Gerry Marini ’52
Fighting for a Drug-Free Workforce
Dear Friends;

With another fall semester underway, I am pleased to report that our enrollment continues to be very strong. We have had record enrollments in 2003, 2004, and 2005. This year is another record enrollment with 1612 full-time students. By any measure, we are still a small institution. But as I've said many times, our goal is not to be the biggest, just the best. Speaking of being the best, we have been named once again by the U.S. News & World Report as one of the best northern comprehensive colleges. Our goal is to become the best of the best.

As I write this column, we have just completed Homecoming 2006. The first event of this busy week was the 1896 Society Dinner at which we celebrated the successful completion of the Campaign for the Second Century. We had set a goal of raising $9,000,000 and at the end of the Campaign on June 30, 2006, we had not only met our goal but exceeded it with a total of $10,120,000. This has enabled us to put money into facility upgrades, academic equipment, technology, athletics, the Annual Fund and the endowment—six broad areas targeted for the Campaign. As part of the 1896 Society Dinner, we dedicated our new Philadelphia Room in Lasker Hall. This is a room where we can display recognition of donors and also receive special guests. This room was made possible through the generosity of Henry Wirth ’56 and Family and was given in honor of Dr. Joshua Feldstein, President Emeritus. Also during Homecoming, we dedicated the new Robert A. Lipinsky ’80 Football Field at James Work Memorial Stadium. In addition to new sod, the field has a new drainage system as well as automatic irrigation. The Homecoming weekend culminated with a very successful golf tournament that raised more than $50,000 for our endowed scholarship program.

When the students returned this fall, they came back to a new Health Center in Elson Hall. The north end of Elson, which had been a residence hall, has been remodeled into a state-of-the-art Health Center. The former Health Center has been remodeled for office space for our purchasing office, duplicating, and the Chief Information Officer. The Horticulture Building has had a major face lift with a new facade. Also, the two classrooms on the second floor have been refurbished, and stairs leading to those classrooms have been improved significantly. Students also returned to a number of cosmetic improvements in the residence halls (e.g., new lighting in the halls, painted doors, ceiling tile replacement, paint and repair to stairwells and new lighting in the entrance ways). The new Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center, which is three miles from the college and is in partnership with the Hepatitis B Foundation, was completed. The grand opening was held in early September. This is a state-of-the-art research facility that offers many opportunities for our students and faculty. We are teaching some of our Continuing Education classes at the Center. With the new Center being open, the Hepatitis B Foundation and Drexel University have moved out of the new wing of the Mandell Science Building which will give us additional laboratory space.

Many of the accomplishments mentioned would not be possible without the continued commitment and support of our alumni and friends of the College. You play a vital role in the continued evolution of Delaware Valley College. If you have not been involved in the College, I invite you to find some way to participate and make a difference. Our alumni and friends are an important part of the team that will continue to help make good things happen for our students now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Leamer, D.Ed.
President

Faces of the Future

Nearly two-thirds of all students must go in to debt to fund their college education. Delaware Valley College goes to great lengths to keep our tuition competitive and provide additional aid to help students and their parents make this all-important investment. This year’s Annual Fund will support The Great Scholarship Campaign to provide competitive financial aid packages and scholarships to more students, in larger amounts, in order to limit their debt obligations after graduation.

We hope you will consider renewing your past support of the Annual Fund with a gift to this important Campaign!

84 DelVal students received financial assistance from donor-established endowed scholarships this year. Please help us do more!
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ABOVE: This year’s 1896 Society Gala began in Lasker Hall with the dedication of “The Philanthropy Room,” made possible by Henry Wirth ’56. Participants then walked down the red carpet to the Student Center for dinner and a message of our sincere thanks to 1896 Society members.

COVER: Gerry Marini ’52 is a frequent face on campus. He can be found at Board of Trustee meetings or cheering at a football game. The cover photo was taken inside the Joseph Krauskopf Memorial Library with the backdrop displaying the historic Moravian tiles in the fireplace stonework.
“Those were the days my friend, we thought they’d never end,”—that was theme for this year’s Delaware Valley College homecoming. The College community was invited to “... sing and dance, forever and a day.”

The words of that 1968 hit and theme of this year’s Homecoming were more poignant this year knowing it was to be Dr. Thomas C. Leamer’s last homecoming as president. He recently announced his retirement for July 2007.

The Philanthropy Room Dedication

Homecoming 2006 began with the dedication of “The Philanthropy Room,” made possible by a gift from Henry Wirth ’56 and family in honor of Dr. Joshua Feldstein ’52. The Philanthropy Room, located in the lobby of Lasker Hall, adds a state-of-the-art conference room to the campus. The room recognizes the contributions to the Campaign for the Second Century, members of the Founders Society, and also 2005-2006 members of the 1896 Society.

Wirth explained at the dedication how he’d come to America from Europe in the 1930’s with little in the way of finances and that Delaware Valley College had offered financial assistance for his education. The Philanthropy Room was a way of giving back to the institution that had given him so much.

Henry Wirth ’56, pictured below, is President of Henry Wirth & Associates, an Atlanta-based real estate development firm.
Following the dedication of The Philanthropy Room, Homecoming continued with a walk down the “red carpet” to the Student Center and “A Night with the Stars.” The carpet was adorned with gold stars that were engraved with the names of our Campaign donors. At the end of the red carpet were “Joan Rivers” and the “Paparazzi”, critiquing the evening wear and snapping photos of our Delaware Valley College stars. Other guest appearances were made by “Chaplin”, “Elvis”, “Marilyn”, “Dolly”, “The Blues Bros” and, of course, our very own mascot, Caesar the Ram. The night was hosted by “Ed Sullivan” who regaled the assembly with his usual deadpan humor and witty stories of yore.

Dr. Leamer thanked participants in the Campaign for the Second Century and members of the 1896 Society for their contributions to the College’s goals and expressed his gratitude to members of the Board of Trustees for their unwavering support during his tenure as president.

Jason Ketter, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, then surprised Dr. Leamer with the announcement of the creation of the Thomas C. and Susan B. Leamer Endowed Scholarship, a fund to further the support of financial assistance to future generations of Delaware Valley College students.
The weekend continued on Friday night with the President’s Reception at the President’s residence, then on Saturday with the Homecoming Parade through downtown Doylestown. More than 30 vehicles and floats followed Honored Alumnus Robert A. Lipinski ’80 and the horse-drawn carriage of President and Mrs. Leamer. Even the Mummers were part of this year’s festivities!

At the Alumni Achievement Awards, eight alums were recognized for their contributions to their individual fields including Dr. James E. Diamond ’61, who received the President’s Distinguished Alumni Award, Richard Smith ’68 recognized with the Animal Science award, Thomas Hawk ’65, the Plant Science award, Brad Bittner ’90, the Secondary Education award, Harold Nightwine ’63, the Business award, Dr. Alfred Furie ’52, recognized with the Science award, Herman Wilensky ’42, the National Farm School award, and Robert Sauer ’65, the Arthur Brown award. Additionally, freshman Brittany Schwartz was awarded the Alumni Freshman Scholarship in honor of Richard Clark ’50; Junior Lisa Bednarz was awarded the Alumni Junior Scholarship in honor of Robert Sauer ’65; and Junior Tara Fetzer was awarded the Alumni Junior Scholarship in memory of David Washko ’67.

Robert A. Lipinski’s family and friends were on hand to witness the dedication of the Robert A. Lipinski Field at James Work Memorial Stadium prior to the football game. Lipinski was a major contributor to the reconstruction of the College’s 29-year old football field. The more than $300,000 project included upgrading the drainage system, a new irrigation system, regrading the field and track areas, and the addition of a heavy-weight bluegrass sod.

The traditional alumni soccer game, alumni women’s basketball game, football game, the women’s soccer game, and Aggies Field Hockey, then men’s soccer filled out a busy day for athletes on Saturday. At halftime during the football game, Brian J. Turner ’07 was crowned Homecoming King and Jaclyn Christman ’08 was crowned Homecoming Queen.
If there were a more perfect day for golf, it couldn’t have been any better than the day the College enjoyed for the 11th Annual Golf Classic held in early October. Sunny, warm, and wonderful!

Annual Fund director and Tourney co-chair Susan Blazer welcomed more than 125 golfers to the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, a Toomey & Flynn course known as the first club in the Philadelphia area to be organized exclusively for golf.

At the turn, Dr. Leamer and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Jason Ketter expressed their thanks to golfers for their participation. Funds raised from the event go directly to student scholarship via the Delaware Valley College Golf Classic Endowment Scholarship. This year’s event raised more than $56,000.

Sportscaster Tom Brookshier was then on hand to congratulate scramble score winners, announce silent auction high bids, and commiserate about the fifth hole which was the size of a quarter.

1st place low score included Charles Congdon, Bill Goldstein, and Bill Warden. 2nd place included Michael Rush, Brian Wolfgang, Frank Wolfgang, and Chris Cramer. 3rd place included Dick Carroll, Brian Partka, Mike Walton, and Lee Radick.

Closest to the pin winners were Brian Gjelsvik and Brian Wolfgang. The men’s longest drive winner was Chris Cramer; the women’s longest drive winner was Colleen Marsh. “Straightest to the line” winner was Jim Roney.

For more information and more pictures from the Delaware Valley Golf Classic, please visit www.devalcol.edu/golfclassic.

“Those were the days my friend, we thought they’d never end, let’s sing and dance, forever and a day” —Mary Hopkin
A world-class resource for research, education and new ideas.

The Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County grand opening was held in early September. The $12 million, 62,000 square foot Center was funded in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A joint partnership of the Hepatitis B Foundation and Delaware Valley College, the Center is a place of discovery, education and job creation with a shared vision of sustaining the vitality and beauty of Bucks County and the region. The Center seeks to advance biotechnology in Bucks County and the surrounding region, maximize synergies between non-profit scientists and their commercial colleagues, and launch new ideas and discoveries that will make a difference.

“Establishing this center enhances the potential of our College programs and will allow us to prepare students for careers in biotechnology in partnership with the Foundation. Beyond technology transfer, the Center will play a crucial role in the education of tomorrow’s researchers,” said Dr. Leamer.

Proclamations and recognitions were presented by Pennsylvania Senators Stewart Greenleaf, Joe Conti and Robert Wonderling; Pennsylvania House Representatives Chuck McIlhinney and Kathy Watson; Bucks County Commissioners; and the Buckingham Township Supervisors.
Merck CEO Tours Campus

With more than 100 Delaware Valley College alumni working for pharmaceutical giant, Merck & Co., Inc., in the West Point, Pa., offices alone and DelVal’s leadership in biotech partnerships in the area, it made sense for Delaware Valley College President, Dr. Thomas Leamer to meet and tour campus with Richard T. Clark, CEO and president of Merck.

The two were joined recently by former Congressman Jim Greenwood, current president of Biotechnology Industry Organization, a Washington, D.C.-based biotechnology trade organization, Merck Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy, Chuck Grezlak, and DelVal’s Board of Trustee member Tom Tryciecki.

The group toured DelVal’s campus, then the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County, a location jointly owned by Delaware Valley College and the Hepatitis B Foundation. This unique partnership has created a synergy for new technology, new companies, and extraordinary training opportunities in our community.

Alternative Energy Exposition

The College was the site of the 8th Congressional District’s first-ever Alternative Energy Exposition sponsored by Pennsylvania Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick. The Expo, held on August 4, featured panel discussions and exhibits highlighting new energy technologies. More than 200 people took advantage of the opportunity to test-drive hydrogen cars and see first-hand some of the flex-fuel vehicles offered by today’s automakers.

Leaders in the ethanol, biodiesel and solar industries and the public transportation industry were on hand to discuss the issues of renewable energy and how the world’s dependence on oil is causing climate change and environmental damage. In addition to the panel discussions, visitors were able to tour exhibits featuring new energy technologies. Vehicles on display included a GM HydroGen3 Fuel Cell Minivan, a Chevrolet Silverado Hybrid, a GM E-85 Avalanche, a Ford Escape Hybrid, a Toyota Prius, a Lexus RX 400h Hybrid, and even a SEPTA hybrid bus.

HOLIDAY FEST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
10am to 3pm
Santa will be here from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Take your picture with Santa and sample the goodies of the holidays! Live trees, wreaths, and DelVal-grown poinsettias.

MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
10 am to 12pm, Market Cafe
Learn how to make a gingerbread house and create memories with your family. Students from the Food Science program will be teaching.
Reservations: 267-688-6438, seating is limited.
$25 per house, includes all materials.

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Lee Iacocca’s words will never ring truer than when one takes a closer look into the Education Department at Delaware Valley College and considers the rigorous requirements of the state of Pennsylvania for teaching certification. The intensive studies program, strict requirements and student teaching practicum all help to mold today’s students into tomorrow’s top educators.

Delaware Valley College is a premiere provider of training for secondary education teachers. The curriculum focuses solely on this area, preparing students to teach grades 7 through 12 in the following concentrations: Agriculture, Biology, Business, Chemistry, English, General Science, Mathematics and Social Studies. Secondary school teachers help students delve more deeply into subjects introduced in elementary school and expose them to more information about the world.

Dr. Rachel Finley-Bowman, Department Chair, said DelVal is unique in that it focuses primarily on secondary education. “Our students benefit from this because they are poised to be good teachers in the classroom and content experts in their particular field of interest,” she added. “In fact, many graduates come out with dual certification, which makes them even more attractive in the job market. If they decide not to continue as a teacher, they can use their degree to move into their content field, like business or science.”

The average class size is about fifteen making the student/faculty ratio small and providing yet another advantage to students and faculty alike. They are able to form a closer bond which is vital to the faculty’s commitment to student advising and development.

“In Pennsylvania, the requirements for certification are among the toughest in the Mid-Atlantic region,” explained Dr. Bowman. “Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA through graduation. There is a lot of pressure, and advisors are sensitive to this and keep a close check on students. Counseling represents a significant portion of our interaction with the students.”
Students are also encouraged to get involved with clubs that align with their area of concentration. For example, an education student concentrating in agriculture may consider joining the Future Farmers of America. For an English concentration, that student may want to work with The Rampages or the Cornucopia. “This will look attractive to future employers,” Dr. Bowman said. “They want people that can be involved with the community, clubs and activities.”

This type of involvement is of particular importance to future educators. Teaching is like no other profession. A teacher wears many hats including communicator, counselor, member of a team or role-model. The job doesn’t end when the bell rings. The best of teachers will find themselves moderating a club, coaching a team or tutoring.

The Education Department is fortunate to have a very strong, dedicated faculty. They are experts in both content and the art of teaching and have experience in public and private schools holding terminal degrees from top universities.

Dr. Rachel Finley-Bowman is entering her third year as Department Chair and has been on the faculty at DVC since 2000. She received her Ph.D. in Anglo-Irish history from Lehigh University and has a special interest in women in Irish politics. She has authored many conference papers and journal publications and has become actively involved in curriculum reform, course development, and outcomes assessment at DelVal.

Dr. Paul Marino received his Ph.D. from Penn State University and has been in education for thirty-six years. He has spent thirteen years on the Delaware Valley College faculty. Twelve of those years, he was Department Chair. He is an active member of several on-campus committees and serves as a reviewer of certification programs for the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Dr. Anthony H. La Salle received his doctorate degree from Temple University in Secondary Education with an emphasis on curriculum and instruction. He received his M.S. and B.S. degrees in Business Education and Administration. Prior to joining the DVC faculty in 1997, Dr. La Salle was an administrator and teacher in the New Jersey public schools. He oversees the student teachers and has made it his mission to build partnerships with public schools in the area and provide authentic learning experiences for his students.

“Our students are the greatest selling point for the department,” commented Dr. Bowman. “They have had great success in the regional job market with a placement rate well over ninety percent.”

Also, in 2004-2005, Dr. Bowman points out that the department had a one hundred percent pass rate for the PPST Praxis tests, part of the teacher licensing certification process. The statistics are not yet in for the 2005-2006 school year, but look just as promising.

Several alumni come back to DelVal to serve on an external advisory board. Many alumni have also served as a cooperative teachers for student teachers. This is a comfort to the students as they get to work and learn from someone from their school. “We are a small college creating important and strong ties to the community and networks between students and alumni,” Dr. Bowman said.

Thus, the mission of the Education Department comes full circle. Its goal is to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become thoughtful, responsible, and caring teachers, who, informed by scholarship and research, are prepared for the challenges of educating tomorrow’s leaders. As students and alumni interact on so many levels, this goal is achieved over and over again.

— Jennifer Suskie
President Dr. Thomas C. Leamer Announces Retirement

Dr. Thomas C. Leamer, 65, announced his retirement. His last day of service is scheduled for July 13, 2007, exactly ten years after taking office.

“This was not an easy decision as I have truly enjoyed my work here and working with the many fine faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, and Board members,” Dr. Leamer said in a notice to the DelVal community.

“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 added more recently.

Leamer’s retirement comes as figures released from the college’s Registrar’s Office point to the largest enrollment in college history and the announcement that DelVal was again ranked in the top 25 of the U.S. News & World Report listing for northern comprehensive colleges.

“Dr. Leamer was exactly the president DelVal needed during the last decade,” said Patricia Hilton ’76, chairperson of the college’s Board of Trustees. “The college is a better place because of his commitment to academic excellence, his holistic approach towards students, his pursuit to stay on the cutting edge of science and technology and his vision for the future.”

Leamer is credited with boosting competitiveness for admission among new students, and in fact, enrollment of more academically qualified students rose more than 15 percent during his tenure.

In addition, his leadership helped the college grow with a recent boom in construction across campus. New and completed construction projects under Dr. Leamer’s watch include the newly built South Hall, a state-of-the-art residence hall which includes suite-style living quarters for more than 300 students; a refurbished dining hall, new entrance facades on more than ten buildings, three new NCAA fields (field hockey, baseball, and softball), new scoreboards, new parking facilities, technology upgrades, new barns and facilities for agriculturally-related operations, and the recently replaced turf at the football stadium. Additionally, 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.

“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,” says Hilton.

“He is an exceptional leader, a determined visionary, and a true friend to all of us. He will be sorely missed.”

-Patricia Hilton

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The Marini’s home sits nestled in a quaint wooded neighborhood in North Caldwell, NJ. It’s an unassuming residence but step inside and there is an impressive collection of memorabilia documenting Gerry Marini’s contributions to the business world. There’s also evidence of his active connections to, and his impact on, his alma mater. Marini, who recently stepped down after six years as chairman of Delaware Valley College’s Board of Trustees, is passionate about the college. His Alumni Achievement Award and a collection of photos from the college line his family room, and a DelVal captain’s chair sits in the living room. Of great importance to this former Aggie lineman, a MAC championship ring adorns Marini’s right hand, a reminder of the football team’s recent successes.

Marini settles comfortably into the corner of his sofa, dressed in a New York Jets polo and a pair of khaki shorts. It’s a rare day for him. His schedule is rather light. To call him retired is a misnomer, because at 77 years of age, Marini is the executive vice president of the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey, a Hoboken-based organization whose mission is simply to “unsell” the attraction of drug use to the people of New Jersey. It’s not a new endeavor for him. With more than 20 years experience, Marini is a driving force and a nationally recognized leader in the fight against drugs in the workplace.

“Drugs in the workplace is a given, whether it’s illegal substances or alcohol. Employees who are impaired by drugs aren’t productive. It’s not good for them personally and it’s going to affect the business’s productivity. It’s in a company’s best interests to work with impaired employees and get them back on the right track.”

Helping companies develop and implement drug policies is Marini’s forte. Prior to his role with the Partnership, he was the executive director of The Governor’s Council for a Drug Free Workplace, Inc., located in Trenton, NJ, and prior to that, he served as executive director of Drug Abuse Policy Initiatives for Hoffmann LaRoche, Inc., one of the world’s leading research-oriented healthcare groups with businesses in pharmaceuticals and diagnostics. In that capacity he helped develop and establish drug policies for the companies’ 5,000 American employees.
Marini also has an extensive business background, working his way up from entry-level sales in 1963 to serving as an officer of Hoffmann-LaRoche from 1978 until his retirement in 1993. From 1987 to 1993, he served as senior vice president of Roche Biomedical Laboratories, reporting to Thomas P. MacMahon President and CEO of Hoffmann-LaRoche.

From 1984 to 1989, Marini was president of Diagnostic Dimensions Inc. (DDI), a division of Hoffmann-LaRoche. DDI was one of the first nationwide services to help companies develop and implement substance-abuse intervention programs through a comprehensive approach of policy development, education, drug testing, and referrals to employee assistance programs. He has helped develop drug-free workplace policies in industries and communities on the state, federal and international levels and is often a featured speaker at conferences and seminars addressing drug use in the workplace.

While some might consider Marini’s work altruistic, he says there is a pragmatic reason for companies to develop drug policies. It’s a human resources issue, and it’s good for the bottom line.

“We found success came by appealing to companies’ wallets. We said, ‘Just open your books. Take a look at human resources. Look at your absenteeism. Look at your tardiness. Look at your accidents. Look at your workers compensation claims. If you could implement a program that would cut your rates in half, would you be interested? The response was always, ‘Absolutely!’”

“We appealed to their greed, but we also made them feel good about themselves. There are tremendous rewards for companies. The majority of people with problems with drugs in the workplace are not entry-level employees. It’s often the employees who have been with a company in a management position for seven or eight years. Their productivity starts to go down. They don’t act the same. They don’t look the same. Something has happened in their lives. If you can intervene early enough, get them help and turn a person around, you’ve saved a soul and that person becomes productive again. You’ve made a difference.”

The numbers he provides are thought provoking. The United States represents approximately four percent of the world’s population and possesses approximately 20 percent of the world’s wealth.

However, based on Drug Enforcement Administration estimates, Americans consume about 75 percent of the world’s production of illegal substances.

“If America stopped using drugs, which I realize is utopian, the economies of Colombia, Peru, Mexico, and Afghanistan would take a tremendous hit. All these countries that are providing marijuana, cocaine, heroin, PCP/angel dust. The money needed to purchase these drugs is available in this country. We need to change the way people think of drugs. People think of drugs as a social problem, but they don’t think about how drugs
affect people while they’re working and what that does to the company.”

New Jersey has active drug prevention programs and the birth of its workplace focus can be traced to a 1992 meeting between Marini and Hoffman-LaRoche president, Irwin Lerner; president of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, Bill Faherty; and then New Jersey Governor Jim Florio.

“The governor said, ‘This is not a drug in the workplace issue. This is a competitive initiative issue. How can our workers provide quality workmanship if they’re impaired or having difficulty?’ He was right. As I see it, the state has a responsibility to provide a safe and drug-free workplace for all of its citizens.”

From this meeting, The Governor’s Council for a Drug Free Workplace was born. With Marini leading the way, the Council in 1999 set out to build a membership and within two years, the rolls were at 500 members. Marini and his colleagues developed New Jersey’s first drug-free workplace kit, which members of the Governor’s Council received with their $100 dues. The kit instructed the employer on how to establish a policy. Much of the material Marini developed still remains core information some 12 years later.

“The information helps companies develop policies, the steps on how to do it. You don’t just pull it from the sky. It bubbles up from the organizational culture. Maybe it’s a company that is sensitive to its workers’ needs or it’s a safety-oriented company.

Marini saw the bigger picture and it translated well in elevating efforts in New Jersey. He also began to spread his message to many of the nation’s leading companies. As head of DDI, Marini traveled the country pitching his drug policy ideas to heads of other companies. Some readily saw the value of establishing policies. Others took a more traditional approach of drug testing and termination.

“We met with a CEO in Plano, Texas. He wanted to drug test everyone at his company. ‘I said, ‘What if they test positive?’ and he said, ‘We’ll fire ‘em!’ I asked him who the most important person at his company would be, other than him. He said his chief financial officer, the person who controls the wealth of the corporation, the assets. I asked, ‘What if we tested your chief financial officer and he tested positive for cocaine?’ and he said, ‘We’d have to get him help!’ When we put it in realistic terms the companies could understand, the importance of addressing this issue really began to interest them.”

The Governor’s Council for a Drugfree Workplace soon merged with another drug prevention organization, the Partnership for a Drug-free New Jersey, creating a more comprehensive statewide effort. Today’s Partnership for a Drug-free New Jersey serves as an anti-drug alliance to localize, strengthen and deepen drug and alcohol abuse prevention. It offers school-based initiatives, drug-free workplace assistance and parent education conferences. It also offers programs such as Shout Down Drugs, where children who have interests in music can develop a song with drug-free lyrics. The winner gets a $5,000 recording contract for studio time so they can cut a disc of their winning song. More than 20 schools from across the state competed in 2005. “It’s such a positive thing to watch. Some of the kids have real talent, and they really get into it. And the best way to reach kids is through peer to peer. Kids know what’s going on.”

As a grandfather of five, Marini takes a keen interest in the development of his grandchildren. He says programs like the Partnership’s 15-Minute Break would make a difference if parents used it.

“We have data showing that parents who talk to their children 15 minutes a day about anything—the Mets, hair, the arts, whatever turns the kid on—who engage them in conversation, make a difference in keeping their kids from using drugs.”
Marini’s understanding of substance abuse in the workplace has led to serving with many national organizations. He is a former board member of the American Council for Drug Education, where he chaired the Workplace Drug Advisory Committee. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Employee Assistance Partnership of Greater New York, Inc.; a member of Employee Assistance Professional Association, the Employee Assistance Society of North America, and the American Society for Industrial Security; and former co-chairman of the Private Sector Liaison Committee of the International Chiefs of Police. In recent years, Marini served as chairman of the International Drug Free Workplace Partnership in conjunction with the International Drug Control Program in Vienna, Austria, and Seville, Spain.

“The reaction of the Europeans was that this was an American problem. To a certain extent I can understand their thinking. Drugs are everywhere.”

Keeping his focus on drug prevention, Marini’s association with the Partnership allows him to sit on the board of Freedom House, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center located in Glen Gardner, NJ. He says his association with the house provides him with insights for policies for the workplace.

“Now I have a better understanding of ‘What do I do with the person who has a problem?’” The program is a nine-month, intensive program. “It’s like boot camp, and if you don’t do the work you get kicked out, and it’s your peers who kick you out.” Just 47 percent get through the program but of those who graduate from the program, 87 percent stay clean and sober, a tremendously high rate for a rehabilitation program.

The work started by Marini is seeing tremendous success in New Jersey. On August 10, the Partnership celebrated the membership of its 2,000th partner.

Looking back on his accomplishments, Marini credits some of his success to his days at the National Agricultural College. DelVal helped develop and strengthen his leadership skills, he says. “Going to a small school, for me, was great. I was privy to such wise people who shared their life experiences, and you absorbed some of it. Henry Schmieder, Jesse Elson, Josh Feldstein, Dave Segal. All of them taught us to get involved. If there’s an issue, deal with it, and I think that, in some way, led me to where I am today.”

Studying agronomy wasn’t a lifelong dream to a kid from the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. Marini had aspirations of playing football, had even signed a letter of intent to the University of Alabama, but practices in Tuscaloosa showed him that the Crimson Tide wasn’t for him, and he returned to New York, a fortuitous decision. His high school coach had played football with then Aggie coach Bernie Emil and recommended he take a look. Marini made the trip to Doylestown, and the small college made an immediate impact on him.

“People were friendly to me, and I had professors in the classroom who were coaches on the field. You couldn’t get away from them. They knew what you were doing and how you were doing, and they were interested in us not only as students but as young men. It made an impression.”

Marini spent four years on the Aggie gridiron playing right guard and right tackle, and his talent on the field was recognized with his 1987 induction into the Delaware Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduating in 1952, he joined the Army where he went on to graduate first in his class at leadership school from a class of 400. “I wasn’t the fastest guy there. I wasn’t the smartest guy there. I wasn’t the strongest guy there, but I applied myself and I think I applied myself because of the way I was raised but also, I think, because of my education at Delaware Valley College.”

Marini left the Army at the end of the Korean War and took a job as a sales representative with Hoffmann-La Roche pharmaceuticals. His future looked bright when he graduated from sales training rated first of 15 representatives “Why? Because I went to Delaware Valley College? No. It’s because I learned to study. I learned to care. I learned to...
commit, and I gained some of those skills at Delaware Valley College.”

“I had a diverse career. I was general manager at Pantene Corporation for eight years when they were part of Hoffman LaRoche. I went from pharmaceuticals to cosmetics. Now there was change. But I found success in that, I think, because I was very fortunate to be surrounded by very competent people. I also received great training at DVC. I received an education that held up against my colleagues, and some them came from Ivy League schools.”

Married to Rita, whom he met in high school while coming off the football field, Marini has a daughter, Stephanie and a son, Michael. He is passionate about his family and is equally excited about the future of the college. In June, he stepped down as board chair, turning those responsibilities over to Pat Hilton ’76. He can still be found at the college’s annual golf tournament, is a Homecoming regular, and is always ready to tout the benefits of a Delaware Valley College education. As chair of the board, he says he was able to see aspects of the college viewed by few others.

“This is a great time for the college, and I’m very excited. Enrollments are at their highest ever. We’re building these marvelous new facilities. As alumni, we received an education that isn’t found at many other schools. I think that makes us special.”

—Robert Nichols
In 1896, The National Farm School was founded and originally intended "to train young men in the science of agriculture." In 1946, the name changed to the National Farm School and Junior College. Two years later it became the National Agricultural College. In 1960 the school was renamed Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture. Finally, in 1989, the school became known by the name it still holds, Delaware Valley College.

Pennsylvania officially named A-day as a state fair last year. The first A-day was held on May 21, 1949. This day is a "gala event like a County fair, spirited with the essence of youthful competition." On this day there are exhibitions of livestock and farm machinery along with a flower show, cow milking contests, log sawing contests, and much more. The weekend event is organized and run entirely by DelVal students.

Pioneer Hall, built in 1897, was the first building on campus. This building featured classrooms, dormitories, a dining hall, a library and a kitchen. However, in 1923, Pioneer Hall burned down. This was extremely upsetting to the school family and especially to Dr. Krauskopf, who died later that same year, June 12, 1923.

Student Newspaper: Keen on changing names is the student newspaper. The first title in 1939 was known as The Gleaner. In 1953, it was named Campus News, however only one issue with this particular name was published. From 1953 to 1956 it was called The Spreader and at the end of 1956 it was known as Campus Crier. From 1957 to 1970 it was called The Furrow, then The Ram, then DVC Collegian, and then it changed again to its current name Ram Pages. Whew, that’s a mouthful!

Getting to the New Britain classrooms from Samuel Hall takes 1,070 steps. Try doing that walk at eight o’clock in the morning, while juggling your books and a latte.

Although the school began in 1896, students were not charged for tuition until 1934. The cost was 150 dollars for the first year and only 100 dollars a year for each additional year. Talk about a good deal!

Speed of Sound: The cement stairs in front of the All Purpose Room, better known as Dr. Joshua Feldstein’s “Campus Court”, are incredible. If two people squat down on opposite sides of the stairs and whisper, the whisper travels around the stairs to the other person’s ear. That is a true game of Whisper Down the Lane! Also, if you stand near the center of the stairs and talk your voice will echo. The funny thing is no one else can hear the echo, just you! It’s quite entertaining.

HAUNTING: Pennsylvania’s top ten-haunted list, “What’s Spooky in Pennsylvania?” references Ulman Hall. Dr. Krauskopf’s office is said to be haunted. The office holds his ashes. Some people say his papers rattle at night, and that the books on the shelves move around.

One night a security guard was in the library finishing his shift. He decided to sit near Dr. Krauskopf’s office and read the newspaper. When he left late at night and walked out of the library he felt as if there was someone beside him. He felt it was the ghost of Dr. Krauskopf. Another interesting story is of an alumnus. While hunting on campus, the man became very tired. He found a log on the ground and crawled inside and took a nap. When he awoke, it was almost as if the log had shrunk because he could not get out. When he finally said to himself that he must “pay his dues to the school” he was able to wiggle out of the log. After that he donated money and land to the school.

— Maria Holman ’10

Did you know?
Things you may not know about your alma mater

Remember these fun and unusual facts for great conversation starters!
Much talk nationally has been devoted to alternative energies, biofuels, and energy production capabilities of the future. The college added to the conversation with the addition a corrugated-steel windmill, designed to test the efficiency of wind-generated power to run a biodigester located just beyond the orchards on the South side of campus.

Project leader Professor Larry Hepner believes the college can lead the way in researching this type of renewable resource.

“We’ve been looking at how wind energy can help communities with the composting of waste for several years,” Hepner said. “In fact, the assembly of this windmill on campus is just one small part of the overall study.”

The study will continue through the end of 2007 and according to Hepner, will provide the empirical research needed to generate real change in how local governments approach the waste disposal needs of their townships.
It was a crisp autumn night, not unlike many other October evenings at CreekSide Farm. In the distance, an all-too-familiar high quavering cry could be heard.

The guardian dogs' ears perked up sensing the ominous origin of this noise. They patrolled the property with a fierce dedication and knew a danger lurked in the shadows of the moonlight, a danger that could strike at any moment. The perpetrators had been keeping a watchful eye on the farm all day and had come to know the daily routine. They would wait for the perfect moment to strike and then seem to disappear within the snap of a finger. How does one defend their livestock from this cunning predator? That is the challenge!

With neighboring communities so close, traditional methods have become taboo. Guns, poisons, traps all present a risk not worth taking. Hopefully, the keen eyes of the guardian dogs and their threatening bark will keep the unwanted strangers at bay.

We all have challenges that we meet at our jobs every day—bosses, meetings, deadlines. These seem to pale in comparison to what Sally Colby, a member of the DVC Class of 1975, describes as her biggest challenge—coyotes.

Colby and her husband, Terry Scholle, own CreekSide Sheep and Wool, a farm in Littlestown, PA, near Gettysburg. The main focus is raising market lambs in a rotational grazing system. There are about 250 ewes. This past spring, Colby found a market for several years' worth of wool, and now has blankets made from their sheep's wool.

Challenge is something that Colby has faced from the start. “I always liked animals and wanted to take care of them, but didn’t...
necessarily want to be a veterinarian,” she said. “I wasn’t raised on a farm and had no large animal contact other than some friends who had horses. My father used to take me to A-Day every year. This is where I realized, ‘Wow! You really can go to school to be a farmer.’”

While a junior in high school, Colby applied to Delaware Valley College only to receive a disappointing letter stating that it was strictly a men’s school. The tables turned, though, that following autumn during her senior year. She received a second letter stating that the school was now enrolling women and that she had been accepted. Colby began her journey as a member of the class of 1975, the first class including women, pursuing her degree in Animal Husbandry.

Colby recalled, “We were the first substantial group of women on campus. There were about thirty of us and we bonded right away. We all had very firm reasons for being there.”

Colby described her years at Delaware Valley College as a great experience. “I wanted to go to a small school,” she said. “The one-on-one instruction was key. We didn’t just watch, we did it. Whether it was welding or milking, we all had a shot. The professors were glad to be teaching in this setting and there was a lot of student contact.”

Although Colby was a commuter, she doesn’t feel that she missed out on anything. She spent a lot of time in the library and belonged to a variety of clubs like Block and Bridle, Dairy Society and the equine team.

After graduation, Colby’s DelVal connections helped her secure her first job at Norristown State Hospital as an intern. She was the first woman to work at this farm and was hired to work with the dry cows. It was believed a female would have more empathy for the cows at this very sensitive time. While drying out, cows can sometimes develop mastitis, which is a very painful inflammation of the udder.

About ten years ago, Colby was able to blend her two interests and began writing for agricultural publications. “I can go to conferences and meetings, pick out what’s important, and put the article in terms the reader will understand. Farming and writing have been a great combination for me. I feel my job is to educate other producers.” She writes under her maiden name as an honor and testimony to her father.

Colby often calls on other DelVal graduates for leads for information. She has created a network that is vital in agriculture.

As mentioned earlier, Colby believes one of the most important management aspects of her farm is predator control. There is a significant coyote problem in her region. The main predator control measure she takes is the use of livestock guardian dogs. Colby enlists the help of five Great Pyrenees dogs. These dogs walk among the sheep and move quietly. They work all night. “Primarily, it is their barking that scares coyotes away,” she explained.

Colby attended a “Predator Friendly” convention hosted by the Predator Conservation Alliance. Their goal is to certify producers as predator friendly, which means that no lethal means are used to control predators. “The predator friendly concept is going to become increasingly important as farms are surrounded by development,” Colby stated. “Many producers won’t have the option of using deadly force against predators, so adopting non-lethal methods of control will be even more important.”

Development presents a challenge for Colby, as well as many other farmers. “As people see more of farming, it brings about many questions,” she explained. “They don’t know why certain things are done. For instance, when I swing a lamb around by its legs to empty its lungs, it may appear as something totally different to an outsider. You have to have answers all the time.”

Colby will be speaking at the National Grassland Initiative in Kansas City on this topic. Her speech, “Under the Microscope,” will describe how farmers are being scrutinized by the public and must be prepared with explanations for their methods of daily tasks. “Today people are three or more generations removed from farming,” she stated. “It used to be one generation. Therefore, it is important to have programs to introduce children to farming. We have to keep educating and maintain openness so that others will understand what we’re doing and why.”

In conclusion, Colby remarked, “Although much of what I learned at Delaware Valley College has changed, because science itself is always changing, the methods-to-an-end-results are the same. At DVC, I learned how to learn, just as my father had predicted.”

— Jennifer Suskie

Through these connections, Colby has found that there is a proportionally higher number of Delaware Valley College alumni working in their field of major than any other school. “That says a lot for the school,” she remarked.
Go Aggies!

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

New Members Honored

Delaware Valley College held its Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony at halftime of the football team’s home opener against Lycoming College on September 16. Charles Holliday ’94 (cross country/track and field), Bob Leach ’98 (football) and Dr. Joshua Feldstein ’52 (honorary member) have been selected as new members.

In addition to the inductees, Roberta Kostick received the Hall of Fame Fan Appreciation Award while senior Joe Whitesell was awarded the Ned A. Linta Hall of Fame Scholarship.

CHARLES HOLLIDAY ’94
Cross Country/Track & Field

Holliday finished his collegiate career as one of the top runners in Delaware Valley College history as he was a two-time Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) champion, a three-time MAC medalist, a four-time MAC All-Academic Team honoree and a five-time team Most Valuable Player.

Holliday's cross country career saw him earn the Outstanding Harrier Award in 1991, 1992 and 1993. The two-time co-captain earned a medal at the 2003 MAC Championships when he took fourth place out of 86 runners with an 8,000-meter time of 27 minutes, 55.4 seconds. His performance helped the Aggies finish fifth in the team standings. Following the ’03 season, Holliday was named to the MAC Fall All-Academic Team for the second straight year.

Holliday was just as dominant in track and field as he was a team Most Valuable Athlete (track events) and MAC All-Academic Team member in both 1993 and 1994. In ’93, Holliday earned a medal by placing eighth in the 5,000-meter run (16:00.58). One year later, Holliday took top honors in the 1,500-meter run at the MAC Indoor Championships. The two-time captain followed with the championship at the outdoor event (4:02.70) and also medaled in the 5,000-meter event by finishing in fourth place (15:42.45) as the Aggies placed sixth in the team standings.
Despite standing just 5’5” and weighing 145 pounds, Leach finished his career as one of the top wide receivers in Aggie history. When his career ended, Leach ranked second all-time in receptions with 128 (fifth on the current list) and third in receiving yards with 1,624 (seventh on the current list).

Leach was named the recipient of the James Work Chancellor’s Award as the Aggie Most Valuable Player in both 1996 and 1997 and earned MAC-Freedom all-first team honors in ’97. He was also a three-time recipient of the Joe Fulcoly Award as the team’s Outstanding Back/Receiver and a two-time Bruno Award winner as the Homecoming Most Valuable Player.

Besides the number of awards, Leach was a two-time team captain and inspirational leader of the team. He helped Delaware Valley overcome the untimely death of head coach Chris Bockrath prior to the 1997 season. That year the Aggies improved from 1-9 to 5-5 for the program’s first non-losing season since 1998.

Leach returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach six years ago. He has played a key role in Delaware Valley’s recent run that has included two MAC championships and a pair of NCAA Division III quarterfinal appearances.
New Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Dorothy A. Prisco of Hackettstown, N.J., was recently named vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

In this new position, Prisco serves as chief academic officer overseeing curriculum, faculty program development and review, assessment and academic strategic planning.

Most recently, she served as dean of the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies at College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown, N.J. Prior to that, she was vice president for academic affairs at Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, Pa., from 1997 to 2000, Wesley College in Dover, Del., from 1992 to 1997 and Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ from 1977 to 1992.

Since 1986, she has served as a Middle States re-accreditation team member and was the chief academic reviewer for international college sites for the State of Delaware Department of Higher Education for five years. She wrote a biography of Elizabeth Carteret for a book titled Past and Promise: Lives of New Jersey Women and co-authored the textbook Fashion Merchandising Information.

Prisco earned her bachelor’s degree in English from Bard College, a master’s of English education from New Jersey City University and a master’s in clothing, textiles and design from the College of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Alabama. She earned her Ed.D. in social and philosophical foundations of education concentrating in higher education from Rutgers University.

What better way to say “I was thinking of you” than sending a postcard?

Send a virtual postcard to friends, family or classmates online. Create and customize your own Delaware Valley College virtual postcard. Simply visit http://www.devalcol.edu/postcards/ select a postcard image, address your postcard, include a message, and click send. Within seconds the recipient will receive your e-greeting. Check back often as new images will be added seasonally.

The Feldstein Horticulture Science Building, located near the train tracks southeast of the Feldman Building, received a much needed makeover over the summer, with more than $140,000 invested in a new entrance facade.

Construction included the addition of an energy-saving glass-paneled front fascia, a new staircase to reach the second floor, new carpeting, and a small foyer on the first floor.

The makeover was made possible by a lead gift from Joseph Umosella ’63 and from the estate of Maryann Carlson ’85.
Think your tuition actually covered all the costs of attending college?

Think again.

How is it colleges like Delaware Valley are able to keep tuition costs down and not have to resort to such extremes as cutting activities? A little thing known as the Annual Fund for Student Scholarships. Every college has an Annual Fund, and its main purpose is to defray costs tuition does not cover. DelVal, like many institutions, holds a variety of programs to help raise money for the Annual Fund. One of its most successful fundraising initiatives is the Phonathon.

Held twice a year, DelVal’s Phonathon is responsible for raising a large percentage of Annual Fund money. It is the students who volunteer to be callers. These student actual fundraising, and their hard work does not go unrecognized.

“Student callers are recruited, trained and paid to work the Phonathon,” says Sue Blazer, Director of the Annual Fund at DVC and coordinator of the Phonathon. “Students who show initiative and responsibility get the opportunity to work as supervisors and can earn a little more money.”

Yes, getting paid to volunteer your time and energy is definitely a plus…but want to make it a little more interesting?

“During each calling session, we play different games and have contests with respect to the number of pledges, highest pledge, and the largest jump in pledge amount,” adds Blazer. “Additionally, each student has the opportunity to earn a bonus based on how many paid pledges the college receives.”

“The goals of the Phonathon are to reach out to alumni and friends for the purpose of updating name and address information, to tell them about new happenings on campus, in addition to asking for a contribution to the Annual Fund.”

“I’ve worked the Phonathon for two years and was also a supervisor,” says Amanda Boyd, a junior Equine Studies major. “It was fun to connect with alumni, hear their stories and hear how their education prepared them for life after college.”

This year’s Phonathons will be held October 30 to November 22 for the fall, and in February and March 2007. Calling takes place Mondays through Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the lower level of Lasker Hall.
Passion was a central theme of Howard Stoeckel’s visit to Delaware Valley College in September as a Watson Executive-in-Residence. Listening to Stoeckel, you can’t help but be drawn in by the very passion of which he speaks. His commitment to Wawa and pride in the company is quite evident. He has a special affinity for the academic community, and that is what drew him to Delaware Valley College.

Stoeckel found a lot of promise in the students of DelVal. “I was very impressed. The level of engagement and interest among students was superb. The breadth of the college, the depth in terms of curriculum and the quality of students was impressive. The students certainly have a passion for their chosen curriculum and for their college.”

Stoeckel remarked that much of what he saw at Delaware Valley College reminded him of his four years in college. He graduated from Rider University with a BS degree in Business Administration in 1967. “There’s a family atmosphere here,” Stoeckel explained. “There is a close bond between faculty and students that you just don’t see at other campuses. It makes you feel good.”

It was in college that Stoeckel claims he “found himself.” “As a high school student, I was [not the greatest student] and was not encouraged to go through the academic program.” Yet, Stoeckel persisted and made his way to college.

After graduation, Stoeckel secured an interview with Pierce Junior College in Philadelphia. He arrived two hours early for the interview and decided to pass the time in the John Wanamaker’s department store at the soda fountain. While enjoying a Coke, he noticed the sign for the employment office. Stoeckel decided he would apply for a job and rehearse for his next interview. He never made it to that next interview as Wanamaker’s hired him on the spot. He was hired as a trainee in transportation, and, over a period of fourteen years, worked his way up to Human Resources.

Stoeckel then went to work for Washington Gas. He decided to leave that company because he couldn’t find the passion he was looking for. He accepted a position with Mast Industries, a division of the Limited, Inc. “It was a very fast, go-getter type of organization,” Stoeckel said. “They taught me to think big and take risks but to stay focused. I learned more in those four years than in all the years leading up to that.”

Stoeckel stressed that you can never stop learning. “You can’t leave college and think you know everything you need to know,” he said. “You’ve only begun the journey. To succeed in life and business, it’s a constant journey of learning. Continually test yourself.”

In 1987, an executive search agency contacted Stoeckel on behalf of Wawa, Inc. He was hired as Vice President of Human Resources and then moved into marketing. Stoeckel admits never thinking he would be CEO. In the 200 year history of Wawa, every CEO has been a member of the company’s founding family. “It was an honor and privilege to be selected,” remarked Stoeckel.

Stoeckel believes that what sets Wawa apart from other companies is its value system. “Our values have been with us for decades and make up our DNA,” he said. “There are six values: value people; delight customers; do the right things; do things right; embrace change; and have passion for life. These values are the guidepost for everything done within the company. We have a very diverse workforce with over 16,000 employees, but we all share these same values.”

Wawa’s corporate logo depicts a Canada goose. It is only fitting that the company’s business ethics reflect the nature of this bird. “We don’t want individual wins,” Stoeckel affirmed, “We want team wins. The Canada geese fly in formation because they can fly seventy percent further than if they flew on their own. At times, the point goose at front gets tired and falls to the back. In business, we all take turns at leadership. Geese honk to provide encouragement and that’s our goal: to provide encouragement to each other. If a goose is injured, two or three other geese will take it to the ground. Likewise, we stand by each other in good times and bad. That’s our culture and we look for people who want to fit that culture.”

— Jennifer Suskie
Dear Fellow Aggies,

What a great Homecoming we had again this year! We honored a number of outstanding alumni with our Alumni Achievement Awards. Read about the winners and their contributions to Delaware Valley College on page 4. As always, it was a pleasure to see all of the people returning to campus for Homecoming Weekend, and I hope you will visit again throughout the year.

We have many college advancements to celebrate. Most importantly, though, we need to celebrate that DelVal’s enrollment is at an all-time high. A record 1,600 men and women are filling our classrooms. Alumni Association members should be proud that they play an integral role in continuing to grow this number and supporting the programs and facilities that attract students to our alma mater.

In past issues of Horizons, I’ve highlighted the Alumni Scholarship Fund. This remains an important source of financial support for current and incoming students, but there are other scholarship programs that should not be overlooked. This year’s Annual Fund is being dedicated to support The Great Scholarship Campaign, which is designed to augment the financial aid given to the students with the greatest need. The fund allows DelVal to direct other resources to attract students and improve programs and facilities. By supporting this year’s Annual Fund and The Great Scholarship Campaign, you support not only future students but the future of the college. To contribute to The Great Scholarship Campaign or to leave your own legacy in the form of a scholarship or endowment, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 215-489-2397 to speak to a member of the IA team.

The Alumni Association has a busy month in January. Opportunities to get together with fellow DelVal graduates include the alumni booth at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, the Baltimore Alumni Reception, and the Hershey Alumni Reception. Visit the alumni section of the college Web site, www.devalcol.edu/alumni, for dates and 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

ALUMNI EVENTS:

Jan 7-14  The Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg
            Stop by our booth!

Jan 11  Alumni Reception at the Inner Harbor
           Marriott at Camden Yards
           Baltimore, Maryland - 6:00-8:00pm

Jan 31  Alumni Reception at the Hershey Lodge
           Hershey Pennsylvania - 6:00-8:00pm

For Alumni Information visit…..

www.devalcol.edu/alumni
or e-mail: alumni@devalcol.edu
1950’s
Frankie LaRosa '52, Animal Science, has been ordained a deacon in the Doylestown Presbyterian Church. Additionally, he is starting his 12th year as a chaplain at Doylestown Hospital. He is also active with the Oktoberfest Committee, serving as chair and emcee. “I’ll probably stay with it till my legs give out.”

Thomas C. Dall ’58 spent three weeks in May in Europe during which time they visited Amsterdam, took a Rhine cruise, and drove Germany’s Romantic Road. Additionally, they have just returned from a three-week trip to Scotland, visiting friends in England and a nice visit to Zurich, Switzerland to visit their daughter and her family. This was their nineteenth trip to Europe since Thomas retired in 1994. He does work two days a week at The Tattered Collar, a large independent bookstore. He is looking forward to his class’s 50th reunion next year.

1970’s
Donna (Foley) Carty ’77 writes, “I earned an Associate’s Degree in Veterinary Technology in 1998, and became a Certified Veterinary Technician. I worked in three Bucks County vet practices and at White Eagle Toxicology Labs before my current position of anesthetist at Veterinary Oncology Services in Chalfont, PA. I volunteer at the Special Equestrians Therapy Facility, and am a member of the Bucks County Animal Response Team. In 2002, I was honored with the Central Bucks County Big Sister of the Year award with the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. My husband, Tom, and I live in Warrington, PA.”

1980’s
Theodore Zajac, III, VMD ’88 and his 7-year-old Westphalian Mare, Geosephine, were class winners at 2006 Dressage at Devon.

Jim Reiser ’89 has been promoted to SE Region Human Resources Manager at Penske Truck Leasing. Jim resides with his wife, Melissa, and children, Ethan and Emma, in the Atlanta, GA, area.

1990’s
Bruce Eric Eaton ’93 received the Master of Arts in Religion from Westminster Theological Seminary on May 25, 2006.

Nicholas Manorek ’97 graduated from Villanova University in 2001 with a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. He also graduated in May, 2006, from New England School of Law with a Juris Doctorate. This fall he is starting work towards his LLM in American Banking Law at the Morin Center for Banking and Finance Law at Boston University School of Law. He is currently employed as a Senior Paralegal in the Variable Products Department at MetLife in Boston, MA. He is awaiting the results of the Massachusetts bar exam for which he sat in July.

Kristi Orendi ’04 recently accepted a position as an underwriter with Nationwide Insurance in Harrisburg, PA. She had been employed at Cresline Plastic Pipe Co. as a regional sales management trainee. “After returning from the Peace Corps, I thought I wanted another job at which I got to travel. Now that I’ve been with Cresline for over 18 months, I’ve realized it doesn’t fit my life anymore. So, when I was offered the job with Nationwide, I jumped on it. My traveling will be cut down significantly, and it will allow me more time for family.”

Maria (Orlando) Krick ’98 will receive a Master’s in Business Administration from Alvernia College, Reading, PA, on December 17, 2006. She was recently promoted to Contract Manager from Continuing Care Specialist at Caron Treatment Centers, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility located in Wernersville, PA. She has made the transition from direct patient care to the administrative side of the organization. She will now be negotiating all contracts for the company.

2000’s
Suzanne (Wolfe) O’Connor ’01 graduated as valedictorian from the University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic on May 6, 2006. She also was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and received her applied kinesiology certification in May, 2006. Suzanne is currently opening a chiropractic and wellness practice in Nyack, NY.

Jeff Litt, D.O., ’02 graduated on June 11, 2006, from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

William Carter ’02 graduated on May 6, 2006, from Oklahoma State College of Veterinary Medicine.

Tracy Ayres ’03 recently got engaged to Michael Miller and is planning an April, 2007 wedding.

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Marin Santore ’04 has moved to Hillsborough, NJ, and is currently working as a research scientist for Bristol Myers Squibb in Lawrenceville, NJ.
Marriages

Tim Gower ‘01 and Katie Gyza ‘01 (above) were engaged on December 24, 2004. They were married on July 1, 2006, at Valleybrook Country Club in Blackwood, NJ. Tim is the vice president of Gower’s, Inc., and Katie works for the State of New Jersey Pinelands Commission. The happy couple reside in Southampton, NJ, and plan to build a home on a 127-acre farm in the near future.

Erin (Zukus) Noble ‘04 of New Egypt, NJ, and Justin Noble of Flemington, NJ, are happy to announce their marriage on November 5, 2005, in Edison, NJ. Heather Emerson ‘03 was one of the bridesmaids. In addition, there were several Delaware Valley College graduates in attendance. Erin and Justin will be celebrating their one year anniversary next month. They currently reside in New Egypt, NJ.

Shawn Cressman ‘04 married Emily Gates of Mechanicsburg, PA, on April 22, 2006. They currently reside in Bethlehem, PA, and both work at Cressman’s Lawn & Tree Care, Inc.

Suzanne Wolfe ‘01 and Greg O’Connor ‘01 (above) married on July 21, 2006, in East Rutherford, NJ. They reside in Mahwah, NJ.

Heather L. Schaarschmidt ‘94 and Dr. Joseph G. Trapasso (above) were married September 25, 2004, in Cape May, NJ. The Trapassos honeymooned in Cancun and Riviera Maya, Mexico, and reside in Bethlehem, PA.


Ellen Derrick ‘99 married Daniel McGregor (above) on August 5, 2006, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in West Chester, PA. Their reception was held at Crebilly Farm in West Chester where Ellen works as a horse trainer.
In Memoriam

**Gustave (Gus) Gellens ’36** passed away on October 1, 2006, at the age of 93. After graduation from the National Farm School, where he studied poultry husbandry and served as class president and business manager of his yearbook, The Last Furrow of ’36, Gus owned and operated poultry farms in Chalfont, PA, and Titusville, NJ. He also maintained a wholesale business in poultry, eggs, and frozen foods after he left farming. His wife, Edith Levy Gellens, predeceased him. He is survived by three children, Ross, Elly, and Sam, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Herbert Reback ’51** (5/31/2005)


**Births**

**Michael Boesch ’85** and Karen Boesch are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Deanna Marie. She was born on August 8, 2005, in Grand View Hospital Sellersville, PA, and weighed 5 lb., 14 oz. She joins her brothers Jeffrey (17 yrs) and Tim (12 yrs).

**Stephanie (Kauffman) Schwartz ’99** and **Robert Schwartz ’98** are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Carter Allen Schwartz. He was born on June 19, 2006, in Grand View Hospital, Sellersville, PA, and weighed 8 lb., 5 oz. Carter joins big sister Abigail Emma, age 4, and big brother Lucas Robert, age 2.

**Marie (Kogut) Stafford ’93** and George Stafford are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Elizabeth Marie. She was born four months prematurely on September 14, 2005, at the University of Pennsylvania and weighed in at only 1 lb., 9 oz. Elizabeth is thriving and is her parents’ “miracle baby.”

**Nicholas Manorek ’97** is the proud father of Colton Kelley Manorek, a bouncing baby boy, born June 10, 2006, in Cambridge, MA.

**Maria (Orlando) Krick ’98** and her husband Jeff Krick are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Riley Jo Krick. She was born on December 30, 2005, in Reading Hospital, and weighed 9 lb., 4 oz. Riley joins big sisters Tavin Marie (4), and Payton Barbara (2).

**Michelle (Scheid) Smith ’01** and her husband Andrew are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Jenna Kay. She was born on April 9, 2006, at Lancaster General Hospital and weighed 9 lbs., 4 oz. Jenna joins brother Colin (5).

**Lisa (Pysher) Buccieri ’02** and Joseph Buccieri are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Jonah Matthew. He was born on April 7, 2006, in St. Luke’s Hospital, Bethlehem, PA, and weighed 6 lb., 12 oz.