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1,000 to 1: The Cory Weissman Story
in the bleachers the day they filmed that breathtaking moment when Cory scored his single collegiate point. Filmmaking requires filming and refilming, and true to form, they shot this scene over and over again on a Saturday in Bream Gym. I found this inspiring moment did not get old even with all of that repetition. Every time they re-created the scene, I was transported back to that amazing moment last February — and every time I got choked up.

Some of our own staff made cameo appearances — most notably Dean Anne Lane as herself and Coach George Petrie as a referee (we all enjoyed seeing George in black-and-white stripes!) — and theater arts Prof. Chris Kauffman ’92 has a significant role as Cory’s physician. What won’t be so obvious from watching the film is the large corps of students, young alumni, and College staff who worked long hours behind the scenes as production assistants and helpers, assisting the cast and crew with everything from transportation arrangements to office supplies to battlefield tours. What an amazing experience for our students and some of our young alumni!

The cast and crew were effusive in their praise of the College community. It took them only a short time to recognize something that is clear to me every day — it is the people in our community that truly make Gettysburg great.

Sincerely,

Janet Morgan Riggs '77
President

Please visit president.gettysburg.edu and check out my new blog, “Cupola Conversations.” Please share your thoughts with me!

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Parting shot

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A $1.5 million gift from The Ronald J. Smith & Diane W. Smith Charitable Fund created the first endowed professorship to be part of Gettysburg Great, a Campaign for Our College. The Dr. Ronald J. Smith Professorship of Applied Physics will recognize a current faculty member’s outstanding teaching and research.

The gift announcement was a surprise ending to a campus physics colloquium by Ron Smith ’72 in September.

“It was an emotional moment for all of us,” said President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77. “This is the first gift of this campaign to endow a faculty position, so it has tremendous symbolic significance, as well as financial impact. We are so very grateful for Ron and Diane’s continued commitment to Gettysburg College.”

Smith was a physics major at Gettysburg, graduating magna cum laude. After completing his M.S. and Ph.D. in physics from the University of Minnesota, he headed to Silicon Valley and became the first full-time device physicist at Intel as semiconductors, memory chips, microprocessors, and other devices that revolutionized communications and computing were being developed.

Ron met Diane Werley ’73 on campus. Both were first-generation college students and recipients of financial aid from the College. They have been generous benefactors of the College, endowing a scholarship and a library internship and providing the climbing wall in the John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation, and Fitness. They also provide essential support through the Gettysburg Fund.

“I believe in the importance of education and that science and technology education is critical to the advancement of mankind,” Smith said, noting that he and Diane were students during the turbulent late ’60s and early ’70s, which “helped make us problem-solvers in our careers, as parents, and as citizens.” Together they organized the first Earth Day activities on campus.

“I fully expect to see a return from our gift in the Gettysburg College physics graduates who we hope will make a difference by addressing world problems through technological advancement,” Smith said. “That’s what I had a chance to do, and I want to encourage faculty and students to also apply the principles of physics to real-world solutions.”

Although biology, biochemistry and molecular biology, and health sciences are the most common majors, every year students from other majors — natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities — are accepted to medical school and other programs. Medical-related experience is crucial. Our Center for Career Development does a wonderful job helping students find opportunities including shadowing (one day), externships (one week), and internships (160 hours). These are often transformative experiences and we greatly appreciate alumni participation.

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A visit with health sciences Prof. KRISTIN Stuempfle

It is an exciting time to be the health professions advisor at Gettysburg College! Interest is booming, with over 450 students considering health professions careers, including medicine, dentistry, physician assistant, physical therapy, nursing, optometry, chiropractic, podiatry, occupational therapy, pharmacy, and public health.

“This is great news because there is a national shortage of healthcare providers, especially in rural and inner-city areas. Demand for healthcare providers will continue to increase with the changing state of healthcare and the aging of Americans.

“The liberal arts are great preparation for a health professions career. Graduate schools want students who are well-rounded, have excellent critical thinking and communication skills, and are life-long learners.

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Prof. Kristin Stuempfle holds a Ph.D. in physiology from the Penn State University College of Medicine. She is a co-chair of the Department of Health Sciences and serves as the campus health professions advisor. Her research centers on hypotremia (a low blood sodium level). She joined the faculty in 1997.
What makes a great…

There’s good, and then there’s great. How do you get there?

Hard work, of course, and studying the best of the best. At the pinnacle of many fields, you’ll find alumni who exemplify what we mean by “Gettysburg Great.”

If a measly marathon leaves you unmoved, if a triathlon seems trifling, if bootcamp has become a bore, then you’re ready to join thousands of competitors worldwide who are turning to extreme obstacle courses for the ultimate torture-test of physical fortitude and mental mettle.

And when enthusiasts’ websites rank the roughest of the rough, the Tough Mudder organization consistently comes out on top. Peter Rice ‘10 is a course designer and manager for Tough Mudder, which proudly proclaims itself “the premier obstacle course series in the world.”

“Our courses are long — 10 to 12 miles each, with at least 20 obstacles,” Rice said. “These events are big — up to 20,000 people a day — so we need a venue with access, parking, and area accommodations.”

“Location is important,” said Rice, who recently managed a course in Scotland. “We start looking at a site two months out. We look at terrain and incorporate natural obstacles.” Ponds, even quarries, are fair game — as are steep inclines, and of course, mud. But Tough Mudder adds temporary features like walls, tunnels, and rope courses, as well as hazards like live electrical wires, fire, and ice.

Once a site is chosen, it takes a week to design a course for a two-day event. “We gather feedback from participants to make each course better and tougher,” said Rice, who grew up on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. The environmental studies major played rugby at Gettysburg and toiled as an oyster farmer before joining Tough Mudder.

“There’s a Tough Mudder philosophy,” Rice said. “We strive to be environmentally sensitive. We have raised more than $3 million for the Wounded Warrior Project (which aids wounded service personnel as they transition to civilian life). On the course, we want people to work hard and have fun. All participants pledge before the event that they will not use drugs, and camaraderie come before course finish. Throughout the day you see fellow Mudders helping each other. Finishing is its own reward.”

Obstacle course

Eleven new faculty

Meet the new tenure-track faculty who began teaching last fall. Their outstanding academic backgrounds and diverse experiences bring unique perspectives to their departments. Brief bios and pictures are online.

Gettysburg PBK chapter the best

Phi Beta Kappa has named Gettysburg’s kista chapter the best liberal arts college chapter in the country, due to the chapter’s strong programming and outstanding student acceptance rate. What else is key? Find out online.

Smart Women

Gettysburg College joins the ranks of Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and 14 other prestigious colleges and universities with the introduction of a new organization on campus: Smart Woman Securities (SWS). Read about the student initiative online.

Grants to enhance learning

A $600K grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation allows more students to undertake faculty-mentored research or creative work and $80K from the Tragle Foundation expands first-year programs.

Hear “The Peace Project Song” at www.gettysburg.edu/links — by Liz Williams ’13

Snapshots

Newest academic programs

Read what students can expect from a new minor in Middle Eastern and Islamic studies, a bachelor of science in computer science online.

Missed Homecoming…

…the Hall of Athletic Honor, Distinguished Alumni Reunion, Cupola Society Dinner, Cupola cookies, and more? Experience the weekend through social media and the College website.

Radio stations in more than 30 African nations have played a song created and recorded by an advocacy group that Allan Kawala ’13 founded in his home country of Malawi.

The approximately 20-member group, dedicated to embracing differences and striving toward peace, came about as the result of a Davis Projects for Peace grant for which Kawala applied through the College’s Center for Public Service. “For us,” he said, “the song was putting a plug into the community. We could use the song to start a conversation.” The song addresses generations and nationalities by fusing reggae and hip-hop and by referring to historic and current events both inside and beyond Malawi.

The sociology major is a leadership mentor for the Garthwait Leadership Center. He led 12 of its Leadership Institute students to Kansas to complete the Eisenhower Library and Museum’s Five Star Leadership Program and to Arkansas, where they followed in the footsteps of integration pioneers at Little Rock Central High School. Kawala has also been active in Toastmasters, which helps members improve their leadership and public speaking skills, and eRace, which meets weekly for racial-justice dialogue.

Football Head Coach Barry Streeter was inducted into the Adams County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2012. In his 34th season, he is the winningest and longest-tenured football coach in program history. The 2012 season began with five straight wins, including his 100th Centennial Conference victory.

At mid-season, his record was 172-162-5. In NCAA Division III football, he is tied for ninth in career wins among current coaches and for 21st in all-time wins.

Streeter’s son Brandon entered the same Hall of Fame in 2009 after gridiron careers at Gettysburg High School and Clemson University.

Photo by Brian Chapita
Why we give

The Cooney family

Generations of generosity

More than 60 years ago, Doris Stetler Cooney ’49 found Gettysburg College (influenced by Wally Fisher ’40, her associate pastor at the time) and “It fit me.” It has also fit a second and a third generation of her family.

On campus she met the late Doug Cooney ’49, who was studying history and secondary education, while she studied Spanish. She wanted to be a Pan Am hostess; he was deciding whether to teach or preach. Doug decided to go to seminary. The airline would not hire Doris if she was engaged: she happily chose to be a giver.

“Freedom to choose helped build a life with Doug. The Odyssey and wearing a shirt with an image of Gandi on the front and a back that read, “This skinhead for peace.” Instantly, Meghan knew “I was home.” Music had also drawn her to the College, but, in addition to singing in the College Choir and Camerata, she chose to study philosophy, loving the philosophy department’s nontraditional approach: “It was not pencils and chalkboards, but people and ideas.”

Meghan has also followed her dad into fundraising, joining the staff at Washington College. She began supporting Gettysburg her senior year and still supports the Gettysburg Fund, joining her family in sustaining the community they love.

— by Emily Clarke

CPS earns national commendation

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and the U.S. Department of Education named Gettysburg College’s Center for Public Service (CPS) to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. CPS received the same honor in 2008 and 2011. More than half of the student body — some 1,600 individuals — provided nearly 30,000 hours of service during the last academic year.

“Through service, these institutions are creating the next generation of leaders by challenging students to tackle tough issues and create positive impacts in the community,” said Robert Velasco, acting CEO of CNCS.

Stepping up
CPS alumni still connected to New Orleans

Adding to the more than 150 Gettysburg College students, alumni, and staff who have traveled to New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina, seven Burgians of the Last Decade took part in the first Center for Public Service (CPS) Alumni Immersion Project this past May.

I was one of the seven BOLD alumni — along with Becky French, Kate Banks, and Crystal Ebert, all ’06, Sarah Quinn and Elia Simas, both ’06, and Jason Parker ’09 — who united in New Orleans, wearing faded Gettysburg t-shirts. Ebert and Parker first proposed the idea for an alumni immersion project at the 2011 Volunteer Leadership Summit. We had all participated in CPS activities as students, so we were well prepared to think critically, act compassionately, and reconnect with Gretchen Natter, who directed CPS in our day and is now interim associate dean of college life.

Our group, like ones in the past, spent a week with the St. Bernard Project, an organization that provides rebuilding, financial, and community support to families throughout New Orleans. Natter joined us for a day of work and to deliver updates on the College. Time and again, residents thanked us for our efforts and — more importantly — for continuing to rebuild. Seven years after the devastation, Gettysburgians have continued to arrive en masse.

The New Orleans Immersion Project was an opportunity I regretfully missed as a student. I had a second chance as an alumna. Each of us had our own motivation, but we all took pride in representing Gettysburg College.

Building from this year’s success, CPS and the Alumni Office are planning a 2013 alumni immersion project. Stay tuned. Sign up. Go!

— by Devan Grote ’11
After a record-breaking season, wrestler Zach Thomson ‘15 grappled with an even more grueling challenge. “I’m a soldier, first and foremost,” he said. “I have to honor my military obligation before my wrestling.”

Just two days after his last academic final, the Centennial Conference Wrestler of the Year began basic and advanced individual training as a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, in which he enlisted just before beginning his first year at Gettysburg.

After his school-record 41-win season, Thomson arrived at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. in peak condition. “Physically, I thought I was in shape,” he said, but the 14-week regimen proved far tougher than he imagined. “Once they start making you do everything, it makes you take a step back and think ‘I wasn’t really prepared for this.’ They throw a lot of things at you. It’s kind of like wrestling where they throw moves at you, but in basic training they throw skills at you.”

Thomson couldn’t train specifically for wrestling at Fort Leonard Wood, but his grappling prowess was decisive in a combat tournament. Thomson, who wrestles at 165 pounds, took first place in the 180-plus class and led his platoon to the overall title, personally eliminating four foes in a series of three-man free-for-alls. His victory was not physical alone. “Mentally in wrestling you are put in some bad positions,” he said. “You have to face getting hurt. It’s a physical contact sport. In the Army, in basic training, you also have to be looking at that. It takes a lot of mental toughness to do either.”

Thomson, who is looking to major in history and begin active duty after graduation, plans to follow his family into a military career. His mother, father, two uncles, both grandfathers, and his great-grandfather all served.

Thomson’s season broke the record previously held by Jake Dell ’98 and Matt Shank ’08. He finished second at his weight in the conference tournament. A shoulder injury derailed him at the NCAA Division III Championships.
How did a French and secondary ed major end up writing novels and children’s books? I suppose I never perceived my major as a boundary. I’m convinced that my liberal arts background fed my natural curiosity and provided me with the critical thinking skills that I use every day. That being said, I did teach French and German (my minor) at a high school in Fairfax, Va. for several years after graduation. When I landed my first book contract with a small Maryland publisher (their office was above a pet shop), I was scared to death. I didn’t even own a computer, was a new mother, and had no creative writing degree. What I did have, though, was confidence in my ability to research, to write clearly, and to solve problems.

You’ve written professionally for over 20 years. How has the digital age changed what you do? The biggest impact has been in how I spend my time. With the advent of social networking — blogs, Facebook, Twitter — it’s become imperative for writers to stay connected with readers. We all do a lot more marketing and promotion now than we did even five years ago. On the other hand, the writing process hasn’t changed that much: although now anyone with a computer can write a “book” and call themselves an “author,” good literature still takes a long time to create. Art suffers if you try to fast-forward and cut corners.

You write on many topics. How do you choose? I have to be emotionally connected to my subjects to write about them, so it’s more like the book chooses me!

My recent book A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin (illustration, left) is a good example. I discovered Pippin’s work while researching the Wyeth family of painters for my novel Pieces of Georgia. I wrote the Pippin manuscript as I was finishing the novel, but the former was rejected several times. Later, I pulled it out again, revised it a bit, and resubmitted it. Pippin’s life fascinated me; I knew if I could get it into the right hands, it would make a great picture book.

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Which writers helped you find your own voice? I could go on for pages here (but I won’t!) as there are so many. Jerry Spinelli ‘63 and his wife Eileen are two of my favorite people as well as two of my favorite authors. They’ve been invaluable mentors in the business as well as the craft. I also love the poets Billy Collins, William Stafford, Emily Dickinson and Mary Oliver, and the novelists Barbara Kingsolver, Erik Larson, Annie Dillard, and Anne Patchett.

Many liberal arts grads feel they have a book in them. What advice do you have? The digital age has given everyone access to self-publishing, so if your goal is to see your name on a book cover, you need only download a software program and voila. But … if your goal is to become a writer of stories, poems, or nonfiction that lasts and has an impact on people’s lives, then you need to approach it the same way you would painting, dancing, or musicianship: study the masters, imitate their techniques but in your own style and voice, submit your work (but expect it to be rejected most of the time), write for several hours each day, and never, ever give up!
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Conversations

On Election Day, the College’s Facebook page invited Gettysburgians to post where they had cast their ballot. A humorous image of Lincoln accompanied the request. By the next afternoon, replies neared 150.

The farthest-flung — and perhaps most profound — post came from Lisa Bingler Banister ’90: “Voted Absentee 4 weeks ago from Camp Casey, South Korea. 15 miles from the DMZ. Made me really think about the amazing right we have as Americans that many around the world do not have.” Jeanne McLellan ’87 voted at “Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn, where we shared our polling station with those displaced by Hurricane Sandy. There were a fair number of people voting by affidavit. Devastation did not dissuade people in NYC from getting out and voting.”

Dan Poch ’89 voted in a battleground state that proved key to the outcome: “Cincinnati, OH. The world rests on my shoulders.”

Tina Hanlon ’75 cast her ballot in “Ferrum, Virginia. First voted while a student at Gettysburg in 1972, by absentee ballot, as I recall.”

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Last issue’s news that a highly regarded English professor received the Distinguished Teaching Award regarded English professor received the honor of learning from you as well. Congratulations on a well-deserved award from Gettysburg. We are all in your debt.

The “Voice of experience” feature is intended to bring more alumni perspectives into the magazine, and last issue’s thoughts on healthcare by Dr. Dwight L. Michael ’78 did just that. Two alumni responded to the feature’s invitation to submit comments.

Bruce Wilson ’67 wrote: “I disagree with the assumptions, notions and alleged ‘truth seeking’ underpinning the sweeping conclusion that only socialized medicine, in the form of Obamacare and the like, will bear serve the health and wellbeing of the vast majority of Americans. I am not an expert on this subject, and just because Dr. Michael practices medicine in Gettysburg surely doesn’t make him an expert on how to best serve most Americans in an industry that in his own words, represents 17 percent of the entire U.S. gross domestic product. This statistic and all the others presented are unsegregated, to be taken by the reader on faith. I wonder if Dr. Michael has actually read the over 2,000 pages of the Affordable Care Act, and the already additional thousands of pages of new regulations it has foisted on the taxpayers and job providers in this country. And who cares what other countries chose to do? Most are corrupt, many are undemocratic and statist, or on the verge of bankruptcy like the European Union. Why should we emulate them in the name of ‘equality’ or pursuit of phantom efficiencies that no central bureaucracy in human history has delivered anywhere in the world, at least not for very long! The magazine owes its readers to ask other experts, to balance the obvious bias and one-sided sophistry in this ‘Voice of experience’ article. Or is it the agenda of the magazine behind such opinions? Finally, my own personal physician is planning to leave his practice, already overburdened by cuts in Medicare reimbursements, and the shadow of the Obamacare implementation. You need to ask some of these men and women who don’t share the pie-in-the-sky notions of Dr. Michael, and share with your readers their views of what socialized medicine will do to our people, their freedom and prosperity.”

Tim Parsons ’64 wrote that he encountered a young woman in a Gettysburg College sweatshirt in the first. The invitation to comment is necessary, but insufficient, for an opinion segment.

Tom Carroll and Newt Jackson, both ’67, hadn’t seen or heard from each other since graduation. But then, by coincidence this past September, both entered the National Men’s 65+ Grass Tennis Tournament in Rumson, N.J.

“I saw the name ‘Tom Carroll, Colt Neck, N.J.’ on the draw sheet, but, for the life of me, I did not remember him as a tennis player even though we were fellow fraters in Tau Kappa Epsilon, so I never gave it a second thought,” wrote Jackson. “He must have seen my name and made the connection. As it turned out, Tom had played a lot of tennis as a junior and was taking a break from the game while at G’burg.” Carroll made it to the second round; Jackson lost in the first.

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Thomas H. Brower ’56 wrote: “The current issue has an opinion segment on a controversial subject without a disclaiming for myself, yes, I did just love it.”

Last issue, we took note of a video that went viral. It showed the reaction of Senator Wondemariam ’16 to news that she had been accepted to Gettysburg with a full scholarship through the College Bound Initiative. Catherine Lee, mother of Samantha Lee ’16, submitted a response to the College’s website: “Very touching video of Senait Wondemariam. I cried watching it. What a wonderful program that is offered to low-income students.”

Jake Trimmer ’58 submitted some photos from his time as a student. To check them out, visit www.gettysburg.edu/links

President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 contributed to the national conversation about student-loan debt in three publications. She argued that such debt is a good investment because a college education increases lifetime earnings and has other benefits. In an Oct. 15 op-ed on The Wall Street Journal’s MarketWatch website, she asked: “Have we devalued one of America’s most lucrative investments so much that we believe a $30,000 car loan is wiser debt than tuition?” On Oct. 24, The Chronicle of Higher Education quoted her response to alarmist media reports: “sensational cases set a tone and may scare people away from pursuing a college degree.” Investorplace.com published a Q&A with her on Oct. 24.

To add your voice to Conversations, visit the College’s Facebook page, follow the College on Twitter, or send a letter to alumni-magazine@gettysburg.edu
Genes that we share with fungi may hold the key to cancer and other diseases. Biology Prof. Steve James ’80 focuses on a common bread mold. His collaborative research style has propelled a generation of alumni into grad school, just as his Gettysburg mentor, Prof. Emeritus Ralph Cavaliere, inspired him.
Prof. Steve James '80 is a central link in Gettysburg's intellectual lineage. His mentor, Prof. Ralph Cavaliere, introduced him to his area of research and inspired him to go to grad school. James has transmitted that inspiration to his own students.

Since James returned to Gettysburg in 1992, more than 90 students have completed for-credit research with him. Approximately 20 who have collaborated closely with him since 2005, nine have undertaken Ph.D. studies. Others are in medical, dental, or veterinary school, or seeking master's degrees, or in research or teaching careers.

"I'd like to think I've inspired some of my students as much as Ralph inspired me," James said. "It would be the ultimate compliment if that were true. Ralphie is insatiable and unmatched, and, yes, I strive to follow him to that role model." 

Alumni agree that James is succeeding:

"If I hadn't met Steve James, it is highly likely that I never would have gotten into a career in research," said Dr. Greg Crawford '95, a pediatrics professor at Duke University's Institute for Genome Sciences and Policy. "My lab does genomie research to understand how different parts of our body, and in certain diseases like cancer. The skills and thought processes I learned from Steve continue to be relevant every day. I try to mentor my students similar to how Steve mentored me."

While Kolin Vasilov '06 was completing his Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon University, he helped develop new technology that he is taking with him to a leading research lab at Cambridge University in England. Vasilov’s novel biosensor monitors when cells touch and move apart, as when nerve cells communicate by forming synapses.

"The implications are endless — memory, diseases, brain development and operation," he said. "Dr. James and Gettysburg College were my foundation. He was the first one to see the connection between my character and following the biotechnology research path. This would have never happened in a larger university, since usually the interactions between students and professors are quite limited. He combined an easy-going and relaxed lab setting with unlimited insightful one-on-one time, everything culminating in a creative environment." James proudly attended Vasilov's dissertation defense last year.

Mart Denholter '05 is completing his Ph.D. at UCLA, where he and his colleagues are probing how embryonic stem cells bring related genes together in three-dimensional space even when they are millions of DNA base pairs apart. He said that James "was my bridge from the classroom, where we learn what facts are known, to the lab, where we focus on what is not known by learning what questions to ask and how to ask them. A liberal arts education forces you to become comfortable thinking deeply in a broad range of subjects. This breadth naturally leads to the out-of-the-box thinking that is so necessary for scientific problem solving."

Kristy Bialas '08 is completing her Ph.D. in virology at the University of Rochester Medical School. She has been working on H1N1 flu virus genetics. "Nothing could have prepared me better for a successful career in graduate school than my years spent in Dr. James' lab. Aside from learning how to design my own experiments, keep a good notebook, train incoming students, have meaningful discussions, and suffer through draft after draft in order to become a better scientific writer, it was in his lab that I really discovered my passion for science. His unwavering enthusiasm about his and everyone else’s projects in the lab had us racing to work each morning to be the first to see the results of yesterday’s experiments," she said.

"Being a student at a liberal arts college was very meaningful to me as a person. I got to take classes on psychology, gender identity, Roman civilization, and other fields that I hadn't yet been exposed to. It was a great opportunity to try new things and become a more well-rounded person."

Kristin Shingler '11 is studying viral structure in the microbiology and immunology Ph.D. program at Penn State's College of Medicine in Hershey. Four years of research with James provided crucial preparation for grad school, said "Being able to think about problems in a laboratory setting from multiple angles is a great advantage, and I believe the diverse training I received at Gettysburg helped."

"Joining Dr. James' lab has been the most important and rewarding decision of my scientific career thus far," said Tina Kelliber '11, who is pursuing a Ph.D. at Duke University. "He taught me how to think and communicate my ideas like a scientist in an interactive and personal way. My lab works on modeling a gene regulatory network of the eukaryotic cell cycle, using budding yeast as a model, in collaboration with mathematicians, statisticians, and computer scientists. The systems biology field is driven by people who have developed a variety of skills and can speak multiple scientific languages. I believe that my training in the James lab and at Gettysburg College in general has prepared me for the experiments, research talks, and grants that I am presently working on."
The journey of Prof Steve James '80

A fascination with living things spawned early for Steve James '80. As a kid, he captured salamanders until 146 of them inhabited a basement window well. In March of his senior year in high school, he snatched up the serpent and sped into the house, his eyes wide with wonder. "I learned what research really is," said James, who also discovered that some of the wild samples he collected were delicious sautéed in butter.

Crucially, James also discovered that the world of genetics was about to break wide open with the advent of genetic engineering. DNA sequencing had been invented in 1977, while he was still an undergraduate, and the field remained in its infancy in the early 1980s. "But it was clear that these new methods, with their unprecedented power to reveal the underpinnings of life, would be mandatory in the scientist's toolkit," James said. So, he began applying to institutions with labs where "the next level" was becoming clear. "I wanted to learn the hottest tech techniques, and it took five years at that time — essentially what I do now, in the Molecular Genetics course. It wasn't long before he became a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, probing the Aspergillus nidulans fungus at one of the foremost labs in the field of cell division research. For three years there, he helped advance understanding of the genetic mechanisms controlling cell proliferation.

But, by now, he and his wife — fellow Gettysburgian Laura Mandelman James '80, who earned a master's in social work at Minnesota — had two sons. It was time to evolve again. While applying to institutions large and small, and being invited to interviews, he happened across an ad for a certain liberal arts college in Pennsylvania. Gettysburg was not only looking for a molecular biologist, but it had just received a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to set up a genetic engineering lab. "I had never imagined it would be possible to return to Gettysburg," James said, when the opportunity came "it was an easy decision." (Learning to teach was a bit more challenging. See story below.)

"Gettysburg shaped my life," James said in an oral history interview conducted this past March by Alexandra Milano '14. "I really grew up here and found out who I was here, learned who I was as a person, and discovered that I could become a scientist. I met my wife here. I guess you could say Gettysburg has given me the whole package."

The teaching-research continuum

Returning to Gettysburg after 12 years of grad school and postdoctoral research, biology Prof. Steve James '80 was eager to teach.

He had acquired a taste for teaching as a lab instructor in grad school. "I really enjoyed it," he said. "I've always enjoyed explaining things and working with students. I think I had an inking that I had that in me, that I had that potential." His former teachers — now suddenly his colleagues — also recognized that potential and helped James transition back into the classroom, especially Prof. Sherm Hendriks and Ralph Sorensen, who were important mentors in his early days of teaching.

Teaching is one side of a happy equation for James. "I also love research. Teaching without research is hard for me, either situation would be a glass only half full. For me, teaching has meant that I need to stay fresh by pulling up new papers, reading new articles, and incorporating those into my teaching," he explained.

"Whichever is more than in his Molecular Genetics course, which he has taught since 1992 and has updated rigorously each year. It provides students with semester-long, multifaceted original research projects that combine fields including genetics, cell biology, biochemistry, cancer, and aging. It is also a springboard for new initiatives, inspiring students to do further research in the Molecular Genetics laboratory.

"Teaching is a distraction persists at a lot of big research universities, James said, but "there are plenty of people in universities who recognize the value of undergraduate education and are glad for it. I think the majority of my P.D. students at big universities come from small colleges. This is where they get the best training. They get their hands into research in a way that is not possible when you're one of a thousand biology majors at a large state university."
Decades before the media began focusing on the cost and value of higher education, Gettysburg College was already committed to being in reach of every qualified student. In fact, nearly 70 percent of our students receive need-based aid or scholarships. Though financial aid has made Gettysburg possible for generations of students, many misconceptions remain about where aid comes from and who gets it. We asked Director of Financial Aid Chris Gormley to set the record straight.

How do colleges fund financial aid?

Gettysburg awarded $45.2 million in scholarships and grants for the 2012-13 academic year. The majority of those funds — almost 94 percent — is allocated from the College operating budget; 6 percent is from endowed funds for scholarships. Financial aid packages offered by Gettysburg College need to be competitive with those available from our peer institutions.

What do students get?

The average student financial aid award for 2012-13 is $33,259. Gettysburg College grants vary from $500 to $43,430, based on financial need. Aid packages include a self-help portion along with the award of a student loan (federal and/or institutional) and/or work-study. Almost half of our students have on-campus jobs.

Merit-based scholarships, which recognize academic achievement in high school, range from $7,000 to $25,000 per year. Based upon audition, talented musicians can be considered for music scholarships associated with the Sunderman Conservatory of Music.

The College also awards federal and state aid for which students may be eligible, including federal Pell grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, state grants, and federal and institutional student loans.

Q&A

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Funding a healthy future

Ever since she was a child, Keanna Voso ’14 has been interested in health care. In her junior year of high school, her mother was hospitalized — “This was in the hospital for a good portion of that year,” said Voso. “I learned a lot about the role of a nurse.”

As a health sciences major at Gettysburg, Voso has been able to pursue her interest in nursing — among many other endeavors. “I’m very appreciative of my Gettysburg experience, including all the friends I’ve made, helping the swim team win the Centennial Conference Championship, Midnight Madness, Thanksgiving Dinner, the All Concert, and all the help my professors have given me,” she said.

None of this would have been possible without the Mary Wartluft Scholarship. “Thanks to the generous support of that scholarship, the heavy financial burdens of paying for college have been eased.”

Throughout the years, my colleagues and I have been fortunate to hear from families who are incredibly appreciative of the financial support provided to their student. Those hundreds of thank-you notes, emails, and phone calls come to us, but they extend to the alumni, parents, and friends of the College who have chosen to provide support for financial aid and scholarships.

— Director of Financial Aid Chris Gormley

Keanna Voso ’14

What do you find that people misunderstand about financial aid? What are the biggest misperceptions?

One common misunderstanding is the idea that all schools approach financial aid the same way. Schools do not have the same financial resources, policies, or practices. We provide our “Investing in Your Future” guide, the Net Price Calculator (for a preliminary estimate), and personal financial aid counseling for prospective students and their families. They need to ask every school the same questions.

Another misperception is that financial aid funds are unlimited or that all funds originate from outside sources. The long-term effects of the downturn in the economy have affected many of our families, and their increased financial need continues to challenge the College’s financial aid budget.

Gettysburg budgeted $45.2 million for financial aid in 2012-13, 94 percent from funds for current operations and 6 percent from the endowment. Gifts to the endowment and Gettysburg Fund designated for scholarships allow the College to direct funds towards other necessary expenditures.

Who receives financial aid? Is it true the middle class is getting squeezed out?

About 70 percent of our students receive need-based financial aid or scholarships. Our office works personally with families from varied circumstances and income levels. For some, a college education wouldn’t be possible without significant financial assistance. Others find they need to know the options they have to make Gettysburg College a feasible investment.

There are students whose parents make over $100,000 per year (well above the federally-defined “middle class”) who would not be able to attend Gettysburg without financial aid. Since our financial aid calculations take into account the number in the family and the number in college, families with multiple college-aged children who have higher incomes may still qualify for need-based financial aid. Here’s a snapshot from a recent year:

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What is the average Gettysburg student’s debt at graduation, and how does it compare nationally?

This is definitely a hot topic in the media and one we’ve been discussing with families.

Student debt amounts of Gettysburg College graduates are currently below the national average and it is important to keep them there. For the Class of 2011, the national average federal student loan debt was $25,250. Gettysburg’s average was $18,748. Generally, our peers (highly selective national liberal arts colleges) have student loan debt averages similar to ours. Scholarship support not only makes attending Gettysburg possible, it also helps to spare graduates excessive and debilitating debt. Keeping student debt to a minimum gives Gettysburg alumni more flexibility to attend graduate and professional schools, engage in public service, and pursue their professional passions.

An overview of need-based financial aid eligibility

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Hollywood came to Gettysburg in October, as the campus became the setting for a new movie, 1,000 to 1: The Cory Weissman Story.

The film recounts the real-life experience of Weissman ’12, a basketball standout who suffered a debilitating stroke as a first-year Gettysburgian but made a courageous comeback to score one point in the final game of his senior season, gaining attention from media such as National Public Radio and Sports Illustrated.

Stars include David Henrie of the Disney Channel’s Wizards of Waverly Place and Beau Bridges as Head Coach George Petrie. Actors included Ed Riggs ’77, Jaeger Center Director Cindy Wright P’08, ’13, ’16, Associate Dean of Academic Advising Anne Lane, and theatre arts Prof. Chris Kauffman ’92. Weissman himself was on set to lend his unique perspective, as was his mom, Tina Weissman, a physical therapist who was key to his recovery. She was portrayed by Jean Louisa Kelly of Mr. Holland’s Opus. Scores of community members were extras.

The film provided countless opportunities for students as they completed a wide range of tasks, saw digital filmmaking equipment in action, and networked with industry professionals. “1,000 to 1 offered me an unparalleled opportunity to get hands-on experience ... in a working environment that I want to pursue after college,” wrote film studies major Pamela Giangreco ’14. “As an art production assistant, I helped dress the set and created a number of pieces that were used in the movie.”

Bruce Gordon P’13, ’16 former senior vice president and chief financial officer for Disney Interactive Media Group, approached President Janet Morgan Riggs ’77 with a proposal to make the film. Release is planned in 2013.

Like 1,000 to 1 on Facebook, follow @1000to1movie on Twitter, and visit www.1000to1movie.com for updates.
Greg Hoy ’92 is CEO of Happy Cog, which was jet Magazine’s 2010 Design Firm of the Year and the winner of a prestigious 2012 Webby award for MTV’s Online Music Awards website. The firm also earned Webby honors for its redesign of Harvard University’s main site and for the structure and navigation of Zappos.com.

Web design careers didn’t really exist yet when Hoy was a student, but his management degree helped prepare him for a world that doesn’t stop changing. Hoy thinks deeply about design every day. We asked him to share a few of those thoughts.

What is good design?

“Would you call it ‘design’ if someone else did it?”

We were able to define consistent typograph, color, and other elements to ensure their brand was faithfully represented. We even suggested some tongue-in-cheek copy — “Shoes now conveniently sold in pairs” — because good web design starts with sound content strategy. In the end, we created a detailed style guide, a roadmap so they weren’t constantly reinventing the wheel. It saved them tremendous time and money.

Why is good design important?

For Happy Cog, it’s important because it makes and saves money for our clients. Good design benefits both sides of the balance sheet. It saves money for those who maintain the solutions we build, and it generates revenue because it caters to the needs of the target audiences.

When we created a design system for Zappos.com, we realized that their key differentiators were their fun-loving attitude and fanatical obsession with customer service. Those two things are at the center of their culture. Yet, little of that was making it to the surface of the online experience. The design was inconsistent and the content strategy was disjointed. Zappos was saying one thing and showing something else.

How did Gettysburg help prepare you for your career?

I was a typical confused high school kid who didn’t know what he wanted to do. I was always interested in design, but I don’t think I was confident enough to apply to a top-notch design school. My father insisted that I “couldn’t go wrong with a business degree.” When I graduated, I gained confidence. It was the first time I realized there might be a future for me in management, and it was all without setting foot in a classroom. To me, it’s these “off the grid” experiences that make Gettysburg a fantastic place.

Were any particular pros especially influential?

As I got older and found myself elaborating or detailed something that was not well known, I realized that the breadth of a liberal arts education would “couldn’t go wrong with a business degree.” When I graduated, I gained confidence. It was the first time I realized there might be a future for me in management, and it was all without setting foot in a classroom. To me, it’s these “off the grid” experiences that make Gettysburg a fantastic place.

What are some of your favorite projects?

We have worked with hundreds of clients. They’re all over the map, both geographically and by industry, and for a purposeful. We like new challenges, and we particularly enjoy applying thinking from one industry to another.

In 2007, we designed a social banking website called SmartyPig, a mashup of banking and Facebook when Facebook was still embryonic. One of those things you don’t necessarily see in the course catalog. My paper for this class was about how MTV changed the cultural landscape of music forever. I got an A.

I was a management major with a concentration in entrepreneurship. A couple of my favorite pros were the husband and wife duo of Charles and Spring Walton. They were just like my parents. They were smart and approachable. I also had a small business management class with Prof. Robert Pitta where I learned a lot through case studies and sat next to Carson Kressley ‘91, who perhaps learned a thing or two about managing success. [Kressley is now a prominent TV personality, activist, and fashion maven.]

Winning Web Awards

From MTV’s glitz to Harvard’s heft to the soul of shoe giant Zappos, Greg Hoy ’92 is at the forefront of web design.

Happy Cog

Happy Cog, founded in 1999, is a design firm that designs clean and intuitive experiences. We aim to make people’s lives easier and more enjoyable through thoughtful web and digital strategy. 

Happy Cog has been recognized with Webby honors for Zappos.com, and a Webby award for their music website. The firm has been named Design Firm of the Year by Jet Magazine.

Happy Cog has worked with clients including Apple, MTV, and Harvard University.

Happy Cog is located in downtown Brooklyn, New York City.
What students

Internship
at the Smithsonian Institution
National Museum of American History

Since Emily Cranfill ‘15 was in eighth grade, her goal has been to work at the Smithsonian Institution. Halfway through her first year at Gettysburg College, Cranfill found out she would have the chance when she was selected for the American Political Items Collectors (APIC) Mark Jacobs Internship at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History (NMAH).

The majority of her work at the Smithsonian focused on an upcoming exhibit that explores presidential campaigns and voting procedures throughout American history. The exhibit, tentatively titled “Democracy,” should be on display at the NMAH in 2015. “My specific project was to gather and document campaign materials used in a previous exhibit that ran from the 1970s through the 1990s,” said Cranfill.

After finding objects to be featured in the exhibit, Cranfill documented their sizes and locations within the collection and photographed them. Throughout her internship, Cranfill saw and handled many objects of significant American history, including the desk on which Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence and the top hat worn by Lincoln on the night of his assassination (above). “I’m really passionate about Lincoln and his assassination,” said Cranfill. “To physically touch things involved with that event was an incredible experience for me.” Internships like Cranfill’s offer Gettysburg students insights into career possibilities and provide hands-on work experience and skills. The Center for Career Development (CCD) is in the midst of the Career Connector Challenge, an ambitious effort to create 1,832 new career-related opportunities for students by 2014 — more than 1,000 have been added since 2010.

Can you host a networking dinner? Provide a summer internship? Allow a student to shadow you or a coworker? Let students talk to you by phone about your own career? There are students who would like to tap your expertise and experience. Call the CCD at 717-337-6616.

— by Liz Williams ’13

What makes Gettysburg

Great Work that makes a difference

Holden Mills ’11 left the U.S. for Ghana in September to volunteer as an agricultural advisor with the Peace Corps. In his blog “Ghana Get There,” Mills cites his desire to give back, make a difference, and expand his worldview among his reasons for joining. The Civil War Era studies and history major from Massachusetts even went so far as to parlay his pre-departure plans for a “serious haircut” into charitable great work, raising $1,000 for the International Children’s Fund from family and friends if he would shave his head. The College has a strong and enduring connection with the Peace Corps. The number of graduates who have been involved through the years has earned the College repeated recognition by the agency as a top producer of volunteers. More than 154 alumni have served since the Peace Corps was founded in 1961.

Award
Philadelphia Futures

An award for helping low-income, first-generation-to-college students gain access to higher education was presented to Dean of Intercultural Advancement Pete Curry.

Twenty-six students have graduated after coming to campus via Philadelphia Futures, which gave Curry its “Hats Off to You” award. “For the last 11 years, Philadelphia Futures has had the honor of sharing a groundbreaking college partnership with Gettysburg College,” said Philadelphia Futures Executive Director Joan C. Mazzotti. “Pete has played a significant role in our students’ success. He has been a great partner and friend to all of us. None of this would be possible without his fervent dedication and work.”

Philadelphia Futures prepares high-potential, economically disadvantaged students for college. It has helped 400 students obtain degrees.
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Sam Messner '39 is still living in Chambersburg, Pa. at the young age of 98. I hadn’t seen him since 2004 on his 90th birthday. His roommate, Beatrice (Hoover) Shenton, and I keep in phone contact every few months. She and her husband George celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary Sept. 6. I also called Lucille (Hartzell) Corbin on her birthday — same date as Fran’s. She is doing well in assisted living in Traverse City, Mich. with family nearby. She doesn’t drive, but has good friends who pick her up. From Sept. 5-20, my daughter Joanne was here for another great and busy visit. I also had a good, short visit with my grandson Scott and his wife from Arizona, and granddaughter Shelley from Alabama. They were in Baltimore for an appointment at Johns Hopkins. 

Joanne's husband George and I keep in phone contact every few months. She and her husband George celebrated their 65th anniversary Nov. 1. They live at Homewood Retirement Center in Hanover, Pa., and would welcome visitors. Their sons Mark '73 and Paul '76 graduated with degrees in physics.

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Jane (Heinlein) Doyle 10291 Casey Road Ellicott City, MD 21042-1665 410-469-2484
On Sept. 6, Ruth (Hoops) Allison hosted a luncheon at her home in Lancaster. I was there plus Mary Edna (Mitchell) Stover '48 from Baltimore, Sarah Jean (Puss) Beach from Reisterstown, Carolyn (Blocher) Neely from Frederick and Christine (Burt) Houck '50 from Lancaster. On Sept. 10, I spoke long distance with Peg (Gettys) Coon, who is living at a retirement home in Kansas City, Mo. She delights in her two granddaughters, Stephanie and Katie, who visit Peg while her son, Richard, and wife live on a cruise. Richard works at FL Lebanon. My daughter Suzanne Schneider teaches high school English in Honesdale, Pa. My granddaughter Caitlin Jane is a veterinary technician in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. She earned her veterinary technician degree at Johnson College in Scranton, Pa.

1950
Ruth (Forbush) Craley 426 College Ave., Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-3726 ruthcraley@embayment.com
At Homecoming this year, the College celebrated 50 years of naming distinguished alumni, John Clark and Mary returned to celebrate his induction as a distinguished alumnus in 1995. Kenneth C. Cramer, a longtime resident of Lebanon, N.H., was named in August. He worked at Dartmouth as a librarian, left briefly to work at West Point, and returned to Dartmouth until his retirement. He attended Blair Academy after high school and served in the Navy. His knowledge of Lebanon, N.H. and Dartmouth is amazing. He curated an exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of Hanover’s charter.

Elizabeth Ann (Foster) Snyder died in July, Anne, as we knew her, graduated from the University School of Dental Hygiene. She met her husband, Alden ’50, at Gettysburg. They lived in Salem, N.J., where he was a dentist and Anne was past president of AAWD, past president of the American Cancer Society, and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. After retirement, Anne and Alden moved to Beesley’s Point where she was active in the historical society and a member of the PeaceAntyp Church. She is survived by her husband, John Jeffery and his wife, daughter Sandra and her husband, and two grandparents.

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Lou Hamann 1350 Evergreen Way Ontanna, PA 17553 717-334-1679 lhhamann@gettysburg.edu
Howard Fox from Lebanon, Pa, passed away on Sept. 23, 2012. Howard was an electrical engineer with Met-Ed. He was the son of the minister of the local United Church of Christ. Edwin John Johnson passed away on Aug. 18, 2012. Benjamin Peters from Camp Hill, Pa, passed away Sept. 26, 2012. Much of his professional career was handling restoration at the State Museum in Harrisburg. Janet (Schultz) Musseman from Lambsburg, Pa. passed away March 10, 2012. She was the extraordinary matron of a wonderful family. Kenneth Rommel Jr., from Elizabethtown, Pa., passed away July 28, 2012. He was a parochiate infantryman, then moved to the FBI and later joined the New Mexico Corrections Department. In one assignment, he investigated cattle mutilation and wrote a controversial official report. He was buried with military honors at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, Harold Sentz from Hanover and Littlestown, Pa., passed away Sept. 22, 2012. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers and was with the RSH Sheppard Company for 30 years, serving as vice president of finance. He is amased what Gettysburgians of our vintage have done in their careers. If you have an interesting story to tell, don’t put off letting us know about it. Pride for our age is not a sin.

1952
Margaret ( Blanchard) Curtis 1075 Old Harrisburg Road # 144 Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-1641 mbeaurec@embayment.com
Many classmates celebrated their 80th birthdays in 2012. Charles “Chick” Hanger wrote, “Come on! I will be 60, 60 and 70, 39,” History Press is publishing his histories of Salem and Cumberland counties, Pa. He is working on his third novel, Blood in Allegheny Creek, about British brutality in Quaker Salem Township, Pa. By the American Revolution, Chick hopes to sell his novel about Gettysburg, No Longer Warriors. Mary Jane (Smith) Emory’s family recently named a new research center at Dalhousie University with 42 people in attendance, from many states. She and Bob ’53 had a wonderful day, but she also wrote, “Where did the time go?” Carolyn (Rumbaugh) Barger and Audrey (Rawlings) Wennblom celebrated their 80th birthdays. Kathleen (Johnson) Connell New York, Audrey’s birthday trip from her home in Seattle to New York City was a gift from her son and daughter. According to Audrey, the celebration included “a play, musical, some jazz, a ballroom dance, theater, writing, and lots of walking.” If classmates aren’t celebrating birthdays, they’re traveling. John Gary Gregory and Phyllis and David Blomgren ’52, both of Spring Valley, Calif. She earned her BA at Ft. Leavenworth. My daughter Suzanne and wife are on a cruise. Richard works in Kansas City, Mo. She delights in her family. Our age is not a sin.

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1954
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Grace (Haasbecht) Borgh attended the graduation of grandson Jarett Bartlett ’12 and writes: “The campus has changed quite a bit, and it looks just great.” She and husband Edwin Borgh ’48 attended “many concerts during Jarett’s time at Gettysburg, and he played the College band and the town band. He kept me informed when the choir would be on tour and new music would be performed. Now there is at Johns Hopkins working on a master’s in biology. Grace and Edwin reside in Newtown Square, Pa. I enjoyed a summer trip with wife Elizabeth (Bette) ’58 to Prince Edward Island, Canada. We had a wonderful time visiting认识 Ron Rothraub ’58 and husband Bob Rothraub ’58, Rachel (Carl) Cooper ’58 and Robert (Richard) Gerken ’57. They graciously invited us to visit in their summer home on the island. Their wonderful hospitality included several tours and visits to restaurants with seafood specials. Bob did all of the driving (over 2,000 miles). The Taylor (Cara) only “dinner” was that the GPS didn’t function in Canada! We regret the passing of Margaret (Blanchard) Curtis, who is living at a retirement home in Kansas City, Mo. She delights in her two grandsons.

1955
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Along with other alumni, parents and prospective students, my wife Phyllis Ball and I attended a parents’ reception for President Janet Roggs. She was visiting Brewster (Cape Cod) this past August at the home of her classmate Sue (Abercrombie) Bernal and her husband and G’burg board member, Joseph ’75. Also at the lovely event was Bob Kirk, vice president of development, and parents and relatives. The president told of the recent arrival on campus of a freshman class of 770 selected from an application pool of 5,600. Stu Carwell wrote from his home in Keanie, N.J. to complement the work of our Committee for the record-setting attendance at our 55th Reunion. He called it “a really fun gathering with a lot of dining, sightseeing, and lots of walking.” If classmates aren’t celebrating birthdays, they’re traveling. John Gary Gregory and Phyllis and David Blomgren ’52, both of Spring Valley, Calif. She earned her BA at Ft. Leavenworth. My daughter Suzanne and wife are on a cruise. Richard works in Kansas City, Mo. She delights in her family. Our age is not a sin.

1956
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Lloyd D. Coozer called to ask about our 55th Reunion. He plans on coming on May 30, but I must wait until the cruise. I am sure all of you will make it as well. Lloyd is enjoying retirement and is a Steeler fan and I want to see all of you. Our bartender, Richard, works at FL Lebanon. My daughter Suzanne Schneider teaches high school English in Honesdale, Pa. My granddaughter Caitlin Jane is a veterinary technician in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. She earned her veterinary technician degree at Johnson College in Scranton, Pa.

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Tom Carroll and Hort Jackson (wilstevenjackson@mac.com) had not seen or talked to each other since June 4, 1967, when they graduated. In September 2012, they coincidentally were playing in the National Men’s 65s Grass Tournaments at the Course at woodland Park. A couple; he had married a year earlier at Blarney Castle. He is working on a novel and acting his mother. Beth (Cromie) Howlett said she has a number of things on campus. Their son, Philip, Jr., is in California. Phil met Jackie (Goodwin) and John ‘66 Stokes earlier this year at a medical meeting in Miami. John is a division chief in nephrology at UCSF. They reminisced about wonderful biology courses with Drs. Darrah and Barnes. Ron and Mary have been married for 20 years, with five children and five grandchildren between them. Son Andy and his wife, Jennifer (Rogers), have been married for 2 years, with a daughter, Gianna. Ron is still at the TKE house.

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Brown Eyed Girl. Sue’s retired but is a car enthusiast and enjoys going to car shows and collecting old cars. She lives in Westville, N.J. and works at the University of Delaware.

1976

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I just published a collection of ghost stories, The Secret Life. Stories from it have appeared in The North American Review, Carpe Articulum Literary Review, New Texas, and elsewhere. Ulmer, the former writer/in-residence at the Gettysburg College University, chairs the Department of English and Foreign Languages at Southern Arkansas University. I have news. Barbara (Lomar) Lebo passed away Sept. 1, 2012 at her home. She was born in Ridgewood, N.J. and lived in Phildelphia. She was her father’s only child graduating from Gettysburg with a degree in psychology. She is survived by her mother, her sister and a niece.

1977

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I am not sure what happened, perhaps its our 35th Reunion coming in the spring. Dave Jordan, end, Feb. 1977 reported that the usually barren mailbox is overflowing! Philip Clauussen was at the Olympics again for the 20th time. He noted that Corey has moved into town and is in touch with SAE brothers, Jim Margolin, Paul Nix, and Lonnie Rae.

1981

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Gettysburg College thanks Barb Bittner Jones for her dedicated service recently. We wish you well and know that you will succeed her; her contact information is above.

1982

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As I write, many of our classmates and their families/friends are reeling from the effects of Hurricane Sandy. Several classmates have been hard hit and were headed to our reunion for comfort and to gather and dispense information. If you haven’t added me as a Facebook friend, please feel free to.

1974

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Nancy Zimmerman. Chris (Wightman) Klunk. Sue (Gall) Langford. Laura (Booth) Ruetteger. Brian (Harris) Dunedin, Fla. They have been enjoying flexible part-time jobs that allow them to travel for the past few years. Sue attended the University of Maine. Ruth is a lacy wrap. Ben is a contract employee for the Department of Political Theory at SUNY-Albany. For the last two years and finally found him through Facebook. Petes adds lives loving in Greenfield and that his son Tony and wifeを使った.“We’re honored to have you in our thoughts. I encourage all of our classmates to never hesitate to reach out to us at our class’s private Facebook
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in his final three campaigns: an...30 for the 20th Reunion! Rumor has it that many hotels Make your travel plans for our 20-year reunion was held in early June at the West Hartfort, Conn. home of Irene (Magish) Bassock. As Shelley Andrews and Mary Wiggins headed to Cape Cod in June, they stopped in to see Irene. They had a great time catching up, also with Karin (Orsco) Anderson-Wood.

Lasher (Angel) and husband Peter moved to London this past fall after living in Paris for 10 years. Jenn works in sports events management and travels a quite a bit. Abby (Titus) Johnson sends news about a trip to California wine country that she and her husband Ed took with Dawn (D’Orsasso) Morgan and husband Sam (who live in Berwyn, Pa.). The trip celebrated the Morgans’ 20th wedding anniversary. Abby and her family (living in the Boston area) often visit their friends and family in Quechee, Vt., which is close to our ‘80s days. We spent a long weekend Tricia Degennaro concert at Yankee Stadium. Laura Rogers (volleyball, and swimming. I bumped into the 2012 Olympic Games in London. If you would like to help, information is...presents a previously undiscovered historical anomaly. Rob has a website, www.robertsullivanz.com, or "like" the book at www.facebook.com/thenyalsahatchef. In the Salon, he explores the symbolism of the old Gettysburg College “Hermes the Philosopher” seal. As I write, I am aware of how many of you are impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Please know that you are—and will continue to be—in the thoughts of many.

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In attendance were Kevin Elizondo, John Mesquita and Woody Turshen. The bridal party included Shannon Marie Navas (Sanz) and husband Mark and Mike and Kayla Dunn. They live in Philadelphia. The couple had met in elementary school where she was a founding member of the Class of 1963 to 2007 — attended. Alden (O’Hara) Kiely tied the knot Aug. 26, 2012 in Pittsburgh. She married Paul S. Hogan in Chicago, IL on Sept. 1, 2012. The newlyweds honeymooned at the Excellence Resort in Playa Mujeres, Mexico, and live in Ewing, NJ. Great seeing many of you at our five-year Reunion last September! It was wonderful to see you all again, our classmates had a great time! For some news this year, we had a wonderful double wedding at the American University Club in Washington, DC. The Estates were a high-end private luxury escape on a private island. Kenny has worked for YTL Hotels for nearly three years and was previously stationed in Singapore. 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Lauren Thul finished her associate's degree in fashion merchandising (summa cum laude) in May from the Jay and Patty Baker School of Business at FIT. She is on the design team for Jessica Simpson Footwear with the Camuto Group in New York City. In June, she worked in Dongguan, China. On July 28, 2012, Lauren was promoted to buying assistant, focusing on increasing the efficiency of the selective sorority recruit intake on treatment-resistant depression, testing novel treatments' effects on mice genetically modified to have decreased serotonin.

Bradley Peiffer earned a master's degree in Near Eastern studies at the University of Colorado Law School. Derik Yager-Elleria is at the University of Michigan pursuing a Ph.D. in counseling psychology. His research interest is developing a strength-based depression intervention for Latino adolescents. Matthew Jameson is working towards his Ph.D. in classical archeology and Eastern archeology at Bryn Mawr College with an interest in Bronze Age Minoan palatial complexes. Andrew Preffer is pursuing the Camino de Santiago from St. Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, receiving his certificate in October. Kevin Blake is pursuing his juris doctor at the University of Colorado Law School. Shelley Glass wrote and illustrated her children's picture book, Something is Everything, published by AuthorHouse Publishing and available on Amazon. Based on Buddhist environmental principles, the book’s theme is that lifestyle changes, not technology, are the best path to environmental sustainability.

Religion Prof. Emeritus Dr. Harold R. Dunkelberger ’36 died Oct. 22 at Gettysburg Hospital. He was 97. He earned a bachelor of divinity degree at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, of which his grandfather had been president, and a Ph.D. at Columbia University. Air Force chaplain during World War II, he was pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg. He returned to the College in his final two posts including professor of Biblical literature and religion, department chair, director of development and alumni relations, director of church relations, and College of Letters and Science. He earned the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Alumni Association’s Meritorious Service Award. He is survived by children Paul C. Dunkelberger, Linda Dunkelberger, three grandsons, and sister Dorothy Whitson. His wife of 60 years, Elizabeth (Rebert) Dunkelberger, died in 2000.

Gettysburg College Trustee Emeritus Andy Gourley ’66 died Jan. 7, 2013, at his home in Denver. He was the husband of Gettysburgian Joanna (Enos) Gourley. He was a retired managing director of UBS Securities.

Edwin T. Johnson ’51 died Aug. 23 at his home in Newtonville, Pa. He was 80. “He had a Gettysburg Mount Rushmore he’d be there,” said Trustee Emeritus Bruce Stefany ’71. In 1993, Johnson and his wife established the Edwin T. and Cynthia Johnson Distinguished Teaching Chair in the Humanities. He received the College’s Lavern Brennan Award for Exemplary Service. He became an honorary lifetime trustee after serving on the board since 1977. He helped lead the $75-million Sharing a Distinctive Vision campaign. He was a board member of the Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize and trustee of the Jackson Laboratory of Bar Harbor, Maine. Twelve family members attended the College, including son E. Thomas Johnson, Jr. ’76 and granddaughter Sarah Johnstion ’05.

He went on to the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a founder of American Business Companies, which was recognized for developing 401(k)s, and the Johnson Kendall & Johnson risk management firm. He was a lifelong civil and church servant and was survived by his wife, E. Thomas Johnson, Jr. and Rebecca J. Kerchner and their families, brother David R. Johnson, and sister-in-law MaryAnn S. Craver.

U.S. Air Force retiried Maj. General Stanton R. Musser ’58 died Oct. 8, in Blacksburg, Va. He flew 263 combat missions in Vietnam, flew in more than 20 countries as a member of the U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron (the Thunderbirds), and was commandant of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. After earning a B.S. in physical education, he became an officer through Air Force ROTC, served in command and staff positions in the U.S. Air Force Academy, and earned many decorations. He earned a master’s in personnel management at Central Michigan University. He is survived by wife Dawn Musser, three children, and six grandsons.


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How far has America really progressed in 150 years?

On Jan. 15, the Huffington Post published an article by history and Africana studies Prof. Scott Hancock. Below is an edited excerpt. The full text and footnotes are at gettysburg.edu/links

Three hundred and twenty-two days after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, he gave the Gettysburg Address, one of the two most famous speeches in American history. He vowed that soldiers at Gettysburg gave their lives for a "new birth of freedom" by securing the Union. For Lincoln, that included fulfilling the promise of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Sixty-six years and 14 days after the Proclamation, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born into a country that had betrayed the promise of emancipation. As the United States became an economic dynamo, federal, state, and local governments, north and south, systematically shut African Americans out of one of the most remarkable economic explosions in history. Businesses, realtors, and "social" organizations like the KKK in the south and homeowners' associations in the north also helped ensure that the country King grew up in would not fulfill Lincoln's promises.

One hundred years and 239 days after the Proclamation, King gave our history's other most famous speech. In 1963, from the Lincoln Memorial, King echoed Lincoln's Address: "five score years ago a great American ... signed the Emancipation Proclamation." In that document, King knew, Lincoln and all the African Americans "forever free." King also knew that the Proclamation was about more than ending slavery. When Americans cite King's "I Have a Dream" speech, we often forget this portion: "When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

But, King said, that promissory note — despite the work of thousands of black men and women, of white abolitionists and radical politicians, of thousands of soldiers, and despite Lincoln — was a bad check "which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.'" When King demanded that the check provide "the riches of freedom and the security of justice" he meant more than the end of Jim Crow. He understood what Lincoln either did not understand or did not want to articulate in 1863: freedom without the security of benefiting from the economic and political stability that African Americans helped create was an empty freedom.

This year, 2013, carries greater potential symbolism than past commemorations of the Proclamation and Address. The 50th in 1913 sealed African Americans' disenfranchisement amid an era of racial terrorism, and made slaves and slavery nearly irrelevant in national memory. The centennial during Cold War tensions and civil rights struggles often minimized narratives about racial tensions and brutal oppression of black people. This year, though, we can connect the most seminal and well-known events of the Civil War — the Proclamation and the battle and Address at Gettysburg — with the 50th anniversary of the high-water mark of the fight to realize the "new birth of freedom": King's speech at the Lincoln Memorial. This year we should judge how close we are to the promise's fulfillment.

For today's descendants of the enslaved, the United States isn't remotely the same as it was in 1863 or 1963. When federal and state governments incarcerate African Americans for drug-related crimes between 13 and 50 times more often than white Americans; when such an enormous chasm exists between black and white household wealth that economists estimate it will take more than 400 years to reach rough economic equity; when virtually every health-related statistic reveals a marked gap between black and white Americans — we know we haven't moved nearly far enough.

Americans have a great deal to be proud of. Commemorations are times to honor what our predecessors have done right and consider where and why we have fallen short. That kind of considered commemoration might just help us fulfill the Emancipation Proclamation's promise and realize King's dream.
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