New Jersey, about 30 miles northwest of Newark, Watkinson practiced veterinary medicine since 1970. Although Watkinson was trained to treat both large and small animals, his practice focused mostly on family pets. Watkinson had a connection to animals ever since he was a teenager working for a veterinarian.

“The more I looked at what he did, I thought, ‘I could do that.’ This guy was good. That’s what made me lucky. He was a mentor and got me started. I was working 80 hours a week for the practice. I loved being there, and I immersed myself in the work.”

At 19, Watkinson had no thoughts of attending Delaware Valley College and never would have had it not been for John Stonack ’66. As a teenager, Watkinson thought he wanted to be an engineer, but Stonack was going to look at the campus, so Watkinson tagged along. “I applied to the college two weeks before classes started. I thought I’d try it.”

The decision to attend DelVal was a life-altering choice for Watkinson. He became a Christian in September of 1965 when he arrived in Doylestown to start classes. Tripping while getting out of his car, he landed face down on the pavement. Looking up, Watkinson saw a church, and it changed his life. “I thought, ‘This is a great way to start. I’ve got a clean slate.’” He discovered his faith at that moment and said it helped him get through many of the challenges he faced during his life.

A pre-med/pre-vet/pre-dental student at DelVal, Watkinson fondly recalled the days spent living in Barness Hall, studying under Dr. Paul Bowen and navigating troublesome Ginkgo Lane.

“I still have my Aggie beanie. We had fun, and we did some silly things, but it was great — I received an exceptional education.”

The Country Lakes Animal Clinic, once a gas station, opened October 14, 1974, and had over 240,000 pet visits.
“LIFE is about achieving something; HAPPINESS comes with that...it’s about seeking your DREAMS.”

Graduating sixth in a class of 200 and with a degree in biology, Watkinson sought to enroll in a veterinary program and wanted to return to New Jersey. His home state, however, had no veterinary schools, so he enrolled at Michigan State University. Making the transition from a school of 500 to a school of 45,000 was a challenge, said Watkinson, but he believed his DelVal education prepared him for the training ahead. “My time at Delaware Valley College taught me to learn. They were good professors, good people.”

Watkinson called his years at veterinary school interesting and enlightening. Michigan State provided him with the opportunity to work with the typical animals and also exposed him to working with exotics at the Detroit Zoo.

But East Lansing was too laid-back for a young man who loved the action in Manhattan. His first job out of veterinary school was working as a kennel boy, feeding the animals and cleaning their living spaces. It was a job he found to be sound training for later. “It taught me how to handle problems and to keep a sense of clarity when I’m doing things. Veterinary school didn’t teach us how to deal with people, but I was taught well working in the kennel.”

In 1974, Watkinson opened his main clinic. His outpatient clinic was a former fish market, and he renovated a mobile home into a traveling veterinary office. Outside his practice, Watkinson had diverse interests. His most recent undertaking was to build and renovate houses, and he said his hobbies had always been important to him. He enjoyed building furniture for nine years but had to stop due to the early stages of carpal tunnel syndrome, which would have been detrimental to his work as a surgeon. He also established a teak distributorship, was an avid amateur photographer and was passionate about his garden.

Watkinson’s garden, located at his practice, contains hundreds of plants. For the past 15 years, he added flowers to his garden annually. He had a particular fondness for day lilies, with more than 100 in his garden. “Cold winter, dry winter, they don’t care, as long as they get sun. I just need to keep them watered and in the sun.”

Though typically sleeping just four hours-a-night, Watkinson said he was energized every day. “I still have a drive to achieve. I’ve found happiness, and it’s not about chasing money. Life is about achieving something; happiness comes with that. You should be pursuing yourself. Happiness is not about attaining things. It’s about seeking your dreams.”

With his wife, Pixie, Watkinson strived to maintain the support given to him as a student. He supported the college by bringing students to campus. “I appreciate the blessings I’ve been given. Delaware Valley College strengthened my thirst for learning. I’ve always looked to learn new things. I work at being a good doctor and a good surgeon; that drive was instilled in me at Delaware Valley College.”

Horizons interviewed Dr. James Watkinson ’67 for this story just weeks prior to his untimely passing in April. “Doc” Watkinson’s love of life, in all forms — human and animal and floral and vegetable — is a wonderful testimony to his wife and children that nurtured him and to his alma mater that helped him find his way.

Requiescat in pace. — Robert Nichols

A few of Watkinson’s hobbies included collecting over 135 types of hybrid day lilies, gardening, photography, furniture making and collecting classic cars.
Four Members of Delaware Valley College Board of Trustees Named Officers

James F. Trainer, Ph.D., of Havertown, PA., was elected chairman; Robert T. Pras of Potomac, MD, was elected vice chairman; William Bartles of Carrollton, TX, was named secretary/treasurer; and Dr. Jere Hohmann of Doylestown was reelected as vice chairman.

A 1982 graduate of Delaware Valley College, Trainer has been the director of planning and assessment at Villanova University since 2000. Prior to that, he was director of The Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium, based out of Franklin and Marshall College, where he served as the chief executive officer of the national planning and research organization of 135 independent colleges and universities. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Food Industry Science and his Ph.D., from The Pennsylvania State University. Trainer has taught at Franklin and Marshall College, the Temple University Center in Harrisburg and has served as a guest lecturer on higher education topics for Pennsylvania State University.

Among others, he is a member of the American Association of Higher Education and the American Educational Research Association. He has also published papers on institutional research as well as other related topics in higher education. He has been honored with many awards from Delaware Valley College including the President’s Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Centennial Alumni Award and the Alumni Achievement Award in Science. Trainer has been a member of the Delaware Valley College Board of Trustees since 2001.

Robert T. Pras a 1965 graduate of Delaware Valley College joined the College’s Board of Trustees in 2005. He formerly served as executive vice president and general manager of Marriott Distribution Services with the Marriot Corporation. He joined Marriott in 1979 as a corporate vice president and executive vice president of Fairfield Farm Kitchens, the predecessor of Marriott’s Distribution Services. Currently, he is responsible for the purchasing and distribution of all Marriott food and related items for domestic and international operations and growth with other customers external to Marriott.

Pras earned his bachelor of science degree in food technology. He is a member of the National Restaurant Association, the American Management Association and the International Foodservice Distributors of America. Pras breeds and trains hunter and jumper horses on his Maryland farm.

William S. Bartles is a 1969 graduate of Delaware Valley College and has served as a trustee since 2003. He was previously the vice president and chief financial officer for CSI Control Systems in Carrollton, TX.

Dr. Jere W. Hohmann is founder and president of Spectrum Devices, a manufacturer of microwave transistors. Dr. Hohmann received his B.S., M.S. and his Ph.D. all in electrical engineering and from Carnegie Mellon University. Dr. Hohmann has been a trustee since 1998.

The Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center Celebrates the Grand Opening of its Second Building

On November 12, 2007, the Pavilion of the new building was named after Dr. Joshua Feldstein in recognition of his valuable contribution in forging the unique partnership between the Hepatitis B Foundation and Delaware Valley College that resulted in the creation of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center in 2006.

ABOVE: Several dignitaries honored Dr. Feldstein with their presence and kind words at the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center Pavilion Naming Ceremony: (from left to right) Joan Block, Associate Director of Financial Aid of the Hepatitis B Foundation; Dr. Timothy Block, President of the Hepatitis B Foundation and the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center; E. Thomas Scarborough, Doylestown Township Supervisor; Bucks County Commissioner Sandra Miller; Dr. Baruch Blumberg, Nobel Laureate, Hepatitis B Foundation Distinguished Scholar and Delaware Valley College Trustee; State Representative Marguerite Quinn; Congressman Patrick Murphy; Dr. Joshua Feldstein; Dr. Joseph Brosnan, President of Delaware Valley College; and State Representatives Kathy Watson and Chris King.
Remember your first years on campus? It was the beginning of your journey into adulthood. There were issues that concerned you and the current state of affairs. As we look forward to a new group of freshman, we are reminded of a students’ perspective on the world.

COLIN
Hometown: Pennsburg, PA
Major: Choices Program, Undeclared
Advice to freshmen: Make sure you have all your stuff, like money for books; they are so expensive.
My favorite experience so far would be that I am going to college with my best friend.

RICHARD
Hometown: Jackson Township, PA
Major: Chemistry
My top morals that I try to uphold would be honesty, cleanliness and character.
I would have to say that my dad is my hero, because he is a hard worker and because of the way that he lives his life.

KARLY
Hometown: Schnecksville, PA
Major: Pre-Vet
DelVal has done a good job in how I thought college would be; it’s kind of like home.
Steve Irwin would have to be my hero, because he did great things in educating children about animals and teaching people to respect all animals.

PETER
Hometown: Chester, NY
Major: Environmental Science
I would say that Pope John Paul II is my role model, because he was a good guy and always did the right thing.
I think the current state of the country is pretty good; unemployment is down, but there is always room for improvement.

DEBBIE
Hometown: Boyertown, PA
Major: Undeclared
My top morals that I try to uphold are Honesty, Character and Loyalty.
DelVal has done a good job on filling my expectations on how I thought college would be.
Motto: Think positive in this negative world of negative thinkers.

KIENAN
Hometown: Liebman, PA
Major: Small Animal Science
My feelings on the war on terrorism? Well, I must say I have never supported it, and I still don’t.
My hero is Spider-Man, because he fights crime and saves the good guys.

KEITH
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Major: Sports Management
My goal is to be successful, to own my own business and to enjoy what I do.
My favorite experience is that fact that I am actually in college. Getting here was a big accomplishment; where I went to high school, the graduation rate is 20% and only 15% go to college.
Motto: Only God can judge you.
CLAIRE  
_Home town: Sharpsburg, GA  
_Major: Equine Studies  

My mom is my hero. She has always been so strong despite lots of challenges; she taught me everything.

The war on terrorism doesn’t really seem to be getting anywhere, so it’s kind of pointless.

RAHEEM  
_Home town: Philadelphia, PA  
_Major: Turf Management  

DelVal is doing a good job. I’m learning; that’s what college is about right?

My goal is to improve the basketball team record and be known in DelVal’s history.

LIZ  
_Home town: Landenburg, PA  
_Major: Equine Science  

My grandfather is my hero; he went to college when he was 15, and his mom died of cancer not even a year in. He was a really successful scientist and worked for Mannington. Now, he is dealing with ALS.

I like how DelVal is low-key and not as stressful as I thought college would be.

Motto: Don’t lose sight of your goals.

STEFFANIE  
_Home town: Ringwood, NJ  
_Major: Zoology  

I like that DelVal is small.

My grandmother is definitely my role model. She went through a lot, living in Germany during WWII.

My advice to freshmen would be to get out and meet people, leave your door open and say hello to random people.

VALORIE  
_Home town: Parkton, MD  
_Major: Undecided  

My goal is to go to California for two years to study exotic animal training and to be a Big Cat Ambassador.

Jack Hanna is my hero; he works with animals to teach kids about the environment.

Motto: Everything happens for a reason.

GABE  
_Home town: Mabanoy City, PA  
_Major: Undecided  

I’m pretty satisfied with DelVal; I get tutoring to help me out.

My heroes are my doctors that kept me alive after a really bad car accident.

MARSHALL  
_Home town: Port Washington, NY  
_Major: Small Animal Science  

My top morals are Honesty, Loyalty, and Integrity.

My hero is Bob Marley because he was a big spokesperson, and I support the ideas of Rastafarianism.

LAURA  
_Home town: Nazareth, PA  
_Major: Equine Studies  

I think the country can go either way, right now it has a lot of good aspects and bad.

My most valuable experience so far is the people I have met; it is such a different spectrum of people than my high school. It was a pleasant surprise.

NICHOLAS  
_Home town: Brick, NJ  
_Major: Criminal Justice Administration  

My goal is to graduate.

DelVal has done a good job upholding how I thought college would be.

My hero is Mickey Mantle; what can I say, I’m a Yankees fan.

DANIELLE  
_Home town: Boyertown, PA  
_Major: Zoo Science  

I am glad that we are getting a new president soon; this country needs to make some changes.

I think the school is doing a good job trying to help the environment; my high school didn’t do anything.

My heroes are my parents, because they were hardworking and tried to do everything for my family.

ALISHA  
_Home town: Levittown, PA  
_Major: Wildlife Animal Management & Conservation  

My goal is to someday work in the reptile and amphibian department in the Philadelphia Zoo.

My most valuable experience so far is definitely my education. I am learning what I really want to know. This is the only school that provides this type of experience.

MEGAN  
_Home town: Mont-Clair, NJ  
_Major: Equine Studies  

My mom is my role model; she is my best friend.
History Carved in Limestone

There’s a new face coming to DelVal’s campus, a face that in reality is not so new at all. It is a face that will be watching out over the campus, taking in all that has become of Delaware Valley College and all that is yet to be. It is the face of none other than Rabbi Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, the school’s founder.

The Joseph Krauskopf Memorial Library is undergoing some renovations to its facade. The focal point will be a sculpture of Krauskopf himself over the main entrance. Charles Wells, a local artist well-known for his sculptures and etchings, is creating the piece from Indiana limestone. He said the project will take three to six months for completion. Because the sculpture will be up above, Wells said he drew on medieval and Romanesque influences for its design.

Wells is quite familiar with the library because his wife, Diana, who is an author, has carried out much of her research there. Wells believes his sculpture will give a presence to the entrance. “Dr. Krauskopf will be observing from above the door with concern and interest. He will be leaning out looking at his vision, his school.”

Wells’ career has spanned more than 50 years. Initially, he had set out to be a writer and earned a B.A. in English from Amherst College. Then, he discovered the works of Leonard Baskin, an accomplished American sculptor and book illustrator. Wells wanted to be his student and eventually was taken on as his apprentice. This was Wells’ introduction to drawing, etching and sculpture. Two fellowships allowed Wells to work alongside the great marble carvers in Rome for three years. After a short return to the United States, he went back to Tuscany and lived there for most of the 1970s. After the death of his father, Wells settled back in Bucks County, PA.

Sculptor Charles Wells skillfully chisels at the two-ton block of Indiana limestone that will become the sculpture of Dr. Krauskopf. The sculpture will be set over the new entryway being constructed for the Joseph Krauskopf Memorial Library.
On January 19, 2008, many members of the College community gathered to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of our founder, Rabbi Dr. Joseph Krauskopf. Attendees at the reception in the Shapiro Wing of the Krauskopf Library shared thoughts on the merits of Dr. Krauskopf’s work and its relevance today. Several of Dr. Krauskopf’s descendants were able to attend the reception as guests of honor.

In addition to honoring Dr. Krauskopf’s birth and his ensuing work as a visionary religious leader, social reformer and academic pacesetter, this event unveiled an important renovation project for the library. The Library is in need of a new door to meet building standards and provide a suitable and strong entrance for future generations of students. As part of this project, the College has decided to honor Dr. Krauskopf by placing a carved marble relief of him above the door. The afternoon reception allowed visitors to view this carving as a work-in-progress and to meet the artist, Charles Wells. Although he was unable to attend the reception, Dr. Krauskopf’s great-grandson, Board of Trustee member Joseph “Chip” Krauskopf, sent a letter of support for the project along with the announcement of a contribution of $10,000 on behalf of the family. In the weeks following the celebration, Thomas Hillman, also a member of the Krauskopf family, contributed another $10,000 towards the completion of the project.

The renovation of the library door is a $120,000 project. To date, DelVal has received many generous donations from alumni and friends in support of the project. If you are interested in supporting the library door project, please contact Jennifer Rock, Director of Annual Fund at 215-489-4830 for further information. — Jennifer Suskie

Sesquicentennial Celebration for Dr. Joseph Krauskopf

Wells has exhibited widely in both the United States and abroad. His work can be found at the Library of Congress, the National Portrait Gallery and MIT, among many other places. Recently, his work was on display at an exhibit at Riverrun Gallery in Lambertville, NJ.

It is only appropriate that the likeness of Joseph Krauskopf be created by the hands of such an accomplished and dedicated artist. Like a sculptor, Krauskopf was able to take a piece of land and shape it into a progressive school combining academics and work experience. And, soon, although symbolic, he will be able to continue to watch his vision evolve and thrive for years to come.

An overhead view of the sculpture and architectural renderings for the new doorway to the Joseph Krauskopf Memorial Library were on display at the Sesquicentennial Celebration.
THE BEGINNING
OF A
New Era

The college is now poised to extend its sphere of influence beyond anything even the founder could have imagined.

The new president’s closing words set the stage for the future . . . “I hope you are as excited about the future of this great institution. I hope that, when we all look back, many years from now, we remember this occasion not merely as the inauguration of a new president, but as a moment of synthesis between our past and present.”
Delivered during the May 9, 2008, ceremony marking him as 12th president of Delaware Valley College, Dr. Joseph S. Brosnan has much to celebrate (his new presidency nearing the one-year mark and a new baby granddaughter); many to thank, (he mentioned security and the maintenance staff for moving the ceremony indoors after the rain wouldn’t stop, his fiancé, family and friends, presenters, the inauguration planning committee, trustees, faculty, alumni, students, staff and the delegates from more than 40 institutions of higher education in attendance) and much to do.

With a desire to shift perceptions of DelVal as “the little old farm school in Doylestown,” to a more accurate description of today’s high-quality, broad educational institution, Brosnan shared his vision to “get our story out” with the crowd of more than 650.

Starting with a detailed history, Brosnan noted the need for a continued connection to the college’s past with a nod toward the college’s 2008 A-Day festival, and laided the foundation for others — those with powerful academic and cultural components that can serve as models for international education, others that reach further into the region, and the nation through curriculum, research and partnerships and those that will give students tools to remake the world.

...we have as much to learn from people in other countries... the need to foster a truly broad-minded climate here at DelVal characterized by diversity, tolerance and respect for the dignity of all the members of the human family...

“Dr. Brosnan has spent the year talking and listening to hundreds of people connected to the college either as alumni, students, employees, parents, friends and donors,” said James F. Trainer, Ph.D. ’82, chair of the Delaware Valley College Board of Trustees.

He’s had discussions about an idea for a national conference to be called “Beyond Sustainability: The Need for Environmental Restoration,” with faculty who gave him additional ideas and encouragement of creating an interdisciplinary institute at Delaware Valley College.

“His energy, passion and commitment are palpable. He gets excited with other people’s ideas and people are excited by his,” added Trainer.

Students respond to Brosnan’s style of inclusion. According to Elizabeth Walker, president of the Class of 2008 and the college’s 2008 A-Day festival, students are wowed by Brosnan and appreciate his interest in all campus activities and what students are doing and thinking. Walker, who graduated several weeks after the inauguration, was ‘mesmerized,’ when she first met Brosnan at the beginning of the academic year.

“This is a very exciting time to be affiliated with Delaware Valley College and though none of this will happen overnight, we are sure, with Dr. Brosnan’s vision, talent and ability to engage the entire community, it surely will happen,” said Trainer.

What Does the Future Hold for Delaware Valley College?

According to Michael Gallis, the answer to that question lies in the hands of DelVal’s strategic planning committee

Michael Gallis was invited by Dr. Brosnan to take part in the Lipton Lectureship Series. Gallis remarked that he admired Brosnan’s creative and innovative leadership and enjoyed working with him. “I am pleased to see him as president of the college,” Gallis continued.

“He can apply his skills and do something innovative, especially in regards to the school’s strategic planning.”

“The foundation of our democracy stands on the research and reflective thinking of today’s colleges and universities,” stated Gallis. “We need to maintain this tradition.”

In order to continue this tradition, it is imperative for the college to define its future and discover its brand. Gallis noted that we are living in a new world. Technology affects almost every aspect. “We cannot avoid the necessity for innovation and creativity,” he said.

“Nations today compete on knowledge and creativity. The key to the economy is making educated decisions and this all falls back on the nation’s schools.”

Gallis described the school’s alumni as its most important resource. Through financial support the past becomes a living part of the college’s future. Students, too, are an important part of the process. “They are living the experience right now,” Gallis noted.

Michael Gallis is one of the country’s leading experts in large-scale metropolitan regional development strategies. For more than thirty years, he has been on the forefront of planning successful strategies for public, private and institutional leaders to create globally competitive regions.

Mr. Gallis talked about recognizing global patterns and understanding the forces that create change in the real world.

To download an audio from the lecture, visit delval.edu/gallis.
Dr. Brosnan meets with faculty and staff in two sessions to deliver his State-of-the-College address.

During Dr. Brosnan’s commencement speech, he said the Class of 2008 would always be special to him.

Dr. Brosnan attended the 2008 Pennsylvania’s Farm Show opening events. Here Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, reinforced the state’s commitment to agriculture and its role in renewable energy efforts.

To download a transcript of the inauguration speech, visit delval.edu/inauguration
Some of the other planned projects

Rudley Newman Gym Renovation
A new floor will be installed, and the walls will be repaired and painted.

Outdoor Basketball Courts
We will recondition and repair the basketball area. This will include resurfacing, adding new lines and new baskets.

Weight Room Equipment
More than half of our students use the weight room equipment to train for their sport or to stay in shape. To better accommodate the various needs, we will be repairing and replacing equipment and adding new pieces this summer.

James Work Gymnasium
We will replace lighting and repair the backboards and bleachers.

Safety
New card access system
Replacement of Goldman and Samuel first floor windows
New fire alarm system in Centennial and Work Halls

Quality of Student Life
Fix South Hall dryers
Addition of washer/dryer room in basement of Segal Hall
Upgrades to Commuter Lounge
Addition of twelve new PC’s for commuter students in the Library
Addition of a fitness area in Centennial/Work breezeway
Renovation of Goldman game/lounge spaces

Quality of Academic Life
Renovation of a science lab (Due to the high cost of renovating science labs, only one lab will be done each year.)

Campus Beautification
Completion of fence line along 202
New sign at the main entrance of the College
Repaving of Security parking lot and Alumni Lane
Tennis court removal, hydro seeding, and landscaping
Lake Archer aerator replacement

Over the next several months, you’ll be seeing many improvements to the campus. The Facility Improvement Initiative adds $1 million per year in facilities and service improvements and campus upgrades. This multi-year initiative includes improvements to the academic areas, student/residence life areas and athletics/recreation areas. It is our goal to have most of these projects completed before you return in the fall. As you can see there, is a lot to look forward to in the next few years.

Science Labs renovations include new cabinets and counter tops, built-in audio visual equipment, new lighting and flooring and computers installed at each student work station, where appropriate.

For interactive images, please visit delval.edu/fii
Standing at 5 feet 11 inches, identical twins Michelle and Morgan Drains are nearly impossible to miss. The sisters are almost entirely American Indian; their heritage includes Lakota Sioux, Cherokee and Quapaw. Interestingly, the primary languages spoken in their home are Quapaw and Cherokee.

Raised in Long Branch, NJ, Morgan and Michelle Drains have always done things in unison. As if sharing space in the womb wasn’t enough, they attended the same high school, participated in the same clubs and shared many of the same friends. Now, in college, they share a dorm room and, during the occasional “twin moment,” say exactly the same thing at the same time! Riding with the same Equestrian Team and taking belly-dancing lessons together are only a few similarities on the long list of activities they enjoy.

One might wonder why two girls who spent their entire lives as virtual mirror images of each other would choose to attend the same college. For many twins, going away to college might be the first chance they have to branch out on their own. To Michelle and Morgan, two sisters who say they rarely argue, choosing to attend the same college was hardly a matter for thought.

While the sisters knew they wanted to attend the same school, both understood that it might be difficult to find a school that could accommodate their needs. Each sister wanted to remain close to home, but the similarities ended there.

Michelle, who majors in Biology with an emphasis in Botany, plans to pursue a career in naturopathic medicine and ethnobotany. Morgan knew she needed to find a school that offered Wildlife Conservation Management so that she could go on to pursue a career in wolf conservation and rehabilitation. Talk about a challenge! Their career goals couldn’t be more unconventional. What were the chances they’d find a college that could accommodate both of them? Well, at Delaware Valley College, those chances were actually quite good. It was here that both Morgan and Michelle found exactly what they were looking for: something different!

Michelle and Morgan credit their parents with instilling in them a strong sense of open mindedness and service to others. It’s these values that have helped shape their unusual career choices.

Even with all of their similarities, the girls still like to think of themselves as individuals. Each has worked hard to carve out a special niche for herself. As for their future, both sisters are acutely aware that, one day, the time may come when their careers, families or interests will take them down separate roads. For now, Morgan and Michelle are busy basking in the DeVal College life, where their similarities are what sets them apart from all the rest!

— Cherie Brummer
Dr. Pamela Sander
Shares Ideas with Students

Dr. Pamela Sander, president of Zumbro River Brand, Inc. and a recent Executive-in-Residence at Delaware Valley College, hoped to leave students with the courage and the zeal to start their own company. What she was delighted to find was an engaging group of students who also gave her some stimulating ideas to take away. “The forum was most definitely a two-way street,” she said.

During her lectures, Sander was intrigued by the thought-provoking questions asked by the students. “The students challenged me about some of our business practices,” she said. “They offered suggestions of how things could be done better or differently. There were even some product promotion and new marketing ideas that I’m taking back with me.”

Sander advised students to focus in on a current business niche. One particular area where she foresees growth and profitability lies within food science. Once students have zeroed in on a field of interest, she recommended they learn everything possible about it. Sander encouraged students to take advantage of the information available on campus through all the latest technology. Also, the theory and practice learned through business projects they are involved with will carry over into the real-life experience. “It is through the knowledge that you gather that you will gain credibility,” said Sander.

This knowledge, coupled with entrepreneurial passion, is the cornerstone of building your own business. “You can start your own company without a lot of backing,” Sander emphasized. “And, you shouldn’t stop if you hit any unforeseen problems. Take what you’ve learned along with your drive to succeed to try a different approach.”

Sander’s late husband, Dr. Eugene Sander, was a graduate of the DelVal class of 1956. “Gene always thought so highly of Delaware Valley College,” Sander said. “He found the overall campus attitude to be professional and high-level.”

Sander found this to be still true even today. “Delaware Valley College is a unique school,” she remarked. “The level of professors and administration is exceptional. You can tell they truly care about their students. They are constantly thinking about what novel methods they can utilize in their teaching. One food science professor even mentioned flying out to see our plant so he could share what we do with his students.”

Sander obtained her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Harvard. She and her husband established Zumbro River Brand, Inc. (ZRB) in 1985. The company is based in Owatonna, Minnesota, and is a custom contract food manufacturer. They specialize in agglomerated products, such as beverage mixes, and extruded products including soy and whey crisps that may be used in protein bars. ZRB is a national company with thirty employees.

Zumbro River Brand offers this company promise: “Dedicated to providing an environment that promotes growth, goodwill and success for all parties involved.” This seems to mirror the goals of DelVal, and perhaps this promise is in part a reflection of the experiences of Dr. Eugene Sander while at Delaware Valley College.
“There are too many books and simply not enough time to read them all,” said J.M. Herr of his love of reading. Herr is Chairman of the Board and CEO of Herr Foods, Inc. and a recent participant in this year’s Executive-in-Residence Program.

Herr stated that he has learned much from various business authors, in particular Stephen R. Covey, the author of “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.”

“It is so important to stay in the learning mode versus the knowing mode,” Herr remarked. “You should never get to a place where you think you know it all.”

This, in part, explains Herr’s passion for books and is the message that he hopes to have left behind with Delaware Valley College students.

“Students today face a whole different world,” he said. “It is much more competitive and there is a constant need to keep re-learning, because things are changing so fast. This is especially true with technology. Students have to be comfortable with it and embrace it to succeed.”

Herr also believes there is a stronger inclination to get more education. A master’s degree is becoming more common and necessary - further proof that continuing to learn is vital.

Another key point of Herr’s lectures is servant leadership. It is a guiding principle at Herr Foods and is exemplified in their chaplaincy and educational assistance programs. “It is our culture and our mind-set,” explained Herr. “We care about our people as well as our financial performance. Leaders today need to help the people they’re in charge of, serve them, help them to be successful. This, in turn, will help to build a stronger, more successful business.”

Herr points to his father, James S. Herr, as his primary role model. “He is a man of character,” he said. “He has high ethics and is very caring.”

Herr found the Delaware Valley College campus to be impressive with many stately buildings. “The agricultural/horticultural history adds a nice flavor, something others don’t have,” he remarked. “It’s truly an inviting place to be.” In addition, Herr described the Executive-in-Residence Program as a wonderful opportunity for both students and business executives alike. “Those in business do not realize just how little interaction college students have with the business world,” he commented. “Having an executive on campus to share his experiences and answer questions instead of reading from a text book is a great idea.”

On the corporate front, Herr said his goal is to keep the company growing while keeping it a family business. Herr’s 1,400 employees are encouraged to grow and learn every day. Through their efforts, Herr’s will continue to introduce new products and discover new channels of distribution. Just as Herr encouraged Delaware Valley students to always remain in the learning mode, so do he and his employees.

— Jennifer Suskie
Under the direction of Susy White, this internationally recognized and highly respected Equine Science Center is home to over 45 horses and serves approximately 90 full-time students. Currently, DelVal’s selective program receives over 100 applications and accepts just 25 to 30 new students each year.

Equine programs in the United States are steadily increasing in number. With an expanding availability of jobs in the industry, it’s no surprise that in the past five to seven years, more and more colleges have begun to offer degrees in Equine Studies. This is significant, given that, 15 years ago, there were virtually no Equine Studies programs at all.

The increase in degree programs is beneficial to the industry, as the level of accountability and standard of professionalism increase when they exist. Because of the competition in this area of the country, staying current, networking, and acquiring a degree can be wonderful selling points when interviewing for a job.

“We happen to live in an extremely competitive region; the east coast is very ‘horse dense,’” said White.

The Equine Studies staff takes professionalism and industry accountability quite seriously. Upon arrival, each student is immediately assessed for their riding ability and, throughout their time at DelVal, is required to take at least one riding class per semester. Just last year, Delaware Valley College was approved to be an institution of certification for the British Horse Society (BHS). Approval by the BHS adds merit to an already well-respected program.

The one-on-one attention given to each student sets DelVal’s Equine Studies program apart from other schools. The program employs four full-time and six adjunct faculty members, all of whom work or have worked in the industry. When students enter into the program, they’re automatically matched with a faculty member. That faculty member will mentor the student throughout experience at Delaware Valley College.

“We make sure the staff is very available to the students. It’s important that each person receives one-on-one attention throughout their time in the program,” said White.

Since networking is such a vital part of obtaining employment in the industry, it’s important that students receive assistance from those who have connections in the field. DelVal’s Equine program makes a large number of referrals and has a high rate of placement. In fact, many of the students complete internships and have jobs waiting for them upon graduation.

Students graduating with a degree in Equine Studies can go on to become stable managers, riding instructors, trainers or even run their own businesses. On average, a student can make $30,000 right out of college and has the potential to earn a six-figure income. Several DelVal graduates have gone on to work for some of the top leaders in the industry.

Pursuing a career in Equine Studies is not required to become a regular part of the stable scene here at DelVal. All students are welcome to join the Equestrian Team and fulfill their dreams of competitive horsemanship.

— Cherie Brumans
Delaware Valley College Equestrian Team (DVCET)

DVCET makes up the hunt seat and the western intercollegiate riding teams and is a student club. The combined team rosters generally total between 125 and 150 students. These two teams compete in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. Riders compete individually for points, but the coach must designate a team of 8 riders to earn points for the team. At the end of the day, the school with the most points (from the designated 8 riders) wins the show. The host school provides horses and riders draw a horse’s name at random for their classes. They get on the horse prior to the start of the class, adjust their stirrups and go directly into the ring; there is no warm up time and no opportunity to get to know the horse prior to competing.

“Students learn that life is not always fair. With a ‘luck of the draw’ system, sometimes things just don’t work out. Students have to learn to be okay with that. The system also teaches them that, sometimes, even when you work your hardest you may not be recognized for it. You have to be proud of yourself and that needs to be enough. Riding is typically an individual sport; the IHSA system provides a team atmosphere. Sometimes, students may even need a teammate to beat them in a class for the good of the team results. That’s a difficult lesson, but definitely a valuable one nonetheless,” said coach Cory Kieschnick.

Hunt Seat Team - The hunt seat team rides on campus with coach Cory Kieschnick, a faculty member in Equine Studies. The hunt seat team has a maximum of 10 regular shows per season, along with invitational tournaments and post-season shows. Hunt seat shows involve both flat classes (no jumping, called equitation classes) and over fences classes (jumping).

Western Team - The western team rides off campus with coach Joanne Coniglio (alum of the Delval Equine Studies Program). The western team also has a maximum of 10 regular season shows per season, along with post-season shows. Western shows involve flat classes (called “horsemanship classes”) and reining classes, where riders show a pattern (including spins and sliding stops).

Dressage Team - For the more experienced riders, the DelVal Dressage Team competes from October to April. Dressage is considered the “ballet” version of riding because of its elegance and grace. This team is more competitive than the Equestrian Team. The Dressage Team is a student club on campus called the Equine Performance Organization. The team roster totals approximately 15-16 riders. The students practice on campus with coach Angelo Telatin and assistant coach Breann DePietro (both Equine Studies faculty members). Riders compete individually for points and a designated team of four riders competes for points for each school. The school with the most points at the end of the day wins. The host school provides horses and riders draw a horse’s name at random for their classes. They are allowed a 10 minute warm up period to acquaint themselves with the horses and then they compete individually, performing a memorized test of movements for a score.

Terminology

High Point Team - This team places first for the day/season and will continue on to post-season championships.

Reserve High Point Team - This team places second for the day/season.

High Point Rider - This individual rider earned the most points throughout the day. Riders in hunt seat and western participate in a maximum of two classes at any given show; in this case, high point status is generally earned by winning two first place ribbons. Dressage riders earn high-point status with the top score of the day.

Reserve High Point Rider - This rider comes in second place.
With one of the most grueling schedules in Division III, head coach Jim Clements and the Aggies had a tough task ahead of them for the 2007 season. They responded with a 5-5 overall record for the fifth straight non-losing season and finished second in the Middle Atlantic Conference with a 5-2 league mark.

Delaware Valley began the year on the road, as its first three games were away from the friendly confines of James Work Memorial Stadium. Not only were they away from home, but the Aggies also faced mighty competition against Division I-AA Iona College and nationally-ranked Division III squads Wesley College and Salisbury University. The Aggies had second-half leads against both Wesley and Salisbury, each of whom reached the national playoffs, but they dropped all three contests.

The home opener on September 29 was also the first of seven straight MAC games for Delaware Valley, and the goal for the team was simple: win the conference and the first three games would be a distant memory as they would automatically qualify for the Division III playoffs. The Aggies got off to a strong start with a 27-0 blanking of King’s College – their fourth straight shutout over a conference opponent dating back to last year.

Delaware Valley went back on the road for a 49-13 stomping of Lebanon Valley College and continued their MAC dominance with 42-14 and 31-0 home victories over FDU-Florham and Lycoming College. The Aggies were now 4-0 and tied with Widener University for first place as they headed to Chester for a Friday night game to break the deadlock.

The contest was played in a torrential downpour and quickly became a defensive showdown. Delaware Valley held a 10-6 lead, but Widener scored midway through the fourth quarter and held on for the 13-10 victory. The Aggies were then knocked out of the conference race the following week as a 27-24 home loss to defending MAC champion Wilkes University left them 4-5 overall and 4-2 in the league.

With pride and a .500 record at stake, Delaware Valley hit the road for a sixth time. Linebacker John Pursell headed the class as he picked up all-conference honors for the fourth straight year and was also named to the all-region team for the third time. He ended his career as the school’s third all-time leading tackler with 319 stops.

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Football Finishes as MAC Runner-Up

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Another year and another championship for head coach Brandon Totten ’96 and the Aggie wrestlers. They produced a 14-4 record during the season and captured their second straight Midwest Regional Championship, qualifying eight wrestlers for the NCAA Division III Championships along the way. Four wrestlers came back from nationals with All-American honors (top eight finish), including one runner-up, as Delaware Valley finished fifth in the country in the team standings.

The fifth-place finish was the third-highest showing in school history, behind only the 1988-89 (second) and 2003-04 (fourth) teams. They tied the 2004 squad for the most All-Americans in one year with four and have now crowned 55 All-Americans in its storied history.

The Aggies, were ranked fourth in the country for most of the season. The team moved up to second when the final poll that predicts the finish at the NCAA Championships was released. They had as many six individuals ranked in the top 10 of their respective weight classes during the year.

After its 14-win regular season, Delaware Valley went out to Indiana and successfully defended its NCAA Midwest Regional crown. Eight wrestlers reached the finals and six captured individual titles and the automatic berth to the NCAA Championships that went with it: Chris Sheetz (125 pounds), Brandon Clemmer (135), Dan Hall (141), Mike Wilcox (184), Joe West (197) and Kyle Bilquist (heavyweight). The two second-place finishers – Jesse Harrington (149) and Ryan Herwig (157) were awarded wild-card berths to nationals. Sheetz, a freshman, was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Wrestler after defeating the top-ranked wrestler in the country and Totten was named the Midwest Regional Coach of the Year for the second year in a row.

The eight national qualifiers traveled to Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the first weekend of March with dreams of the school’s first national championship and individual titles of their own. Four reached the second day of action to assure themselves of All-American accolades, including Wilcox who became the fifth Aggie in as many years to qualify for the championship finals.

Wilcox, a junior transfer and the number two seed in his weight class, won his first three matches to reach the finals. He suffered an 8-2 loss to top-seeded and undefeated Romeo Djoumessi of Wartburg College, but concluded a memorable first season with the Aggies with a 28-3 record, a Midwest Regional title and national runner-up finish and All-American honors.

In addition to Wilcox’s heroics, Herwig made an incredible run in the consolation bracket and took third in his weight class. Bilquist finished in fifth place while Sheetz was sixth. The All-American accolades were the first for all four wrestlers.
Hall of Fame Honors

Amy Follweiler Sleboda ’93 (field hockey) and Jason Stackhouse ’00 (baseball) were officially inducted into the Delaware Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime on the Aggie home football game at Homecoming.

Sleboda was a three-time all-Middle Atlantic Conference Northeast Section midfielder and a three-time team Most Valuable Player. She served as a team captain in her last three years and helped lead the Aggies to back-to-back winning seasons in 1991 (8-7-2) and 1992 (10-6) – just the second time in program history.

An all-region and all-league honoree as well as the 1999 MAC-Freedom League Most Valuable Player, Stackhouse was one of the main keys behind some of the most successful baseball seasons in school history. He is listed in the school’s top 10 in four separate career pitching categories and is still in the NCAA record books as his five walks in just 94 innings (0.48 base on balls ratio) of the 1998 season placed second in Division III history for a single season (now ranked third). In ’99, he led Delaware Valley to its best campaign in school history as the Aggies went 31-7 and captured the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southern Region Championship.

In addition to the inductees, former Delaware Valley College President Dr. Thomas Leamer received the Hall of Fame Fan Appreciation Award. Seniors Moira Donohue and Kirstyn Ruhling were awarded the Ned A. Linta Hall of Fame Award.

Soccer Qualifies for Freedom Playoffs

The Aggie women’s soccer team, under head coach Kevin Doherty, qualified for the Freedom Conference playoffs for the third time in the 14-year history of the program. In the semifinals, they dropped a 2-0 decision at eventual conference champion Manhattanville College.

Junior forward Elise Dauber had a year to remember as she was named the Freedom Conference Player of the Year as well as a third-team, all-Mid Atlantic region selection. It marked the fifth time that an Aggie received the Player of the Year honor as Dauber joined Emilie Replogle, who won the award three straight years from 1996 to 1998, and Ana Meca, who took home the honor following the 2005 campaign. Dauber also joined Replogle (four times) as the only two players in program history to be named to the all-region squad.

Dauber led the team and the Freedom Conference in goals (16), game-winning goals (4) and points (39). She also paced the Aggies and was tied for second in the league in assists with seven. Dauber will enter her senior season just 17 points shy of becoming the third player in school history (Replogle and Meca are the others) to reach the 100-point milestone.

Women’s Basketball Reach the Playoffs

For the sixth time in the last eight years, head women’s basketball coach Laura Hogan ’90 and her squad extended their season an extra week as they qualified for the Freedom Conference playoffs.

The Aggies finished 13-13 overall, 7-5 and tied for third in conference action. They entered the semifinals as the fourth seed and battled nationally-ranked DeSales University to the end before dropping a 78-72 decision. DeSales eventually went on to win the conference championship and reach the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

The guard trio of Moira Donohue, Kim Vennera and Brittany Battinieri were each honored by the Freedom Conference when its postseason accolades were announced. Donohue, a senior, was a first team, all-Freedom selection while Vennera, a sophomore, earned a spot on the second team. Battinieri’s freshman campaign was capped by being named the conference’s Rookie of the Year.

Donohue, who was a second-team honoree last season, led the conference and set a Delaware Valley single-season record for 3-pointers with 76. She also paced the squad and placed third in the conference in both scoring (17.2 avg) and assists (3.7 avg). Donohue’s standout senior campaign also saw her break the school’s all-time record for treys with 189 and finish fifth in scoring with 1,336 points.

Vennera placed in the conference’s top 10 in four categories, including scoring and rebounding, where her averages of 13.8 points and seven boards per game each ranked seventh. Battinieri averaged 10.9 points per game and was fifth in the Freedom Conference in 3-pointers with 48.
Two Aggies were recognized for their work in athletics and in the classroom as they were named to regional all-academic teams. Junior midfielder **Nicki Martini** was named to the 2007 National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas Women’s Scholar All-East Region Team as an honorable mention selection. She was tied for third on the team in scoring, with three goals and three assists for nine points, and helped Delaware Valley qualify for the conference playoffs. Martini is a food service management major who maintains a 3.54 cumulative grade point average.

Senior setter **Bonnie Zobel** of the volleyball team was named to the ESPN The Magazine College Division Academic All-America Team as a second-team, all-district honoree. It was the second year in a row that Zobel earned a spot on the squad as she was a first-team, all-district selection in 2006. She started all 24 matches and ranked second in the Freedom Conference with an average of 7.4 assists per game. Zobel is a biology major who holds a perfect 4.00 cumulative grade point average.

### Fall All-Conference Team Honors

**CROSS COUNTRY**
- Brittany Schwartz - First Team
- Caitlin Dorgan - Second Team

**FIELD HOCKEY**
- Michelle Cernobyl - Second Team
- Bethany Pavlik - Second Team

**MEN’S SOCCER**
- Eric Maciag - Second Team

**VOLLEYBALL**
- Andrea Wolf - First Team

### Athletes Honored

The following Delaware Valley student-athletes were named to the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation (MASCAC) Fall and Winter 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):

- Amanda Barr - Women’s Cross Country, Women’s Indoor Track & Field
- Cortney Bower - Women’s Soccer
- Sara Brown - Women’s Cross Country, Women’s Indoor Track & Field
- Gordon Davis - Football
- Tom Drummond - Men’s Soccer
- Rachel Federico - Women’s Indoor Track & Field
- Dan Fenstermacher - Men’s Cross Country, Men’s Indoor Track & Field
- James Hammond - Men’s Cross Country, Men’s Indoor Track & Field
- Kelly Harding - Women’s Indoor Track & Field
- Christen Hartman - Volleyball
- Greta Heagy - Women’s Indoor Track & Field
- Jackie Holdsworth - Volleyball
- Kate Kish - Volleyball
- Lauren Lansberry - Field Hockey
- Nicki Martini - Women’s Soccer
- Jen McCarthy - Women’s Basketball
- Bethany Pavlik - Field Hockey
- Emily Perryman - Women’s Soccer
- Melissa Plourde - Women’s Cross Country, Women’s Indoor Track & Field
- Megan Rotz - Women’s Basketball
- Katie Richter - Field Hockey
- Greg Rissinger - Football
- Brittany Schwartz - Women’s Cross Country, Women’s Indoor Track & Field
- Nick Shute - Football
- Ralph Stambaugh - Football
- Kery Swope - Men’s Soccer, Men’s Indoor Track & Field
- Ashley Unger - Volleyball
- Andrea Wolf - Volleyball
- Bonnie Zobel - Volleyball
Dear Fellow Alumni,

It has been a tremendous semester for our alma mater, with many special occasions culminating in the May 9 Inauguration of our 12th president, Dr. Joseph S. Brosnan, and the May 23 Commencement ceremonies.

Alumni from near and far traveled for college-sponsored events and public gatherings, including the Pennsylvania Farm Show, the Philadelphia Flower Show, Career Day, and a special event held at the ESPN Zone in Baltimore, MD. Of course, we can't forget the wonderful weekend of A-Day.

Young alumni in the Philadelphia area joined for an evening aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia, the dinner cruise ship based at Penn's Landing. More than 100 alumni and friends took part in the three-hour cruise up the Delaware River and had the opportunity to catch up with old classmates and meet new friends while enjoying a delightful dinner with live entertainment.

There are many ways to contribute as an alumnus of the college. You could join us as we continue to work with students through our Undergraduate Liaison Committee. Alumni come to campus to promote a closer relationship between the two groups through socials, campus projects, and special events. It's a very active committee that meets once or twice a month to develop alumni-student activities.

You might also want to volunteer to serve on the Alumni Executive Council. The AEC helps with the organization of special alumni events on and off-campus as well as help guide college administrators and faculty on trends in business and industry. As an AEC member, you may find yourself at Homecoming, A-Day, or another DeVal event helping to continue our vibrant, exciting traditions.

Additionally, I invite you to participate in the college’s Annual Fund. Your financial support is an important and critical force in shaping and strengthening DeVal. Evidence of this support is noticeable from a variety of perspectives throughout our campus. I urge you to continue making an impact on the success of our students and alma mater.

I was honored to be a part of the Inauguration in early May. In his first year at DeVal, Dr. Brosnan has taken the opportunity to be a part of the college not just as its head administrator, but as a “student” of the college by learning, listening, partaking in student events, and asking questions of direction and mission. I’m sure that after you meet him, you’ll agree Dr. Brosnan is as enthusiastic about the potential of Delaware Valley College as we are.

As always, if you’re in the area, be sure to visit the college and say hello to faculty and staff as they prepare for the returning students and the class of 2022! I’m always glad to say I’m a graduate of Delaware Valley College, and I know that you are too.

Sincerely,

Ray Cupples ’64
President of the Alumni Association
BALTIMORE RECEPTION

Alumni and their spouses met at the ESPN Zone in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor on January 9 for an evening of great food, fun and games. The nearly 30 attendees enjoyed a private room and a catered meal before trying out some of the activities the ESPN Zone had to offer.

The Baltimore event brought together a wide range of alumni, with members of the classes of '63, '64, '81, '88, '94, '98, '99, '01, '03, '04, '05 and '06 present.

SPIRIT OF PHILADELPHIA

Over 75 alumni from the classes of 1997-2007 set sail on the Spirit of Philadelphia on April 4. This was DelVal’s first-ever Young Alumni Event. Participants shared dinner and drinks along with a three-hour cruise on the Delaware River. Look for this to become an annual alumni event!

TAKE US TO THE GAME!

On March 16, spring training in Fort Lauderdale found alumni from the classes of 1931 to 2006 cheering in the stands. Alumni started their day with a pregame picnic-style lunch. Afterward, they filed into their seats to root on the Baltimore Orioles versus the Washington Nationals.
**Institutional Advancement Welcomes New Staff**

Roy T. Ortman of Doylestown has been named Grant Writer. Ortman will be responsible for research and development of grant proposals for foundations, corporations and private and government entities, stewardship strategies, proposal management, presentations and communications.

Ortman earned his bachelor of science degree from American University in Washington, D.C.

Bill Keller of Lansdale joined the Department of Communications and Public Relations as Web Editor. Keller is responsible for writing, editing and monitoring all content of the Delaware Valley College website. He serves as photographer, writer and editor for a variety of the college’s publications. He can also be found representing DelVal at many local events and functions.

Keller earned his bachelor of the arts degree from York College of Pennsylvania. Prior to coming to DelVal, he worked as a freelance writer/web designer with United Way of York County.

**IRA MOUMGIS ’51**

*A Friend Remembered*

Ira Moumgis passed away March 7, 2007. In his will, Ira Moumgis, made a bequest to Delaware Valley College in the amount of $562,000. Moumgis was a dairy science major and, no doubt, loved the college. He had said that DelVal taught him discipline and he greatly valued the training he received while here. Moumgis claimed that founder Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf’s credo “science with practice” is what drew him to DelVal. “I remember milking the cows at 4 a.m. and again at 4 p.m.,” he said. He knew that the skills he gained were valuable to employers and helped set him on a successful career path.

Moumgis worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and resided in Johnstown, PA. During his years at DelVal, he participated in the Dairy Club, Animal Husbandry Club, Livestock Judging Team and the baseball team. His generous gift will make a lasting impact on the lives of DelVal students and faculty.

La Rosa was also featured in a February 24 Los Angeles Times story about the presidential campaign. Go to latimes.com and (search for larosamccain) to view the story.

**1950**

Stanley Barber ’52 and Elizabeth Mitchell renewed their wedding vows in celebration of 10 years of marriage this past May. About 80 guests joined them at a reception following the church service.

Frank LaRosa ’52, was honored on September 28, 2007, for his work as chairman of Doylestown Township’s Oktoberfest. LaRosa, a.k.a. “Mr. Oktoberfest,” retired from his role as chairman of the annual event after nine years. "It’s just time to move on,” he said. "It’s time for a change." As chairman, LaRosa, 77, was responsible for fund-raising for the festival. The retired financial counselor has raised in excess of $200,000. Proceeds from the event benefit the ongoing and future development within Doylestown Township’s park system and activities. He continues to stay active in the community in other ways. He is a volunteer chaplin at Doylestown Hospital; he is also a deacon at Doylestown Presbyterian Church and a certified Laugh Leader with Love Hugs and Laughter, a nonprofit organization that is geared toward lifting people’s spirits.

Kevin L. Keim ’68 (BIO) was named to New York University’s prestigious Science Board of Advisors reporting to NYU’s Dean of Science. Kevin received his doctorate from NYU in 1978. The Board will advise the Dean to identify the resources for expansion, attract leading faculty and enable innovative educational programs. Kevin is also a member on Delaware Valley College Board of Trustees and Board Director representing DelVal’s partnership in the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County. Kevin and his wife Jacqui currently reside in Raleigh, North Carolina; Kevin is the Chief Development Officer for INC Research.

**1980**

Dr. Darryl Fosbrook ’83 (OH) was invited to present an educational paper in St. Petersburg, Russia, in November, 2006. He spent November 3-12 in Russia working with other American and Russian educators. The program was sponsored by People to People.

Bob Charette ’86 (Chemistry) was recently promoted to colonel in the United States Marine Corps. He is currently working at the Joint Requirements Oversight Council in the Pentagon. Bob, Donna, and John are living in northern Virginia.
Pierre (PJ) Guyre-Juliano ’88 graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey with a doctorate in Physical Therapy on May 22, 2007. He recently joined the staff at Hackensack University Medical Center as a physical therapist.

Lt. Col. Clifford S. Weinstein ’83 assumed command of III Marine Expeditionary Force’s 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company on October 11, 2007, at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan. Weinstein was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1989 after graduating from DeLVal. In 2002, he deployed to Afghanistan with the U.S. Army 18th Airborne Corps as part of Combined Joint Task Force 180 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Between March and May 2003, Weinstein deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Weinstein’s personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 gold stars and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.

Gail Mirabella ’91 (Animal Science) was featured in a story in the July 2007, Ladies Home Journal. Gail and her “flying dogs” perform for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus. They do a high-energy act with the dogs performing acrobatics as they chase flying disks. Prior to joining the circus, Mirabella worked in the pharmaceutical industry.

Stephen Crone ’92 (Business Admin.) has been named assistant vice president of field office services for Harleysville Insurance. In this position, he manages the implementation and support of all agency technology. Crone joined Harleysville in 2003 as an information technology relationship manager. He was named to manage the field office services support group in 2006.

During his time with Harleysville, he also has served as a project manager for the company’s personal lines replacement system project. Before joining Harleysville, he was a principal consultant for Keane, Inc. in Blue Bell, Pa.

Scott Barnett ’93 is currently working as an agronomist for Homestead Nutrition in New Holland, PA.

Army Reserve Master Sgt. Alex R. Lazano ’99 has been mobilized and activated for a future deployment. He will be in an undisclosed location to support the mission in Operation Enduring Freedom. Lozano, who is a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear superintendent, has served in the military for 15 years.

Maureen (O’Brien) Fauty ’99 (ASC) received a Master’s degree in Quality Assurance and Regulatory Compliance from Temple University in 2006. She currently works for GlaxoSmithKline in King of Prussia, PA.

1990

An “Aggie Gathering” was held on June 3, 2007, at the home of Ben Snively ’59 in Holtwood, PA.

Front Row, L to R — Ben Snively ’59, John Plog ’59, Joan & Ray Heinzelmann ’58; Dave Kantner ’60,

Second Row (seated) — Connie Kantner, Ellen Plog, Rich Haas ’58, Gerry McMahon ’58.


Members of a DeLVal fraternity of yesteryear joined with Dr. Brosnan at Homecoming telling stories of pranks and thanks.
Julia Krout ’04 was recently awarded the DVB-AALAS Spectrum Pharma-Quip Specialties, Inc., Scholarship. She is a student in the Drexel University’s Masters of Laboratory Animal Science.

Patrick Lenahan ’07 (Business Administration /Accounting) has joined the accounting staff of Bedard, Kurwicki & Co., a midsized, full-service accounting firm in Flemington.

(L-R): Heather Price (fellow MLAS and scholarship winner), professor/advisor Dr. Richard Huneke and Julia Krout ’04.

RYAN FEALY

It's 4:00 on Sunday afternoon. Ryan Fealy clears his throat, slips on a pair of head phones and pulls the microphone close.

"Good Afternoon; you’re listening to ‘Hair Nation.’ This is Ryan Knight, coming to you live..."

Few people know that 2003 Delaware Valley College graduate is none other than Ryan Knight, D.J. Extraordinaire! Each Sunday from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Ryan broadcasts his 80's Rock show, Hair Nation, live from Lehigh University.

Perhaps the part-time radio gig sounds a bit unusual, but what’s even more striking is what Ryan Fealy has accomplished at such a young age. At only 27, Ryan has a B.S. in Mathematics and both a B.S. and an M.S. in Chemistry, standing head and shoulders above his peers. Ryan plans to return to school to complete his Ph.D.
**Engagements**

Danielle Vacirca ’01 is thrilled to announce her engagement to Kenneth J. Brodsky. “After 7½ years of being apart, my sister reintroduced us, and we realized that we never stopped thinking about each other. We are planning a Fall 2009 wedding.”

Rich Gear ’02 (Criminal Justice) and Jackie Neil ’05 (Sports Management) are happy to announce their engagement. Rich is currently working in education in Philadelphia at an alternative school along with coaching part-time for DelVal Football. Jackie is currently the Director of Alumni Relations at DelVal. The two are planning a May 2009 wedding.

Andrew Lutz ’06 announces his engagement to Lisa Batz. He proposed on August 31, 2007, on home plate of Fenway Park, where he served as an intern to the Boston Red Sox. He worked with the team throughout their trip to the World Series.

Dale Davis ’06 and Dana Ronyack ’06 are pleased to announce their engagement. They will be married on March 8, 2008.

Danielle Vacirca ’01 and Rich Gear ’02

**Marriages**

New Jersey. He resides in Bethlehem, PA.

Ashley Ziegler ’06 and Michael Brunner were married on July 29, 2006, at their church in Coopersburg, PA. The happy couple honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Taryn Bartholomew ’04 and Aaron Evans ’04 were united in marriage on May 19, 2007, in Bloomsburg, PA. The newlyweds honeymooned on the Kenai Peninsula of Alaska. Taryn teaches for the University of Virginia’s Child Development Center, while Aaron is the Irrigation Foreman for Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville, Virginia. After the wedding, the couple returned to their home in Nelson County, Virginia.

Janet Shull ’00 and Phil Almquist were married on July 21, 2007, at Lehman Memorial United Methodist Church in Hatboro PA. The happy couple honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Janet is working as a lease administrator for American Financial Realty Trust in Jenkintown, PA. Phil is employed as a category analyst for Pinnacle Foods in Mt. Lakes, NJ. They reside in Warrington PA.

Amanda Desiderio ’02 married Andrew Pruss, December 29, 2007 in State College, PA. The happy couple are enjoying life together on their gentleman’s farm in Center County, PA. Amanda is an assistant director of development for the College of Agricultural Sciences for PSU. Andy is a contract coordinator for PSU and served as an officer in the Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Daisy Reasinger ’05 and Stephen Byzek ’04 were married on July 7, 2007, in Fallsington, PA. The couple reside in Mount Airy, Maryland. Daisy is a Senior Veterinary Technologist with Charles River Laboratories and Steve is a Manufacturing Associate with Baxter, Inc. Several DelVal alumni were in attendance including Jeff Thomas ’03, Mike Adamek ’04 and Casey Sparks ’05, all of whom were all in the wedding party.

Meredith (Farrow) Wilson ’03 married Dan Wilson of Bentleyville, PA, on May 26, 2007, at the Wilson Farm in Bentleyville. They reside now in Pittsburgh, PA.

John H. Coombs, Jr., ’05 (Agronomy) married Mary Lee Colson on May 19, 2007, at Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church in Daretown, NJ. A reception was held at the groom’s family farm in Elmer, NJ. The couple honeymooned in Cancun before settling into their home in Elmer.

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Pruss

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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brunner

Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Evans

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Byzek

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Coombs Jr.
Alumni Achievement Awards

The Alumni Association held this year’s ceremony at the Krauskopf Memorial Library during homecoming. When discussing this year’s Alumni Awards, we were reminded of the importance of maintaining a steady growth of supportive alumni through annual giving.

Richard Clark ’50
President’s Distinguished Alumni Award

Timothy Ireland ’85
Animal Science Award

Ken Clemmer ’75
Business Award

Bradley Savage ’02
Continuing Education Award

Kevin Keim ’68
Science Award

Brian Kahn ’76
Plant Science Award

Jack Kamison ’31*
National Farm School Award

Catherine Skwara ’75
Arthur Brown Alumni Achievement Award

Laurie Phillips
Faculty and Staff Appreciation Award

Louis Coppens ’65
Secondary Education Award

*Dave Kamison ’70 (shown above) accepted the award on his father’s behalf.
**In Memoriam**

**Bernard “Barney” Jarin ’39** of Fountainville, Bucks County, PA, died on December 5, 2007.

**Alex D. Greenblatt ’50** died April 3, 2008, following a lengthy illness. He was a retired chemistry teacher, having taught for 30 years in the Bellmore-Merrick School District in Merrick, NY, before retiring in 1984.

**David J. Suchanic ’76** passed away on Sunday, August 19, 2007. Dave was a dear friend to DelVal as a student, guest lecturer, and he held seminars on the campus. He was the beloved husband of Angela and a devoted father to his three young children, Elizabeth, Nicholas and Benjamin.

**Dale Masters ’82** died on August 20, 2007, after a 16-month battle with angiosarcoma cancer.

**Former DelVal President Rorer Remembered**

William H. Rorer, III, of Lumberville, PA, has died after a short illness. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1958, after which he served in the U.S. Navy until 1963. After his naval career, Mr. Rorer was employed by William H. Rorer, Inc., a pharmaceutical company founded by his grandfather, where he worked until 1987. Mr. Rorer served as president of Delaware Valley College from 1987-1990. Upon retirement, Mr. Rorer was president of William H. Rorer Inc. and executive vice president of the present company, The Rorer Group.

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**Births**

Bruce ’83 (AG) and Kelly Rickert ’85 (AG) announce their newest addition, Christopher Ambrose. He was born on September 24, 2007, weighing 8 lbs 2 oz and 21 inches long. He is welcomed home by big brother David (17) and big sister Anna (15). Everyone is doing great!

**Steven Fischer ’89** and his wife Claudia are happy to announce the birth of Hannah Elise on June 16, 2007. She was born at Doylestown Hospital and joins big brothers Jaryn (5) and Braeden (3).

**Krista ’93 and Carl ’92 Schaible** have a new daughter, Sarah Grace, born September 11, 2006, who joined big brother Colton, 8 years old, and big sister Hannah, 6.

**Scott Barnett ’93 and Marian**


**Katrina Ertl Pinson ’96** and Dana Pinson are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Tobias Kipp Pinson. He was born on February 24, 2007, at Doylestown Hospital and weighed 6 lbs 12 oz. He joins big brother Malakai (4 yrs) and big sister Rachell (19 yrs).

**Christopher Lotano ’96** and Kristen Lotano gave birth to their first child, a 7 lb. baby boy, Gabriel, on Thursday, July 26, 2007.

**Diane Ott ’97** and husband Steve Miller ’97 are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Ethan Thomas, on January 7, 2007, at St. Ann’s Hospital in Westerville, Ohio. He weighed 7 lb., 14 oz.

**Mandy Lynn (Hetzendorf) ’97** and Stanley Anthony Przychodzin, III ’99 along with their daughter Dana Lynn announce the birth of their son, Kyle Anthony on May 1, 2007.

**Karen (Kulp) Butterworth ’98** and husband, Gary, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter on November 13, 2006. Melissa Kate Butterworth was born at Doylestown Hospital and weighed 6 lbs., 6 ozs. and was 20 inches long. She joins her sister, Ashley, who is 7 years old.

**Vonna (Doyle) DeArmond ’98** and Skip DeArmond had a baby boy, Ezekiel “Zeke” DeArmond born May 18, 2007.


**Jennifer (Schaeffer) Basile ’00 (Chemistry)** and **Ryan Basile ’98 (Ornamental Horticulture)** are pleased to announce the birth of a happy and healthy baby boy. Isaac Ryan was born on July 9, 2007. The family lives in Silverton, Oregon.

**Tracie Zakarzewski ’03** and James D’Ambrosio are pleased to announce the birth of Joshua Patrick D’Ambrosio. He was born on December 11, 2007 at 9:54 am. Joshua weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz.

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The Annual 1896 Society Gala was held at Delaware Valley College this past fall. At the affair, DelVal’s president, Dr. Joseph Brosnan, acknowledged Elizabeth H. Gemmill for a gift of $210,000 from the Warwick Foundation established by the Gemmill family. A plaque commemorating this gift and the foundation’s generosity was on display for the evening. The grant was used to build a state-of-the-art small ruminant facility where the plaque now hangs. The new facility provides students with an opportunity to see first-hand a structure that facilitates management practices associated with modern, economical sheep and wool production. It also permits the college to expand its community outreach programs for area farm-flock producers. A workroom facility is also included for teaching surgery, artificial insemination and other demonstrations in livestock production.

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