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If the fall convocation is Bethany’s figurative “New Year’s Day,” Commencement is its “New Year’s Eve.” It is always gratifying, albeit nostalgic, to send off gifted and accomplished students — the Class of 2011 was no exception — and also to say “good-bye” to long-serving faculty. This year on May 14, we recognized two exceptional professors, Jay Buckelew, a 2010 finalist for the Merit Foundation of West Virginia Professor of the Year and 2011 recipient of the President’s Award for Excellence in Performance who has devoted 42 years of his life to Bethany College, and Randy Cooey, also retiring after 45 years of committed service and teaching excellence. They have both dedicated almost all of their academic lives to student learning in the liberal arts tradition so integral to Bethany College. Heartfelt thanks go to both for the legacy they have left in educating thousands of students during their time here.

Excellence in teaching is one of several threads recurring throughout Bethany’s rich tapestry, linking students and alumni from several generations. In this issue, alumna Greg Heilmeyer ’89, now national president of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, recalls his first experience at Bethany during his campus visit as a high school student, remembering that Professor Albert Ossman spent more than an hour chatting with him. That personal attention made his college choice easy. Then, after enrolling, he recounts an American history class meeting in Professor William Young’s home.

Several decades later, Bethany continues to foster exceptionally close ties among students and professors and among alumni. Further, Bethany’s gifted faculty continues to demonstrate its ongoing excellence, earning outside recognition. For example, Dr. Mary Ellen Komorowski, Matthew Quay Ammon Professor of Mathematics and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at Bethany College, recently earned the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics’ 2011 College Teacher of the Year award. Komorowski was installed in March 2011 as inaugural appointee to the endowed professorship.

Now, moreover, Bethany’s younger faculty members are poised to continue the College’s longstanding tradition of excellence in teaching.

Among “rising stars” profiled in this issue are Assistant Professor of Chemistry Lisa Reilly, who balances her teaching duties with chairmanship of the Curriculum Committee and New Faculty Orientation; Dr. Katrina Cooper, assistant professor of psychology, who is making her mark not only in the classroom, but also as director of the First Year Experience and academic advisor to Phi Mu sorority; and Dr. Wiley Cash, assistant professor of English, who teaches English and creative writing at Bethany. Professor Cash is the author of one novel, Rain Barrel, set for publication in spring 2012, with a second under way. The books have been sold to William Morrow, a division of HarperCollins.

In his May 14 Commencement address, Pittsburgh Pirates Board Chairman Robert Nutting noted to graduates that their Bethany College experience might fulfill their need for “a sense of permanence in the midst of change.” Evidencing the intimate ties that link Bethanians with their alma mater is their frequent return to campus to share professional and personal insights with students and to reunite with one another. Heilmeyer was among hundreds who returned to campus for Alumni Weekend this spring. Among alumni representing several classes and generations speaking on campus this spring were Thomas Buergenthal ’57 H’81, former judge on the International Court of Justice and Lobingier Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence at The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC, who served as featured guest speaker at Founders Day ceremonies March 3.

Also returning were Marie E. (Zuberbuehler) DeParis ’83, vice president of marketing and business development for SNY, the official television home of the New York Mets, Jets and Big East Conference, who delivered the Keynote Address at the 27th annual Kalon Leadership Scholarship Luncheon March 5 as part of the Kalon Leadership Scholarship Competition for incoming freshmen with exceptional academic, leadership, and service records. In addition, Kaye Hearn, a 1972 Bethany graduate and the second woman to serve on the South Carolina Supreme Court, addressed Bethany College senior women at this year’s Darline Nicholson Breakfast. Justice Hearn serves as a remarkable example of a Bethany alumna who has diligently and skillfully pursued her passion to make a positive difference.

On the sports front, Bethany’s strong tradition of scholar-athletes continues. The men’s basketball team concluded a stellar 21-8 season under second year Head Coach Andrew Sachs, advancing to the NCAA National Tournament while displaying the strong sense of pride associated with this accomplishment. With a strong cast of returnees, the outlook is bright for next season. The softball team finished 29-16 and, once again under veteran mentor Jan Forsty, advanced to the NCAA National Tournament. Both track and field squads advanced to the ECAC championships with a host of individual records falling along the way. The new men’s varsity lacrosse team, which has completed its inaugural season, is poised for success in 2012, with 19 players eligible to return next spring.

As we end another successful year in which the College itself and many Bethanians fulfilled their own dreams, it seems appropriate to conclude with a memorable quote from Justice Hearn to women graduates that is applicable to all, “Don’t allow anyone to steal your dreams. Listen to the music of your own soul. For if you don’t, it may stop playing.”
ON THE COVER

Technology can do many things for us. But in the end, it’s our ability to read, speak and write well that helps determine our futures. Bethany’s younger faculty members such as Lisa Reilly, Katrina Cooper, and Wiley Cash are poised to continue the College’s longstanding tradition of excellence in teaching. We present in this issue of “Bethany Today” what the future holds for the College, beginning on page 10.

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A SMALL COLLEGE OF NATIONAL DISTINCTION
Bethany’s gifted faculty continues to demonstrate its ongoing excellence, earning outside recognition. Moreover, Bethany’s younger faculty members are poised to continue the College’s longstanding tradition of excellence in teaching.
Bethany College, a small college of national distinction, was founded March 2, 1840.

For more than 170 years, Bethany College has been a highly contemporary institution based in the tradition of the liberal arts. The College offers a wide array of studies, awarding Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees in more than 25 fields of study, many with options for emphasis and a Masters of Art in Teaching. Students also have the option of including one or more optional minors as part of their programs.

The College's program of liberal arts education prepares students for a lifetime of work and a life of significance. Bethany places particular emphasis on leadership and incorporates pre-professional education in dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, physical therapy, public administration, theology and veterinary medicine.

Bethany's 1,300-acre campus is located in the northern panhandle of West Virginia in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. Pittsburgh, America's Most Livable City, is a 50-minute drive from campus. Wheeling, W.Va.; Washington, Pa.; and Steubenville, Ohio are less than a half-hour away.

Founded by Alexander Campbell, who provided the land and funds for the first building and served as the first president, Bethany has been a four-year private liberal arts college affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), since its inception. This religious body, of which Campbell was one of the principal founders, continues to support and encourage the College, but exercises no sectarian control. Students from virtually every religious community attend Bethany.

The approximately 1,000 Bethany students represent 28 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and nine countries.

VALUES
Bethany College is an academic community founded on the close interaction between students and faculty in the educational process. Bethany College values intellectual rigor and freedom, diversity of thought and lifestyle, personal growth within a community context, and responsible engagement with public issues. Its programs are designed to engage the mind through emphasis on discipline in thinking, motivation in the search for knowledge and acquisition of the intellectual resources for a lifetime of learning embolden the spirit through the opportunity for intellectual challenge, collaborative enterprise, athletic competition, artistic expression, personal growth and meaningful work enlarge the world through exposure to the abundant diversity of thought and lifestyle of the human community, support for personal engagement with societies and cultures different from one’s own and commitment to service.
Buckelew Professor of Year Finalist

The Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia’s announcement that Bethany College Professor of Biology Albert “Jay” R. Buckelew was selected one of five finalists for its 2010 Professor of the Year marks the second time in three years that a Bethany professor has been chosen for that honor. John Burns, also a professor of biology, was a contender for the 2008 award. Well-known nationally and internationally for his work in microbiology and ornithology, Dr. Buckelew joined the Bethany faculty in 1969 and has authored two books, more than 50 articles and abstracts and numerous book reviews. He serves as a section editor for Proceedings of the West Virginia Academy of Sciences and is also editor of The Redstart Journal of the Brooks Bird Club, headquartered in Wheeling, WV. He has accumulated numerous honors, including the West Virginia Wildlife Federation’s Conservationist of the Year award in 1996.

Justice Thomas Buergenthal Leads Founder’s Day Celebration

Alumnus and honorary degree recipient Thomas Buergenthal ’57 H’81, former judge on the International Court of Justice and Lobingier Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence at The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC, was featured guest speaker at Founders Day ceremonies March 3 celebrating the 171st anniversary of the founding of Bethany College. Festivities included the traditional Founder’s Day Convocation in historic Commencement Hall.

Judge Buergenthal arrived in the United States when he was 17 years old after spending more than 10 years of his childhood in German camps, including Auschwitz. He earned his J.D. from New York University Law School and an LL.M. and S.J.D. in international law from Harvard University. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles and more than a dozen books, including the first international human rights law textbook in the United States. Judge Buergenthal recently published A Lucky Child: A Memoir of Surviving Auschwitz as a Young Boy, which has been translated into more than 10 languages.

Alumna Addresses Kalon Scholars

Another prominent alumna, Marie E. (Zuberbuehler) DeParis ’83, vice president of marketing and business development for SNY, the official television home of the New York Mets, Jets and Big East Conference, delivered the Keynote Address at the 27th annual Kalon Scholarship Luncheon March 5, as part of the Kalon Leadership Scholarship Competition for incoming freshmen with exceptional academic, leadership and service records.

DeParis oversees SNY consumer marketing, including on-air promotion, advertising, affiliate marketing and sales promotion. She recently won another New York “Emmy” Award for SNY brand commercials that she produced and three ProMaxBDA North America Promotion & Marketing Awards for television commercial campaigns and promotional spots.

The Kalon Scholarship Weekend represents a unique opportunity for highly talented future Bethany students to hear from alumni who continue to build upon the foundation of resources, growth and opportunity they established here as undergraduates.

Bethany Hosts Oreon E. Scott Lectures

In May, Bethany College hosted the 56th annual Oreon E. Scott Lectures at Bethany’s Mountainside Conference Center. This year’s featured speaker was Dr. Bruce Epperly, director of continuing education and professor of practical theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary. The event’s focus was “Loosely Christian: Theology, Spirituality, and Mission for a Postmodern Church.” Dr. James Johnson, president of Lexington Theological Seminary, spoke during the Timothy Luncheon May 2.

Monday’s events concluded with a worship service at Bethany Memorial Church with a sermon by Dr. Epperly, “Beyond Scarcity Thinking: Living by Adventure and Abundance (I Kings 17:8-16 and Luke 5:3-11)” and a reception at Pendleton Heights.

Humanities Faculty Awarded Two Month-Long Fellowships

Wiley Cash, assistant professor of English, has been awarded two month-long fellowships to the MacDowell Colony and Yaddo, where he will work on his second novel in summer 2011. Notable alumni of
MacDowell and Yaddo include authors Willa Cather, James Baldwin, Flannery O’Connor, Alice Walker and Jonathon Franzen. Cash’s first novel, *A Land More Kind Than Home*, is scheduled to be released by William Morrow/Harper Collins in early 2012. (see profile, page 10)

**Grimes Names to West Virginia Humanities Council**
Larry Grimes, professor of English emeritus and director of church relations, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Humanities Council. Previously he served two terms as a Citizen Member of the Program Review Board of the Council. The Council provides grant support for a number of humanities-based projects in the state through distribution of National Endowment for the Humanities funds and private funding.

**Buckelew and Rose Named President’s Award Recipients at Honors Convocation**
Professor of Biology Albert “Jay” Buckelew and Director of Communications Rebecca Rose ’2001, earned the 2011 President’s Award for Excellence in Performance by faculty and staff, respectively, at the April 14 Honors Convocation. Buckelew was a finalist for West Virginia Faculty of the Year in 2010; Rose, a communications major with a public relations concentration, returned to campus as a member of the Office of Media Staff in 2005 and was named director of communications in 2008.

**Bethany College Welcomes New Administrators**
Gerald E. “Jerry” Stebbins, associate dean of student affairs at Washington & Jefferson College since 2001, been named dean of students at Bethany College and will assume the position July 1. Previously, he served as assistant dean of student affairs, interim director of career services, director of residence life and Greek life, and residence area coordinator/assistant director of student activities at Washington & Jefferson.

“Jerry Stebbins brings a wealth of experience in Student Affairs to this important leadership role at Bethany,” said Dr. Darin E. Fields, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. “With his deep understanding of the integral relationship between the student living and the academic learning experience on a residential liberal arts campus, Jerry will be an essential member of the Division of Academic and Student Affairs at Bethany College.”

In a second key appointment, Sheila Nelson-Hensley, who has worked for more than two decades as a financial aid professional and as a director for 12, has been named director of financial aid. Nelson-Hensley possesses a wealth of experience in financial aid and finance management and formerly served as director of financial aid for Bluefield College in Bluefield, VA. She has also worked at Ferrum College in Virginia, where she was director of financial aid, and at Washington & Jefferson College and Ursinus College, where she was assistant director.

“Sheila’s remarkable expertise and leadership experience in financial aid management are invaluable assets to Bethany as we continually strive to strengthen our service to our students and their families,” stated Bethany College President Scott D. Miller.

**Students Honored at Convocation**
Among exemplary students recognized at the April 14 Honors Convocation with the Francis O. Carfer Prize as “outstanding senior” was chemistry major Lindsay A. Sobotka. The Prize is presented to the senior who, in the judgment of the Honors Committee, has made the most outstanding contribution to the College, by exhibiting sound academic accomplishments, along with loyalty, service and devotion to Bethany.

April M. O’Brien, a senior communications major, received the Bethany 2000 Prize recognizing the senior who has best demonstrated loyalty and commitment to Bethany College in a wide range of activities over the course of her studies. The recipient must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher while displaying the characteristics of enthusiasm, dependability and dedication.

Among other top student awardees, Alyssa M. Schrecengost, a business administration major, received the Pittsburgh Bethany College Club Award as “outstanding junior woman.” The award is based on the qualities of leadership, character, conduct and scholarship.

Alexander C. Stubbs, a business administration major, was awarded the W. F. Kennedy Prize as Outstanding Junior Man. The prize, established by Mr. Kennedy of Wheeling, is awarded on the basis of the student’s contribution to the College community life through leadership in activities, in personal character, and scholarship. Many other talented students earned departmental and other honors.
Pittsburgh Pirates Board Chairman
Robert Nutting Addresses Bethany
College 2011 Graduates.

Recognizing the graduates’ wisdom in attending a college that seeks to develop the whole person, Nutting noted the lasting value of a liberal arts education in a quickly changing world. “You’ll be using technology that hasn’t been invented and probably will retire from a company that doesn’t even exist today,” he said, remarking that the skills they have developed at Bethany will become increasingly critical as they move forward in their careers.

Referring to the mind as a flame that must be fed and strengthened throughout their lives, even after leaving Bethany, he challenged the graduates to continue to “learn to think broadly, to challenge, to be curious and to use those tools that the faculty have nourished.”

Nutting closed with an affirmation that, for each graduate, there will be times when they have a sense that life is moving by quickly — and that they will need and seek a sense of permanence in the midst of change. “Let me suggest that for each of you that might be your experience at Bethany,” he concluded. “Remember your time here...the good and the bad. And when you need to believe that something of real importance can last forever, I hope you will think of this place... As you move forward to the many successes that you all will find, remember this place.”

Bethany Board of Trustees member Robert Nutting is the President and CEO of Ogden Newspapers, Inc., Chairman of the Board of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Chairman of Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The Nutting family has a majority interest in the Pirates and owns both Ogden Newspapers and Seven Springs Resorts.

Nutting has a longstanding commitment to education, serving as Chairman of the Board of the Linsly School (Wheeling, WVa.) as a board member of The Thacher School (Ojai, Calif.) and as past Chairman of the West Virginia Independent Colleges & Universities.

Nutting has also taken an active leadership role in many professional and charitable organizations. He was instrumental in the launch of the Pirates’ charitable arm, Pirates Charities, an organization dedicated to strengthening the Pittsburgh region, with special emphasis on supporting youth health, fitness and education. He was recently honored as “Light of the Valley” by the Wheeling YMCA for his contributions toward improving the lives of children and families in the Ohio Valley.

Nutting serves as a board member and Treasurer of the Newspaper Association of America and is a former President of the West Virginia Press Association. Nutting supports various environmental programs and is Vice-Chairman of the Nature Conservancy/West Virginia
Chapter and the former Chapter President and current member of Trout Unlimited. In addition, Nutting serves on the Board of Directors at the Carnegie Natural History Museum in Pittsburgh.

Nutting lives in Wheeling, W. Va., with his wife Leslie and three daughters. He earned his B.A. in American History from Williams College in Massachusetts. He is a licensed commercial pilot and flight instructor, as well as an avid fisherman and skier.

Bethany College President Dr. Scott D. Miller also addressed the graduates. “After today, you will no longer be Bethany students. For the rest of your lives, you will be Bethany alumni, joining the more than 22,000 distinguished men and women whose many achievements and contributions speak well of their experiences at this small college of national distinction.”

He continued, “Your four years here . . . have been remarkable both here and around the world . . . Most important, you have achieved your education at a time when the idea of being ‘educated’ continues to be influenced by technology and the astonishing amount of information at our fingertips. Your commitment to lifelong learning has therefore never been more important. Our faculty members and administrators urge you to continue to challenge your mind as a way of nourishing your spirit.”

Miller concluded, “Tomorrow, you will enter the so-called ‘real world,’ pursuing employment or graduate studies. But today marks a time for you to indulge your dreams. The great African-American abolitionist and humanitarian Harriet Tubman, who escaped from slav-
Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

The Rev. Dr. Todd Adams, Associate General Minister and Vice President for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), delivered remarks to the graduating seniors during the College’s Baccalaureate service on May 13. Rev. Adams was presented with an honorary Doctor of Divinity during the Commencement Ceremony.

Rev. Adams serves as the Associate General Minister and Vice President and Chief of Staff for the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). His many responsibilities include working closely with the Disciples of Christ General Assembly, General Board, Disciples Mission Fund and Promotion, Treasury Services, Stewardship Ministries and Communication Ministries.

He is also the liaison to the Christian Church Foundation, Pension Fund, Church Extension, Wilshire Christian Church Foundation, and the National City Christian Church Foundation.

Rev. Adams has served as the Senior Minister of Memorial Drive Christian Church, Houston, Texas. He is a 1994 graduate of Chapman University, where he earned his degree in political science. He continued his studies at Phillips Theological Seminary, where he received his masters of divinity in 1997. Wesley Theological Seminary presented him with a doctor of ministry in stewardship and leadership in 2007.

Rev. Adams’ academic research has focused on the steward as a biblical image of leadership. His work has address critical issues regarding leadership in the church, concerns also developed during his time serving in a Lewis Fellowship that focused on pastoral and congregational leadership.

He also presents workshops for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on a variety of topics, including nonprofit governance, congregational leadership, congregational staff management and stewardship.
VALEDICTORIAN APRIL M.
O’BRIEN of Columbus, Ohio, com-
pleted her college career with top
honors during Bethany College’s
2011 Commencement ceremony on
May 14. Dr. Darin E. Fields, Vice
President for Academic Affairs and
Dean of the Faculty, presented
O’Brien with the College’s Oreon E.
Scott Award, given annually to the
senior graduating with the highest
academic standing.

“It is a genuine honor to be able
to award the Oreon E. Scott award
to valedictorian April O’Brien,”
Fields stated. “Her outstanding
scholarship and leadership at
Bethany during her four years is a
testament to her extraordinary
character and drive. She is truly a
remarkable young woman, and
Bethany College is proud to have
her as one of our new alums.”

O’Brien, who earned a Bachelor
of Arts degree in Communications
and Media Arts, passed her Senior
Comprehensive Exams — written
and oral assessments required for
graduation from Bethany College
— with distinction, an honor
reserved for those who perform
unusually well.

Professor M.E. Yancosek
Gamble, Chair of the Department of
Communications and Media Arts,
remarked, “In all that she does, she
represents all of us with responsi-
bility, class, distinction and dedica-
tion.” Gamble continued, “She is
among those exemplary students
who personify the very best that
Bethany is and can be, honoring the
College’s traditions and its future
possibilities.”

Known for her exemplification of
the meaning of leadership and com-
mmitment, O’Brien’s activities
throughout her four years at Bethany
demonstrate not only superior aca-
demic achievement, but the ability to
organize and communicate effective-
ly while maintaining her fundamen-
tal commitment to enriching the life
of the Bethany College community.

During the College’s Honors
Day Convocation in April, she was
awarded the Bethany 2000 Prize
(Senior Achievement Award) honor-
ing a senior who has demon-
strated loyalty and commitment to
the College; and the Charlotte
Manion Yurko Award, presented
to the Communication senior with
the highest scholastic average in
the major.

O’Brien was a member of several
honor societies and campus groups,
including Alpha Psi Omega, Spanish
Honor Society, Mass Media Club,
Committee on Student Media
Experiences, Society for Collegiate
Journalists and the Bethany College
Cheerleading Squad.

She was a founding member of the
Gamma Sigma Alpha Bethany honor
society chapter; a volunteer with the
YWCA; fundraising chair for Alpha
Psi Omega; a justice of Bethany’s stu-
dent court; treasurer of her fresh-
man, sophomore, junior and senior
classes; a senior fellow with the
Department of Communications and
Media Arts, secretary of the Student
Government Association; and assis-
tant editor of The Tower (Bethany
College campus newspaper).

She has earned a wide variety of
awards and honors, including the
Margaret Woods Prize in Spanish
Excellence; the James Keegan Prize
for International Communication;
the Jessie Pulcipher Prize in
Communications; the Vira I. Heinz
Women in Global Leadership Travel
Award; and the Slaymaker-Kinsey
Award in 2009 and 2010. She was
also named Tower Staffer of the
Year and was a Bethany College
Kalon Scholar.

O’Brien worked as president of
Alpha Xi Delta sorority and was an
official spokesperson for Wendy’s
International.

She has served in three intern-
ships — with NBC; WNCI, an
Arbitron top-rated radio station; and
Las Rosas, a radio station and public
relations firm in Córdoba, Argentina.

O’Brien will also compete in the
2011 Miss West Virginia Scholarship
Pageant and represents the state’s
Northern Panhandle region.
**THE FACULTY**

**Merit Foundation**

of West Virginia’s announcement that Bethany College Professor of Biology Albert “Jay” R. Buckelw was selected one of five finalists for its 2010 Professor of the Year Award marks the second time in three years that a Bethany professor has been chosen for the honor. John Burns, also a professor of biology, was a contender for the 2008 award. Now, moreover, Bethany’s younger faculty members are poised to continue the College’s longstanding tradition of excellence in teaching. Assistant Professor of Chemistry Lisa Reilly balances her teaching duties with chairmanship of the Curriculum Committee and New Faculty Orientation. Dr. Katrina Cooper, assistant professor of psychology, is making her mark not only in the classroom, but also, as director of the First Year Experience and academic advisor to Phi Mu sorority. And Dr. Wiley Cash, assistant professor of English, who teaches English and creative writing at Bethany, is the author of one novel, *A Land More Kind Than Home*, set for publication in spring 2012, with a second under-way. The books have been sold to William Morrow, a division of HarperCollins, and, at the time of this article, have been sold to publishers in Germany, France and the United Kingdom.

**“Successful writers must have a willingness to fail repeatedly.”**

Dr. Cash serves as advisor to both the Bethany College Writers’ Club and *The Harbinger* literary magazine. He is also the College’s faculty athletic representative to the NCAA. His essays on Southern literature have appeared in *The Thomas Wolfe Review, American Literary Realism, CLA Journal* and other publications. Along with Dr. Reggie Young and Dr. Marcia Gaudet of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, he co-authored the book *This Louisiana Thing That Drives Me: The Legacy of Ernest J. Gaines* (University of Louisiana Press, 2009).

He holds a B.A. in literature and language from the University of North Carolina-Asheville, an M.A. in English from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

In spring 2011 Cash concluded courses in Southern literature and composition and a fiction writing workshop.

“If you aren’t interested in reading, I can’t teach you how to write,” says Cash of his counsel to Bethany students.

“I can certainly teach structure, composition and development, but it’s much harder to teach consistency, habit and drive,” he admits.

Successful writers must have a willingness to fail repeatedly, he notes, and “it’s difficult to teach that degree of purpose and intensity, especially to undergraduates who have so much else happening in their lives.”

His fiction students’ first writing assignment is, in fact, not to write a story about anything. Instead, they write about a place or object that they know—a beach, a front porch swing, a neighborhood—and subsequently produce stories based on these familiar themes.

“One can’t produce emotion in a vacuum,” he points out. “Stories emanating from the tangible, the palpable, will elicit emotion.”

Though Cash says he doesn’t often get writer’s block, he does find it challenging to find the time to write for one to two hours every day.

“Some days, there seems to be an invisible barrier around my desk,” he chuckles. “I don’t often enjoy the writing process much.”

Dr. Cash, who will spend his summer at two prestigious writing colonies, the MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire and Yaddo in upstate New York, will be on leave in Fall Semester 2011 so that he can deliver the first draft of his second novel to the publisher by January 15, 2012. The untitled novel tells the story of an ex-minor league baseball star who abandons his young family for a life of petty crime in Gastonia, N.C., Dr. Cash’s hometown.

His month-long sojourns at the colonies that have produced writers including Flannery O’Connor, Willa Cather, James Baldwin, Alice Walker and Jonathan Franzen will enable him to “concentrate on writing without outside pressures.” At the end of the summer, he is scheduled to submit the first 50,000 words of his second novel to the publisher.

**“When I write, I rely on what I know.”**

“That looming deadline is a bit daunting,” he acknowledges.

Cash’s first novel, *A Land More Kind Than Home*, about the death of an autistic 12-year-old boy during a church healing service, is set in rural North Carolina. It is inspired by a clipping he saw as a doctoral student at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette about a similar incident at an African-American storefront church in Chicago.

“I knew I couldn’t set it in Chicago, a place I hadn’t visited at that time, but I knew I could write about North Carolina,” Dr. Cash explains.

“When I write, I rely on what I know.”

He encourages students in his fiction-writing class to do the same, beginning with hand-drawn “neighborhood maps” of their childhood neighborhoods. He asks them to portray graphically who lived in what houses and which were “safe” for children to enter and which were “scary.” His students also map the topography of their hometowns: rocks, trees, bodies of water and other features. “Beginning writers often overuse words to evoke emotion,” he says. “To connect with the reader, I encourage my students to cut away words and, instead, to write about palpable things.”

To read an excerpt and view a trailer of Dr. Cash’s upcoming novel, go to [www.wileycash.com](http://www.wileycash.com)
Assistant Professor of Chemistry **Lisa Reilly**, along with her science departmental colleagues, is helping to prepare graduates for careers in industry or for professional programs in fields including medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy and dentistry.

**Now Completing Her** third academic year at Bethany, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Lisa Reilly has often found herself teaching analytical chemistry one moment, chairing a meeting of the Curriculum Committee the next and perhaps ending the day with a session of her new, experimental course, “Enology: Introduction to Wine Science.” Student participants must be at least 21, she notes.

Dr. Reilly, along with her departmental colleagues, has just concluded reviewing Senior Projects, the capstone project which ties all academic courses together. This year’s three graduating seniors researched projects delving into such diverse areas of inquiry as the effectiveness of hyaluronic acid beauty products on facial wrinkles; cholesterol rising terpenes in coffee and chocolate and their effects on body weight; and the relationship between IQ and metallic content of human hair. Such in-depth original research as undergraduates will give Bethany students a competitive edge in future graduate study, she believes.

“When I was in graduate school (at Oklahoma State University, where she earned her PhD in chemistry in 2006), it was expected that you would learn research skills as a graduate. Now, there is an increasing expectation that you will already possess these skills coming into a program,” she notes.

Dr. Reilly’s own research experience includes that of a National Research Council Research Associate and Chemical and Biological Defense Postdoctoral Fellow at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center from January 2007 to July 2008 and again in summer 2009.

Bethany’s four concentrations in forensics, biochemistry, secondary education and the professional track in chemistry prepare graduates for careers in industry (median starting salary ranges from $32,000 to $60,000, depending on the field) or for professional programs in fields including medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy and dentistry.

One of this year’s graduates, Lindsay Sobotka, selected as the Francis O. Carfer Prize winner for most outstanding graduating senior, will enter the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WVa. this fall; Chris Smurthwaite will enter the pharmacy program at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh; and Samantha Vitale will be teaching chemistry at Pendleton County High School, Franklin, WVa.

On average about half of the chemistry majors enrolled at Bethany are women, Dr. Reilly points out, which is consistent with national statistics and demonstrates the strides women have been making in entering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. All program alumni will graduate with the solid knowledge base to enter innovative fields such as bioengineering and “green” careers requiring a mastery of chemistry. In addition, “chemometrics,” the subject of Dr. Reilly’s Ph.D. thesis in analytical chemistry and one of her academic specialties, now provides experience in quantitative analytical techniques using instrument and data analysis including UVVIS spectroscopy, circular dichroism, and nuclear magnetic resonance. Her students also master computer skills in data analysis programs such as MatLab and Unscrambler, all essential for careers in analytical chemistry and related areas.

Since being a teaching assistant and lecturer at her graduate alma mater, Oklahoma State University, she has appreciated Bethany’s low student-faculty ratio and opportunity to interact more closely with students than was possible at a large, comprehensive research institution.

“It’s a whole different world and level of student engagement that a professor gets to experience at a small liberal arts institution,” she observes.

On a personal note, Dr. Reilly is happy to be closer to western Pennsylvania, the region in which she was raised and where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Mercyhurst College summa cum laude.

Reflecting on her Bethany College experience, “I am thankful for the rare opportunity to teach on such a beautiful campus situated in a caring community with enthusiastic students and supportive colleagues, administration and staff,” Dr. Reilly concluded.
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

KATRINA COOPER, assistant professor of psychology, helps students “make the leap” into college while exploring topics of special interest outside their intended major. Consistent, close contact with faculty members is a hallmark of the program.

In addition to being among the nation’s oldest, Bethany’s First Year Experience, including JTerm, is unique in being required of all first-year students.

“We think all entering students deserve contact with their faculty advisors and small class interaction right from the start,” says Director Katrina Cooper, assistant professor of psychology, who has led the program since 2007, previously serving as assistant director. Cooper also teaches one of the approximately 17 first-year seminars each Fall Semester. Topics this year have ranged from “All about Crime,” to “Science and Pseudoscience,” “The Beatles and their Times” and “Sex, Drugs and rock n Roll.” Cooper, who teaches the latter, says the seminar focuses on risk-taking and calculated vs. mindless choices.

Designed to bridge the gap between high school and college, home and campus, the seminars allow students to gain confidence and “make the leap” into college while exploring topics of special interest outside their intended major.

Consistent, close contact with at least one faculty member, a seminar leader who also serves as the student’s advisor for the first year and often beyond, is a hallmark of the program, as are seminars capped at 18 students maximum. Many are even smaller.

In the Fall Semester, students enroll in FSEM 111 First Year Seminar, along with FSEM 112 First Year Engagement, First Year Success: A Transition Course. Then, during JTerm in the first three weeks of January, they enroll in FSEM 113 The First Year JTerm Experience. All foster engagement with fellow first year students and provide not only a “family away from home” and a built-in support system, but also enhance academic outcomes.

“I was beaming like a proud parent,” said Cooper, who had just attended (2011) Honors Convocation, noting that this year’s Commencement will mark the first in which she will see “her” first-year students earn degrees.

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Although it is tailored to the entering student’s needs, Bethany’s student-centered First Year Experience also enhances both enrollment and retention, Cooper notes. All accepted students are immediately offered a rank-ordered choice of seminars, and the faculty works hard to accommodate one of their top three choices, she adds. Further, though the program includes all first-year students, those who may be at risk of not being retained for either social or academic reasons can be identified early in their college experience and referred to appropriate campus resources.

For the many first-year students undecided about their intended major, the seminars can also help inform their majors, she notes.

In addition to her teaching and administrative responsibilities, Cooper also serves as academic advisor to Phi Mu sorority at Bethany, attending all Tuesday night chapter meetings.

“My door is always open,” she notes of her availability to counsel chapter members. “Many times, I find that they will seek me out because they know me from the weekly meetings.” She further points out that because Bethany College does not permit formal sorority or fraternity rush during the Fall Semester, the First Year Experience allows students to develop a wide range of friendships before pledging a Greek letter organization.

Now concluding her fifth year of teaching at Bethany, Cooper continues to value the close college community.

“Leaving would be like leaving family,” she concludes.
Band of Brothers
As national president of Phi Kappa Tau, GREG HEILMEIER stays connected with his fraternity brothers

WHEN GREGORY M. (Greg) Heilmeier ’89 pledged Phi Kappa Tau’s Phi Chapter at Bethany College, he was a “cradle legacy.” His father, Jim, once served on the fraternity’s national council, and as a child, Greg’s family vacations were scheduled around national conventions. “I thought everyone spent their summers attending Phi Tau events,” he recalls. Today, he is continuing that legacy as national president of the 88-chapter national fraternity. His two-year term which began in July 2010 has already taken him to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Lexington, KY, and Nashville, TN, among other cities, including visits with collegians and alumni. The fraternity is headquartered at Miami University in Oxford, OH, where it was founded. His Facebook friends already include dozens of current members and alumni from Phi and other chapters. By the time his term ends in July 2012, Greg hopes to have visited at least half the fraternity’s chapters.

He credits his wife, Theresa, for being supportive of his travels, which often take him away on weekends. “Holding down essentially two jobs is a challenge I could not successfully undertake without her understanding,” he notes.

This Alumni Weekend, he returned to Bethany where he and brothers from the Phi chapter dedicated a memorial in honor of fellow member Richard Meess ’50. In October 2008, he celebrated Phi Chapter’s 85th anniversary on the Bethany campus. Chartered in 1923, the chapter is one of the few that did not suspend operations during World War II.

He has remained close to many Phi Taus from different decades at Bethany as well as to other classmates, including Troy Costain ’89, Tom Skena ’85, and John Sayers ’81 and recalls being a member of the wedding parties of many. “Your fraternity brothers are with you at the times of your greatest triumphs: at your marriage and the birth of your children. They are also there at times of your deepest sorrows,” he notes, recalling that after the death of his mother, Virginia, in 1993, “my Phi chapter brothers were among the first people I called.”

A native of Akron, OH, Greg came to Bethany from a large, public high school in suburban Cuyahoga Falls, attracted by its small size and personal student-faculty relations.

A one-hour conversation with Dr. Albert Ossman during a high school visit in his junior year pretty much cinched his selection. Later, he remembers that his favorite class, “Contemporary American History from the 1940s to the present,” was held at Professor William Young’s home.

Recalling the challenge that completing a course in research methods while also preparing for Senior Comps entailed, Greg credits the academic rigor of Bethany for enabling him to add value as a member of senior management of his family’s business, Tasty Pure Foods, a regional wholesale food distributor. The Akron-based company founded by Greg’s grandfather is now in its third generation; Greg’s father Jim is still active, as are three older brothers.

“Very few of the classes that I took at Bethany are directly related to what I do now in the sales, marketing and administration of the company,” he notes, “but all of what I assimilated at Bethany—often unconsciously—about how to think has enabled me to adapt as family-owned business must do to thrive.”

Other Bethany memories include a semester spent studying German in Vienna and another in Washington, DC, as a junior and lettering in golf as a freshman and sophomore. His fraternity and professional duties currently allow him little time to engage in the sport. “It is a bit frustrating when I play today, because although I can visualize the shots I want to make, I no longer have the muscle memory to execute them,” he explains.

Like alumni through the ages, Greg continues to appreciate Bethany’s traditions and academic rigor. Recalling the Bethany tradition of Opening Convocation (unlike today, entering students did not process through Oglebay Gates; that was a custom reserved for Commencement), Greg concludes with the admonishment of former President Former Bethany President Todd H. Bullard (1980-1988) that he hoped at the end of each day on campus, they would be “as tired mentally as they are physically.” “I was,” he says.
Director of Church Relations Larry Grimes ‘64, professor emeritus of English, a noted Hemingway Scholar and published poet, has “retired” twice — in June 2009 from the faculty at Bethany, where he taught English for nearly 40 years, and more recently as pastor of Community Christian Church in Beech Bottom, W.Va., which he served for 15 years. In his third role as director of church relations for his alma mater, Dr. Grimes’ responsibilities include overseeing the Buffalo Seminary, Historic Bethany and the Campbell Archives.

In concert with the Office of the Chaplain and the Department of Religious Studies, his office supports the mission of the College by preparing students for leadership positions in the 21st century Church. Further, through the work of Buffalo Seminary, it provides continuing education opportunities for clergy and laity.

“Bethany’s rich heritage as a training ground for leaders in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) provides the root-stock from which our present has evolved,” Dr. Grimes explains. “The preparation of thoughtful, faithful church leaders was essential to (Alexander) Campbell when he founded Bethany, and it remains central to our mission today.”

Campbell was committed to a well-educated clergy and laity which could use their minds and read the Bible as one reads other books, says Dr. Grimes. “Today, we are continuing that legacy by fostering church leaders who have the intellect to deal with the complex issues posed by a pluralistic 21st century.”

Supporting and enhancing that mission is Buffalo Seminary at
Bethany College. Re-established in July 2009, it emphasizes the continuing education of all orders of ministry — ordained, licensed and lay — especially among the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) Its focus is on practical ministry in a time of rapid cultural and technological change, accomplished through short-term workshops, lectures series and other outreach activities.

The modern Buffalo Seminary takes its name from Campbell’s original “Buffaloe Seminary,” an academy originally in the founder’s home that existed for six years from 1818-1824. Writing in Bethany: the first 150 years, author Lester G. McAllister notes, “The school soon attracted not only a number of young men who wished to study with Campbell but also young people of both sexes who simply wanted to receive a good basic education...Most of the students lived and boarded in the Campbell home.

“Alexander found disappointment in the results,” McAllister continues. “Nevertheless, Buffalo Seminary was the forerunner of the college that was to come.”

“Although we have changed the name to the contemporary spelling, in many ways we are going back to Campbell’s vision; the modern project has many parallels with the original,” says Dr. Grimes.

One vehicle implementing that vision is a series of lectures, conducted at the Mountainside Conference Center and often available to participants live and via streaming video. In May 2011, Bethany College hosted the 56th annual Oreon E. Scott Lectures, a two-day session incorporating three lectures. This year’s featured speaker was Dr. Bruce Epperly. The event’s focus was “Loosely Christian: Theology, Spirituality, and Mission for a Postmodern Church.” Dr. James Johnson, president of Lexington Theological Seminary, spoke during the Timothy Luncheon May 2. In addition, lectures by Drs. Harold Doster and Peter Morgan were given to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Brush Run Church.

Part of Dr. Grimes’ work involves working with regions of the sponsoring denomination to provide ongoing training and support for clergy — most regions are moving toward requiring continuing education for ordained clergy — as well as for “commissioned ministers.” Members of other denominations also participate. In addition, though internships in the Office of Church Relations for current Bethany students, he hopes to encourage younger church leaders to become involved with area congregations and religious groups. Active, involved church leaders sometimes evolve into commissioned or ordained ministers later in life, often in a bi-vocational role.

In the next months and years, he also expects to visit more local Disciples of Christ churches to ask the question, “What can Bethany College do for your congregation?” He believes that over time, the answer will lead to a larger percentage of students from the sponsoring denomination.

Celebrating and preserving Bethany’s historic past is another focus; his office is working on ways to memorialize the bicentennial of the founding of the Campbell’s first church in Pennsylvania some 12 miles from the Bethany campus.

“Bethany College has done an extraordinarily good job of marrying the past vision of our founder whose world was almost exclusively Christian with that of a modern pluralistic society, a growing portion of which, as recent surveys demonstrate, does not perceive a special need for formal religion in their lives,” he concludes.

A member of the Commission on the Ministry (DOC) in West Virginia, Dr. Grimes has lectured and preached in churches across the country. He was recently appointed a board member of the West Virginia Humanities Council and in 1991 earned the T.A. Abbot Award for Teaching Excellence from The Division of Higher Education of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Three times Bethany students named him “Professor of the Year” (Richard B. Kennedy Award), and he also received the Bethany Alumni Faculty Recognition (James E. Allison) Award.

Now that he is “down to just one job,” Dr. Grimes will remain in the home in Bethany that he has shared for the past 39 years with his wife, Carol Ducker Grimes ’66. They were married in Bethany Memorial Church. However, they plan to spend more time in Colorado with their daughter, Rebecca Gostlin, a clinical therapist.
Today, as a judge for 25 years and the second woman to sit on South Carolina’s Supreme Court, Justice Kaye Gorenflo Hearn can observe three women presently serving on the United States Supreme Court. Her daughter, Kathleen, 22, will enter law school this fall.

A cum laude history major, former cheerleader, Alpha Xi Delta president and vice-president of the Association of Women Students at Bethany College, Justice Hearn “never imagined that I would one day be considered a trailblazer for women.”

Yet, she entered law school at the University of South Carolina after leaving Bethany, graduating fifth in her class and later earning an L.L.M. degree from the University of Virginia. She served as chief judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals from 1999-2009 before her election to the Palmetto State’s Supreme Court, where she is responsible for writing decisions on some 30 cases each year. She previously served on the South Carolina Court of Appeals from 1995-2009, serving as its Chief Judge for the last 10 years of her tenure there.

Prior to becoming an appellate judge, Hearn was a trial judge, serving as a family court judge for nine years. While Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, she served as president of the Council of Chief Judges, a nationwide network of chief judges of intermediate courts of appeal.

“Law is a fertile ground for those with a liberal arts education,” she notes. Pointing to her history classes at Bethany, where she “took every class” taught by Professor Chandler Shaw, she says the rigor of the coursework and preparing for senior comps, which she passed with distinction, provided solid preparation for the intensive, content-heavy nature of the cases she must review.

Since joining the Supreme Court, Hearn has been involved in numerous complex cases, including death penalty appeals, voter and election cases, and constitutional challenges to municipal and state statutes.

Enrolling at Bethany from Warren, Pa., Justice Hearn did the “traditional things that women did at college in the 1970s,” including pledging a sorority and becoming a cheerleader, but two seminal events from her Bethany experience stand out.

The first was studying Italian language and art at a convent in Rome and traveling to Greece in the summer following her junior year as the recipient of the Vira I. Heinz Women in Global Leadership Travel Award. “It was a life-changing event that stretched me beyond my comfort zone and opened my eyes to the wonder and beauty of the world,” she remarks.

The second, even more pivotal, came when representing Bethany’s women students at a conference in Washington, DC, she learned that women at that time earned 59 cents for every dollar earned by men performing the same work.

“That experience represented a real turning point for me,” she remarks. “Initially, I was confused; then shocked; and finally, angry. It was then that I first truly understood what it meant to be a woman in this world.”

That awareness was tested further in her early days as a law school student and young alumna.

Although her parents fully stood behind her decision to enroll, “many commented that it was ‘nice because you can probably marry a lawyer and work as his secretary,’” she laughs. She did, however, meet her future husband, attorney George Hearn, in law school. After graduation, humor helped her in encounters such as an
interview for a clerkship with Julius B. Ness, a justice on the South Carolina Supreme Court known for his outspokenness.

On their initial meeting in his chambers which, ironically, are now hers, Ness told her, “I have a lot of problems with you...first of all, you’re a girl.”

“I replied, ‘Sir, I guess you’ll have to talk to God about that.’ He laughed, and a few minutes later, he offered me the job. I accepted on the spot,” she recalls. Justice Hearn notes that she not only became Ness’s first woman law clerk, but later, “he became my dear and trusted friend, as well as the great mentor of my life. He taught me how to think and act like a lawyer and a judge.” Ness continued to provide Hearn with support and guidance until his death in 1991.

Hearn is the first former South Carolina Supreme Court law clerk to become a justice herself and now occupies the same office in the Supreme Court building occupied by Justice Ness at the time of their fateful first interview.

Her early career was not without its tribulations, however. “When I first began practicing in Horry County (S.C.) in the late 1970s, some men preferred to deal with my male counterparts rather than do business with me. One even repeatedly referred to me as ‘Princess,’” Hearn recalls.

She is widely respected throughout the state for her “integrity, intellect, likeability and desire to give back,” in the words of a recent magazine profile. Judge Lisa Kinon, who has known Hearn for 20 years, describes her friend and neighbor as her role model: “She sets an example not only for all women lawyers, but all members of the legal profession.”

In addition, she remains close to her friends, including Bethany classmates Marsha Carlin ’72, a sorority sister, and former roommate Laura Cramblet, ’72 recently reuniting with them and other alumnae after speaking on campus.

“I have not accomplished all this without the help of many others,” Hearn notes. Her mother, Kathleen Gorenflo, moved to the family’s Conway home in 1988 to help care for their then infant daughter, Kathleen, and continues to play an active and stabilizing role in their lives. She also cites her law clerks, now numbering some 25, “who have become a part of my family and to whom I am extremely loyal.”

In addition to her parents and Ness, Justice Hearn also credits her marriage to fellow attorney George M. Hearn, a Conway, S.C., attorney and a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives who represents District 105, for “making my life golden.”

“George has been a full partner in my professional and family life, and we were also fortunate to have practiced together for six years (in Loris and Myrtle Beach, S.C.),” she says.

The couple, who has lived and worked together for more than 30 years, has been active in the Theater of the Republic in Conway, S.C., and has performed in numerous productions, including recently with Kathleen in “South Pacific,” in which Hearn and her daughter played nurses and “washed that man right out of their hair” together.

Known for occasionally “letting her hair down” literally, she and her former Clerk of Court, Ken Richstad, are famous locally for their karaoke performance as “Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers” as part of a charity fundraiser sponsored by the South Carolina Judicial Department. The duo has also appeared as “Sonny and Cher.”

In her time away from the bench, Justice Hearn also enjoys skiing, cycling, and spending time at the family’s beach house, “Adjourned,” and hosting dinner parties. She often cooks with daughter Kathleen. In addition, she is a choir member and former senior warden at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Conway, while serving on the boards of both the University of South Carolina School of Law and the Charleston (S.C.) School of Law.

Speaking to senior women at Bethany College in May, Hearn summarized her philosophy of continually mentoring other younger professionals: “When you achieve success in your chosen career, don’t pull the ladder up behind you.”

“If I have any legacy, I’d like to be remembered as a mentor to young lawyers,” she concludes.
The winter sports season may have been highlighted by the Bison men’s basketball team winning the PAC title, but the women’s basketball and swimming and diving programs provided quite a bit of excitement as well with solid seasons.

ON THE HARDWOOD, the Bethany women sat at 7-9 overall and in the second tier of the PAC standings after the opening wave of conference games. The Bison would rebound by winning six of the final nine games in the regular season, including a 4-1 mark in road games, to rise up the PAC rankings and earn the fourth seed for the league tournament.

Capping the big swing was a 65-58 triumph in the regular season finale at Washington & Jefferson, which secured the fourth seed and a home game in the PAC Tournament quarterfinals. Senior Tara Harris led the way in the win with 16 points and 10 rebounds and sophomore Kayla Taormina posted 12 points, nine boards and four assists, as BC snapped a seven-game losing streak at W&J that dated back to 2004.

In the first round of the PAC Tournament, Bethany was matched up with Grove City after the teams split the regular season meetings. The Bison claimed a five-point halftime lead, but would shoot just 31 percent in the second half. The Wolverines would make 45 percent of their shot attempts after halftime and rallied for a 66-59 win over BC, who was led by another sterling effort from Harris. As the only senior on the Bethany roster, she set a career-high with 20 points and added nine boards in her final game.

Three Bison were named Honorable Mention All-PAC following the year, the first all-conference award for each. Harris led the team in rebounding (6.4) and averaged 7.6 points as well, while junior Katelynn Hackathorn was second in the PAC in field goal percentage (49.2) and posted 8.9 points and 6.2 rebounds a contest. Taormina rounded out the honorees after finishing second on the team in scoring with 9.8 points and third in rebounding with 6.0 caroms per game.

In the pool, Bethany’s women’s team turned one of its better seasons in recent memory. The team collected four dual-meet victories during the year, including wins over Penn State-Altoona, Frostburg State, Urbana and Davis & Elkins, bettering their total from the year before by one. A pair of records was also broken throughout the year, including the 200 Free Relay record going down in the win over Penn State-Altoona.

The 200 Free Relay record would be reset again at the PAC Championship meet, as the foursome of sophomore Theresa Smith, junior Jennifer Briskey, senior Cynthia Richardson and sophomore Melissa Davis finished in a time of 1:47.52. Then in the last event of the Championship meet, Richardson, Smith, junior Sara Reass and Davis completed the 400 Free Relay with a time of 3:55.75 to surpass that school mark and end the season on a high note.

The men’s season was highlighted by a 111-101 victory over Penn State-Altoona during the regular season. At the conference meet, junior Jared Patrick scored in the 100 and 200 Fly and a pair of divers registered strong efforts. Sophomore Vinnie Giangiulio took fifth place in both diving events and freshman Jon Gray was right behind him in sixth place. Their performances helped both receive Second Team All-PAC distinction following the campaign.
BETHANY MEN’S BASKETBALL

After being picked to finish third in the PAC preseason poll, the Bethany men’s basketball team struggled with losses in three of the first five games of the 2010-11 season. But the Bison would turn things around quickly and building momentum throughout the year, the Green and White would make it a season for the record books by adding to their PAC-record with a 13th conference title.
ALTHOUGH THE BISON dropped Allegheny in the season opener, there were speed bumps ahead. Losses on the road at Baldwin-Wallace and nationally-ranked Wooster and John Carroll left BC with a 2-3 record just before opening PAC action. Bethany got back on track by routing Case Western and rolled through the early portion of the league slate by beating Westminster and Waynesburg and then built a six-game winning streak going into the holiday break with wins over Geneva, Franciscan and Frostburg State.

The New Year did not bring quite the same success early on for Bethany, as losses in the closing seconds at Thiel and at home against Saint Vincent by a combined three points left BC at 9-5 overall at 3-2 in the conference. The Bison recovered nicely, going out on the road to defeat Thomas More 71-66, which started a string on nine wins in 10 outings. The lone blemish was a costly one, as a 66-59 defeat to Thiel helped the Tomcats clinch the top seed and home court advantage in the PAC Tournament.

Bethany didn’t close the regular season on a strong note, as a hot-shooting W&J squad claimed a 74-67 win in the regular season finale, which dropped BC down to the third seed for the PAC Tournament. The Bison opened the league playoffs against #6 Westminster, who was upset-minded early by streaking out to an 18-8 lead to start the game. But the Bison seized control by outscoring the Titans 39-5 over the final 11 minutes of the half and they would advance with a 90-58 thrashing.

In the semifinals, the Bison travelled to #2 Saint Vincent. The teams split a pair of hotly-contested regular season meetings and the rubber match proved to be another barn-burner. After seven lead changes and three ties in the first half, Bethany led 28-26 at the break. In the second half, BC led by as many as 12, but that margin was trimmed to one and Saint Vincent had possession. The Bearcats missed two free throws and a jumper in the final 30 seconds, allowing Bethany to hang on for a 66-65 win to move on to the PAC Tournament title game.

Bethany’s quest for the conference crown meant a trip to top-seeded Thiel, who was 13-1 against PAC teams during the year and a perfect 12-0 at home going into the final game. After trailing by as many as nine in the first half, BC trimmed the deficit to five by halftime and made their move early in the second half. There would six ties and nine lead changes in the final 20 minutes, but the final change came when Nick Wilcox hit a jumper with 3:54 to go that gave Bethany the lead for good.

That bucket started a 14-6 game-ending spurt for the Bison, who made a season-high 27-of-33 from the foul line (82 percent) to rally for the 74-67 win. The stars were plentiful for BC and were led by British Alexander, who totaled 19 points, 12 rebounds, five blocked shots and five steals. Joining him with 19 points was Reece Mabery, who sank 11 free throws, and James Barton chipped in with 14, including 12 in the second half.

By winning their PAC-record 13th league crown, Bethany also secured an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh time. The Bison were matched up with Manchester (Ind.) College in the opening round and the Spartans grabbed control with a 15-0 run to start the game. Bethany was able to get within as close as five points early in the second half, but Manchester held off every BC surge after that and ended Bethany’s season with a 70-58 decision. It would be the final game in Green and White for seniors Ryan McFadden, who scored 18 in the NCAA loss, Dustin Opalka and Ray Gardner.

Two Bethany players were honored with All-PAC laurels following the season. Alexander grabbed First Team recognition after setting a new school record with 67 blocked shots, while also averaging 13.3 points, 8.8 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game. Sophomore Nick Wilcox was the team’s leading scorer with 13.5 points and also posted 6.8 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game to earn Second Team All-PAC.
BETHANY SPRING SPORTS 2011 RECAP

It was a record-setting spring sports season for the Bison programs, with numerous records falling and multiple conference championships earned in track and field, the men’s tennis team posting its best record in recent memory, a longtime baseball record going down and the men’s lacrosse team making its varsity debut on the Bethany campus.

THE SOGGY SPRING weather did little to dampen the efforts of the track and field program, which found success from start to finish during the season. Bethany hosted the PAC Championship meet for the first time since 2001 and BC student-athletes put on a show for the home crowd, winning four conference titles, earning 14 All-PAC honors and one provisionally qualifying for NCAA Championships.

The initial PAC championship was won on the opening day of the meet when freshman Ben Gregg took first place in the javelin and provisionally qualified for NCAA Championships with a throw of 195-4. The next day saw Bethany dominate in the running events, as sophomore Marcus Johnson won the 100 (11.21), freshman Aarick Jones took first in the 200 (22.69) and freshman Arkangelo James earned the conference title in the 800 (1:56.54).

Those performances helped Bethany finish third overall as a team, its best finish since 1996.

Highlighting the weekend for the women was senior Deseree Finley, who was Second Team All-PAC in the pole vault and earned Honorable Mention All-PAC in the 400 hurdles, 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

The season didn’t end there, as the Bison sent 10 qualifiers to ECAC Championships. The top finish came from James, who was fifth in the 800 with a school record and NCAA provisional qualifying time of 1:52.54. Finley also broke her own school record in the 400 hurdles (1:05.62), which gave BC three new school marks for the season to go along with freshman Cory Yarrington’s effort in the 3,000 Steeplechase (9:51.73).

Although James and Gregg provisionally qualified for NCAA Championships, their efforts came up just short of earning an invitation to the national meet. Although since both are only freshmen and only one of the All-PAC performers was a senior, the future is bright for the Bison track and field programs.

On the tennis court, Bethany, who had gone winless as recently as 2009, had a chance at its first winning season since 1999, but came up short in the season finale and settled for a 6-7 overall record and 3-4 mark in the PAC. It still proved to be the most wins by the team since ’99 and the three conference wins was the highest total by a Bison team since 2007.

At PAC Championships, BC finished tied for fourth place overall after having two singles players and two doubles teams claim third place. In singles, senior Dustin Opalka and freshman Dustin Maiolo won the consolation matches at #1 and #4 singles, respectively. The doubles tandems of Opalka and junior Jared Patrick finished third at #1, as did the duo of freshman James Peterson and junior Ryan Rokisky at #2.

In baseball action, Bethany’s season got off to a strong start with wins in four of its six games down in Florida. Although the Bison had difficulties in PAC play, their season was highlighted by taking two of three from the eventual top seed Grove City, as well as a 4-1 victory over Washington & Jefferson, a game that saw sophomore Brad Kubis break the school record for career saves (16).

After the season, which saw Bethany finish with a 12-23 mark, three players were named All-PAC. Senior CF Tyler Dillinger, who broke the 10-year old Bethany record for career hits after compiling 199 in his tenure, was selected for First Team, as was Kubis (.346, 1 HR, 25 RBIs), while junior catcher T.J. Zarewicz (.383, 3 HR, 28 RBIs) was picked for Second Team.

On March 3, the Bethany athletic department welcomed its newest sport to varsity status when the men’s lacrosse team began its initial season with a game against Division II St. Andrews from North Carolina. The first season of competition can have its rough patches and this one did for the Bison, who finished the season 1-11. The highlight to the year came on March 26 when sophomore Kyle Arrington scored five goals and had seven points, as BC scored nine goals in the second half to pull away for a 13-6 victory over Ohio Valley.

Arrington completed the year as the team’s top scorer, amassing 16 goals and five assists for 21 points. Freshman Robbie Foster was second with eight goals and 10 points and freshman Corey Doneski was the top defender, forcing 10 turnovers and scooping up 56 ground balls, both team-highs.

The rainy spring weather may have affected the golf team more than anyone, as many of their matches were pushed back or canceled altogether. The Bison did manage to get in three tournaments before playing at PAC Championships, where Bethany finished in seventh place overall. The team’s overall score was actually 72 shots better than the score posted the year before at the conference match.

Bethany did nearly have a golfer bring back All-PAC honors for the second consecutive year. Rokisky, who also played for the tennis team, shot a two-day total of 158 (77-81) to finish in a four-way tie for 11th place, one shot away from earning Second Team All-PAC distinction. Freshmen Nolan Wilson (164) and Peter Franklin (168) were the next top scorers for the Bison.
THE SEASON GOT off to a strong start down south, as BC posted a 7-3 mark in Florida. The signature wins of the trip came on the Monday, when Bethany pulled out a pulsating 10-9 triumph in 11 innings over Transylvania, an NCAA Regional team from the season before, and then knocking off #9 Cortland State 4-2 in eight innings. The Bison did hit a bump in the road upon returning north, as the Green and White dropped six of their first nine games and was at 10-9 overall after losing their first league game of the season to Westminster.

Bethany would get back on track quickly, as a 6-0 win over Westminster to split that April 6th twinbill started a 14-game PAC winning streak. The Bison were propelled to the top of the conference standings with the winning streak, which featured a sweep over defending league champion Thomas More by scores of 1-0 and 4-1. Decisive 4-1 and 9-1 triumphs at Washington & Jefferson put the Bison in position to clinch the top seed for the conference tournament and they clinched the #1 spot with an 8-0 shutout over Thiel in the final regular season doubleheader of the year.

Hosting the PAC Tournament for the second year in a row, Bethany went through the playoffs unscathed to add to its impressive collection of conference titles. Pitching carried the Bison through the weekend, as on day one the outstanding work of sophomore Emily Jump lifted BC to a 1-0 win over Waynesburg and a 2-1 victory over Thomas More that put Bethany into the title game. Jump hurled a four-hit shutout over Waynesburg in the opener and limited TMC to one run on six hits in the second win, while all the offense was supplied by a Maria Vallone RBI double and a Cortney Lax run-producing single.

In the championship game, the Bison matched up with Thomas More for the third straight year. The Saints had come away with wins the previous two seasons, but this time the Bison would not be denied. Senior Cortney Newland threw a four-hit shutout over Waynesburg in the opener and limited TMC to one run on six hits in the second win, while all the offense was supplied by a Maria Vallone RBI double and a Cortney Lax run-producing single.

The awards came piling in at the conclusion of the season. Thomas, who hit .436 for the year with team-highs in homers (four), RBIs (36) and doubles (17) was named the PAC Player of the Year and Jan Forsty was selected as the conference’s Coach of the Year. Other Bison earning First Team All-PAC were Butler, Jump and Vallone, while Lax nabbed Second Team laurels. The Bison were also recognized on a higher level when Thomas and Vallone, who set a new single-season record for hits with 65, were tabbed First Team All-Central Region and Butler, who set the Bethany all-time record for hits with 191, garnered Second Team honors.
NOT ONLY WAS 2010-11 A STRONG SEASON for Bethany College athletics on the fields and courts, it was another outstanding year for Bison student-athletes to continue to impress academically as well.

For the first time since 2007, a pair of Bethany baseball players were voted to the Capital One Academic All-District II team. Senior second baseman Eric Fudala and sophomore infielder/pitcher Brad Kubis both earned Second Team accolades, the first BC players to receive the honor since Brent Owens in 2007.

Fudala hit .272 this past spring with 14 RBIs and graduated with a GPA better than 3.8 as a business major. Kubis, who set the Bethany career saves record this season, batted .346 and drove in 25 runs on the diamond and also has a GPA above 3.5 as a biology major.

It was one of two academic honors Fudala earned this spring, as he was one of 29 Bethany student-athletes who earned a spot on the PAC Academic Honor Roll. To make the list, a student-athletes must have competed in either a winter or spring sport and posted a GPA of 3.6 or higher during the spring semester. The 29 Bison to make the list is the highest total since 2007 when 32 Bethany student-athletes earned a spot on the Spring Honor Roll.

Fudala was also one of six Bison who earned a perfect 4.0 for the semester and was one of five BC baseball players to make the list, the most by a Bethany men’s team. Taking top honors among all the programs was the PAC champion softball team, as well as women’s basketball, who both put six on the Honor Roll. Down below is a complete list of Bethany’s 2011 PAC Spring Academic Honor Roll members.

### Bethany’s Spring 2011 PAC Academic Honor Roll Honorees

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BETHANY ADDS FIELD HOCKEY AS 22ND VARSITY SPORT

BETHANY COLLEGE has announced the addition of women’s field hockey as its 22nd varsity sport beginning in the fall of 2012, according to Bethany Director of Athletics and Recreation Tim Weaver.

Weaver also announced the head coach of the program, which will use the 2011-12 season to recruit before beginning a full varsity schedule in 2012. Current Bison assistant softball coach Kristen McGaughey will be the field hockey head coach and also continue her role with the softball program. The addition of field hockey continues a period of growth for the Bethany athletic department, as men’s lacrosse just completed its first varsity season this past spring.

“Bethany is very proud to bring Field Hockey back at this exciting time in our athletics program,” said Weaver. “Coach McGaughey, through her work with our outstanding softball program, has proven to be a dynamic leader and very effective recruiter. These are qualities that will help her get a startup program on its feet and ultimately lead us to having a successful team.”

Women’s field hockey is actually returning to the Bison athletic department, as the sport was dropped following the 1989-90 school year. Bethany fielded a strong field hockey program from the late 1970’s through the mid-1980’s. The Bison won five consecutive Pennwood West Conference titles from 1977-81 and captured two more crowns in 1983 and 1984 before claiming the 1985 PAC championship with a record of 13-3-1 overall and 6-0 in the PAC.

The head coach of the last field hockey team in 1989 was Jan Forsty, who is still at Bethany as the head softball and women’s tennis coach and associate athletic director. She has worked with McGaughey for the last three years and sees her as an outstanding coach to start up the field hockey program again.

McGaughey came to Bethany in 2008 after graduating from Ashland (Ohio) University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She finished her softball career at Ashland ranked third in career home runs (19) and fifth in career RBIs (99) and was a two-time All-GLIAC selection, as well as a First Team All-Great Lakes Region pick as a junior.

Since arriving at Bethany, McGaughey has helped lead the Bison softball program to 88 victories in three seasons, including a school-record 35 in 2010, as well as three consecutive postseason appearances. Bethany captured its PAC-record 13th conference championship in 2011 and earned its sixth trip to NCAA Regionals.

DOW NAMED NEW HEAD SWIMMING & DIVING COACH

STATE UNIVERSITY OF New York, Cortland assistant David Dow has been selected as the new head men’s and women’s swimming and diving coach at Bethany College, as announced by Bethany Director of Athletics and Recreation Tim Weaver.

Finding someone with Dow’s background with a successful program, as well as his energy and knowledge, was instrumental in the search process, according to Weaver. He said that over 70 applications were received as a part of the national search.

“Coach Dow is an outstanding fit for Bethany College and our swimming and diving program,” said Weaver. “He has an outstanding record of accomplishment as both a swimmer and coach. His winning attitude, commitment to excellence, and experience at the Division III level will have an immediate impact on our program.”

Dow comes to Bethany after a two-year stint at his alma mater as the assistant coach. During his tenure on the coaching staff, the Red Dragon men’s team went 28-5 in dual meets and finished in second place at the SUNYAC Championships twice, while the women posted a 21-7 record in dual meets and finished second at the SUNYAC meet in 2010 and third this past winter.

Aside from the team success, Dow was highly involved with the individual medley and backstroke training group, which included a two-time NCAA All-American, two NCAA
provisional qualifiers, 10 All-Conference team members and nine individual school records being broken over a two-year span. In addition to the success in the water, Dow played a large role in Cortland’s recruiting and those efforts helped add over 30 swimmers to an already established group of successful student-athletes.

Before helping coach swimmers to all-conference and school record performances, Dow was achieving them himself as with the Red Dragons. A four-year member and two-year captain, he broke the school record in the 1,000 Freestyle in 2009. Dow claimed two titles in the 1,650 Free at the SUNYAC Championship meet and was twice named to the SUNY-AC All-Conference First Team and twice to the Second Team.

Dow earned a Bachelor’s degree in Sports Management with a minor in computer applications from Cortland. He also completed his coursework towards a Master of Science degree in Recreation Management in Leisure Services from Cortland.

PARIKAKIS NAMED NEW WOMEN’S SOCCER COACH
FORMER MARY BALDWIN
College women’s soccer coach Peter Parikakis has been selected as the new head women’s soccer coach at Bethany College, according to Director of Athletics Tim Weaver.

According to Weaver, Parikakis’ familiarity with Bethany, as well as his extensive coaching background and energy, made him a great fit for the position. “We are very happy to have someone with Pete’s background and passion for the sport to take over our women’s soccer program,” said Weaver. “Pete has very high personal standards when it comes to ethics and character, which was a top priority in our search. We believe Pete will be able to produce a team that qualifies for the PAC tournament and ultimately turn it into a top program in the PAC and the region.

“Having played a role in turning around Bethany’s men’s soccer program and with his experience at other liberal arts colleges, Pete is a very good fit and will be able to recruit the type of quality student-athletes who can succeed on the field and in the classroom at a small college of national distinction like Bethany,” said Weaver.

This past fall, Parikakis was an assistant for the Bison men’s program. He helped Bethany rebound from a two-win campaign in 2009 to 11 victories this past fall, a berth in the PAC Tournament Championship match and a bid to the ECAC Tournament, where the Bison stunned the #1 seed Penn State Behrend in the opening round and reached the semifinals. Receiving the opportunity to take the reins to the women’s program fulfills a long-time goal for the Follansbee, WVn., native.

“I feel that this is a “homecoming” for me since I am originally from the area,” said Parikakis. “Growing up, Bethany College was the place you went to school if you were a soccer player. And now, being a Bison is a long time dream which has finally come true. I plan to re-establish traditions and expectations here on the women’s side and I’m very eager to get to work and start writing the next chapter in Bethany Women’s Soccer.”

The program Parikakis takes over is improving, but has failed to qualify for the PAC tournament in recent years. In 2007, the Bison won only three games, but in the last three seasons, BC has won 24 matches and is coming off back-to-back .500 seasons for only the second time in the 24-year history of the program. Bethany completed the 2010 campaign with an 8-8-2 record and a 3-4-1 mark in the PAC.

Looking ahead to next season, 10 players return who started at least 11 matches this past year, including First Team All-PAC selection Cassie Spalding (Claysville, Pa./McGuffey), who led the conference in scoring for the second straight year with 19 goals and 42 points.

Parikakis earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training from Waynesburg in 2001 and earned a Masters of Science in Athletic Coaching from WVU in 2006. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching program at Bethany.
ACHIEVEMENTS

CHARLES “PETE” PERRY ’59 was re-elected to the board of Cyprus American Archeological Research institute in April 2011.

Novelos Therapeutics recently announced that Bethany graduate DR. JOHN E. NIEDERHUBER ’60 has been named to the group’s Board of Directors. Niederhuber has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Translational Medicine of Inova Health System since September 2010. He worked as Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) from 2005 to 2010.

JOHN MULLEN ’69, trustee of Bethany College, has been named chief executive officer of Unitrin Specialty, a leading personal and casualty personal insurance organization following 35 years of industry experience.

SETH GOLBEY ’76 is the director of planning and external relations at the American Red Cross, Metro New York region.

MarkLogic® Corporation has announced that 1977 Bethany College graduate and Trustee KEN BAD0, a veteran technology executive who most recently was the executive vice president of sales and services at Autodesk, has been named chief executive officer and a member of the board of directors.

ZANDY DUDIAK ’77 has been named associate regional editor for Western Pa. Patch, part of AOL’s new network of online Patch news sites. She is also the author of “Remembering Monroeville: From Frontier to Boomtown,” which was released by History Press in late 2009. She has received more than 80 national, state and regional journalism awards during her career as a writer and editor.

JILL (BAROUDI) NUTTER ’77 has written a series of historical romance novels for the inspirational market under the pen name Jillian Kent. “Secrets of the Heart, The Ravensmoore Chronicles, Book One” was released on May 3 in both trade paperback and e-book formats. www.jilliankent.com.

Alumni Weekend 2011

More than 100 Bethany grads returned to campus for Alumni Weekend 2011, April 29-May 1, with the Class of 1961 celebrating their 50th reunion. Alumni Weekend featured many activities, including the Alumni Association Luncheon, where members of the Class of 1961 presented a check to President Miller in honor of their 50th Reunion.
BRUCE CAMPBELL ’78 was named Flagler Beach interim city manager and was one of the finalists for the permanent job to replace former Interim City Manager Bernie Murphy. Campbell’s previous work includes various management positions at The Timken Company and service as president of Camaco/Lorain County Automotive.

FRANCES MCDORMAND ’79 received the Tony Award for best performance by an actress in a leading role in a play for her role in “Good People” during the 65th annual Tony Awards.

UBS Wealth Management Americas (WMA) CEO ROBERT MCCANN ’80 participated in a May 9 “Revitalizing America” discussion that featured President William J. Clinton and President George W. Bush. The event explored solutions to a variety of economic challenges facing the U.S. and also included approximately 400 clients and prospects and 150 Financial Advisors.

GREG JORDAN ’81, global managing partner of Pittsburgh-based Reed Smith, was recently featured in The Lawyer’s May 16 edition. The article examined Jordan’s successful leadership strategies and the Reed Smith-Richards Butler merger.

MARIE ZUBERBUEHLER DEPARIS ’83 and SNY have won another television New York Emmy Award. This year’s honors were for SNY brand commercials that DeParis produced. DeParis was also the 2011 Kalon Scholarship Luncheon speaker at Bethany.

JAMES J. HARRIS ’84 was recently promoted to vice president, Real Estate – Legal for Limited Brands, Inc. located in Columbus, Ohio.

Berry College has granted full professor status to previously tenured DR. ERIC MCDOWELL ’87, a professor in the institution’s Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

TOM JINGOLI ’90 has been named one of the University of Nevada’s industry executives of the year. A former investigative agent with the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement, he now works for Konami, a slot machine company with more than 200 gaming licenses across the globe. He is also serving his second term as president of the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers.

The Health Facilities Association of Maryland (HFAM) recently announced its 2011 new leadership team, which includes Bethany graduate JOHN SPADARO ’91 as board chair. Spadaro works as regional vice president of Operations for SavaSeniorCare, one of the largest providers of short-term health care services in the United States.

The Laurel Highlands School Board in New York recently named DR. MICHAEL HYNES ’94 the district’s new superintendent. He previously served as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Plainedge School District in North Massapequa and as an elementary principal in Center Moriches, a school that was named one of New York state’s “Rapidly Improving School Districts” and a “High-Performing/Gap-Closing School.”

DENISE RITTER ’98 was featured in the Kappa Delta national magazine The Angelos. She was one of nine alumnae highlighted in a winter 2011 article about blogging.

N.C. Wesleyan has named former Bethany coach FRANKIE TAAL ’98 the new head men’s soccer coach. Taal previously served as assistant coach for the Bishops for seven seasons after working almost 10 years as a player and coach at Bethany. He was a member of the College’s 1994 Division III National Championship team.

GINA DEBLASIS ’00 was hired as coordination producer by Pikewood Creative. She spent the past seven years at the event group in Pittsburgh and brings 10 years of experience in consulting, public relations and event planning to the role.

The Laurel Highlands School Board (Pa.) unanimously approved the hiring of football coach ZACH JUST ’02, who now holds a five-year contract to coach the Mustangs.

LAUREN DEMUNDO MARTIN ’03 is the principal at Seton-LaSalle High School in Pittsburgh.

TESSA WEGENER ’04 was recently awarded a Fulbright Research Grant, which will allow her to conduct nine months of research in Vienna, Austria, toward the completion of her dissertation. She is a Ph.D. candidate in German Studies at Georgetown University.

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Geho, Lewis, Hurl, Sparks Earn Top 2011 Alumni Honors

Dr. W. Blair Geho ’60, Dr. Rodney Hurl ’52, Steffanie D. Lewis ’58 and The Rev. Dennis Sparks ’71 were honored at the annual April 30 Alumni Awards Dinner.

Hurl, of Marysville, Ohio, received the Alumnus of the Year award. An emeritus life trustee, Hurl formerly served on the Bethany Board of Trustees from 1971-1997. He provided funding for the College to purchase the building now known as the Judith R. Hurl Education Center, named in honor of his late wife, a 1953 Bethany graduate and member of the College’s first graduating class of education majors. Dr. and Mrs. Hurl also established and contributed to the Robert D. and Esther B. Hurl Chemistry Endowment. Recently, Hurl donated his personal library collection of 2,500 volumes to the Phillips Library. A retired physician, he earned his M.D. from the Temple University School of Medicine.

Sparks, the recipient of the Alumni Community Service Award, is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and serves as executive director of the West Virginia Council of Churches. Through community service related to disasters and as a public policy advocate with a focus on children, the environment, health and corrections, he was a leader in supporting the families who lost loved ones in the 2010 Upper Big Branch Mine disaster. In 2008, he was recognized by the National Association of Social Workers (West Virginia Chapter) as its Public Citizen of the Year. Other honors and accolades include the Thomas A. Knight Excalibur Award from the Citizens Action Group of Charleston and the West Virginia Lawyers for Justice President’s Award. He is currently working as interim pastor for the First Christian Church in Ravenswood, WVA.

Geho and Lewis were honored with the College’s 2011 Alumni Achievement Awards. Geho, a graduate of Case Western Reserve University’s School of Medicine, formerly served on the School’s faculty and later accepted a position at the Procter and Gamble Company, where he became the first medically trained research physician. In 1981, he embarked on a new entrepreneurial phase of his career, founding an early biotechnology firm, Technology Unlimited, Inc., (TUI) in Wooster, OH. There, he led pioneering teams developing novel nanotechnology delivery systems for drugs ranging from insulin to chemotherapies and small molecules for a variety of diseases. Since then, he has participated in the formation of a number of biotechnology companies, serving as both chief science officer and CEO. He is a member of the Dean’s Visiting Committee, which provides oversight for Case Western Reserve University’s School of Medicine.

Lewis was a founding attorney, vice president and secretary of the International Business Law Firm P.C. (IBLF) in Washington, DC. Since 1999, she has been general counsel to Baltia Air Lines, Inc. and has also held the office of general counsel, director of legislative affairs and administration in the Helicopter Association International. She taught in Pennsylvania, Washington, Alaska and Connecticut from 1958-1964 and also participated in American friends Service Committee and the International Arbetslag projects in Mexico and Sweden.

**MARRIAGES**

Jane C. Dively and Peter Kemp ’56 were married on April 30, 2011.

Erica Michelle Probert and Christopher Paul Wilson ’03 were married on May 26, 2011.

Erica Lee Nelson and Brian Joseph Cook ’06 were married on April 2, 2011. Bethanians in the wedding were Michael Cook ’00 and Matt Carroll ’06.

Ashlee Renee Stephens ’08 and Gabriel Adam Hashman were married on October 2, 2010. Bethanian Angela Schriver ’08 was in the wedding party.

**BIRTHS**


Dawn Avolio and Brian Avolio ’97 welcomed son Lucas Donald on December 16, 2010.


Bethany Rafail and John Rafail ’99 welcomed twins Anna Maria and Luca Vincent on March 29, 2011.

Tiffany Baumgart Willetts ’04 and TJ Willetts welcomed daughter Verona Skye on August 9, 2010.

Krystie McGrew Howell ’04 and TJ Howell ’02 welcomed son Logan Anderson on October 18, 2010.

Jessica Lanigan ’07 and Daniel Lanigan ’08 welcomed child Rowan on January 31, 2011.
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CARA NICOLE (HENRY) HALLDIN ’06 graduated with a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University on May 15, 2011, and will be taking a fellowship position with the CDC studying the epidemiology of respiratory diseases at CDC’s National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health in Morgantown, WVa.

ELIZABETH A. DAVIS ’07 graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, on May 20, 2011, with the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. She will complete a three-year surgical residency in foot and ankle surgery at Memorial Regional Hospital South, Hollywood, Fl.

Darlington (S.C.) High School teacher JESSICA DESTEFANO ’09 has been named Darlington County School District’s Outstanding First Year Teacher. She was selected from among seven nominees. She also serves as the head volleyball coach and an assistant girls’ basketball coach for the school, as well as the student council sponsor.

CASEY R. GRAY ’09 is the recipient of a 2011 United Arts Appeal Project Pool grant. The awards are given to non-profit organizations and individual artists in Chautauqua County, New York State. Gray will perform an organ recital and provide children’s programming at the First United Methodist Church of Fredonia, N.Y., where he serves as organist.

OBITUARIES
RUTH MOOS ALEXANDER ’31 passed away on June 23, 2011.
H. MYRON KAUFFMAN ’33 passed away on March 21, 2011.
MARGARET L. OECHSNER ’34 passed away on February 5, 2011.
P AUL F. WARD ’37 passed away in June 2011.
G. HUNTER CULLEY ’38 passed away on May 16, 2011.
DOROTHY MARIE RITTER FUNK ’40 passed away on April 7, 2011.
TOM B. FOULK ’42 passed away on January 28, 2011.
CHARLES B. CLUSS ’43 passed away on February 21, 2011.
EDNA ALICE TURNER LEVERIDGE ’44 passed away on February 25, 2011.
JUAN ROBERT SWAIN ’47 passed away on January 14, 2011.
VIRGINIA ANN WHITE ORAM ’48 passed away on April 17, 2011.
G. GORDON GUIST ’49 passed away on June 12, 2011.
SHIRLEY SMITH SIENER ’49 passed away on June 7, 2011.
JACK BEHRENDT ’50 passed away on June 6, 2011.
RICHARD HOSSENLOPP ’50 passed away on May 28, 2011.
RAY FRANCIS JACKSON ’51 passed away on February 2, 2011.
JEANNE DETTMER KALEY ’51 passed away on January 27, 2011.
WALTER C. MERTON ’52 passed away on January 12, 2011.
IRVIN BOYD ETTER ’54 passed away on March 11, 2011.
PATRICIA JEAN SUMPTINE MALLORY ’54 passed away on June 6, 2011.
DIANE MORRIS ’54 passed away on January 24, 2011.
CAROLE MCFEETERS GRIFFITHS ’55 passed away on February 19, 2011.
IRA MARKS ’55 passed away on March 8, 2011.
JOHN ROBERT GROVE ’57 passed away on April 6, 2011.
SUSAN SCOTT CELESTIN ’61 passed away on February 2, 2011.
JOHN MONTAQUILA ’61 passed away on June 3, 2011.
MADANA P. FULLER ’63 passed away on May 18, 2011.
JUDITH TORPY WEILAND ’63 passed away on February 27, 2011.
JOHN T. KOEDDERICH ’64 passed away on January 8, 2011.
GREG LAMAR EMBICK ’67 passed away on March 7, 2011.
MARY FLEMING BOOK ’69 passed away on March 3, 2011.
DIANE RODEFER DOERS ’69 passed away on April 23, 2011.
JANET CAROL HERMSMEIER BOSSANGE ’73 passed away on April 4, 2011.
VALERIE LYNN DUFF KENNEDY ’77 passed away on June 5, 2011.
MELODY ROBINSON ’86 passed away on January 7, 2011.
JOHN W SHIRLEY ’96 passed away on February 6, 2011.

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