Homecoming Weekend 2002
November 2002
* November 19
Clarnion University Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting, 4:30 p.m., Room 248 Gennmill Student Complex.
* November 22
- 5-7 p.m. 1952 Golden Eagles Undefeated Basketball Team Reception, Tippin Gym. Introduction of the 1952 team at half-time of the men’s basketball game. Game time: 7 p.m.

January 2003
* Sunday, January 12
- Sunday, January 19

March 2003
* Saturday, March 8
Spring for Scholars Auction!

May 2003
* Saturday, May 3
Alumni Day Reunions, Classes of 1953, 1958, and 1963 and Half Century Club, Gennmill Student Complex, 9:15 a.m.
* Tuesday, May 20
Clarnion University Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting, 4:30 p.m. Location: TBA.
* Thursday, May 29 -
Sunday, June 9
Clarnion University student tour of Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Galway, and the Aran Islands. Alumni are invited to attend. Contact Dr. Beth MacDaniel for more information.

July 2003
* Sunday, July 20 -
Saturday, August 2
State System of Higher Education Alumni & Friends “Scandinavia and Russia Cruise.” Set sail on the Norwegian Dream and visit Estonia, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Cruise the Swedish Archipelagos, the Baltic Sea, the Oslo Fjord and the North Sea.

August 2003
* Sunday, August 10 -
Saturday, August 16

September 2003
* Saturday, September 13
Family Day! Clarion Golden Eagles vs. Millersville University at 2 p.m.

October 2003
* Friday, October 3
Clarnion University Alumni Association Distinguished Awards Banquet
* Saturday, October 4
Homecoming! Clarion Golden Eagles vs. IUP.

September 2004
* Saturday, September 18
Family Day! Clarion vs. Glenville State at 2 p.m.
New Tax Initiative Helps CU Programs

PNC Bank is one of the largest banking institutions in Pennsylvania, and the new Pittsburgh baseball stadium bears its name.

Amity Asphalt of Houston, Neiswonger Construction of Strattanville, and Venango Publishing of Oil City are smaller more regional companies.

The companies have one thing in common. They are all donors to Clarion University for the Educational Improvement Tax credit program, helping to support K-12 education.

EITC, a new Pennsylvania program, allows businesses to make donations to help education in Pennsylvania. Clarion University is one of the few schools in Pennsylvania and the only State System of Higher Education institution participating in EITC.

Clarion University is devoted to higher education, but offers innovative educational programs reaching to the grade school level. These include the Summer Academies/Learning Partnerships, Jump Start, LEAP, CUDA, and Kids in College.

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development approved the Clarion University Foundation Inc. as an Educational Improvement Organization under the EITC program. The designation allows businesses to contribute to Clarion University's innovative educational programs and receive a tax credit in addition to their federal charitable deduction.

PNC, Amity Asphalt, and Neiswonger Construction are all initial contributors to Clarion using the new law.

"PNC is pleased and proud to provide financial support to Clarion University through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement tax credit program," says Marlene Mosco, regional president, The PNC Financial Services Group. "Clarion has demonstrated a very firm commitment to maintaining high academic standards and providing the very best available education.

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The 2002 Eberly Award Winners were honored in Harrisburg by the State System of Higher Education. Clarion's representatives were Dr. Ernest Aharragh, volunteerism; and Charles Motter and Art Fleming, philanthropy. From left in the photo are: Motter, Fleming, Chancellor Judy Hample, Aharragh, Clarion University President Diane L. Reinhard, and Charles Gomulka, chair of the State System of Higher Education Board of Governors.

Aharragh, Fleming, Motter Receive Eberly Awards

Dr. Ernest Aharragh ('49), Charles Motter and Art Fleming, and Clarion University Trustee Dr. Syed Ali-Zaidi received Eberly Medals from the State System of Higher Education in October. Aharragh was recognized for his volunteer efforts on behalf of Clarion University. Motter and Fleming were honored for their philanthropy to Clarion University.

The Fund for the Advancement of the State System of Higher Education, Inc., recognized more than 30 individuals, corporations and foundations for their outstanding contributions to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The third Eberly Medals for Philanthropy and Volunteerism were presented at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. The medals, named in honor of the Eberly family of Uniontown for its support of higher education statewide and nationally, first were presented in 1998.

Aharragh, a Clarion University faculty member from 1966-1986, was the first executive director of the Alumni Association and one of the founders of the Clarion University Foundation. The Alumni Association honored him in 1985 with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

With his wife, Peggy (Berringer '49), they established the Cheri Aharragh Reid Memorial Scholarship in memory of their daughter to assist freshman students in the Department of Speech Communication and Theater. They also are chairpersons of the Heritage Club, the planned giving society for Clarion University, and were leadership donors in the "Investing in Futures" Capital Campaign.

Motter, of Shippenville, and Fleming, of Knox, made the largest gift in the history of the Clarion University Foundation – six rental properties that will continue to generate revenue for the Foundation and help fund many different areas. They began their rental business in 1955 and started their first rentals in Clarion Borough in 1962. They have earned an outstanding reputation as real estate developers and operators. Both are active donors to Clarion University.

Ali-Zaidi was recognized by the Fund for the Advancement of the State System of Higher Education, Inc., for his volunteer efforts. Ali-Zaidi, president of Kimz Corporation, is a founding and current member of the Board of Governors. He was chairman of the Board's committee on academic policy and planning and also chaired the first long-range strategic planning committee of the Board. He has been a trustee at Clarion University of Pennsylvania since 1980 and was chair of the council for three years. He recently established the Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence given to one graduating senior each year from one of the 14 System universities.

Dr. Muriel M. Berman of Allentown received the philanthropy award from the Fund for the Advancement of the State System of Higher Education. Dr. Berman is an alumnus of the State System of Higher Education and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Medical College of Pennsylvania and a former member of the Board of Directors of the State System of Higher Education.

"All of the Eberly award winners have made significant contributions to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education," said Kim E. Lyttle, who serves both as chair of the advancement fund and as vice chair of the State System's Board of Governors.

"They deserve much of the credit for the ongoing success of our universities, giving freely of their time and resources to help make the State System one of the leading public university systems in the nation. We are grateful for all they have done and welcome this opportunity to recognize them."

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Clarion University and the community help to instill a sense of belonging to the brotherhood and sisterhood in some shape or form through the many programs it offers, from cultural diversity to even the old hometown thrill of the Autumn Leaf Festival. Not every moment of Clarion life is a party for the evening – personal dedication and self-motivation are still important to any personal achievement.

Through our years at Clarion as you may even recall, there have been many dedicated faculty and staff members to help guide us on the right path. We cannot offer them enough thanks and gratitude. I feel my Clarion experience has benefited me in my everyday life as to where I am and to what I can do today. From the knowledge gained in the classroom, the real life experience of an internship and work-study program, and the self-confidence gained in the Student Alumni Association, Clarion will always be a part of me no matter where my life may lead.

It almost seems funny sometimes when I think back to when I wondered why I would ever need to know some of the things I was taught. And now using even the most miniscule detail in my daily job makes me proud to know that Clarion is where I learned these skills. With these skills and in keeping with the brotherhood and sisterhood, I have acquired a great job working for two Clarion Alumni, who I also consider to be close friends. Without the support of my family and friends, working hard and using my Clarion experience, I would not have that job, nor be where and who I am today.

I encourage all alumni of Clarion University to participate and join in the brotherhood and sisterhood by attending the many alumni functions whether held on campus or in your community sponsored by the local alumni chapter. If you want to be a part of a chapter or don't have a local alumni chapter and want to start a brand new chapter, please contact the Alumni Relations department. Remember your Clarion family and the way they have shaped your lives. Don't be afraid to show your neighbors that you are Clarion Proud!
Middle States Reaffirms Clarion’s Accreditation

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education has reaffirmed the accreditation of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University has had continuous accreditation from the Middle States Commission since 1948. The Commission on Higher Education is the unit of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools that accredits degree-granting colleges and universities in the Middle States region. It examines the institution as a whole, rather than specific programs within the institution.

“I’m pleased that Clarion has received official re-accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education,” said President Diane L. Reinhard. “Their only recommendation was to coordinate our diverse planning efforts.”

Clarion University chose to conduct a comprehensive self-study in preparation for the evaluation site visit. In its report, the evaluation team wrote: “The documents prepared for the visit reflected the broad-based, thoughtful engagement of the university community in the self-study process. The Self-Study report identifies many of the strengths and achievements of the institution, as well as some of the challenges it faces. Our team report verifies many of the strengths discussed in the Self-Study, as well as others we have identified. In reviewing the final chapter of the Self-Study, however, we found not so much a list of recommendations, per se, as a list of commitments to continuous long-term improvement.”

The written report listed Clarion’s core strengths as:

• Collegial, mutually respectful relationships among administrators, faculty, staff, and students.
• A dedicated, energetic faculty, confident of their strengths and proud of the institution.
• A strong commitment to academic excellence in teaching and curriculum development and to seeking external validation of that excellence.
• Institution-wide commitment to outcomes assessment and to using the results to strengthen programs and services.
• An entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to embrace change.
• Pro-active, creative fiscal planning over time that has prepared the institution to face current budgetary challenges with intelligence and resilience.
• Astute development of strategies that position the University well in relation to its competition, including development of collaborative programs.
• A strong commitment to diversity of students and faculty.
• Attractive, well-maintained physical facilities.
• Extremely successful efforts in fund-raising, grantsmanship, and other means of revenue enhancement.
• Enthusiastic support of the Council of Trustees and the Chancellor.
• Excellent relationships with commendable contributors to the area community.

Accreditation is a means of self-regulation and peer review adopted by the educational community. The accreditation process is intended to strengthen and sustain the quality and integrity of higher education, making it worthy of public confidence. The extent to which each educational institution accepts and fulfills the responsibilities inherent in this process is a measure of its concern for freedom and quality in higher education and of its commitment to strive for and achieve excellence in its endeavors.

Accreditation is a voluntary process. Institutions choose to apply for accredited status. Once accredited, they agree to abide by the standards of their accrediting organization and to regulate themselves by taking responsibility for their own improvement. In addition, the federal government requires that an institution be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting organization in order for its students to be eligible to participate in the Student Assistance Programs in Title IV of the Higher Education Act, as amended (HEA).

In the Middle States region, accreditation is an expression of the confidence that the Middle States Commission on Higher Education has in an institution’s mission and goals, its performance, and its resources. Based upon the results of an institutional review by a team of peers assigned by the Commission, accreditation attests to the judgment of the Commission that an institution has met the following criteria: it has a mission appropriate to higher education; it is guided by well-defined and appropriate goals, including goals for student learning; it has established conditions and procedures under which its mission and goals can be realized; it assesses both institutional effectiveness and student learning outcomes, and uses the results for improvement; it is accomplishing its mission and goals substantially; it is so organized, staffed, and supported that it can be expected to continue to accomplish its mission and goals; and it meets the eligibility requirements and standards of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Membership in the Middle States Association follows a period of candidacy lasting up to five years. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education reviews institutions periodically through either on-site evaluation or other reports. Accreditation is continued only as a result of periodic reviews and evaluations through assessments of institutional achievements.

Clarion’s next periodic review is in 2007. Its next self-study evaluation is scheduled for 2011-12.

Renewal of the Middle States accreditation continues Clarion’s leadership among State System of Higher Education institutions in gaining external accreditation. Clarion has 26 accreditations or approvals for academic programs and support services. This includes 19 national academic accreditations and six accreditations for its support or outreach programs, such as the Keeling Health Center.

Every one of Clarion’s professional schools -- arts and sciences, business, and education and human services -- have achieved the specialized accreditation acknowledged to be the most prestigious available to the discipline. Clarion is the only State System of Higher Education university to have specialized accreditations for all of its professional schools.

Three Frederick Douglass Scholars

Clarion University hosted three visiting Frederick Douglass Scholars during the summer of 2002. Now in its second year at Clarion, the institute intends, “to be a window to the world for freedom and quality in higher education and of its commitment to strive for and achieve excellence in its endeavors.”

The presence of these teaching fellows diversifies the summer session faculty.

Five headed for professional schools

Five recent graduates with degrees in biology have been accepted to professional schools.

Medical school - Janet Irvin of Pittsburgh, West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine; and Dennis Slagle of Fairmount City, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Veterinary School - Sharlyne Matty of New Kensington, Ohio State University; and Stacey Manzeka of Edinboro, North Carolina State University.

Pharmacy School - Larry LeBonne of DuBois, University of Pittsburgh.

Smith Ali-Zaidi Award Runner-up

Jessica Smith of Clarion was recognized as the first-runner up for the Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence during May graduation ceremonies. Smith received a dual degree Summa Cum Laude in biology/chemistry during the ceremony. Smith is accepted at Texas A&M University where she will pursue a Ph.D. in biochemistry.

As an undergraduate, Smith was the recipient of a nationally competitive $7,500 Barry Goldwater Scholarship in 2000-01 and 2001-02. She also received the Clarion University Chemistry Department Scholarship, a Foundation Leadership Award, and the Undergraduate Award for Achievement in Organic Chemistry.

The Ali-Zaidi award was established by Syed R. Ali-Zaidi, a founding member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s Board of Governors, to annually recognize and reward a graduating senior from one of the 14 state-owned universities.

Funds for the annual award come from donations made to the Fund for the Advancement of the State System of Higher Education Inc.

Waple New Director of Student Life

Dr. Jeffrey Waple, a former Bowling Green State University administrator, has joined Clarion University as director of the Office of Campus Life.

Under Waple’s direction the Office of Campus Life is responsible for overseeing first year student programs, student involvement and organization, alcohol and drug education, fraternity and sorority affairs, community development and residential living, leadership development and training, and University Activities Board.

Waple comes to Clarion from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, where he was most recently the associate director of residence life for dining services. He also served as associate director of residence life for Greek affairs at Bowling Green. His previous administrative experience was at Illinois State University, Normal, Ill.; and Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich.
Clarion expands regionally, enrollment up

Clarion University enrollment is up for the fifth straight year, showing a 4.3 percent increase with marked increases in its regional campus and extended programs throughout Pennsylvania. The 6,541 enrollment is the second highest in school history.

“Clarion has invested heavily in the delivery of classes at its regional campuses, classes at other locations, and the use of technology to offer other classes at other sites. The investment is paying dividends, with Clarion extending its reach throughout western Pennsylvania and beyond,” Venango Campus in Oil City showed an 18.2 percent increase, the Pittsburgh site at West Penn Hospital recorded a 12.3 percent growth, transfer students increased by ten percent, and graduate students grew by 17.2 percent.

Other locations Clarion offers programs include Meadville, Southpointe, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Warren, Clearfield, Edinboro University, and Slippery Rock University.

Courses are also offered through the Internet, both with E-University and Clarion University.

“We are especially proud of the enrollment gains at Venango Campus over the last several years, as well as those we are experiencing in a variety of off-campus and technology delivered programs.”

Governor Honors Coalition

Gov. Mark Schweiker and DEP Secretary David Hess recognized the Mill Creek Coalition of Clarion and Jefferson Counties this summer for its commitment to watershed restoration and environmental protection. Dr. Peter Dalby, a professor of biology at Clarion University, is the Mill Creek Coalition president.

The Mill Creek Coalition was formed in 1990 when 11 organizations and agencies from Clarion and Jefferson counties banded together to transform the 60-square-mile Mill Creek watershed from an area degraded by acid mine drainage (AMD) into a high-quality, cold water fishery. Advances in the treatment of acid mine drainage allowed the coalition to look at low-cost, low-maintenance and long-term methods of addressing the problem.

Peirce Upgrades Technology

Clarion students arriving this semester found a technologically upgraded Peirce Science Center. Students now have a new computer laboratory, a large lecture room upgraded to “smart” status, and two of the building’s four floors now possessing wireless computer access. Approximately $175,000 was spent on the various upgrades.

The new multidisciplinary computer room is expected to be operational by late September or early October. It is located in the biology department on the second floor of the Peirce Science Center. The room has 20 computer stations with available printers and software related to the sciences. The departments of biology, physics, and science education all purchased software for use in the lab.

The final part of Peirce Science Center’s current upgrade is the addition of another “smart” classroom to campus. Room 161 was reconfigured to a large lecture hall, seating 63, with “smart” capabilities. Since the classrooms have a teacher’s station with built in VCR, document camera, multimedia projector, and computer with Internet connections.

Taylor NCACE President-Elect

Dr. Dick Taylor, professor of health and physical education at Clarion University, is president-elect of the Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE). NCACE’s mission is to develop qualified coaches for sports participants through programs that provide quality coaching education throughout the United States.

Student Studies At Jackson Lab

Kristin Kalie, a senior biotechnology major at Clarion, was among 32 talented high school and college students from around the nation to participate in the Jackson Laboratory’s 2002 Summer Student Program. Kalie spent 10 weeks taking part in the program, which allows qualified students the opportunity to conduct hands-on research under the guidance of the laboratory’s staff scientists. Since the Jackson Laboratory’s founding in 1929, more than 2,000 students, including two Nobel laureates, have participated in the program. Kalie had the chance to work in molecular biology in the microchemistry department.

Residence Hall Security Improves

Clarion University’s seven residence halls became more secure with the start of the Fall 2002 semester. All of the halls, which house approximately 2,000 students, are now locked on a 24 hour basis, seven days per week.

Admittance to the residence halls is only available through the use of individual student identification cards, coded to open the electronic locks, or by escort of a resident. The electronic locks are similar to those used by major hotel and motel chains, where the card must be swiped through a reader before access is granted.

The only exception to the new security system is Becht Hall. Because this residence hall is scheduled to close after the 2003-04 university year, it will not be part of the new system. Additional security for Becht Hall, during 2002-03, will come from a key based security system.

Also new this semester, are two area desks open 24 hours per day, where students can receive help if locked out of their room. The desk will also help with access to each of the residence hall’s computer laboratories.

National Adult Learners Meet

Don Fraser, an authority on student success and retention was the keynote speaker for the Adult Learners on Campus National Conference, Oct. 18-20, at Clarion University -- Venango Campus.

Using the theme, “Utilizing Our Pasts to Shape Our Futures,” the conference explored where adult learners come from and where they want to go as both students and professionals.

Cultural Night Part of ALF

The eighth Annual Clarion University and Community Cultural Night was held Monday, Oct. 7, in front of the Clarion County Courthouse. These activities kick off a weeklong series of cultural and musical events, which are free and open to the public, held in conjunction with the Autumn Leaf Festival.

THIS is it

Michael Spence, a senior biology major from St. Marys, is working at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as part of a 15-week internship program sponsored by the Educational Resources Group, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Spence is one of 14 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester’s worth of credits.
Clarion University Plans Health Science Education Center

Seven counties will receive expanded health education opportunities through the new Clarion University Health Science Education Center. Dr. Nancy Falvo, former director of Clarion University’s Pittsburgh site at West Penn Hospital, is directing the project. The Center will temporarily be housed at 347 Main Street, Clarion and is based on concepts developed at the Susan F. Byrnes Health Education Center in York, Pennsylvania. “We want Clarion’s Health Science Education Center to be different from any other education agency within the community or the state,” said Falvo. “I envision it as a very busy, high tech community center meeting the health education needs of residents of all ages.”

The primary goal of this three-year project is to provide health education programs, which meet National Health Education Standards, for school-aged students living within a 40-mile radius of the center. This includes residents in Clarion, Venango, Armstrong, Butler, Elk, Forest, and Jefferson counties.

Falvo said additional programs are being developed for college-aged students, young adults, seniors, and special needs groups such as pregnant women, working adults, and individuals with chronic illnesses. Programs would also be offered for community groups, scouting organizations, and health care agencies. According to Falvo, “The programs we are offering are designed to change or modify health behaviors and include a variety of topics such as tobacco cessation, substance abuse awareness, nutrition, and exercise.”

These programs have been created to promote healthy lifestyles for Penn State University students. Our goal is to inspire individuals of all ages to make healthy choices which will ultimately improve the future of the community.”

The initial year of the Center’s operation will concentrate on outreach programs, particularly for students in grades K-12. Falvo said the Center’s staff will be contacting area schools in the next few months about bringing the mobile health education programs to their classrooms. “The programs we are offering complement the current science and health curriculums within area schools. In addition, students gain access to resources that may not be currently available to them,” she said. “Almost all of the outreach programs include a lab component with an organ dissection and are very interactive. We want students involved in their learning.”

The mobile outreach programs will be offered free of charge to all of the surrounding school districts.

The focus will expand in September 2003, when the Center moves its operations to the currently vacant L & R Building on Main Street in Clarion. Along with the mobile outreach programs, schools will have the opportunity to send their students to the Center for day-long field trips. The renovated building will have a reception area, general meeting room for students, three “teaching theater” classrooms, offices, and a resource library for area teachers. Falvo sees opportunities for internships for area high school and university students.

“We anticipate the teaching theaters at the Center as being very high tech,” says Falvo. Computer software will be used to supplement the programs. As with the mobile outreach program, all of the exhibits will be very interactive to facilitate student participation in learning.

Currently, there are health education centers with interactive teaching theaters in cities such as Pittsburgh, Chicago, Indianapolis, and also the Smithsonian in Washington D.C.,” said Falvo. “We are adding Clarion, Pennsylvania to that distinguished list.”

The Clarion University Health Science Education Center is under the administration of Dr. Art Acton, director of extended programs. Pat Yargar of Knox is serving as Falvo’s assistant. Melanie Oliver of Venus and Ron Radaker of Sligo, have been hired as two of the health educators for the Center.

This pilot project is partially funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. For more information on the Health Science Education Center contact Dr. Nancy Falvo at 814-227-1901.

Pugh Receives Capital Region Emmy Award

Kathy (Kling) Pugh (’83) recently won the 2001 Capital Region Emmy Award for video editing in the Editing: Public Affairs, Children’s, Entertainment, Documentary, Magazine category.

The awards ceremony was broadcast live locally from the Regan International Trade Building in Washington DC on June 15.

Pugh works for Maryland Public Television as a digital, non-linear video editor. She also fills in as a studio camera or teleprompter operator and sometimes as floor director. She won the Emmy for her composite reel, a reel of clips from a variety of programs edited and aired in 2001.

“My entry was a ‘composite’, or five minutes of selections from a variety of projects,” Pugh explained. “It included pieces on glass art at Salisbury State University, Baltimore’s ‘Fish Out of Water’ art project, a profile on F. Scott Fitzgerald’s Maryland connection, and a children’s interactive (runs between programming) on how to deal with a bully.”

The road to her current position included many stops at different jobs. Pugh started as a copywriter for a small advertising agency in West Palm Beach, Florida. Then she became a lab coordinator for the School of Communications at Penn State University where she did technical support for broadcast- ing/journalism/film students including purchase recommendations, student training, routine maintenance, managing and supervising editing lab/film and video equipment check-out.

She also worked part time at WJAC Johnstown/Altoona, NBC affiliate, as the Centre County Report news videographer and editor. She moved on to WPMT Fox 43 in York, then to the CBS affiliate in Harrisburg. Pugh went from there to Maryland Public Television in Owings Mills.

These jobs did not come immediately to Pugh when she graduated, and she had to alter her plans to get to where she was going.

“It was quite difficult to find a job without experience,” Pugh said. “So I took some graduate courses at Penn State and ended up working for the School of Communications. During that time, I volunteered at the community access television station and freelanced as a grip for televised sports events. Eventually, while still working my full-time job, I got a minimum wage, part-time job as a videographer/editor for the local news bureau of an area television station. When I got married, we moved. But through a contact from a community relations committee I was on at Penn State, I had a connection at the area Fox station. The station was starting a 10 o’clock newscast, and I was hired part-time as a videographer/editor. I ended up working so much “overtime” that in three months they had to hire me full-time. That was my first full-time job in broadcasting.”

Working her way up to her current position was also not easy.

“I schlepped heavy equipment for long, odd hours with pressure deadlines for not a lot of money,” Pugh said. “As a videographer, I’ve had access to amazing people and events. Those experiences changed my life. Eventually, when you are doing what you love, the money comes.”

The work hasn’t made Pugh’s job a burden, but more of a labor of love.

“I really enjoy my job, and that’s priceless,” she said. “I love coming up the drive to the station every day. I basically feel like I get to come to work and play.”

Although removed from Clarion University and successful through overcoming obstacles and working hard, the University is still in Pugh’s heart.

“I chose Clarion because of the size of the campus, the location and affordability,” Pugh said. “But the overall experience was great for me. The communication program at Clarion is terrific with lots of opportunities to gain hands-on experience.”

Looking back on her life, her college career and where she is now, Pugh summed up the experience by saying, “Find a way to care about what you do every day, and you will enjoy it.”
Funeral Director Graduate Remembers 9-11 Call

Editor’s note – Stephen Williams (’98), wrote the following article for the Spring 2002 issue of “The Magazine of Sigma Chi.” Williams lives in Greenville with his wife, Christina.

Being a funeral director, I am a member of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), which periodically sends an electronic newsletter to its members. Ever since Sept. 11, the newsletters have been quite frequent. One particular message jumped out and really caught my attention. NFDA was asking for volunteers to go to New York City and help with disaster relief. I responded to the message, offering my expertise, thinking to myself, “There’s no chance they will ever call me, after all, more than 1,500 funeral directors offered their services before me.” But at least I offered, because that’s my duty to my country as well as to my profession.

As I sat in my office the Thursday before Thanksgiving, I answered a routine phone call. The man on the other end asked for Steve Williams, as callers usually do, and proceeded to identify himself as an NFDA representative. He informed me that he received my e-mail, and then politely asked me if I would like to go to New York City and volunteer for a couple of weeks. The lump in my throat had already begun to grow, but I was able to ask when they would like me to leave. His reply was, “This weekend.”

After conferring with my wife, finding someone to fulfill my work responsibilities, and taking a serious gut-check of myself, I began to plan my trip. I could not believe that I was going to be helping the families of the victims from the World Trade Center disaster! I’d been watching this atrocity on the news for two months, filled with anger and sadness, and also pride that I am an American. All within a few days, my whole mindset had changed. I was actually going to help with my own two hands.

My duty was to report to the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (NYC ME) for orientation immediately upon my arrival in Manhattan. Because I missed my flight out of Pittsburgh (the security line was more than three hours long to get to holiday travel), it took me 12 hours to get to my room in the city (I could have driven there in eight hours). I wasn’t supposed to report to my contacts until the next morning, but I called anyone just to let them know I made it safely. To my surprise, they asked me to come in immediately. I quickly learned what the next 14 days would be like.

I was not working directly at Ground Zero, but at the NYC ME office. The office is responsible for all the city’s “unnatural” deaths. Under normal circumstances, they pick the body up from the place of death, conduct an investigation, and, if necessary, prepare an autopsy to determine the cause of death. It was plain to see that the medical examiners were very busy even before the attacks. After a filing and documentation system was in place for the WTC victims, American Airlines Flight 587 crashed in Queens killing all 250 passengers and five people on the ground.

It is hard to fathom the size of the WTC disaster without seeing it with your own eyes. No one has dealt with anything like this before. Just as things were beginning to show signs of an organized recovery effort, another disaster struck that needed immediate attention. This was the main reason they started calling for volunteer funeral directors.

Again I will say that it is almost impossible to put what I saw and experienced into words. The ME’s office and the streets adjacent to it were barricaded off to the general public. After remains were recovered from Ground Zero, they were delivered to the ME’s office, which was constantly swarming with people. Workers were brought in from all over the country. The majority of them were members of the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team, commonly referred to as D-MORT. This government-funded agency is made up of medical examiners, dentists, pathologists, detectives and anyone with expertise in related fields. I should mention that the funeral directors representing NFDA were part of a very small group and not getting paid.

The barricaded street was full of tents and trailers. They were occupied by the NYPD, Port Authority PD, FDNY and D-MORT dental teams. The Salvation Army had a tent where they served hot meals. There was even a massage tent for people who put in very long days. At the end of the street was a huge, house-sized tent called “Sal’s Café,” where they served hot meals. At the top-center of tent hung a huge American flag. All around there were flowers, photos and miscellaneous memorabilia. For a tent serving as a morgue, this was about as respectful as you could get.

I was stationed inside the actual ME office. The old conference room was transformed into an elite and elaborate identification unit. After the remains are recovered, there are three ways to identify them: dental records, fingerprints and DNA analysis. Once one of these provided what looks like a positive ID, they test and test again to ensure they are correct. Then, the families are notified. In turn, the families notify the funeral home that would be responsible for removing the remains. My job was to release the remains - the last step of a long and complicated identification process - to the funeral directors. This also included such duties as data entry and filing the necessary documents. I worked with medical examiners from D-MORT, NYPD detectives, DNA analyzers and other funeral directors.

Two things really stick out in my mind. The first is some of the conversations I had with family members. It was primarily the medical examiner’s job to talk with the families to gather information that would assist in the identification process. But once a while, family members would ask a funeral-related question the examiners could not answer. At this point, I would be called over and handed the phone. I dealt with bereaving families on a daily basis, but these families were obviously different. Every time I spoke to them, I could feel tears welling up in my eyes. I will never forget a single conversation I had for the rest of my life.

The second situation occurred one night when things were particularly slow. I received paperwork and began processing a release. Within minutes, uniformed officers filtered into the room with all eyes on me. After I glanced further into the paperwork, I realized I was releasing a Port Authority officer. As I finished, the documentation and nervously handed them the morgue papers, I followed them out the door to watch the ceremonial removal. There were uniformed service men and women everywhere, lined up on both sides of the street, saluting their fallen comrades. To this day I remember the officer’s name and have since seen a portion of his funeral on TV. On the news, I watched a fireman searching through the rubble at Ground Zero and talking about losing his best friend, who was the same individual. I can’t describe the feeling of sadness, but at the same time horror, that I had helped return this brave officer to his family and friends.

After spending 14 days in Manhattan, surrounded by death and destruction, it never felt so good to return home to Greenville, Pa., and to my family. I chose this profession because I enjoy being able to help people through some of the most difficult times of their lives, but never expected to be helping on such a large scale. During the immediate days following Sept. 11, helping with the recovery efforts was the last thing I ever thought I would be doing. When I sit and think about what I had done, and when people ask me about it, the most common phrase that comes to mind is: “I am very proud to be in a position that I am able to help people, and I am very proud that I was able to represent Greenville, Pa., and the United States of America.”
2002 HOME COMING PARADE
Carlson Library Dedicated

Marked by a state-of-the-art technological ribbon cutting, fireworks, music, poetry, and oration from Dr. Elizabeth Rupert, Clarion University dedicated the new, revitalized $14.6 million Rena M. Carlson Library on Saturday.

Rupert, the featured speaker, centered her message on, “Carlson Library: A Historical Perspective.” Rupert, who earned her undergraduate degree in library science, worked at Clarion University from 1961-85, serving as professor and dean of library science, and as first woman interim president of Clarion University from Dec. 1, 1976, until March 1977.

Building her address around the ideas of, “give me a library and a university can be built around it,” and “the library is the heart of a university,” Rupert talked about the evolution of the libraries at Clarion University from its original home in Seminary Hall to its modern new facility.

“I think of the library as an organism that grows,” said Rupert. “All of this is enhanced by a staff that makes it user-friendly. The library is a key factor in Clarion University leading the State System of Higher Education with 26 accredited programs.”

With this dedication, Clarion University’s state-of-the-art library is physically highlighted by elegant views of campus through its large windows and an interior design rich with artwork. Opening in March, the library has already served 144,000 patrons, or 2,000 to 2,200 per day.

A complete story on the new library will be featured in the next issue of Clarion Magazine.

Clockwise from upper left: Dr. Elizabeth Rupert; a technological spark allows President Diane Reinhard to cut the ribbon; the Lift Every Voice Choir sings; Dr. Phil Terman reads his Ode; dignitaries listen to Rupert’s speech; library personnel are recognized; streamers fall on the crowd; Milutin Lazich leads the National Anthem; an overall scene of the dedication; fireworks prepared on the library roof (immediate left); and Howard McGinn, dean of libraries.
Janice E. (Ernest) Neubauer has retired as the director of Duxburg Free Library. She has four children and four grandchildren and is enjoying her lakeside home in the mountains. She is involved in community theater and works as a freelance writer. She resides in Woodsville, N.H.

Samuel J. Rogal has written many books and articles, including several specialized monographs on John Wesley, and he compiled a 10-volume reference set entitled The Biographical Dictionary of 18th-Century Methodism. He also served as chair for the division of humanities and fine arts at Illinois Valley Community College. He has two sons and resides with his wife, Susan, in LaSalle, Ill.

Bonnie (Buljat) Caldaroni retired as a teacher with the Somerset Area School District in 1999 after 35 years of service, and she was recently nominated to Who’s Who Among American Teachers. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her grandson. She has a daughter, Gina, and resides in Somerset, Pa.

Dorothea A. Dickert has retired as the editor of the York/Adams PSEA-Retired “News Briefs” newsletter, which was named first place winner in the category of local newsletters at the June NEA-R national competition. She was also editor of the PSEA-R state newsletter “The Statement,” which tied for first place in the state newsletter category in 2001 and won first place five times. She resides in York, Pa., and has been a teacher for 28 years.

Dale P. and Andrea (Yanshak ’66) Richards have two sons, Andrew and Matthew, and reside in Verona, Pa. Dale is an elementary counselor, NPS Program, for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. He was recently named chairman of the Committee to Establish a Welsh Room at the Nationality Room Program, University of Pittsburgh, Cathedral of Learning.

Vivian (Cruse) Neal is the assistant to the senior vice president & provost for educational outreach at the University of Akron. She has retired from the position of executive director of Adult Community Partnership and Minority Affairs for Akron Public Schools. She resides in Akron, Ohio, with her husband, Vernon.

Jo-Ann (Smail) Neale has retired as an elementary education coordinator after 35 years of service with Penn Hills School District. She has one son, Brian, and resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ronald J. Smetanick is a science resource teacher at Thomas S. Wootton High School. He is retired from Montgomery County Public Schools (Md.) and the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington. He has four children, Patrick, William, Michelle, and R. John, and resides with his wife, Corinne Hough, in Rainbow Lake, N.Y.

Bonnie (Harkness) and Al Lefevre have two sons, Scott and Doug, and reside in Brookville, Pa. Bonnie retired in 1999 after 28 years of teaching kindergarten for Brookville schools.

Pamela Hopkins (MBA ’79) and Paul Stepanovich (MBA ’79) recently moved to New Haven, Conn. Pamela is a full professor of management at Southern Connecticut State University, and Paul is an associate professor of management there.

Pamela (Fox) Obed has retired after 35 years of working as a librarian in numerous capacities. In 2000, she received the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Enrichment Award for exemplary service after 32 years of employment. She and her husband, Martin, reside in Kalamazoo, Mich.

M. Eileen (Bernardi) Cisek has retired as an elementary teacher from Kiski Area School District. She is the director of a private daycare center and resides in Lecceburg, Pa., with her husband, Thomas. She has two daughters, Lori and Lisa.

Thomas and Ruth M. Mason (’68) have two children, Kimberly and Scott, and reside in Aliquippa, Pa. Thomas has retired as a sixth grade teacher for the Hopewell Area School District after 34 years of teaching.

Nancy (Antonino) Biggins has her Ph.D. in health services from Walden University and works for the Consortium Ethics Program for UPMC-Horizon. She also runs a private practice as a speech pathologist and serves as a member of the adjunct faculty and advisor for Thiel College. She and her husband, M. Brian, have two sons, Rory and Michael, and live in Hermitage, Pa.
Bazala Returns to Clarion With Voiceover Workshop

The voice of Brian Bazala (’94) has assisted the Caped Crusader, cruised with Disney and has advertised Subway, Sears, Lynx and the Orlando Sentinel. It also sings the praises of Clarion University. Since his graduation in 1994 with a degree in communication and a minor in theatre, Bazala has been busy doing voice-overs for various corporations, and has even co-written Houdini, an off-Broadway musical.

To educate would-be talent about the voiceover business, Bazala has traveled with his program, VOCALMOTION, and has recently made a stop at Clarion University where he saw how his old haunts have changed in the last eight years.

“I’m very proud of the Theatre Department,” Bazala said. “When I was there, there weren’t too many theatre majors and it was nice to come back and see how the department has grown.”

VOCALMOTION is a workshop that helps people who are considering getting into voiceover work. The interactive workshop discusses copy analysis and delivery techniques, practice and performance tips, character and animation voices, creating a demo, and self-marketing. Bazala has started VOCALMOTION to help clear up some of the confusion surrounding the business.

“Voiceover is like the red-headed stepchild of the entertainment industry,” Bazala explained. “It’s secret and mysterious, and a lot of people don’t know anything about it. When I started as a professional, I knew I had the ability, but I wasn’t sure how to get a job. There are workshops in Los Angeles and New York, but there aren’t any in Florida or other places. VOCALMOTION helps people learn from my mistakes and gives them some of the information they need to get started.”

Bazala traveled around for five years in national tours and did a lot of regional theatre before he got into voiceover work. He played at the Flat Rock Playhouse in North Carolina, the Warehouse in South Carolina and later did an independent film in Florida. He auditioned for Disney while in Florida, and got the call to work for them.

While at Disney, he got into voiceover work. He recorded the voice for the Disney Cruise Lines, added his voice to the recently-closed “Hunchback of Notre Dame” show at the Disney Theme Park and even voiced Batman’s loyal sidekick Robin in Six Flags’ popular Batman Stunt Spectacular.

“My sister went to Six Flags Ohio and I asked her if she heard my voice,” Bazala said. “She said, ‘It sounded like you, but he was much cooler.’”

Along with lending his voice to Robin, Bazala has been heard on television and radio advertisements for Subway, Sears, Lynx and various other companies. He credits his success to Clarion University.

“I wouldn’t be doing what I’m doing if it wasn’t for some professors at Clarion,” he said. “I think I utilized the professors more than some other students. They were willing to teach and help, and I was willing to learn. I don’t think I’d be here without their encouragement and determination to make me succeed.”

Bazala did not want to leave any professors out, but he specifically noted two faculty members as helping him along.

“Marilouse Michel and Mary Hardwick were very helpful to me,” Bazala said. “They taught me to reach inside myself and to become a better person.”

There were many factors that led to Bazala’s choosing Clarion University, but there was one in particular that stood out.

“I loved the attention I got in my interviews,” he said. “They seemed interested in me and they cared. I also loved the campus, and the price helped me decide between the three places I was considering.

“Coming back was great,” Bazala added. “It was nice to see the way things are progressing at Clarion. I consider myself a part of the theatre department there, and I hope to continue to be a part of that.”

With all of his success, Bazala cites VOCALMOTION as his most-fulfilling work.

“I love to teach,” he said. “I love to see people learn and succeed. People need to know that the work is out there and that they can be successful.”
Evans Appointed to Top-Level Academic Post

Dr. Eileen B. Evans (’68) was promoted to associate vice president for research at Western Michigan University in August 2002. The appointment was made by Western Michigan University’s Board of Trustees.

Evans had served as associate dean of the graduate college for Western Michigan since July 2000. Evans has been assistant dean of the graduate college for the previous year, devoting 75 percent of her time to academic program review and 25 percent of her time to research administration.

She joined the university as a faculty member in 1981 and has held a series of administrative posts since 1984. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in 1968 and master’s and doctoral degrees from Purdue University in 1970 and 1976, respectively.

Evans resides in Portage, Mich., with her husband, Oliver. They have two children, Ethan and Rachel.
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Alumni Notes

Kathy (Rettig) Bowers is an administrative coordinator for Armstrong Nutrition Management. She resides in Kittanning, Pa.

Larry W. Jamison is the Clarion branch manager/assistant vice president for S&T Bank. He and his wife, Ann, have a daughter, Lauren, and reside in Summerville, Pa.

Debra A. (Woodward) and Thomas O. Merritt (’86) have twin sons, Tyler and Dylan, and a daughter, Lauren. They reside in Madison, Conn.

Jackie Schmitt-Marsteller (M.S.L.S. ’89) and Matthew R. Marsteller (’87, ’88) reside in Washington, Pa. Jackie is the executive director for the South Fayette Township Library.

Linda L. (Andrews) Branch is a reading specialist with Pennridge School District and is pursuing her doctorate in literacy education at the University of Pennsylvania. She has two sons, Bobby and Christopher, and resides in Perkasie, Pa.

Brenda K. Daugherty-Shrivastava is a nationally certified counselor and licensed mental health counselor. She recently received her Pennsylvania licensed professional counselor license and works as a family-based mental health therapist for Clarion County Family Links. She and her son, Neel, reside in Strattanville, Pa.

Sue Andrus (MLS ’88) is in her 12th year with the Oconee County Library as a reference librarian/technical coordinator. She resides in Walhalla, S.C.

Darryl R. and Leslie (Onstott ’82) Duer have two daughters, Stephanie and Alison, and reside in Bishop, Ga. Darryl is an operations manager for Trust Services Inc. and earned his certified transportation broker in 2001. He teaches Sunday school, is a Girl Scout leader, and is vice-chair of the Oconee County Primary School Council.

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Clarion University held its Black Student Reunion with alumni and current students on Sept. 21 and 22. Forty-one alumni attended the first reunion of its type held on campus.

Clarion University President Diane Reinhard opened the Sept. 21 evening event with a welcoming speech, and William Johnson ('78) had the invocation. Dr. Brenda Saunders-Dédé, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, was the dinner speaker and Diane Logan-Well's ('79) had the closing remarks of the dinner.

At breakfast on the 22nd, William Logan ('77) opened the event and the Lift Every Voice Choir and Gospeliers entertained the audience. The Rev. Andrew Cooper was the breakfast speaker. During her speech, “The Family Needs You,” Dédé stressed the importance of family and the roles each member plays. “The key to a successful family is that everyone is doing his or her part in sync with everyone else,” Dédé said. “We here at Clarion consider ourselves a family with approximately 7,000 members.”

Dédé included the alumni as extended members of the same family and explained what their duties are and called them “ambassadors of the Clarion family.” “You have spent your time here and moved on…others will be looking to you to see what kind of family you have come from, what your roots are like, how deep you are grounded and what fruit you bear,” Dédé explained. Dédé also asked the alumni to remain involved with Clarion University, to give money and to mentor current minority students. “The family needs you,” Dédé said. “Your contribution can be put to good use. Great works are not necessarily performed by strength and numbers, but by perseverance.”

The reunion was coordinated by Diane Logan-Well’s ('79) in cooperation with the Office of Alumni Relations, Minority Student Services, and Academic Support Services.

Clarion Holds Black Student Reunion


1980-1989 from left to right - Francine (Caple) Patrick, 1982; Sharon (Jones) Alexander, 1982; Kuumba Rashidi, 1989; Colleen (Craig) Austin, 1987; and Angela Groom, 1980.

1990-1999 from left to right - Aleasha Stevens, 1996; Danielle Riggs, 1999; Damon Avery, 1992; Nicole Johnson, 1997; and Ingrid (Spell) Reed, 1994.
Alumni Return For Art Exhibit at New University Gallery

Six Clarion University alumni staged the first official art exhibit in the New University Gallery in Carlson Library. "Past to Present: Alumni after the M.F.A." open on Sept. 9 and ran through home-coming weekend.

The alumni, David Collins, Michael Stek, Kathy Rhoades, Liz Huwar Quinn, Jason Lahr, and Patricia McLatchy, all received their master of fine arts degrees, a terminal degree in studio art—the equivalent of a Ph.D. in other academic disciplines. It is the ultimate credential in visual arts training.

The University Art Gallery replaced the Sandford Gallery. The large, salon style, exhibit area, located on Level A of Carlson Library features adjustable track lighting and C-Net access. It has the potential for a vast array of traditional exhibits and more contemporary artworks such as video, installation, and computer generated art. The gallery is accessible through the library or from its own entrance.

The exhibit was curated by Marcy Neiditz and Joe Thomas.

Kathy Rhoades
Kathy Rhoades (B.F.A. ’95) has applied her background in the fine arts by helping developmentally disabled children, using creative concepts. Working out of her home studio in Strattanville, she continues to create art for exhibitions, including the opening of the New University Gallery.

"It was nice being able to give something back to Clarion by exhibiting my work," she says. "The new gallery is a huge step for the art program at Clarion it's easily assessable and has much more space for exhibitions."

Rhoades artwork shows an interest in organic forms that seem derived from both plants and minerals in the natural world. She works in terra cotta, a low-fired clay body. One of her most memorable experiences was working with Acoma Pueblo potter Mary Lewis Garcia, daughter of the legendary Lucy Lewis, on the Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico. Mary taught her traditional Native American techniques. Learning the ancient techniques gave her a sense of the origins of ceramics.

"Clay records my touch as I work: it records a moment in time, not unlike the brushstrokes of a painter," she says. "Any marks that I have made or that occurred in the process of construction remain, adding a beauty of their own."

After she married her husband Sheldon and raised their children, Jami, now 26, and Joseph, now 23, she continued her education at Clarion University where she focused on painted and sculpted transmutations of living things. She built a foundation of techniques that she continues to use today.

In 1998, she received her M.F.A. in ceramics and sculpture from the University of New Mexico. She also taught ceramics at the university while she was working on her masters.

Rhoades is teaching ceramics at Grove City College and working on a ceramic sculpture to be exhibited at the Clarion University Women’s conference.

Jason Lahr
Originally wanting to be a writer, Jason Lahr (B.F.A. ’97) applies film theory and contemporary fiction into his current artwork. He is influenced by authors such as Thomas Pynchon, who writes complex and surrealist books. He uses the different images from the approach of the book items outside of the novel’s theme. "I build narratives out of appropriated images and written texts," says Lahr. "It's a bit like a vulture picking through a mountain of Boy Scout manuals, hunting and fishing magazines, and related miscellany, savoring the tasty bits and creating a tangle of meta-texts among the images, the texts, and the ‘world’.

Lahr continued his education and received his M.F.A. in 1999 from Pennsylvania State University in painting and drawing. He developed an interest in postmodern theory and images from popular culture, in which he still focuses on. In 2000, he was the recipient of a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts fellowship in painting. He has exhibited his art in various shows including: Exit Art in New York; Eleven51 in Atlanta; and the Maryland Institute, College of Art. He is currently working on a show to be exhibited in Chicago.

Liz Huwar Quinn
Liz Huwar Quinn (‘96) has found success as a painter and teacher. A native of Fisher, Quinn says she found her, "niche in painting" during her last two years in high school. She decided to attend Clarion University because she knew another art student and because she was impressed with the artwork she saw in a Sandford Gallery B.F.A. exhibit.

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David Collins
David Collins (‘94) has experienced both sides of education at Clarion University, as a student and now as a part-time faculty member.

Growing up in the area between Clarion and Kittanning, Clarion University was a familiar choice for Collins, because his father, Kenneth, is a university employee. Art was not his focus when he arrived on campus.

"I took art classes along with my other classes and just fell into it," he explains. "I started out in education and tried philosophy and psychology, but the art allowed me to explore aspects of all the other majors. I made a decision that art was what I wanted to do."

Receiving his B.F.A. from Clarion in 1994, Collins received a scholarship from the University of Notre Dame to study ceramics. He earned his M.F.A. in 1998 acquiring a new interest in expression interpretation of the traditional vessel form. He exhibits widely across the midwest and northeast and received a Continued on page 21

Patricia McLatchy
Interested in art as long as she can remember, Patricia McLatchy (B.F.A. ’83) continues to produce and exhibit sculpture nationally and internationally. She has explored her kinship with environmental issues by creating sculptures that merge the human form with elements found in nature.

"Figurative sculpture continues to be the main focus of my exploration as a visual artist," says McLatchy. "The works of Rachael Carson and Charles Darwin motivate me to investigate the relationship of man and nature. The integration of the human form into nature and the environment, and the consequences of this metaphorical marriage, are a continual source of inspiration."

While attending Clarion University, under the tutelage of New Mexico. She also taught ceramics at the university while she was working on her masters.

Michael Stek
Michael Stek (B.F.A. ’95) uses techniques that he learned at Clarion University to teach his own students at Bucks County and Montgomery Community Colleges.

As a son of a U.S. Navy physician, he grew up all over the world, including California and Egypt. However, living and traveling all over the United States gives him a sense of home and brings his art and ideas together.

"My travels have had a lasting impact on my style of artistic expression, taking in bits from her and there, and combining them with self-expression and my knowledge of art in order to make it my own," he says.

Starting out as a painting student at Clarion University, he experimented broadly with three-dimensional media, particularly constructed pieces. Stek continued his art education and received his M.F.A. in 1998 from Marywood University in ceramics. He currently focuses on vessel forms partially inspired by his extensive research into the ceramic traditions of Asia.

"I think the world and its people are the best source for my work," he says. "For instance, China’s landscape is an obvious influence, as are the Yixing teapots, the porcelain of Jidezhun, all the people I’ve met, and even the food I’ve eaten.”

Clarion University professor Gary Greenberg and former professor Jim Flahaven introduced Stek to ceramics and installation painting, which still inspires him today. Clarion’s surrounding parks and nature scenes impacted his art career in many ways.

"The environment in Clarion is one of the reasons among the places I’ve been and lived that has had a lasting impact on my work,” he says.

He continues to visit Clarion and bring his own students to experience the Anagama wood burning kiln, only fired up once a semester. Every wood fired piece, except one, that Stek has created, has been fired in Clarion’s wood fire kiln.

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Kretzler Chairs Presidential Council

Kent Kretzler ('73) has been appointed “Honorary Chairman of the President’s Business Advisory Council.” This position will have Kretzler working closely with the U.S. Congress and other business entrepreneurs throughout the country. The council investigates and advises in fields of healthcare reform, debt reduction, social security, and tax and education reform.

Kretzler and the council will be involved in periodic strategy sessions that will advise Congress and President George W. Bush on tax issues, and at regional and national meetings they will offer input on issues facing the small business community to members of Congress.

Kretzler, who graduated from Clarion with a bachelor’s degree in social studies in 1973 and earned a master’s degree in communications in 1974, is the president/CEO of Travel Connections and Kretzler Enterprises, Inc. He was honored as a member of Who’s Who in American and International Business and has begun his two-year term as president of the OL Vereen Club of Pittsburgh.

Shannon M. (Carr) Ross is a senior programmer/analyst for Black Box Corp. She and her husband, Kevin, have a daughter, Ciara, and reside in South Park, Pa.

Michael Shingledecker is the director of purchasing for Integrated Systems Analysts Inc. He resides in Fairfield.

Randy J. and Julie (Jordan '85) Baughman have three children, Lindsay, Courtney, and Jordan, and reside in Warren, Pa. Randy is the principal/director of transportation for Valley Grove School District Intermediate School.

Tamar (Straub) Carfagna is a homemaker. She and her husband, James, have two sons, Jonathan and Jacob, and live in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Jim Deitzel is director of graphic communications for Ripple Communications. He and his wife, Susanne, have two children, Erin and Shannon, and live in Charlotte, N.C.

G. D. (Jerry) and Mary (Retort '89) George reside in Pittsburg, Kan., with their daughter, Lily. G.D. received his graduate degree from Bowling Green State University and is an assistant professor and technical director in the communications department at Pittsburg State University.

James “Bo” and Sharon (Bronowicz '92) Hamlett have a daughter, Taylor, and live in Chambersburg, Pa. Bo is a DUI instructor for adult offenders.

Lyn Bedford works as a speech pathologist and resides with her son, John, in Williamsport, Pa.

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Katherine E. (McCauley) Downs was promoted to supervisor of subsidiary accounting for Northwest Savings. She and her husband, John, have three children, Steven, Andrew, and Megan, and reside in Russell, Pa.

Janelle J. (DeMatteo) McHale ('91 '94) live in Exeter, Pa., with their three children, Madison, Maelie, and Maxwell. Robert works for Hines Horticulture Inc. as the Eastern Pennsylvania Sales Consultant, and Jill is a stay-at-home mom.

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A. J. and Traci (Cowher '97) Meeker have two children, Carli and Jakob, and reside in St. Marys, Pa. A.J. is a PCO with the PA State Police, Troop F.

Victoria L. (Dunkle) Noyes is the main news anchor for Fox 47 News. She resides in Okemos, Mich., with her husband, David.

John and Rebecca (Mosur) Spare have a son, Joseph, and reside in Bridgeville, Pa. Rebecca is a stay-at-home mom, and John is senior vice president of operations for Destinta Theaters.

Kevin Schifferli is a senior associate scientist for Avalon Pharmaceuticals Inc. He resides in Germantown, Pa.

Bridget (Villani) Swihart is the manager of sales and client support for Eckerd Health Care. She and her husband, Tom, have a daughter, Alexa, and reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Ron Berry has been promoted to assistant vice president of institutional trust client services for Reliance Trust Company. He resides in Atlanta, Ga.

Sean and Deana (Anderson) Brennan have a daughter, McKenzie, and are expecting their second child in April. Deana is a stay-at-home mom, and Sean is the director of marketing for Huntsman Entertainment Inc. They reside in Old Hickory, Tenn.

Rebecca Jo (Novak) DiSaia teaches eighth grade language arts and reading and has her master’s degree in communication from West Virginia University. She and her husband, Charles, have a daughter, Isabella, and reside in Triadelphia, W.Va.

Christina (DiGuilio) Dzurko is an account executive for the Altoona Mirror. She and her husband, Timothy, have a daughter, Madison, and reside in Altoona, Pa.

Lori L. (DeZardo) Ernst is a stay-at-home mom to her twins, Macy and Andrew, and also works as a kitchen consultant with Pampered Chef. She and her husband, Craig, reside in Monessen, Pa.

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Delita A. (Greco) Doran teaches sixth grade reading and English for Union Area School District. She and her husband, Sean, have four children, Sean, Braedon, Tyler, and Shaela. They reside in New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Sherrie K. (Park) Kahle is a developmental preschool teacher for Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9. She and her husband, Mervin, reside in Sigel, Pa.

Walter McGarvey ('32) is retired and living in New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Laura A. (Lester) Berkey is a learning support teacher for Dallastown Area School District. She resides in York, Pa., with her husband, Rich, and children, Audra and Aidan.

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Nyiri Joins Springfield Township School District

Technology is drawing Dr. Roseanne (Bryer) Nyiri ('72) from her job as superintendent of the Franklin Regional School System to the superintendent position of the Springfield Township School District in Montgomery Township. According to an article in The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Springfield Township has made several technological initiatives to bring the school district into the 21st century. Laptop computers have been placed in the classroom for teachers to use, student information has been made available on-line for parents and teachers, and a virtual school library has been established. Nyiri described the technological advantages the school district has made as “really fascinating.”

“It’s just a wonderful opportunity,” Nyiri said of the move. Nyiri graduated from Clarion University in 1971 and holds a master’s degree and a doctorate from Duquesne University. She has served as superintendent of Franklin Regional since 1999, but started working in the district in 1988. During her tenure as superintendent, Franklin Regional was one of six finalists in the statewide Digital School Competition and was awarded $100,000. The school district completed a $19.6 million high school renovation, with only one tax increase. However, Nyiri does not believe that she deserves all the credit. In the same article, she cited the efforts of other staff members, including her predecessor, Lee Reik. “Lee laid a good foundation,” Nyiri said.

Nyiri started teaching in Swissvale in 1971. She was a federal programs coordinator and taught gifted students before she moved to Franklin Regional as an assistant principal. She later became director of personnel and assistant superintendent. Springfield Township is located outside Philadelphia. Although she was born and raised in North Braddock, Nyiri is not wary of moving to a new area. “It’s really going to be a great adventure,” she said. Nyiri is married to Les Nyiri, a mental illness and substance abuse coordinator for Allegheny County. They have a 21-year-old daughter, Jennifer, who attends Point Park College.
1952 - ‘A Perfect Season’

Clarion’s 1952 football team had something special. Yes it had great players like Alex Sandusky, Dave Bevevino and John Lovre, and a legendary coach in Waldo Tippin, but the 1952 Clarion football team was made up of special people. Those people turned 1952 into “A Perfect Season”.

Those who played a part in the undefeated 1952 season gathered for the 50th anniversary of that season and were honored at the Clarion-Glenville State football game. The highlights from that perfect season.

Clarion 20, Edinboro 0
A crowd of 700 fans watched the Golden Eagles top Edinboro 20-0 at Clarion Field on Sept. 27. Fullback Pete Carsito opened the scoring with a 2-yard run, and Ted Wisiennicki kicked for the point after touchdown (PAT) for a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Quarterback Dave Bevevino tossed a 22-yard touchdown pass to John Lovre before halftime and a 14-0 lead. The final score came on a Bevevino to Ed Lendenski 7-yard pass.

Clarion 25, St. Vincent 0
Bevevino passed for three touchdowns and ran for one as the Eagles went on the road and defeated St. Vincent 25-0. Bevevino tossed scoring passes of 33 and 20 yards to John Lovre, and a 77-yarder to Alex Sandusky before running in from 1-yard out to cap the scoring.

Clarion 26, Thiel 6
Before a Homecoming Day crowd of nearly 2,000, Clarion celebrated with a 26-6 win over Thiel on October 11. The Eagles totaled 348 yards of offense while holding Thiel to 196. Bevevino tossed a 21-yard touchdown pass to Lovre in the first quarter, then the duo followed with 5 yard scoring pass and a 13-0 halftime lead. Howard Reasinger also scored rushing touchdowns of 5 and 37 years to cap the Eagle scoring.

Clarion 26, Brockport 6
Four different players scored touchdowns as host Clarion ran its record to 4-0 with a 26-6 rout of Brockport, N.Y. Dean Casaday scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter and Wisiennicki’s PAT gave Clarion a 7-0 lead. George Czap scampered 27 yards in the second quarter for a touchdown and Clarion led 13-0 at the half. Early in the third Bevevino hit Lovre with a perfect 74-yard touchdown pass, then Bevevino came right back with a 41-yard touchdown strike to Sandusky and the Eagles led 26-0. Clarion had 316 offensive yards while Brockport was limited to 208.

Clarion 21, Indiana 12
The Eagles traveled to Indiana and trailed the Indians 12-7 at halftime but rallied for a key 21-12 win moving Clarion’s overall record to 5-0. Down 6-0, Bevevino passed 85-yards to Lovre to put Clarion ahead 7-6. Indiana led 12-6 at halftime, but Lovre came up with the big defensive play, blocking a quick touchdown streak to six with a 34-0 pounding of California at Clarion Field. Clarion bolted to a 14-0 first quarter lead when Bevevino tossed a 1-yard touchdown to Sandusky, then Czap bolted 16 yards on the ground for another score. Bevevino tossed two touchdown passes of 56 and 4 yards to Lovre and one more to Ed Lendenski for a 34-0 final. Cal was held to 79 yards of offense.

Clarion 12, Slippery Rock 0
Clarion traveled to Beaver Falls on Nov. 15 and completed an undefeated regular season with a 14-0 win over Slippery Rock. Bevevino and Lovre combined for all the scoring in the first quarter. Clarion jumped to a 7-0 lead when Bevevino hit Lovre on a 15-yard scoring pass. Later in the first quarter they hooked up on a 22-yard scoring strike. Clarion’s fine defense did the rest.

Clarion 13, East Carolina* 6
The Eagles were extended a bid to play in the Lions Bowl in Salisbury, N.C. on Dec. 13. Head coach Waldo S. Tippin and the Golden Eagles responded with an impressive 13-6 win over East Carolina. Held at Catawba College Stadium, Clarion took a 6-0 lead early in the first quarter when Bevevino tossed a 39-yard touchdown pass to Sandusky. East Carolina tied the game in the first quarter when quarterback Sandy Siler scored on a sneak. In the third quarter Clarion won the game with a 68-yard scoring drive. Halfback Czap skirted right end for 7 yards and the game-winning touchdown. Wisiennicki’s PAT gave Clarion a 13-6 lead and the defense did the rest. Jim McCullough intercepted two passes in the fourth quarter and Sam Carnabucci intercepted with only seconds left to preserve the win. Bevevino was voted the Lions Bowl “MVP.”

1952 Clarion Results (9-0; Lions Bowl Champions)

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(* Lions Bowl - Salisbury, N.C.)

1952 Notes: Czap and Shaw captained the 1952 team... Assistant coaches included Bill Sheridan and Tom Carnahan... Bevevino, Shaw and Lovre were named to the “Little All-America” team... Bevevino, Shaw, Sandusky, Lovre and John Coyne were All-District...
Alumna May Be Next Famous Linebacker From Pittsburgh

Christina Werries (’02) of Fox Chapel wants to add her name to that list. She is practicing at outside linebacker for the Pittsburgh Passion of the National Women’s Football League (NWFL).

Werries, who played basketball and soccer while earning her liberal arts degree with concentrations in psychology, sociology, and athletic coaching at Clarion, is enjoying her introduction to on field play. “I always thought about football,” she says. “But it is quite different on the field from what I expected.”

Her father, Gerard, told Werries about the tryouts for the Passion. She attended the May tryout session, right before her graduation. “I was afraid I would get hurt and have to go through graduation on crutches,” Werries recalled. “I was encouraged to try out because I have speed and athletic ability.”

McLatchy

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instruction of Bill Edwards, Al Charley, and Cathy Joslyn. McLatchy learned the language of the visual arts, in which she still explores today.

“The new gallery is exactly the kind of professional venue students need to be exposed to during their studies of Art of Clarion University,” she says. “I am pleased to see Clarion committed to the kind of professionalism necessary to build a premier art department.”

After graduating from Clarion, she went on to receive her M.F.A. in sculpture from Pennsylvania State University in 1990. She has exhibited her work in venues in the U.S. and abroad, including the British Museum in London, the Fitchburg Art museum, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Currently living in New Wilmington with her husband Kevin and her four-year-old son Niles, she works in her home personal art studio. Recently, she began to incorporate recycled materials into her works. She is currently working on a recycled paper relief sculpture.

“Utilize materials from recycled sources,” she says. “Brown bags, newspapers, packing materials and the like, find themselves at the core of my work. Often the works themselves are recycled ideas from earlier sculptures.”

Collins

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ceramics award at the 43rd Chautauqua National Exhibition of American Art.

He worked at the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts for a year, before joining the faculty of Allegheny College in Meadville. He is also adjunct faculty at a Kent State Trumbull and a part-time faculty member at Clarion University, teaching courses at Clarion and at Venango Campus.

Collins found returning to Clarion as a teacher was a unique experience.

“When you return anywhere, it is filled with reminiscence and nostalgia,” he says. “When I walked through the art studios at Clarion for the first time as a teacher it was familiar. It felt like home, but I knew it was not the same type of home.”

Collins works in mixed media featuring ceramics, clay, and steel. “At a personal level, I like to see clay interacting with other materials,” he says. “I find a dialogue between the materials. I like the exchange.”

The new Clarion University art gallery pleased Collins. “It is a nice exhibition space,” he says. “The location is much more accessible to the public.”

Collins has upcoming art exhibits in the Chicago, Ill., area in January and another at Ventura College in California in February.

Quinn

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lege, and art centers such as Sweetwater in Sewickley. She exhibited her own work at the Pittsburgh Center of the Arts and worked as an artist/educator for the Andy Warhol Museum.

Deciding she needed additional certification, Quinn earned a K-12 art certification art.

“It was an awesome experience,” she says. “I am happy I had the opportunity to do it.”

The certification led to teaching jobs in the Pittsburgh Public Schools through the Warhol Museum, and then at Blackhawk High School. When her husband, Bryan Huwar, joined the Clarion law firm of Alexander, Garbarino, Kifer, Speer & Neely, they relocated to Strattanville.

Quinn now teaches through Riverview Intermediate Unit and works on her art.

“I juried a Clarion County Arts Council exhibit and I was amazed and excited by the work I saw,” she says. “It was obvious that the students had the technical skills and were encouraged by their teachers to pursue concepts.”

She sees the new University Gallery as another plus for art in the area.

“The accessibility is wonderful,” she says. “It has beautiful lighting and open space. The location is much better and there is room for more people to visit.”

Looking back at her time as a student at Clarion, Quinn says, “Making connections with other art majors was most important. We have stayed connected and can help each other with our own visions and works.”
Dawn L. Elder is a community rehabilitation residence supervisor for Residential Care Services. She has earned her national certified counselor credential along with her master’s in counseling and has received intensive training in dialectical behavior therapy. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Amy L. (Varoli) Elliott is a member of the U.S. Army. She and her husband, William, reside in Leavenworth, Kan.

Karen S. (Stringfellow) Haws is a nurse practitioner in occupational health at Mercy Hospital, a teacher of phlebotomy at Butler Community College, and is obtaining a national certification in occupational medicine. She has a son, Justin, and resides in Lower Burrell, Pa.

Amy Koch lives in Sink Spring, Pa., and works as a logistics management specialist for the Department of Defense, NAVICP, in Philadelphia.

Jennifer Lease teaches for Prince William County Schools and resides in Triangle, Va.

Leslie Proctor teaches for Spring Lake Middle School. She resides in Spring Lake, N.C.

Shane M. and Alicia A. (Hall ’00) Shaffer live in Martinsburg, W.Va. Shane teaches fourth grade for Loudoun County Public Schools and received third place for Leesburg’s teacher of the year in the “Best of Everything 2000” poll.

Jenni (Mumford) Vaughan works as the director of corporate relations for the American Heart Association in Amherst, N.Y. She and her husband, Jason, reside in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Megan L. (Hoon) Wagner teaches third grade for Loudoun County Public Schools. She and her husband, Michael, reside in Leesburg, Va.

Tyler J. Best earned a degree in funeral service arts and science from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science and is a funeral director/embalmer for Healy-Hahn Funeral Home, Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Kristin Colello received her master’s degree in journalism in December and is a communications specialist for the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Andrea E. (Williams) Deible is a learning support teacher for Clarion-Limestone School District. She resides in Knox, Pa., with her husband, Gregory, and daughter, McKenna.

James C. and Heidi (Young) Gould reside in Louisville, Ky. James is a graduate research assistant for the University of Louisville, where he is pursuing his Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology. Heidi is working on her master’s degree in teaching while working as a full-time teacher.

Patricia Haas is the programming coordinator for James V. Brown Library. She resides in South Williamsport, Pa.

Jill M. Hildebrand teaches fifth grade for South Harnett Elementary School. She resides in Lillington, N.C.

Shari Lynn Klepfer is a CASSP caseworker II for Armstrong Indiana MR/MH Program. She resides in Kittanning, Pa.

Julie (Hunnicutt) Rice is a high school learning support teacher for the Tyrone Area School District. She and her husband, Richard, reside in Altoona, Pa.

Alicia (Hall) and Shane (’99) Shaffer live in Martinsburg, W.Va. Alicia teaches special education for Loudoun County Public Schools and is working on her master’s in special education at George Mason University.

Tonya J. Thompson received her M.A. in student affairs in higher education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is a residence director at St. Bonaventure University. She resides in St. Bonaventure, N.Y.

Brianne (Simpson) Braunstein teaches preschool at TLC Child Development Center. She and her husband, Michael, reside in Wexford, Pa.

Donald C. Hosford is an import manager for Hosford International. He resides in Fairview, Pa.

Kara E. Emrich attends graduate school at Shippensburg University and is a learning support teacher for Northern York County School District. She lives in Camp Hill, Pa.

Megan Ferringer is a research assistant for Georgetown University and is a doctoral candidate in physiology specializing in lung development. She resides in Washington, D.C.

Sandra A. Jackson is a crisis intervention specialist for Family Resources. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Emily Mackey teaches eighth grade English for Monessen School District and is working on her master’s in education, administration, and policy studies at the University of Pittsburgh. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jennifer Muns is an elementary learning support teacher. She lives in Columbus, Md.

April (Lutz) Nicotero is a substitute teacher. She and her husband, Ross, reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mindj J. (Walker) Rebe rt teaches fourth grade at West Meade Elementary. She lives in New Oxford, Pa., with her husband, Chris.

Angella F. (Ferry) Scalise teaches at Falling Creek Middle School. She and her husband, Frank, reside in Richmond, Va.

County Schools. She resides in Wake Forest, N.C.


Erin L. Wingard teaches Spanish for Winchester Public Schools. She resides in Winchester, Va.
Distrusted Alumni: Frank Palaggo Dies

Frank Palaggo ('52), the 1989 Clarion University Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, died Sept. 28, 2002. Palaggo also worked at Clarion University for 16 years, finishing his career as the acting assistant dean of education and human services.

Palaggo was born on March 29, 1929, in Reynoldsville and was a 1946 graduate of Reynolds High School. He received his B.S. degree from Clarion State Teacher’s College in 1952.

He was a social studies teacher for 11 years at Redbank Valley High School, New Bethlehem, where he was a cooperating teacher with Clarion State College and coached the baseball team. He earned an M.Ed. degree from Penn State University in school administration and supervision, spending one and one-half years as an intern working with student teachers. He joined the Clarion University faculty in 1964.

Palaggo was an associate professor of education and concluded his career as acting assistant dean of education and human services. In the latter job, he was responsible for all field services for elementary and secondary student teachers. This included field experiences during each of the student’s years in college prior to student teaching. He assigned student teachers and served as certification officer, approving all teaching areas. He estimated that he worked with thousands of student teachers during his 37 years in education.

He was a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) official and a member of the PIAA board of directors. He became an athletic official in 1949 and was awarded the PIAA Distinguished Service Award. He held the position of District 9 official representative for the PIAA since 1964.

Palaggo is survived by his wife, Donna (Cribbs ’52), of New Bethlehem; a son, Andrew, of Pittsburgh; a daughter Tina Palaggo-Toy of Freeport; and two grandchildren.

Charles V. Stipancic ('83) was named corporate real estate vice president at U.S. Airways on November 20, 2001.

Stipancic oversees all commercial aspects of U.S. Airways’ real estate including planning, design, and construction of reservations centers, ticket offices, corporate offices, etc.

Stipancic graduated from Clarion University in 1983 with a bachelor’s degree in business and communication. Stipancic has already supervised several other projects for U.S. Airways, including the building of the new regional airline terminal and international terminal in Philadelphia.

“U.S. Airways is fortunate to have a person with the experience and talent of Chuck Stipancic on its staff. Chuck knows the U.S. Airways system well and will be able to take on additional responsibilities smoothly at this critical time,” says U.S. Airways President and CEO, Rakesh Gangwal.

Stipancic resides in northern Virginia with his wife, Leah, and their two children.

July 30, 2002.
Lucille V. Rockey ('37).

Tammy Plows ('94).
July 15, 2002.

Kevin C. Tooney ('81), June 30, 2002.


Carl G. Deckey Jr. ('64), Sept. 29, 2002.


Norbert J. Master ('34), Sept. 7, 2002.

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Lucille V. Rockey ('37).

Mahlon W. Traister ('41).
Aug. 29, 2002.

Joann (Bish) Russell ('48).
July 13, 2002.

John (Jack) J. Palaggo ('50).

B. Elwood Stroupe ('50).

Helen S. (Slaugenhaupt) Best ('51), Aug. 10, 2002.


Hugo A. DeFelice ('53).
Aug. 9, 2002.


Karen (Kretzler) Dinsmore ('79), Sept. 5, 2002.
The fall sports season has been a successful one for the Golden Eagles, with many sports recording their best seasons and breaking records in the process. Here’s how they were doing at press time for this issue of Clarion and Beyond.

Women’s Volleyball
Clarion’s women’s volleyball team, under the eye of second-year head coach Tracey Fruharty, was experiencing one of the most successful seasons in the program’s history sporting a record of 30-4 and 6-3 in the PSAC-West through Nov. 5. The 30 wins set a school record. The previous record was 27 set by the 1989 team.

The Golden Eagles also appear to have a strong shot at the NCAA Division II playoffs and were ranked third in the Atlantic Region in the Oct. 28 poll. The top six teams are NCAA bound.

The season has also been a record-setting one for Clarion. Junior setter Jackie Hill (Seven Valley/Susquehanna HS) set the school’s career record in set assists. Through Nov. 5 she had 4,334 smashing the previous record of 2,990 set by Wendy Ellenberger from 2000-02. Junior outside hitter Melanie Bull has set the career digs mark with 1,433 through Nov. 5 bettering the mark of 1,382 set by Ali Graham from 1998-01.

Football
The Golden Eagle football squad under 10th-year mentor Malen Luke was also having a winning season with a 6-3 record through their Nov. 2 game. One of the losses was an impressive 24-17 showing against NCAA Division I-AA powerhouse Youngstown State to start the season. In the other two losses (IU-P 28-14 & Slippery Rock 20-19), Clarion was in the game until the end. Golden Eagle victories have come against Millersville (24-3), Glenville State (59-38), Kutztown (31-7), West Chester (34-28 on homecoming), Edinboro (24-18) and California (31-6).

In the Glenville State game, Clarion ran for a school-record 519 yards, the second most yards ever rushed for by a PSAC team. In that game Robert Walker (Miramar, Fla./Western) set a school record for touchdowns rushed for in a game with five as he rushed for 205 yards on the day.

Senior quarterback Adam Almashy (Newton Falls, Ohio/Newtown Falls) also became the first Clarion QB to ever go over 1,000 yards rushing in a career. He went over the mark in the West Chester game and had 1,420 career rushing yards with two games left.

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Men’s Golf
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WVIAC Regionals Clarion shot a two-day team total of four-under par (572)and sophomore Melissa Terwilliger (Blasdell, NY/Frontier), Evelyn Abiola (Staten Island/Susan Langer), Jen Boerner (Amherst, NY/New Brighton/New Brighton) and Bridget Sardo (Jamestown, NY/Jamestown).

Other key runners for the Golden Eagles this season have been freshman Anna Beck (Washington/Washington), Bridget Sardo (Jamestown, NY/Jamestown). The fall showing should bode well for Clarion come the spring season and the 2002 PSAC Championships.

Clarion’s men’s cross country team was a young squad with a lot of heart in 2002. While not having the same type of season as the women’s team, the men’s team was showing steady improvement throughout the season.

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Women’s Soccer
Clarion’s second-year women’s soccer program, under the eye of Nina Alonzo, showed improvement in 2002. The Eagles finished the year with a mark of 3-14-1 topping last year’s win total.

Wins came over Davis & Elkins (3-0), Salem International (2-1), Mansfield (6-1), and the Eagles also tied Saint Vincent (0-0).

Leading the way for Clarion were sophomore Marianna Reino (Neshannock/New Castle) with 5 goals and 1 assist for 11 points, freshmen Jayme Violi (Fairview/Fairview) with 2 goals and 4 assists for 8 points, Becky Stewart (Penn Yan, NY/Penn Yan Academy) with 3 goals and 1 assist for 7 points and sophomore Alisha Turner (Pittsburgh/Baldwin) with 1 goal and 4 assists for 6 points. Goalkeeper C.J. Gattens (Pittsburgh/Baldwin) had two wins and a goals against average of 2.63.

Women’s Tennis
Clarion’s women’s tennis team had a familiar face back in charge in 2002 as Lori Sabatone returned to take the reins after a two-year hiatus. She had coached the team in 1998-2000.

Sabatone helped the Eagles to a 2-3 record in the fall season with the spring slate still to come.

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Winter Sports Look For Strong Season

The Golden Eagles are hoping for strong seasons in 2003 in wrestling, men’s and women’s basketball and swimming and diving. Below is a capsule of the coming athletic season.

Wrestling
Sixth year head coach Ken Nellis has high hopes for the 2002-2003 wrestling season with five NCAA Division I Qualifiers returning.

Clarion was 6-11 overall last year and 3-4 in the Eastern Wrestling League, including a third-place finish in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference tournament, a sixth-place ending at the EWL championships and a 41st-place finish at the NCAA Division I Nationals in Albany, N.Y.

Five national qualifiers return in seniors John Testa (heavyweight - Newark, De.), Eric Mausser (197—Sharmon) and Rad Martinez (133 - W. Jordan, Utah), along with junior Jeremy Reitz (157 - Brookville) and sophomore Frank Edgar (141- Toms River, N.J.).

Testa, a three-time NCAA qualifier, has notched an impressive career record of 91-24 and has an opportunity this year to become only the 12th wrestler in PSAC history to win four individual titles. Former greats Wade Schalles, Bill Simpson, Don Rohn and Jim Beichner also accomplished that feat.

Mausser, also a three-time NCAA qualifier, has a career record of 88-29 and won EWL and PSAC titles last season.

Martinez, a two-time national qualifier, has a two-year record of 57-17, while Reitz was 19-13 in his first season at Clarion. Edgar qualified for nationals in 2001 with a fourth-place finish at the EWLs and had an 18-19 record.

Also returning to the lineup are 125-pounder Peter Derstine (Jr. Coral Springs, Fla.) and Jim Perry (Sr. Reynoldsville) at 157. The top newcomer will be Penn State transfer Aaron Wright (So. Coudersport) at 165.

Men’s Basketball
Dr. Ron Righter, who has a 14-year Clarion record of 232-141 and has averaged 19.2 wins per season over the past six years, begins his 15th season at Clarion with one of the youngest teams he has ever guided during his tenure. The Eagles will have six freshmen, three juniors and four seniors.

Leading the way in 2003 will be senior co-captains Rolle Smith (Cleveland, Ohio) and Chris Kelley (Roselle, N.J.). Smith, a quality point and shooting guard for three years, has scored 906 career points, 351 as-
Clarion Days Fueled Jobcircle.com

Joe Stubblebine laughs at the term, but agrees it has some merit. One of the owners of JobCircle.com, a Philadelphia Top 100 company, which earned over $1.5 million last year, Stubblebine never finished his degree at Clarion University.

Never the less, Stubblebine is proud of what he gained from Clarion University from 1989-92. “I didn’t focus much on classes when I was a student,” he readily admits. “But, I left Clarion with many friendships and great experiences. I look back fondly on my Clarion days.”

Those experiences included working in Special Services for Robin Lennox and Susan Wilson, being active with the International Association; and spending time at “The Rock” and in Cook Forest. Stubblebine recalls an English class taught by Mrs. Lang as having a profound affect on his future.

“She had us keep a journal and graded on the amount of writing, not its quality,” he recalls. “That encouraged me to write. I learned how to communicate by writing. Now most of my work is based on writing content and communicating with people.”

Computers are also a big part of Stubblebine’s life, something he originally tried to avoid. “My dad worked for Hewlett-Packard and I had a computer in the house from the time I was little,” he says. “Like many kids, I decided I didn’t want to do what my father did, so I stayed away from computers, even though I could program when I was 12 or 13 years old.”

Stubblebine grew up in Downingtown and says, “I liked Clarion because it was a long way from home and I found the people to be very nice when I came for my visit. I followed a business track in high school, excelled in it, and selected accounting for a major, because I was always interested in finance and business.”

Leaving Clarion when his money ran out, Stubblebine enrolled in the U.S. Navy, but due to military cutbacks never entered the service. Returning home, he found a job with a bank as a trust accountant, a job that involved computer work.

Stubblebine later worked as a staff assistant in the controller’s office for the County of Chester. The job involved a great deal of database work. “I found that I was a natural at it,” he says. “I started doing web site design.”

This job eventually prompted Stubblebine to apply to information technology companies in the Philadelphia area. After working in the field for several years, his investigations led him to the conclusion that there were few good, regional technology job boards on the Internet. He joined two other senior level consultants to form JobCircle.com in 1998.

Their work was successful. Before the development was even completed, the partners were offered $500,000 to sell the product. “I decided I had something,” he says. “We found a fourth partner, who had more money to invest in what we were doing and that’s when things started to take off.”

JobCircle.com’s customer base grew rapidly. The membership rates range from $100 to $3,500, and JobCircle.com now sells online eLearning products, resume database memberships, and job-seek tools. The sites’ own statistical area listed 4,229 local IT jobs, 1,717 company profiles, and 66,549 registered candidates as of mid-October 2002. JobCircle.com’s earnings jumped from $256,000 in one year to over $1 million in the course of one year.

The company has become an award-winning employment and information tool for technology professionals in the northeastern United States, serving technology, telecomm, and engineering professionals in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Delaware, Ohio, Maryland, New York, Virginia, and West Virginia. The site contains over 1,200 career development articles, discussion databases, corporate and individual eLearning packages, thousands of job opportunities, and more.

It was voted one of the “TOP 50” career sites in the 2002 edition of “CareerXRoads,” and was voted one of the TOP 100 fastest growing privately held companies in Philadelphia by the Wharton School of Business and the Philadelphia Business Journal.

Stubblebine reports that even with the sluggish economy, the company is holding its own and waiting for the economy to turn. “I would love to come back to Clarion at some point and finish my degree,” says Stubblebine. “It would be a big personal accomplishment for me. Clarion was a good period of my life and I have many fond memories from my time on campus.”

Stubblebine resides in Downingtown with his wife, Suzanne, and son, Christian.

New Carlson Library Records 100,000th User

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, the 100,000th person to enter the new Carlson Library since it opened on March 6, 2002 was recorded. Maurice Meyers, a senior at Clarion, entered the building at 7:05 p.m. Meyers, a psychology major, is a son of Shay Meyers of Wilkinsburg and is a graduate of Westinghouse High School.

The library has quickly become a major gathering place for students, faculty, and members of the community for study, research, meetings, classes, and in-service training.

According to Howard McGinn, dean of University Libraries, reaching the 100,000 plateau so early in the life of the new building is even more noteworthy because only one floor of the new facility was available for use throughout March 2002, and because of fewer students on campus during the summer months.
to its students. At PNC, we value that type of commitment from an educational institution. We are also pleased to be able to partner with Clarion in serving some of the University’s financial needs. We look forward to additional opportunities to advance our mutually beneficial relationship.”

“Our company likes to see money go back into the community,” says Rose (Cherico) Neiswonger (’91) of Neiswonger Construction. “I am an alumna and it makes me proud to be one of the first donors to this program. I am also proud it will be used for children’s education. Clarion University’s participation in this program tells me the institution is on top of the education world.”

Neiswonger has served on the Clarion University Alumni Association Board and has co-chaired the Spring for Scholars Auction. Her son Vincent is currently a senior in high school and is taking a business law course at Clarion University. Orville Richmond of Amity Asphalt also has a connection to Clarion University. His daughter, Susan (Richmond) Chamberl (’91) is a Clarion graduate.

“I was informed about ETIC by our company’s accountant,” says Richmond. “I thought it was a great idea to apply for the credit. There were several places accepting donations. I talked people in the Advancement Office and they sent me lot of information. I liked what I saw and thought this program would be a great fit.”

To participate, eligible businesses must be authorized to do business in Pennsylvania and are subject to the following taxes: Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock Franchise Tax, Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Share Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, and Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax.

The advantages to participating include: a 75 percent tax credit for a one year contribution (up to $153,333 contribution); 90 percent tax credit for two consecutive year contributions (maximum $111,111 annually; contributions are helping local K-12 students); maximum tax credit per fiscal year is $100,000; contributions are also eligible for a federal charitable deduction; contributions may be donations of cash, personal property, or services.

Clarion University’s Summer Academies are designed to offer students a unique experience to explore new advances in technology, science and mathematics. They get to use some of the newest equipment available guided by top researchers and educators.

Kids in College - Technology Camp, are offered at Venango Campus. Kids in College in Summer 2001 offered educational experiences for the children and youth of the Venango County region, including Discovery Camps of one to five days; Travel Camps, one-day field trips, and Technology Camps. Each class offers fun-filled learning by including a variety of activities designed to encourage student participation.

L.E.A.P. (Leaders’ Early Admission Program) is for high school juniors and seniors interested in attending Clarion University. The objective is to admit selected high school students on a part-time or full-time basis for summer, fall, and/or spring classes at Clarion University. Students participating receive full course credits in addition to participating in course work of a greater scope and depth than offered in high school while receiving exposure to college before graduating from high school.

CUDOS (Clarion University Distance Opportunity Students) allows high school juniors and seniors to take online Clarion University undergraduate courses at a reduced rate. Upon completion of the course, students are awarded a transferable undergraduate credit from Clarion University.

Businesses interested in participating in the EITC program may contact Dave Katis, director of major gifts, Haskell House, Clarion University, Clarion, Pa. 16214, telephone 814-393-2572, fax 814-393-1834, or e-mail dkatis@clarion.edu.

The descendants of Mary Catherine Murphy Schierberl at their 1996 family reunion where the idea of starting a Clarion University scholarship was proposed.

Schierberl Family Contributes Scholarship

A new scholarship, the Mary Catherine Murphy Schierberl Scholarship, has been endowed at Clarion University. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of the Schierberl, Wolf, and O’Toole families established the scholarship in memory of Mary Catherine Murphy Schierberl, Class of 1909.

The idea for establishing the scholarship originated when Mary Catherine Murphy Schierberl’s grandson, Greg Wolf, a former member of the Clarion University Foundation Board of Directors, approached the family about honoring Mary Catherine Murphy Schierberl through a permanent scholarship endowment. The family acted upon the suggestion, contributing over $10,000 to endow the scholarship. Mary Catherine Murphy Schierberl was born March 22, 1890, at 231, West Main Street, Clarion. She graduated from Clarion High School in 1907, then enrolled at Clarion Normal School in 1909. She taught school for six years; she married Alfred A. Schierberl on June 8, 1915. They had 10 children, five girls and five boys.

Many of Mary Catherine and Alfred Schierberl’s descendants attended Clarion, the college on the hill. Fourteen received their bachelor degree while several others have taken classes. Most of them continue to participate in Clarion University events. Consequently, the families wanted to establish a scholarship to help others achieve a college education. Endowing a scholarship was the Schierberl way of thanking the University for educational opportunities which had been offered to them.

The State System of Higher Education Alumni and Friends Travel Program completed another successful cruise recently, and Clarion University and the State System want to invite alumni to sail the seven seas again.

In July, the alumni and friends sailed to Italy and the Greek Isles, visiting places like Rome, Civitavecchia, Nauplia, Valletta and Sorrento, where they saw Capri and Pompeii. In August, the Norwegian Sea took her guests to New England, visiting the forests of Maine and Nova Scotia. The participants visited Halifax, Nova Scotia’s capital and the largest city in the Maritime Provinces, and they also saw Rhode Island, Bar Harbor and Martha’s Vineyard.

Jan. 12-19, 2003, the Alumni and Friends will travel aboard the Norwegian Sky to a Deep Southern Caribbean cruise. The cruise will visit the golden beaches and quaint shops of St. Kitts and it will make stops at Barbados, Dominica, St. Lucia’s volcanic cones and lush rainforest and St. Thomas.

July 20-Aug. 2, 2003, participants will be sailing to Scandinavia and Russia, visiting Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden; Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway and also cruise the Swedish Archipelagos, the Baltic Sea, the Oslofjord and the North Sea.

The Norwegian Sky has six different restaurants and 13 bars and lounges. The main restaurants feature The President’s Menu, designed by Henry Haller, former White House Executive Chef.

Prices are per-person depending on accommodations and include air travel, all port charges and taxes, all meals and entertainment onboard the ship. Prices range from $1,249 for a windowless, inside cabin to $1,599 for a balcony cabin.

Check www.clarion.edu/alumni/events for more information. For reservations, call Cruisin’ Inc. at 1-800-506-7447. Also, for online deck plans, visit www.alumnivactions.com.

Alumni with President Diane Reinhard during New England cruise.
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