Dr. James Diamond ’61
Begins a Great Adventure
On freshman move-in day, we welcomed one of our largest classes. There are 519 new students on campus this September. Of that group, 433 are freshmen and 86 are transfer students.

Steve Zenko, Director of Admissions, credits the prominence of several of the programs at DelVal. In particular, Animal Science has been a strong force at the school and has helped to drive up enrollment.

Zenko added that not only its size makes this incoming class noteworthy but also its academic achievements. “This is an outstanding group,” he remarked. “This class has higher SAT scores than those before them.”

DelVal welcomes all of our new students, and we are working to ensure a wonderful year.
Until We Meet Again

Reunion in Florida. Who knew the guy in the cubby across the hall is a fellow Aggie?

Commencement

This year’s graduates were challenged by Dr. Brosnan to remember their roots, families and goals.

A Changing Campus

Campus upgrades were completed this summer as part of the $1M facilities improvement initiative.
Samantha Eromenok is a senior biology major. Her middle school principal is now the Director of Educational Leadership, Dr. Robert Valente.

The two described their first meeting on campus as being like a homecoming. “It was strange to see a Clifton, New Jersey, face but refreshing” remarked Eromenok. Valente said he had been told by some of his contacts back in New Jersey that Eromenok was coming to DelVal. “I was on the lookout for her,” he said. “Then I saw her walking down the path with her Clifton Mustangs sweatshirt.”

The student and the administrator came to know each other at Christopher Columbus Middle School. Eromenok was one of two students in accelerated classes. Valente remembers her as a quiet, hard-working student who always followed the rules.

During his years as principal, Valente came to know Eromenok’s entire family and described them as an outstanding family and pillars of the community.

After graduating from middle school, Eromenok continued to visit the school and would often stop by to chat with Valente. “He was quite a character,” she said. “He always had a funny story to tell.” Then the time came for her to choose a college. Eromenok wanted to find a small school. After visiting DelVal, she knew right away that she could see herself here. “The campus seemed like home,” she said. It was after Eromenok was officially accepted to the school that she learned her middle school principal was now working at DelVal.

After their first encounter on campus, Eromenok took on an administrative job in Valente’s office. The two sometimes reminisce about their days at Christopher Columbus Middle School, where Valente was known as “the Commissioner of Safety.” Valente was known to dance with the students at school events.

Valente stated that he is delighted Eromenok came to DelVal and will miss her when she graduates. “It will be a bittersweet moment when she walks across that graduation stage,” he said. “She will make her mark in the world. She has the drive and the energy. She is everything you would wish for your daughter to be.”

After graduation in 2009, Eromenok’s plans to continue her studies with in marine biology. She would like to do an internship in Hawaii working with dolphins. And so, her journey from Clifton will continue.
UNUSUAL NEIGHBORS

Maybe some DelVal friends have relocated to the same region as you. Perhaps there is one in your neighborhood. There’s even the possibility that one may work right across the ball from you. But what are the chances of all three of those scenarios coming together?

“If you look at the circumstances, it is quite remarkable that we found each other again,” said Joe Radosky ’82. After twenty-eight years, Radosky was recently reunited with his former DelVal classmate, Vinnie Fortunato.

Radosky remembered Fortunato as an easy-going guy who always smiled and seemed to enjoy life. His most vivid memory occurred during an English final exam in Sally Smith’s class. “Vinnie was having a hard time,” Radosky described. “Then he yelled in frustration during the final, and everyone laughed. It was a tension breaker. That was probably the last time I remember seeing or hearing from Vinnie, back in 1980.”

Fortunato said he and Radosky had some classes together and were part of a tight-knit group of business majors. “Joe was outgoing and fit in well with everyone,” he remarked. “We had a lot of fun times.”

Yet after two years at DelVal, Fortunato decided to transfer to Bloomsburg University, where he obtained a degree in Business Information Processing in 1982. The two friends had headed down separate paths.

As it turns out, both men relocated to Florida, and each of them purchased condos in Cocoa Beach. They also both work in a high-tech corridor in Orlando called “Research Park.” In fact, only 20 feet separate their desks.

“I met this guy in the hallway of my office building, and we talked about owning condos in Cocoa Beach,” Radosky recounted. “I only knew this guy as ‘Vinnie.’ About two weeks after that meeting, Vinnie’s co-worker told me that a guy named Vinnie Fortunato works from home on Fridays and how lucky he is to do that. I screamed, ‘Vinnie Fortunato?’ I had to find out if this was the same Vinnie that went to DelVal with me. I walked across to his office and sure enough, it was the same Vinnie Fortunato, the same guy I had wondered about for twenty eight years.”

“After we met in the hallway, I realized I knew Joe from somewhere,” Fortunato said. “I just couldn’t place where. I couldn’t believe here we are, over a thousand miles away, and we’re back together again.”

Obviously, the two had some catching up to do.

Joe Radosky holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Delaware Valley College in Business Administration/Computer Science and a Master of Science Degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Aeronautical Science/Safety. He has worked in the aviation industry all his life and is currently employed as director of business development at SimiGon, a company providing modeling, simulation and training solutions. He is also director of marketing for Santa Fe Rocket Racing, which Radosky describes as “the NASCAR of aviation.”

Vinnie Fortunato worked at Penn National Insurance in Harrisburg for fifteen years. After deciding that he could not take the winters any longer, he moved to Florida and secured a job with Fiserv Insurance Solutions in their IT department. He now resides in Oviedo, FL, with his wife and daughter. In his spare time, he enjoys relaxing at the beach and rooting for the Orlando Magic.

“DelVal had a personal touch,” Radosky said. “There was a real connection with the professors. With its country setting, there was no stress, no cars with beeping horns. You could absorb the education.”

Fortunato concurred. “I truly enjoyed my time at DelVal. It was special because it was a smaller campus, and you knew everyone. I made a lot of friends there.”

The two share many fond memories of DelVal. After twenty-eight years and a thousand miles away, the DelVal connection has been made.
Delaware Valley College has introduced a new major in Counseling Psychology and has begun offering the program this fall.

According to Dr. Allison Buskirk-Cohen, assistant professor of psychology, counseling psychology is one of the most popular fields in psychology. The need for counseling psychologists is growing because of increasing demand for psychological services in schools, hospitals, social service agencies, mental health centers and substance-abuse treatment clinics. Often, however, in undergraduate programs, a student must major in general psychology before going on to graduate school to specialize in counseling psychology.

“We recognize that many graduates want to begin working in the field immediately following graduation, and a specialized major in counseling psychology provides these students the advanced training they’ll need to immediately join the mental health profession,” said Buskirk-Cohen. “The strength of our program is that students may choose to pursue an advanced degree, or they may seek immediate employment in the field.”

Students will take a series of foundational courses in psychology, including counseling theories and techniques, multicultural issues, history and systems, statistics for research and methods of research as well as concentration courses in lifespan development, personality theories, measurements and assessments and abnormal psychology. Specialized electives include educational psychology, child development, adolescent psychology, substance use and abuse, developmental disabilities, marriage and family counseling and childhood psychopathology, among others.

Although Delaware Valley College has offered a psychology minor as part of its curriculum for some time, this is the first major in psychology offered by the school.

“This program is already proving to be a popular major among DelVal students, with numerous current and incoming students already signing up for or changing their majors,” according to Buskirk-Cohen.

For more information about the new Counseling Psychology program at Delaware Valley College, contact Dr. Allison Buskirk-Cohen at 215-489-2234.

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**Student Earns Prestigious Internship & Scholarship**

**Chelsey Behm of Auburn, PA, a senior majoring in ornamental horticulture and environmental design, has been awarded The Vic & Margaret Ball Intern Scholarship from the American Floral Endowment.**

“Chelsey had the summer of her life,” said Chelsey’s professor, Richard Cowhig, Assistant Professor of Ornamental Horticulture, who nominated her for the award. “She worked at Austin Wholesale Nursery, learning all aspects of the business, from growing to accounting.”

The $6,000 scholarship is awarded to a student seeking to gain hands-on, real-world experience in floriculture, greenhouse production, floral retail and wholesale and allied trade fields.

Behm conducted her internship about 20 miles outside of Washington, D.C., in Brookeville, Maryland, at Farmhouse Flowers and Plants, a grower of more than 75 different varieties of flowers for cutting, as well as annual, perennial and herb plants.

In 1992, Vic & Margaret Ball established an internship program with a major gift to the American Floral Endowment with the desire to attract students to floriculture and make meaningful work experience in production part of a complete education.

“The experiences Chelsey had are in line with our mission of providing educational experiences in and out of the classroom,” said Richard Cowhig, Assistant Professor of Ornamental Horticulture, who nominated Brown for the award. “She worked for six months learning the full scope of the nursery and cut-flower industry.”

The American Floral Endowment, founded in 1961, is the leading non-profit funding source for floricultural research and educational programs in the United States. The Endowment is supported by more than 1,000 companies and individuals.
What is the DelVal Fund?
The DelVal Fund was originally started as the Annual Fund. This fund encompasses gifts made to the college in a certain fund year and used within that same year. Although it has been known by different names over the years (Annual Fund, Alumni Fund, Student Scholarship Fund), in 2007, the Annual Fund was officially named the DelVal Fund. The reason for this name change was to provide a distinct connection to the college that reflects the importance of these monies to the survival and advancement of Delaware Valley College.

What does the DelVal Fund support?
The DelVal Fund is, undoubtedly, the most all-encompassing fund on campus. Gifts to this fund provide immediate support to every part of the DelVal experience. From scholarship funds that allow students to attend DelVal, to facility costs that help to maintain the structures in which students live, work and play, and to the recruitment and retention of the best faculty to provide the unique DelVal experience – all of these are supported by the DelVal Fund.

What are the differences among DelVal Fund gifts, endowment gifts, restricted gifts and capital gifts?
Gifts to the DelVal Fund are unrestricted and can be used immediately by the college to support the areas of greatest need. These areas include student scholarships, facilities maintenance and upgrades, recruiting and retaining excellent faculty members and academic initiatives in all departments. Gifts to the endowment support the long-term foundation of the college. The principal for these gifts remains intact. The interest generated from these investments is figured into the college budget as part of revenue. The larger a college’s endowment, the greater the interest generated and the more opportunities that the institution may take advantage of.

Restricted gifts are given to an area or department that offsets funds allocated by the college budget. These gifts are helpful and greatly appreciated but also are limited in their use, because they are designated for a certain purpose, area or department.

Gifts to capital projects are gifts that support “bricks-and-mortar” projects on campus. The construction of a building, the renovation of a room or part of a building and the construction or renovation of athletic fields or facilities are examples of permanent structures on campus and capital projects.

I like to give to the department I graduated from; does this help the college?
All gifts to the college are sincerely appreciated and put to use. Gifts to departments help to meet specific needs within those departments. Gifts to the DelVal fund, however, allow the administration of the college to allocate funds where they are most needed and can do immediate good. If you only plan on giving one gift to the college this year, the DelVal fund provides the most overall good to all students. If you wish to support a specific department and are able to make a second gift to the college, please consider the importance of a gift to the DelVal Fund.
More than 350 Delaware Valley College students received degrees during the 109th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 24.

Dr. Joseph Brosnan, president of Delaware Valley College, was the commencement speaker. During his speech, Brosnan offered insight to graduates about their future, advised them how to set their eye on their goals and encouraged them to work toward those goals with passion and dignity.

“We know that our graduates are well equipped to take on everything that life has to offer,” said Brosnan. “I believe our graduates have the right set of skills to create wonderful careers and lives for themselves, and I am delighted that I was asked to give this year’s commencement speech. There is no better venue to tell our graduates how much we believe in them.”

For a transcript of the commencement speech or to view photos, visit delval.edu/commencement
ARRIVAL SURVIVAL

Beautiful, sunny skies, proud parents and excited undergraduates marked two move-in days in late August. Topping off both days were receptions at the president’s residence where Dr. Brosnan, cabinet members and staff welcomed more than 200 parents and family members. Families came from as far away as New England and as close as Horsham for a brief respite before heading home.

Dr. Brosnan and other members of the administration welcomed the opportunity to answer questions, share information and welcome families to campus.

“These gatherings are part of our ongoing effort to further communication between families and the college.”
— Dr. Brosnan

Parents had a chance to ask Dr. Brosnan, cabinet members, administrators and staff questions about residence life, financial aid and other topics while everyone enjoying light refreshments in a casual environment.
BEGINNING A
Great Adventure
by Robert Nichols
Diamond has worn many hats over the course of his 47-year career. A farmer, educator and international consultant, he has worked and traveled in 49 countries on five continents, a long way from his teenage years living on a family farm in southwestern Pennsylvania.

“I never thought I’d do the things I’ve done. When I came to Delaware Valley College, I thought I would go back to Fayette County and raise Hereford cattle. But I’ve loved coming back to the institution that gave me my start and working with such wonderful faculty and students.”

As dean of agriculture and environmental science, the 70-year-old Diamond was responsible for overseeing all academic-related matters, including program development, faculty development, and strategic planning and budgeting for the agriculture and environmental sciences departments. He developed many programs and grant proposals, teamed with Penn State’s 4-H staff to bring at risk youth to A-Day so that the children would learn where their food comes from and served as reviewer for the Journal of International Agricultural and Extension Education.

The topic of global education is of particular interest to Diamond. During his tenure at the college, he helped develop and shape international programs, flavored by years serving in the Peace Corps and as an international agriculture and extension consultant. With Diamond’s support, faculty now integrate international activities into their curricula. This year, Larry Morris, chair of dairy science, took 38 students to Ireland to visit dairy farms. Bob Pierson, chair of food science, has taken his students to Paris and Athens and is now planning a trip to the Caribbean. Howard Eyre, assistant professor of ornamental horticulture and environmental design, takes students to England to study the gardens and to the Netherlands to see first-hand the international auction of flowers. Dr. Bryna Donnelly, assistant professor of biology, takes students to Costa Rica, where they study insects and birds. The Export for Scholars program, which gives students an opportunity to witness the global impact of Pennsylvania agriculture and the economic opportunities available in the international arena, expanded under his watch.

“This today we live in an international society,” Diamond says. “We have an international economy. We have international agriculture. We have international tourism. It’s no longer American agriculture, stock market, American economy. It’s truly international and we’re all dependent upon each other. The workplace of our graduates, regardless of where they work, is going to have international roots. As educators, we have the professional responsibility to provide opportunities for young people to have an international experience as an integral part of their undergraduate program. It falls directly in line with the philosophy of the college and its founder Joseph Krauskopf. It provides hands-on experiences, and it’s a life-changing experience for many students.”

Diamond recently took students to Poland for 10 days, where they stayed with local families. This experience provided the group with a real sense of life in Poland, Diamond says, and these short experiences can have just as much of an impact as living there for a whole semester.

“This is how you learn about another culture. You can’t appreciate another society unless you’re there. You need to smell it, hear it and taste it. I would also like to see more international students come to Delaware Valley College. I’d like to see these students in classes, living in the residence halls, sharing their experiences. It would be another way for our students to appreciate another culture.”

On August 31, 2008, Dr. James E. Diamond ’61 gathered the last of his belongings, turned off the light to his office and bid adieu to his role as dean of agriculture and environmental science. Diamond is transitioning into a new phase of life, leaving a legacy of globalization and new program development.
Though much of his career was played on an international stage, Diamond started his career locally. From 1961 until 1966, he taught animal science at DelVal. During that time, he was working part-time on his master’s degree at Lehigh University. Lehigh required students to be full time for at least one semester. In September of 1966, he left the college to focus on his master’s degree, which proved to be the first of many fortuitous moments in Diamond’s life.

In December of 1966, while feeding his sheep, he was visited by Pennrose Hallowell, a Tinicum Township farmer and prominent Bucks County resident who would later become Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture. Hallowell posed to him the possibility of joining the newly established Upper Bucks Area Vocational Technical School in Perkasie. The school needed an agricultural teacher, and the idea piqued Diamond’s interest, so much so that he went to see the head of the school, Dr. James Ross. By the end of their discussion, Ross had asked Diamond to start the next day.

“I’m taking four final exams in graduate school,” Diamond recalls. “I told Dr. Ross, ‘There’s no way I can take four graduate school exams and start a job full time.’ He said, ‘When’s your last final exam?’ I said, ‘Saturday, 25th of January.’” Diamond started teaching Monday morning, January 27.

Starting with 13 students in a storage room, Diamond developed the Upper Bucks agriculture program in four years to 52 students in its own building.

But with all his classroom experience, he lacked certification to teach in Pennsylvania, and the only place offering certification was Penn State. His experience at DelVal, combined with the strength of his transcripts, already qualified him to teach, but Penn State required that he take one Penn State course to be certified. He enrolled in an Independent Learning course working at a high school in Lancaster County and became the first Aggie to become a certified agriculture teacher in Pennsylvania.

While his career was progressing, Diamond had a passion to travel overseas. As fate would have it, a Peace Corps recruiter was in Bucks County recruiting farmers, and he visited Jim and his wife Betty at their farm.

The Dr. James E. Diamond ’61 and Elizabeth R. Diamond Endowed Scholarship

The Diamonds, long-time advocates of students in agriculture and environmental sciences, established a scholarship fund in 2002 in recognition of the value of quality higher education. The Dr. James E. Diamond ’61 and Elizabeth R. Diamond Endowed Scholarship provides assistance to students attending Delaware Valley College who are enrolled in one of the Agriculture and Environmental Science majors. This scholarship has had an immediate impact on keeping a DelVal education affordable and accessible. The fund also offers an opportunity for donors to encourage and recognize excellence in this chosen field of study and provides a permanent and personal way to make a difference in the life of a student.

To learn more about the scholarship or to make a contribution, please contact Sue Blazer in The Office of Institutional Advancement at 215-489-4801.
When he departed, he left behind two Peace Corps applications. The Diamonds submitted an application and never thought much about it, but in August of 1970 the Peace Corps called. They offered him a special assignment, as agricultural advisor to Chad’s first president, Francois Tombalbaye. During his two years in Chad, Diamond oversaw nearly 40 projects to help improve agriculture throughout the developing nation. Diamond was noted for introducing grass silage as a feed for livestock in all of west Africa.

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Dr. Diamond is working on two books. For years, he has been noting his experience while working in the Peace Corps. He is also writing a second edition of his successful book, Domestic Animal Bells from Around the World. Proceeds from the first edition are donated to the college.

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“We started with six schools. There are now 365 schools and 40,000 teachers. We changed agriculture education in China. I think some of my ability to create that change, to approach the issue practically and help them, started here with what I learned at Delaware Valley College.”

Diamond would take on another challenge in 1998. He had returned from a particularly difficult consulting project in Ethiopia, one that led him to reflect on what he wanted to do with his life. The morning after his arrival home, Diamond’s wife, Betty, said there was a message for him to call Dr. Thomas Leamer, then president of Delaware Valley College.
Meeting with the president and Dr. Neil Vincent, then vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, over lunch, Diamond learned that Leamer was looking for an interim dean of agriculture while conducting a search. Diamond came away from the meal as the interim dean and started working again at the college in January of 1999. A year later, he was named to the position permanently.

International experiences influenced Diamond’s management style with a predisposition to clear instructions and expectations. This style gave his staff room to excel while still staying true to the college’s mission.

“We had good department chairs who did good work,” he says. “It was not my responsibility to tell them how to do their job. My responsibility was to support them where I could and to make them look good. If there was an issue I needed to deal with, I stepped in, but I expected managers to manage, so my approach was transparent.”

Departments under his care blossomed in the last nine years. Animal Biotechnology is now a tremendously successful standalone program with nearly 400 students currently enrolled, and Zoo Science is well established as one of only two programs in the nation to offer a four-year degree. More than 100 students are enrolled, and BioTech is well established as one of only two programs in the nation to offer a four-year degree. More than 100 students are enrolled in the Equine Science and Management program, and the major is so popular that the Pennsylvania Department of Education recently appropriated $400,000 to expand the college’s standardbred facility. The horticulture department established organic courses and a hydroponics major. Currently a packaging science minor is in development. At the graduate level, an MBA in food and agribusiness is offered in Doylestown and in Harrisburg.

In the production units, Diamond created a new Ag Team for the farm production unit managers, which has increased the communication lines between areas. Units now share equipment, improving daily operations. Facility managers submit their financial needs and vote, as a group, how to address operating needs.

“This gives financial ownership to the managers. They have a say and a sense of duty to judiciously use the funds we’re given,” he says. “Everybody knows the needs of everybody else, and this gives managers a say in how to run the farms.”

Though he has stepped down as dean, Diamond says he will continue working in agriculture. He is currently in discussions with government agencies to return to international consulting on a part-time basis.

“I just feel it’s something I do quite well. I’m helping people to help themselves. It’s making a difference. If I can make somebody’s life better, that’s what it’s all about. If that’s the legacy I leave behind, that’s fine.”

“Delaware Valley College has been an important part of my life, of my career. It prepared me for a career far beyond my wildest expectations. Little did I know that Delaware Valley College would prepare me to be a teacher, a professor at a major research university, an international consultant who works with the United Nations, and as dean of the institution I graduated from. What an experience it’s been. It’s been wonderful and I wouldn’t trade it for ‘all the tea in China.’ It has been quite a journey.”

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**ALPHA AND OMEGA**

It is with mixed emotions that one must write the infamous letter announcing plans to retire at a time of life when such a decision needs to be made known. A journey that was exciting, challenging and educational. Being the dean for agriculture and environmental science at Delaware Valley College was a fantastic capstone for my career, because Delaware Valley College was the Alpha and Omega of a magnificent 47-year journey. I hope and pray that, in some small way, I have been able to contribute towards serving humankind to establish an improved quality of life and to set in motion a smidgen of peace and co-existence on our beautiful planet that began with me. The following is an attempt to put into perspective a lifetime of devotion to humankind and agricultural education.

The alpha and omega of a glorious occupation commenced as a vocation and ended as a profession. A vocation that provided satisfaction while on the way to a profession that rewarded gratification.

In the alpha phase there were a myriad of emotions that were deficient of self-confidence while encountering anxieties and apprehensions. Being the first letter of the Greek alphabet Alpha means that what is first opened mysterious pages turned only by a self-determined livelihood thirst.

When in the springtime of a marriage to a compassionate wife, possessing a “reason to be” was a way of life. Surrounding one’s inner soul and outer self with wise scholars pointing paths of life was esteemed more than a hoard of wealth.

In the omega phase there was an immeasurable degree of passions that reflected memories, achievements, failures, jubilation’s and depressions. Being the last letter of the Greek alphabet Omega means that what is last closes those mysterious pages of a profession to count the blessings of the past.

While in the autumn of an exclusive livelihood chronicle, possessing a “reason to be” continues to persevere and is still essential. Tis time to become scholarly and wise to point the way for those who too are commencing their journey.

Memories are life’s most precious treasures as seen in the mind’s eye for they become more precious as time goes by. May the saga of a lifetime journey be alive in chronicles embracing the treasures of a lifetime bounty.

— James E. Diamond, Ph.D., November 2007
Winemaking and preserving local fruit and vegetables continue to keep Jim and Betty busy.
New Footings

Equestrians and horses are enjoying a new bounce in their step thanks to the replacement of the footing in the 84’ x 280’ indoor equestrian arena.

Footing is the special mixture of sand and shredded rubber that helps provide better cushioning for horses' hooves.

The footing is a result of a $10,000 gift from the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust combined with fundraising by the Friends of Equine.

“We’re thankful to the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust for their special interest in the college’s equestrian programs,” said Equine Studies chairperson Angelo Telatin. “And of course, the continued support of Friends of Equine makes this type of important project manageable for the college.”

Bike & Hike Path Connects Campus

It’s been a long time in the making, but Delaware Valley College is now part of the area’s Bike & Hike system, an ambitious bike path project that started in 1992. Bike & Hike is a series of paved pathways that connect principal population centers, businesses, historical and cultural sites, parks and mass transit stops throughout the township and borough providing safe trails for walking, biking and hiking. The college was brought onto the system in early September 2008 as part of Phase II.

The DeVal path begins at Route 202, Butler Avenue and passes through the railroad R-5 line underpass in the middle of campus and then exits onto Lower State Road. The work to complete the paved surface on DeVal's campus started in early August and, during the Labor Day weekend, rail service was suspended in order to replace the tunnel/bridge under the R-5 train tracks. The result: a new tunnel wide enough for two car lanes and a bike path.

New Library Entrance

In early 2007, Delaware Valley College and the staff of the Joseph Krauskopf Memorial Library began a project to both honor one of our founders and beautify the building that bears his name. Delaware Valley College dedicated the new entrance at Homecoming.

The new entrance features wooden doors with glass inlays, an enlarged vestibule entrance and a relief carving of Joseph Krauskopf. The project serves as a constant reminder of the roots and ideals that Delaware Valley College was founded and brought the Library up to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code. Peter Kupersmith enlisted the help of friend and renowned Bucks County Artist, Charles Wells, to create a carving of Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf to be placed above the door. The relief has been carved in beautiful Indiana limestone and depicts our founder in a moment of thought and reflection. The book on which his arm rests on represents Rabbi Krauskopf's emphasis on knowledge.

Funding for this project came exclusively from the generous gifts of alumni and friends of the college. The Sesquicentennial Celebration of Rabbi Krauskopf's birth – held on January 20, 2008 – kicked off the fundraising. Rabbi Krauskopf's descendants also provided financial and artistic support to the project. Joseph (Chip) Krauskopf, a great grandson, provided a gift of $10,000 as did Thomas Hillman, another great-grandson.

More than 440 tons of screenings and 140 tons of footing were installed to complete the project in late August.

“The new riding surface is a big improvement over the footing we had. You can feel the change when riding!”

- Jessica Winner ’10, DVCET rider

For more information on Friends of Equine, please visit www.delval.edu/foe
THE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE (Fii) continues to show results across campus as planned upgrades and improvements are completed. From the new card access system for residence halls, the new fire alarm system in Centennial, Ulman, and Work, and the installation of washers and dryers in Segal Hall to upgrades to the commuter lounge, a major renovation to the Rudley-Newman Gymnasium, and the major renovation to the Feldman 204 science laboratory, Fii projects are moving forward rapidly.

UPCOMING PROJECTS INCLUDE:
- New windows in Goldman and Samuel Halls
- Work Gymnasium relamping
- Fitness area in Centennial/Work breezeway
- Goldman Hall game/lounge improvements
- Men’s main locker room upgrades

“The Rudley-Neuman Gymnasium transformation lasted four months and included new flooring, lighting, equipment, ceiling, walls and bleachers.”

“A CHANGING Campus”

“It’s impressive to see the things that are happening. Even the front entrance and the new fence line in the front look great,” said freshman zoo science major and Tenafly, N.J., native Cari Camizzi.

The outdoor basketball court was resurfaced, painted and received new fencing and backboards. The main entrance has new signage, landscaping and fencing along Route 202.
The Kresge Trio

“The family - that dear octopus from whose tentacles we never quite escape, nor, in our inmost hearts, ever quite wish to.”

~ Dodie Smith

Truer words have not been spoken for Amanda '08, Erica '09 and Scott Kresge '11. The three siblings from Perry County, PA, came to DelVal each on their own terms, each a bit tentative about having the others on campus. In the end they have learned that there are some perks to having family around.

Amanda, a dairy science major, came to DelVal because she thought the school best suited her tastes. “I like small groups and learning by doing, and DelVal offered both,” she explained. “I liked the campus, too, and really appreciated the farms.”

When asked about her siblings following in her footsteps, Amanda replied, “I would like to think that my established presence at DelVal did not persuade Erica and Scott to choose the same school, because I want them to be there for themselves. But I am glad, for whatever reason, they came to DelVal, too.”

Erica, also a dairy science major, chose DelVal based on the small class size, hands-on curriculum and the presence of an independent dairy science program. She did not choose the school because of her sister, but did find that it made the transition to college life easier. “Coming in as a freshman with a sister on campus was handy, because her friends would say ‘Hi’ to me, which made me feel more welcome,” she said.

Scott, an agricultural education major, chose DelVal because of the location near his extended family, the agricultural focus, the small, personal, beautiful campus and the competitive pricing after discounts.

“Having sisters there actually made me leery of attending the college, instead of enticing me,” he confessed.

As it turned out, each of the three enjoyed having the others on campus. Amanda and Erica were forever swapping clothes. The sisters also enjoyed working together on the campus dairy farm, as they think similarly and could work knowing intuitively what the other was doing. Erica added that they also shared books, reminded each other of meetings and took care of each other when they were sick. Scott valued his sisters’ advice regarding class work, professors and social matters. He also found that he always had a place to hang out if he needed to get out of his dorm room.

The three shared a special memory this year when Amanda and Erica threw a surprise party for Scott on his birthday, complete with pie and gifts sent from home. “It was amazing,” said Scott, who was very surprised.

Most of the other students on campus have no idea the three are related, as there is not a strong family resemblance. In fact, Amanda has been asked after walking with Scott on campus, “Who is your boyfriend?”

Only one professor, Dr. Linda Maisel of the English department, had the distinction of teaching all three Kresges. She was pleased to have each of the siblings in her classroom.

Erica and Scott admitted that they will miss their eldest sister in the fall. And Amanda said it will be difficult adjusting to life away from DelVal. “Fortunately, I will be close enough to visit occasionally, and I will always know I have somewhere to sleep over,” she added.

This past summer, Amanda had an internship with the University of Pennsylvania’s New Bolton Center Dairy Farm. “I would like to apply to veterinary school this fall,” she remarked.

Beyond DelVal, Erica plans to continue her work with cows. Scott plans on a career as a high school agricultural teacher and a National FFA (Future Farmers of America) advisor.
Kuszewski works at Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, NJ, as a Modeling and Simulation Operations Research Analyst. Specifically, she works on the Aegis Weapons System (AWS) Ballistic Missile Defense Program. The AWS is a naval ship, and Kuszewski operates simulation runs of how the weapons systems react in different situations.

One of her most recent projects involved supporting predictive analysis of the shooting down of a defunct satellite. In recognition of her efforts, Kuszewski received an Aegis BMD Excellence Award from the Missile Defense Agency (MDA). Her work helped ensure people around the world were safeguarded from exposure to hydrazine, a highly toxic substance and a risk to human health and safety, onboard the non-functioning satellite.

One may wonder how a chemistry major from Bucks County found her way to naval defense projects. “I grew up in a Department of Defense household,” Kuszewski replied. “Both of my parents have Navy experience. It’s in my blood.”

While at DelVal, Kuszewski worked as an intern at the naval shipyard in Philadelphia. It was here that she gained both “Navy knowledge” and security clearances. This helped pave the way to Lockheed Martin.

Kuszewski has many happy memories from DelVal. Physics class was a favorite of hers, and she served as the president of the chemistry club for two years. Her mother is also an alumna of the school. “DelVal is such a big part of the area,” Kuszewski said. (She grew up in Jamison, PA.) “My mom always spoke so fondly of it, and it’s a beautiful campus. It was an obvious choice for me when it came time to choose a college.”

Kuszewski’s latest project was her wedding. She was married this September to Steven McDermott. He is also employed by Lockheed Martin in the Command, Control, Communications and Information (C3I) department.

Looking ahead, Kuszewski plans on starting work on her MBA in the near future. “I’m always looking for a challenge,” she explained. “I’m looking for the next step. I want to learn more. That is something I picked up at DelVal; I want challenges like I had there.”

It’s quite evident that DelVal’s mission of providing students with an opportunity to reach their highest potential remains an influential driving force in Kuszewski’s life.
1. **How old is the President’s Residence?**
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2. **What is the age of the tree behind the President’s House?**
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3. **What are all those green things beside Lake Archer?**
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4. **What is that brown house on stilts?**
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5. **Why was the Aaron Building constructed, and what is it used for today?**
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1. **The President’s Residence** was built in 1749 and was the original homestead on the first piece of property purchased by founder Dr. Joseph Krauskopf. The house has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and two fireplaces. The home is registered as an historic place by the Bucks County Conservancy. The house was first used in 1777 by printer James Adams, who is credited with setting up the first printing press in Bucks County.

2. **The sycamore tree** behind the President’s Residence is estimated at 450 years old and may be the oldest in Bucks County. It is approximately 120 feet high, and the canopy spreads more than 110 feet.

3. **The green boxes** by the lakeside are part of advanced wastewater treatment systems for each of the houses around Lake Archer. They are included in a research project funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate new technologies for wastewater treatment in the Commonwealth.

4. The **small brown house** on stilts near the lakeside is a functioning bat house. Bats from around the area “hang-out” in the house, nesting and feeding on insects for more than a mile in radius.

5. **The Aaron Building** was constructed in 1899 by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Aaron to serve as a creamery. Today, it functions as a classroom for computer networking courses.

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Do you have any interesting history you would like to share?  
Contact Lynn.Murphy@delval.edu or 215-489-2457 to share your story.
The squad entered the double-elimination tournament as the third seed and met defending champion King’s College in the opening round. King’s held a 4-0 lead in the seventh inning, and its pitcher was just two outs away from hurling a perfect game. The Aggies broke that bid up and loaded the bases with two outs. Sophomore Brittany Stockert then smacked a grand slam home run to tie the contest. The game eventually went to the 14th inning, where Stockert knocked in a run and the Aggies held on in the bottom half of the inning for a 5-4 victory.

Thirty minutes after the marathon game with King’s, Delaware Valley took the field again and dropped a 2-0 decision to top-seeded DeSales University. That setback put the Aggies in the loser’s bracket and a rematch with King’s for a spot in the championship round. Delaware Valley used a record-tying four home runs to come from behind and earn a 6-4 victory.

With their first-ever spot in the championship game, the Aggies needed to win two contests from DeSales to claim the conference crown and a berth to the NCAA Division III playoffs. Game one was a 2-1 nailbiter that went the Aggies’ way. Now everything would come down to one contest. Four games and 35 innings over two days took its toll, however, and Delaware Valley suffered a loss to DeSales.

Sophomore outfielder Bethany Pavlik was named to the all-Freedom Conference first team for the second year in a row as she batted .385 with eight doubles, earned a school-record eight home runs and secured 33 RBIs.

The senior group of Kelly Andrews, Jennifer Bummer, Nicole Dorney, Maureen Ferguson, Kim Harle and Kirstyn Ruhling combined for seven all-conference honors and a number of school records during their time. They helped turn around a program that won just eight games (8-25) the year before they arrived.
AGGIE BASEBALL EARNS SPOTS IN ECAC AND FREEDOM PLAYOFFS
Zach Jakubowski Named Conference Player of the Year

The Aggie baseball team, under head coach Bob Altieri ’92, had a strong 2008 campaign when they went 25-18 overall, qualified for the Freedom Conference playoffs with an 8-10 league mark, and were also selected for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) South Region Championships.

The trips to the postseason were the first for the squad since 2004. Delaware Valley was the fourth seed of the Freedom playoffs and dropped decisions in the double-elimination tournament to top-seeded Manhattanville College and No. 3 Arcadia University.

The Aggies were then the third seed for the ECAC Championships, and they reached the title game with a 5-0 blanking of No. 2 Wesley College in the semifinals. They were one out away from the championship before top-seed and host Alvernia College scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 6-5 victory.

Three players earned four spots on the all-conference team, including senior third baseman Jakubowski who was named the Freedom Conference Player of the Year. It marked the sixth time since 1998 that an Aggie baseball player received the award, as Jakubowski joined Matt Altieri (1998), Jason Stackhouse (1999) and current assistant coaches Tony DeLude (2001 and 2002) and Mark Roth (2003) on the coveted list.

Jakubowski, who was also named to the 2008 American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)-Rawlings Mid-Atlantic Region Second Team, had a season to remember. He batted .453 and led the conference in hits (67), total bases (106), triples (9) and RBIs (47). Jakubowski’s nine triples set an Aggie single-season record, and he also became the all-time leader with 15 triples.

Senior Kyle Bobb and sophomore Mike Isgro were also named to the all-Freedom squad. Bobb, a first baseman, was a first-team selection with .346 and 22 RBIs. Isgro earned two spots on the all-conference team as a first-team choice as a utility player and a second-team honoree as a pitcher. He hit .380 and knocked in 27 runs and also went 6-2 with 52 strikeouts on the mound.
Athletics Facilities Get a Facelift

In just four months, the Rudley-Newman Gymnasium has been transformed into a first-class arena for intramural and athletic activities! New paint, basketball hoops, backboards, lights and floor lined for multiple sports make Rudley-Newman a great option for all students.

Across campus, college athletics facilities received upgrades and improvements including:

- New outdoor basketball courts behind the Security building. The courts received new hoops and backboards and have been repaved and relined. New fencing has also been added.
- Bleacher repairs were completed in the James Work Gymnasium. New lights have been ordered and will be installed this year.
- The weight room received new benches, free weights and new cardio machines for athletes and students.

MAC SPRING ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

The following Delaware Valley student-athletes were named to the Middle Atlantic Conference Spring 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):

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

Many exciting things are happening at our alma mater. New people, new students and new campus facility improvements signify a wonderful new outlook. Once again, Delaware Valley College was included in the top 25 northern comprehensive colleges in the latest rankings of U.S. News & World Report! This is our sixth year in a row! This honor indicates the impact the college continues to make with its students, alumni and community.

The college welcomed more than 519 new students with a very well-handled move-in day, “Arrival Survival,” which encouraged administrators, faculty and staff to help welcome new families with move-in assistance. Dr. Brosman also introduced two parent appreciation events, held on the front lawn of the president’s residence. These events made it easy for parents to get to know the leaders of the college in a relaxed atmosphere.

We traveled to State College in mid-August to meet with alumni and visitors at AgProgress Days. Alumni and friends enjoyed lunch while discussing all that’s new at DeVal. And we had the opportunity to meet the college’s new vice president for advancement, Joe Eckert, who started in mid-July. Joe comes from Haverford College, located near Philadelphia, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in development, alumni relations and communications. Good luck Joe! I know I speak for all alumni when I say we wish you the best!

As we move into the first semester of the academic year, I want to encourage you to continue to make Delaware Valley College a part of your world. The college has many events in which you can participate, including the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January and the Philadelphia Flower Show in March. Even if you cannot travel to make these special events, consider joining us as an alumni leader by volunteering to speak with students as a mentor, assisting students with employment questions and making time to talk to alumni through our semiannual phonathons.

With your continued leadership and increased dialogue, I know, together, we can help make a difference in the lives of Delaware Valley College students!

Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,

Ray Cupples ’64
President of the Alumni Association
Could you please print the song “Green and Gold” that we sang at the National Farm School? — David Rosenfield ’42

From the Editor: There’s been a flurry of questions and research on these two songs from yesteryear. Just when we thought we had the answer, another piece of information would point the other way. Do you know which one was used? Were both used? Do you know who wrote them? Let us know by contacting us at pr@delval.edu or 215-489-2457.

Green is the Glory of the Springtime
Tune: John Brown’s Body and Hurrah for the Red and Blue
adapted from words by Morris Mitzmain, 1902

Green is the glory of the springtime;
Yellow is the harvest and the sunshine
Blend them together and their meaning is foretold —
Three cheers for the Green and Gold.
Then ’ray, ’ray National Farm School—
’Ray for the Green and Gold.
’Ray, ’ray, ’ray, ’ray
’Ray for the green and gold
Farm School has its colors,
And the boys beneath its folds
Will give three cheers for Farm School,
With its colors, Green and Gold.
Reprinted from The Gleaner, Oct. 1946

Green and Gold
(School Song)
Green is the glory of the springtime;
Gold is the harvest and the sunshine
Blend them together and their meaning is foretold —
Three cheers for the Green and Gold
Rah, Rah, DelVal Aggies
Rah for the green and gold
Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah
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The Class of 1967 celebrated its 40th reunion one year ago during Homecoming 2007. The weekend started with a Friday night catered dinner held on campus in the Student Center. Saturday morning, we were on our own as many of us enjoyed the campus and shared many fond memories.

Lunch was under the “Big Tent” as we watched the Aggies down the Moravian Greyhounds in an exciting football game. The weekend was capped off with a Saturday night dinner at B. Maxwell’s in Doylestown. Everyone had a good time, and hopefully we will see even more classmates at our next reunion.

– Submitted by Dave Spinella

Where is your Cornucopia?

The Joseph Krauskopf Memorial Library has some extra copies of Cornucopia from years past. If you’re missing yours and would like a copy, please let us know by emailing us at kevin.ladden@delval.edu. There is a small shipping charge of $7 for each yearbook mailed.

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'00 Gibby Goodworth will finally marry his boyfriend of 5 years, Dr. Mark Jurek, on October 18, 2008, in San Francisco, CA. Gibby and Mark both live in San Francisco. Feel free to check out their website at www.gibbonmark.com.

'00 Barbara (Dent) Kielbania and husband Jon are proud to announce the birth of their first child, son Jaden Andrew Kielbania. Born on June 20, 2008, at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine, FL, he weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 17 inches long.

'00 Norm Schorr and Rosalie recently gathered with family and friends to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

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At DelVal, it’s a Schorr Thing

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'83 Dr. Lisa (Schorr) Ferguson, recently held the grand opening of her own veterinary clinic in Whiting, NJ, on May 3, 2008. A biology major at DelVal, she continued her education at the University of Georgia before earning her veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Ferguson has been a practicing veterinarian since 1993. Her husband, Donald, left his job at Lockheed Martin to help Lisa realize her dream of opening her own practice. Currently, he works as clinic administrator in the office.

Ferguson is the daughter Norm Schorr ’76 and the niece of Jerry Schorr ’63.
DR. JOHN PLUMMER, dairy science professor, retired in early September after 38 years with the college. A long-time student favorite, Plummer joined the college in 1970 and used his training in animal nutrition, lactation and dairy management in his teaching of courses in dairy and animal husbandry and animal nutrition. Plummer earned his Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and biology from Austin Peay State University and his master’s and Ph.D. in animal sciences from the University of Tennessee. In addition to Dr. Fred Hofsaess, Dr. Plummer was the recipient of the 60th annual A-Day dedication. At the retirement reception held in the lobby of Feldman Hall, professors and students shared stories about Dr. Plummer and their experiences at Farm Show, A-Day, and in class.

Friends of the Library
Mid-Winter Luncheon & Fashion Show
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
The luncheon food will be prepared by the DelVal Food Science and Management Department, and the fashion show will feature formalwear styles by Anne Bailey’s Bridal Shop. Attendees will have a chance to win wonderful prizes from local businesses and restaurants through our raffle. Also, bid on beautiful pieces, old and new, for the home in our silent auction.

Tickets are available for $20. Tickets make a great holiday gift! For information, or to order tickets, contact Janet Klaessig at 215-489-4957.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Delaware Valley College Friends of the Library.

Green Spaces
Wednesday, November 12, 2008
7:30 p.m.; Mandell 114
Green spaces continue to expand in urban settings. Louise Turan, Executive Director of John Bartram Association, Bartram’s Garden, will discuss the growing trend of green roofs, community gardens and ornamental plantings.

Green Roofs
Wednesday, December 10, 2008
7:30 p.m.; Mandell 114
Jeff Jabco Director of Grounds for Swarthmore College and Coordinator of Horticulture for Scott Arboretum, will discuss the construction, maintenance and function of green roofs based on his experiences at Swarthmore College.

Hardy Groundcovers
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
7:30 p.m.; Mandell 114
Learn about the use of groundcovers in garden designs as well as common landscapes. Dan Benarcik, Horticulturalist in the Courtyard Gardens, Chanticleer Gardens, will highlight woody and herbaceous plants known for their ability to colonize in specific sites or perform specific aesthetic tasks.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS
Thanks to your generosity and support of DelVal, we have been able to make some big changes on campus. Your unrestricted annual gift to the DelVal Fund during the fiscal year that ended June 30th has helped to meet our fundraising goal and, when combined with gifts from other loyal DelVal supporters, contributed to the following:

- Financial Aid and scholarship assistance to many of our students
- Providing faculty with annual, renewable funds that help support academic initiatives in all 15 departments
- Technology upgrades in the library
- Beautification of the entrance to the college
- Enhanced security measures for residence halls
- Continued upgrades to classroom spaces to provide modern, hands-on learning

These projects are only a small representation of the benefits of unrestricted annual giving. Thank you for continuing to support the college through the DelVal Fund and for providing an opportunity for current and future DelVal Students to experience an unparalleled education.
'03 Colleen (Rowland) Nicklin, DVM (Large Animal Science), graduated from Oklahoma State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine in May, 2008. She is currently practicing in Orlando, FL.

'03 Matt Bergman, a high school business teacher at Cocalico High School (Denver, PA), recently received the PA Department of Financial Education “Ripple Effect Award” for outstanding achievement in enhancing financial education in Pennsylvania. Matt was presented the award on July 11, 2008, by PA Secretary of Banking, Steve Kaplan, and PA Director of Financial Education, Hillary Hunt.

'03 Emily (Ferguson) King and Josh King ’03 announce the birth of their daughter, Willa Grace, on March 3, 2008.

'06 Melissa Martin (Food Service Management, minor in Food Science) announces her engagement to Michael Bowie. After knowing each other for five years, they began dating in 2006, and Michael proposed in Ocean City, NJ, in April of 2008. “I am currently attending DelVal for my Master’s degree in Food & Agribusiness, and I am employed by Indian Valley Country Club in Harleysville, PA, as their restaurant manager. We are planning an October, 2009 wedding and quite a few DelVal alumni will be part of our wedding party or guests on our special day.”

'06 Dana Ronyack and Dale Davis, IV ’06 were married on March 8, 2008, in Chester, NJ. Both are employed by Stony Hill Gardens in Chester. Many DelVal alumni were present at the wedding including best man Jared Hinkel ’06, groomsmen Brandt Davis ’10, Robert Arcidiacono ’06 and Tadd May ’06, maid of honor Celia Clemens ’07, bridesmaid Britt Shubra ’08 and also the parents of the groom Dale III ’80 and Carol (Shafer) Davis ’79. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia.

'07 Emily R. Casali is starting her second year at Sweet Briar College as one of the Teaching and Riding Fellows. It is an position that provides excellent learning and résumé building opportunities. She currently serves as the Assistant Coach for the IHSA team and the Fall Hunter Show Team and teaches lower-level riding, which she loves. She is the head of Recreational Riding Program and Student Volunteers.

Emily was engaged on July 4 in New York City to Scott Miller; they are planning a summer 2009 wedding. They plan to move back to Doylestown when Emily is done with her assignment at Sweet Briar in June 2009. The wedding will be in the Doylestown area and the party will include alumnae Maegan Corson ’09, Kaitlyn McLaughlin ’08 and Tiffany Mansy ’07.
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Left to right: Pete Duane ’72, Ray Funkhouser ’72, Robert (Boots) Gancarz ’72 and former classmate Larry Durr in Denali National Park at Mt. McKinley on July 3, 2008.