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**Bethany College**, a small college of national distinction, was founded March 2, 1840. For nearly 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 30 fields of study, many with options for emphasis. 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.

## 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.

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# Focused

AS PULITZER Prize-winning author Toni Morrison once said, "Tradition is here to arouse us, not to arrest us." As we complete another year of growth and progress at Bethany College, moving forward does not mean forsaking our traditions; rather, it means building upon them. Bethany is doing just that. Foremost in our priorities is to continue to focus on building a solid foundation of fiscal sustainability as a "rock" upon which future progress can be anchored. Fortunately, Bethany College is ahead of the curve in strategic planning; as colleges nationwide tighten their belts, Bethany College remains in stable fiscal health because of prudent and visionary measures undertaken as part of the Institutional Review in winter 2007-08. During the 18 months since my arrival (December 2007 — July 2009), we have emphasized strategic long-range planning. As a result, the College is poised for a vibrant and dynamic future.



The academic community has also been revitalized, with the appointment of **Dr. Darin Fields**, long-time dean at Wilkes University, as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. A distinguished scholar, Dr. Fields will continue the campus tradition of living in historic Highland Hearth, home of previous deans. He comes to Bethany with a career commitment to the liberal arts and solid background in academic planning. A veteran Bethanian, **Dr. Gary Kappel '74** will fill a vital campus role as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, with primary responsibility for campus assessment. Together, they will be mindful of the past while creating a proactive academic agenda for the future.

As we celebrated the return of two former presidents — **Dr. William Tucker** as Founder's Day Speaker, and **Dr. Duane Cummins** as a leader for the Oreon Scott Lectures — to campus this spring, we were saddened to lose two other distinguished former presidents, **Todd Bullard** and **Cecil Underwood**. All four men have left a lasting impact on this college of national distinction.

Senior projects and comprehensive examinations are behind us for another year, 140 joined the ranks of alumni in another memorable and meaningful Commencement,

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The past two years have been extraordinarily productive and rewarding. A few highlights are especially memorable:

- *A comprehensive Institutional Review*, led by a panel of national experts, that consists of more than 100 pages, with 136 recommendations for improvement;
- *The self-study and successful reaffirmation of accreditation for the maximum 10 years* by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;
- *Initiation of a \$52 million capital campaign, Transformation Now!*, with initial gifts through July 1, 2009, of more than \$19 million;
- Completion of an all-inclusive, one-year process to *formulate a 10-year master plan and 10-year corrective maintenance plan*, with the assistance of Performa Higher Education, Inc., of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The purpose of these planning exercises is to ensure that as a campus, Bethany College has a shared vision for our mission, as well as the programs and resources in place to execute our goals.

and our campus is bustling with another flourishing summer camp "season."

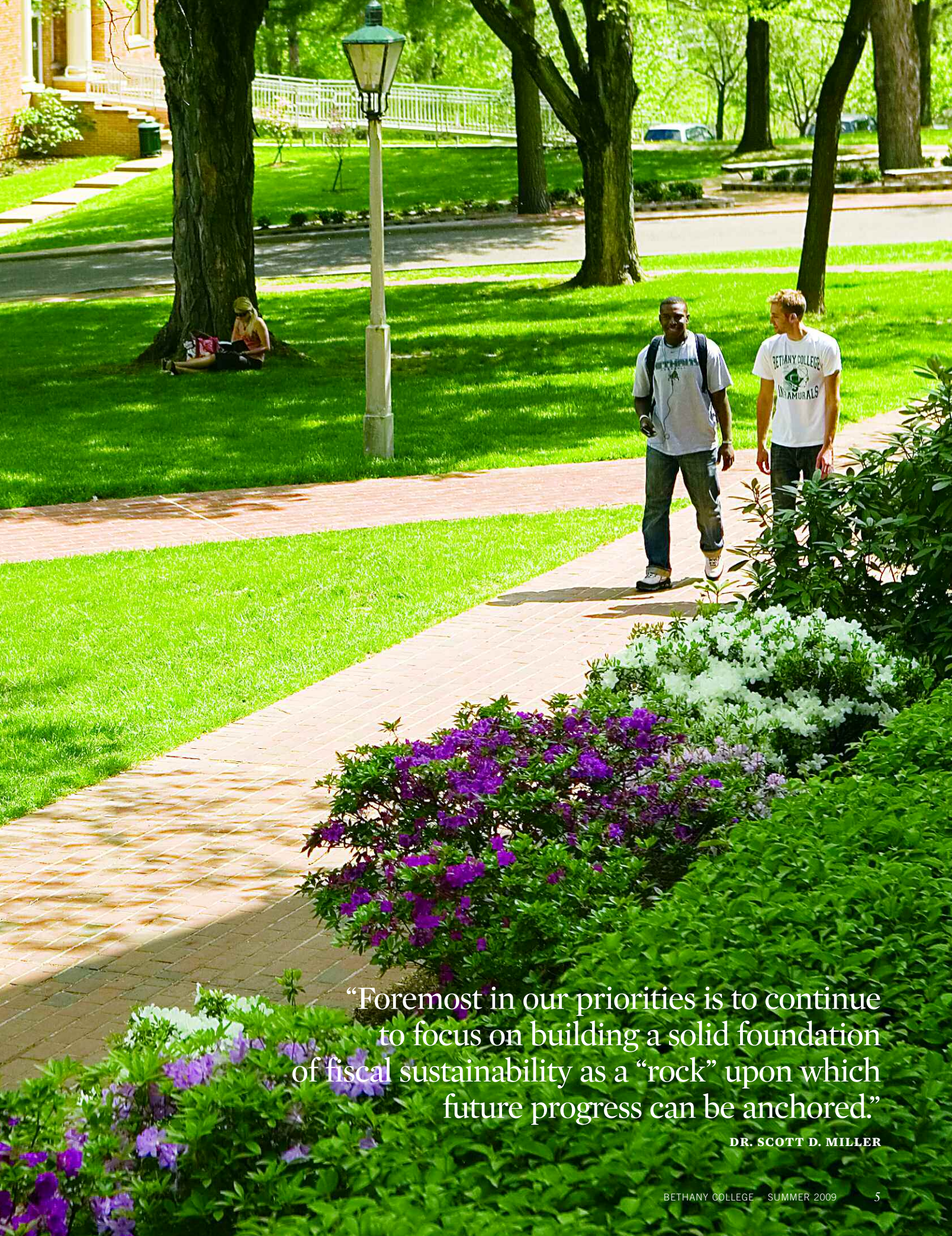
Before receiving the traditional diplomas in Latin and passing through the Oglebay gates for one final time, graduates heard two remarkable national figures, **The Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins** and **Bill Strickland** of Pittsburgh, share thoughts in our 169th Anniversary Commencement Weekend. As Bethany has done throughout its remarkable history, this is not a time for us to alter our course. Rather, we must build on our strengths for an even brighter future. As the economy improves and competition intensifies, we must continue to focus on making Bethany more contemporary so that our programs and facilities are increasingly more attractive to future generations of Bethanians.

We welcome and value your involvement and support.

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "Scott D. Miller".

Scott D. Miller  
President of the College





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DR. SCOTT D. MILLER



# New and Noteworthy



Kelly C. Sofka accepts the Pittsburgh Bethany College award as Outstanding Junior Woman.

## Outstanding Job

### Exemplary Individuals Awarded at Honors Day

BETHANY COLLEGE awarded many of its exemplary students, faculty and staff with a variety of college-wide and departmental awards on April 16 during its annual Honors Day celebrations. The recipients, selected based on their demonstration of outstanding scholarship and other contributions to the College, were presented with their awards during the Honors Day Convocation held in Commencement Hall in Bethany's historic Old Main.

**Ashley N. Berardi**, a Biology major, received the Francis O. Carfer Prize as Outstanding Senior. The Francis O. Carfer Prize is presented to the senior who, in the judgment of the Honors Committee, has made the most outstanding contribution to the College. Recipients must exhibit sound academic accomplishments along with characteristics of

loyalty, service and devotion to Bethany.

**Mary Lu Adams**, a Psychology major, received the Bethany 2000 Prize. The Bethany 2000 Prize recognizes the senior who has best demonstrated loyalty and commitment to Bethany College in a wide range of activities over the course of his or her studies. The recipient must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher and demonstrate the characteristics of enthusiasm, dependability and dedication.

**Kelly C. Sofka**, an Economics 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. The Club, comprised of Bethany alumni in the Pittsburgh area, has placed a plaque in Phillips Hall upon which

the names of the winners are engraved.

**Randal S. Stuckwisch**, a double major in Mathematics and Economics, received 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.

In addition to the individual student awards, the Anna Ruth Bourne and W. Kirk Woolery Awards were awarded to the women's and men's social groups maintaining the highest scholastic standing for the fall 2008 semester. The Anna Ruth Bourne award was presented to Alpha Xi Delta with the W. Kirk Woolery Award going to Phi Kappa Tau.



### **Commission Recommends Maximum 10-Year Reaccreditation**

A THREE-YEAR self-study process, led by a campus-wide Reaccreditation Steering Committee chaired by Director of Institutional Effectiveness Professor of History Gary Kappel '74, has culminated in a unanimous recommendation for the maximum 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation visit in March.

A team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools visited campus March 23-26, 2009. Bethany College has been accredited by the Commission since 1926.

"This reaffirmation of accreditation process and the preparation of the Self-Study come at a particularly opportune time, prompting a major re-examination of the mission documents leading to a reaffirmation of Bethany's commitment to an education that is both liberal and useful," President Miller told the College community in an address shortly before the visit.

"The purpose of this exercise is not to prove that Bethany College is doing everything right, or even that it is already doing everything that it should be doing. Rather, it has been to ensure that as a campus we have a shared vision for what we are trying to do, have programs in place — and resources allocated to them — to accomplish those goals.

"Instead of viewing it as a fixed point in time, the entire reaccreditation process should be thought of as an ongoing journey in the life of Bethany College," President Miller noted in remarks preceding the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools visit.

### **Bethany Campaign Gains Momentum**

IN THE LAST YEAR, Bethany College has raised more than \$19 million toward "Transformation Now!"; a \$52 million capital campaign, while increasing alumni giving from 17 to 22 percent. The campaign goal is to increase the College's endowment by \$25 million, enhance alumni

participation and giving, and to raise significant funds for improved and additional educational and student facilities.

### **Bethany Welcomes Class of 2013**

AFTER PRODUCING the second largest class of new students in 32 years for 2008-09, the admissions team, headed by Karina Dayich-McCabe, heads into its second year of a substantive growth plan. Dayich-McCabe joined Bethany shortly after the appointment of Dr. Miller and brings more than 10 years of experience as chief admissions officer at Chatham University and Moore College of Art and Design.

A new comprehensive market-oriented focus has produced some of the best enrollment numbers in three decades. For the coming 2009-2010 academic year, the College has already received more contacts and inquiries than in any other single year in Bethany history. Applications are strong and the College is confident that 2009-10 will be another banner year.



Christina Sampson receiving the 2009 President's Award for Outstanding Performance from Dr. Miller.



# New Leader Announced

## Dr. Larry Grimes to Lead Church Relations Initiative

AS PART OF ITS SERVICE ORIENTATION, Bethany has reaffirmed its commitment to its sponsoring denomination, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), by re-establishing the staff position of Director of Church Relations, effective this July. Dr. Miller announced staffing the position shortly after his appointment. The church relations post had been vacant for several years.

Dr. Larry Grimes '64, a recently retired Professor of English with nearly 40 years of service to the College, and pastor of the Community Christian Church, Beech Bottom, W. Va., has been appointed to this post.

Dr. Grimes, former Perry E. and Aleece C. Gresham Chair in Humanities, Chair of the Department of Literature and Language and Professor of English, began this, his third role with Bethany, after graduation.



**Newly appointed Director of Church Relations,  
Dr. Larry Grimes '64**

"The opportunity to develop church leadership represents a contemporary vehicle for the College to honor the values of our founders while serving our denomination today," President Miller noted.

The College supports Dr. Grimes in his proposed travels to congregations to communicate the mission and programs of Bethany College, to aid in recruitment of students, and to explore funding opportunities through the local churches. The College seeks a donor or donors through the

current \$52 million capital campaign, "Transformation Now!", to permanently fund this endowed chair as a naming opportunity for the Church Relations Office.

"The Church Leadership Development

**"The opportunity to develop church leadership represents a contemporary vehicle for the College to honor the values of our founders while serving our denomination today."**

Program is an important first step in signaling that Bethany College seeks a more active partnership with the Church, for mutual benefit," President Miller said.

Consistent with Dr. Miller's philosophy of "running a college like a business," the summer has been a busy time for the College. A full slate of on-line courses, several May term classes, extensive summer camps—including the second year of Camp Canyon—and the intensive, three-week West Virginia Governor's Honors Academy program have kept facilities and staff busy during the summer. The latter program holds the prospect of attracting some of the state's best and brightest student leaders to enroll at Bethany College.

## Cochran Hall Renovations to Begin

PLANNING HAS NEARED completion and renovation work should begin soon on historic Cochran Hall, located at the original entrance to the campus adjacent to the Oglebay Gates.

According to President Miller, the project represents a tangible symbol of the College's progress. It is being designed as suite-style student housing for 75 students and will open for residents in fall 2010. The facility is named for Percy Cochran, son of M.M. Cochran, one of Bethany's founders.

In addition, the new Early Discoveries Childcare Center officially opened this spring as part of the renovation of the Judith R. Hurl Education Center. Dr. Miller says that the facility will not only provide a valuable service to the campus and community, but will provide valuable experience for students enrolled in the College's teacher education program.

More than \$6 million in improvements have been made to the campus this year including artificial turf, lights and a new track at Bison Stadium; a new intercollegiate softball field; new weight room and fitness facilities; a fully renovated student center, bookstore and cafeteria; and renovation of Christman Manor at Pendleton Heights (President's House) and Hibernia (the new Renner Visiting Scholars House).



### New Dean of the Faculty Arrives

DR. DARIN E. FIELDS arrived in February to serve as the new vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. Dr. Fields was selected in November following a national search that included approximately 85 candidates.

He succeeds Interim Dean Gary Kappel '74, who was honored with a Board of Trustees citation at the February 2009 State of the College address.

Dr. Fields brings a wealth of experience to Bethany. A long-time dean at Wilkes University, he earned his Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from the University of Delaware and his B.A. from the University of Arizona.

Bill Strickland, President and CEO of Manchester Corporation and its subsidiaries in Pittsburgh, were featured speakers and honorary degree recipients at the May 2009 Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies, respectively. (*see story, page 14.*)

### Faculty-Staff Awards for Excellence Announced

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR and Professor of Biology John T. Burns (*see profile, page 20*) and Christina M. (Chris) Sampson, director of the McCann Learning Center, were honored with the 2009 President's Awards for Outstanding Performance (Faculty and Staff), respectively, at the April 16 Honors Convocation.

particular needs, but also, she provides the all-important, one-on-one personal attention, which is the true hallmark of a student-centered learning process," he concluded.

Professor Burns and Sampson became the first faculty and staff members to receive the annual "President's Award for Excellence in Performance." Dr. Miller announced the establishment of the awards in his State of the College address in February.

### Bethany Launches New Honor Society Chapter

ALAN DOUGLAS DICKEN and Alicia Marie Mader, both '09, were inducted this spring as the two inaugural members of Bethany's newly chartered chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for religious studies and theology. With more than 200 chapters nationwide, it is the only national honor society dedicated to recognizing academic excellence in the study of religion and theology in baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate institutions.

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**DR. SCOTT D. MILLER**

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### 169th Founders Day Features Former Bethany President William E. Tucker

FORMER BETHANY President William E. Tucker, chancellor emeritus of Texas Christian University and a church historian, was the featured speaker at the March 5 convocation ceremonies in historic Commencement Hall, as Bethany celebrated its 169th year as a small college of national distinction.

Other national figures speaking on campus in spring 2009 included alumnus Bob Orr '75, an Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist, who delivered the keynote address at the February Kalon Scholarship Luncheon marking the Program's 25th year (*see alumnus profile, next page*). Bethany also welcomed Pittsburgh Pirates President Frank Coonelly as keynote speaker at the College's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Banquet April 20. Disciples of Christ President The Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins and

A finalist for West Virginia Professor of the Year in 2008, Dr. Burns is also the College's nominee for CASE "Professor of the Year."

In citing Sampson for her "tireless advocacy for her students—indeed, all students," Dr. Miller noted, "Teaching and learning form the mission of Bethany College. Perhaps nowhere on campus are these two activities brought together more intimately, or more successfully, than in the McCann Learning Center."

The Center's mission is "to advance the learning skills of all students, to transform the learning experiences of students with learning and related disabilities, and to support the heightened performance of faculty and staff," President Miller noted.

"(Sampson) is by turns part mother, part drill sergeant, part confidante, part stern taskmaster to her charges," he added. "Not only is she quick to acquire the latest technological hardware to support students with

### Social Work Department Marks Quarter Century of Service

THE SOCIAL WORK Department celebrated 25 years of accreditation with the 2009 graduating class in an Honors Banquet this spring. Some 60 alumni, faculty, students and friends attended, marking the occasion by establishing a junior class Honors Day Award and presenting awards for the "25 Acts of Random Kindness" initiative. •

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U.S. Airways Flight 1549 crashed into the Hudson River Thursday, Jan. 15 after leaving LaGuardia Airport on its way to Charlotte



“This was not  
a crash,  
but rather,  
a successful,  
heroic, deliberate  
ditching...”

*by* Elizabeth Van Iersel

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS GARDNER, NYDPA



## From hometown native to homeland security correspondent for CBS News, Bethany alumnus Bob Orr '75 has been covering the beat with a very solid grounding in print journalism.

BETHANY ALUMNUS Bob Orr '75, justice and homeland security correspondent for CBS News, has covered the transportation beat for the network in Washington since 1993. Since the 9/11 attacks, he has also been on the front lines of homeland security issues, with an emphasis on aviation and counter-terrorism. Contributing scores of live reports to the more than 93 hours of continuous CBS News coverage of those attacks, Orr broke many stories with details of the four hijacked planes. His work is viewed primarily on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric.



A Wheeling native and honors graduate of Bethany College, Bob has earned three Emmy Awards for his reports on the Washington, D.C., sniper attacks, the 1996 crash of TWA Flight 800 and the 1999 crash of Amtrak's "City of New Orleans" train near Chicago. He was also recognized by the professional journalism society Sigma Delta Chi for his reporting on the return of Elian Gonzales to Havana. In his 35-year career, he has earned three regional Emmys for his reporting and contributed to numerous Associated Press Awards that WBNS TV received as "Outstanding News Operation" in Ohio.

Most recently, Orr covered the miraculous Jan. 15, 2009, landing of the US Airways Airbus 320 on the Hudson River and was among the first to report that this was not a crash, but rather, "A successful, heroic deliberate ditching by a captain (Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger) who faced a dead airplane, a crowded airspace and no good landings options."

He also led the network's coverage of the Columbia shuttle disaster and reported extensively on the Washington, D.C. sniper attacks. Orr has broken many other important aviation stories, including the center fuel tank diagnosis as the likely cause of the crash of TWA flight 800. In all, he has filed more than 1,000 stories for the CBS Evening News alone in the past 16 years while covering more than a dozen major air accidents, including American Airlines flight 587 in New York (2001), Egypt Air (1991) and USAir flight 427 near Pittsburgh (1994). His investigative reports on the latter accident helped expose a design flaw in the rudder system of the Boeing 737, the world's most widely used airplane.

He was also a principal correspondent for the sniper killings at Virginia

Although Bob Orr's official title for Washington, D.C.-based CBS News is that of "justice and homeland security correspondent," he is equally likely to be found at crime scenes and at sites of train derailments and air disasters. In fact, Bob's "beat", taking him from land to air and sea is apt to lead him to almost any venue of breaking news. In spring 2009, for example, he covered the hijacking and release of the crew and captain on the high seas off Africa's east coast; an averted air disaster in the icy waters of the Hudson River; a mass killing in Binghamton, N.Y.; and the trial of a prominent former U.S. Senator in a matter of weeks.

"While I do cover the courts on occasion, my real beat is that of homeland security counter-terrorism," he said.

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

<b>1974-1978</b>	Began his career in broadcast journalism at WTRF TV Wheeling, W.Va., as a reporter
<b>1978-1985</b>	Reporter and anchor for WBNS TV, the CBS affiliate in Columbus, Ohio
<b>1985-1988</b>	Reporter at WCAU TV, then-CBS owned television station in Philadelphia, Pa.
<b>1988-1993</b>	Anchor, WBNS TV, Columbus, Ohio
<b>1993</b>	Joined CBS News as a general assignment and transportation correspondent in Washington, D.C.
<b>1996</b>	Wins first of three Emmys for his coverage of TWA crash
<b>2006</b>	Named justice and homeland security correspondent
<b>2006</b>	Lead correspondent on January explosion at Sago Mines in West Virginia that killed 12
<b>2007</b>	Lead correspondent on Virginia Tech sniper attacks
<b>2009</b>	Lead correspondent on Hudson River glide-landing of US Airways Flight 1549
	Lead correspondent on high seas hijacking of U.S. merchant marine ship Maersk Alabama and subsequent Easter Sunday release of Capt. Richard Phillips and crew days earlier

Tech in April 2007. More recently, he covered the Binghamton, N.Y., shootings; the trial of former U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens; and the hijacking of the U.S. cargo ship, Maersk Alabama, off the coast of Somalia.

Bob is one of many distinguished Bethany alumni who have gone forth to make a difference in our region, the nation and the world.

Assignments often take him to the halls of the U.S. Capitol and the Pentagon, where the "dead zone" for cell phones at the latter site represents a special reporting challenge.

"Many if not most of my stories focus on tragedy," he says. "There's not always a lot of good news there." Happy exceptions were his reporting on Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger,



captain of the Flight 1549 US Airways craft and Richard Phillips, captain of the Maersk Alabama, both of whom survived their ordeals with crew and passengers intact.

“Every plane crash takes a little part of me, but my role is to help figure out what happened, to help the public to learn from the disaster. I am pretty certain, for example, that our four-year investigation of the Pittsburgh air crash (1994 Boeing 737) saved some lives,” he says.

As sports director of WVBC for two years and winner of the “Golden Mike” award, Orr worked with sports colleague and fellow Bethany alumnus Dave Sims ’75, now the play-by-play voice of the Seattle Mariners. Bob’s passion for baseball and sports broadcasting persists; alongside framed photographs of his wife and three daughters in his office stand three of the late Pittsburgh Pirates right-fielder, Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente and a fourth image of Old Main.

While at Bethany, Orr worked a part-time job at WTRF in Wheeling and actually covered on-air weekend weather and sports during his senior year (1974-75). He then took over as WTRF’s 11 p.m. news anchor in August 1976 and worked with Faith Daniels ’79, then a reporter at Channel 7 (WTRF).

In March of this year, Orr returned to Bethany to address the Kalon Scholarship Lunch at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Kalon Leaders Program at Bethany College. He challenged the honors students to “stay plugged in to world affairs.”

While on campus, Bob says he experienced a “flashback” to when then CBS Chief Washington Correspondent Roger Mudd spoke at Bethany when he was a student. “It meant a lot to me at the time. Now, some 30 years later, it was I representing CBS,” he comments.

“The uncorroborated, unfiltered news climate today places the burden upon the consumer to vet the sources and credibility of the news. Where is it coming from? Whom can we trust?” he pointed out. Bob hadn’t been back to campus in awhile; the last time he was scheduled to speak and accept an alumni award in 1986, he was called away to cover the ValuJet 592 crash in the Florida Everglades. Daughters Ashley, then 14, and Whitney, then 8, filled in for him and accepted the award on Bob’s behalf, the former even delivering his speech. This year, Bob did it on his own. •



# Q+A

with Bob Orr

**What is the most memorable story you’ve covered?** The 9/11 terrorist attacks stand alone. At CBS alone, we provided 93 hours of consecutive coverage and at the end, I thought driving home, “If you have to assign a purpose to your life, perhaps this story was mine.” When America was in crisis, journalism raised the game. The bar was set very high. We had to get the news quickly, but even more importantly, we had to get it right.

**Bethany has produced a number of communications alumni like you who have gone on to careers of national prominence in broadcast journalism. Is there something in the water up there?** I was there at a particular point in time when a number of lives intersected. Both Dave (Sims), my classmate, and I got good hands-on training at the campus radio station. In fact, for years, my professional goal was to become a play-by-play announcer for the Pittsburgh Pirates. The late Professor Jim Carty, Jr. provided us with a very solid grounding in print journalism. We were well-schooled in the basics. We sometimes tend to forget that in broadcast journalism it’s still about the story, not the style or the graphics.

**What’s the next big story in counter-terrorism? Will it be piracy for profit on the high seas, al Qaeda, bioterrorism or something else?** While the buzz right now is about international piracy for commercial gain, the most serious and strategic issue by far is the regrouped al Qaeda terror network inside the ungoverned border region of Afghanistan and Pakistan. There is no way to know precisely what the next terrorist attack will look like or feel like, but we can examine its underpinnings. There are plenty of “bad guys” out there, intent on attacking the United States and U.S. interests in the name of Islamic extremism. In addition, Mexican drug cartels present a closer threat on our Southern border.

**What’s the biggest challenge in covering your beat?** In journalism in general, it’s doing more with less. Like other professions, we are asked to cover more stories with diminishing resources. You have to be nimble and knowledgeable. And for every story we cover, we always ask ourselves, “What is being left uncovered or underreported?”



After receiving their diplomas, the 2009 Graduates of Bethany College eagerly await a chance to celebrate their accomplishments with family and friends.



# Congrad





Before receiving the traditional diplomas in Latin and passing through the Oglebay gates for one final time, graduates heard two remarkable national figures, **The Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins** and **Bill Strickland** of Pittsburgh, share thoughts in our 169th Anniversary Commencement Weekend.

# ulations

by Elizabeth VanIersel



“We might spark a movement, we might create a tidal wave of hope and human opportunity and finally let the sun shine into the darkest areas of our nation’s life.”

**BILL STRICKLAND**

*President and CEO, Manchester Bidwell Corporation and subsidiaries  
2009 Commencement speaker*





**Dr. Sharon E. Watkins** pictured with **Dr. Miller** and **Dr. James Farwell**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Chair of the Department, and **Gregory B. Jordan**, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

BETHANY'S 2009 Baccalaureate speaker, The Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), recently distinguished herself with a sermon extolling the "Harmonies of Liberty" at the National Prayer Service in Washington, DC, on January 21, 2009. Speaking to an international community of more than 3,000 worshippers of all faith perspectives, including newly inaugurated President Barack Obama, at the National Cathedral, she emphasized the need for focus and deep spiritual values in a time of national challenge.

An inspirational, well-traveled and widely known ecumenical preacher, teacher and facilitator, The Rev. Dr. Watkins is currently serving a six-year term that extends through the 2011 General Assembly.

A former missionary to the Congo, she is chief representative of the church in national and world ecumenical councils, bringing an extensive background of service both nationally and internationally. She is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, based in Geneva, and serves on the Council's Permanent Committee for Consensus and Collaboration. In 2006, she served as a representative at the World Council's General Assembly in Brazil. A member of the National Council of Churches' governing board in New York City, The Rev. Dr. Watkins is also a board member of Sojourners/Call to

graduate, is a visionary business leader, consultant, grant evaluator and mentor in the field of arts and arts education, community development and work-force development training.

President and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation and its subsidiaries, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG) and Bidwell Training Center (BTC), Strickland is one of the real lions of Pittsburgh industry, encouraging participation of corporate executive officials from major multinational regional corporations.

Throughout his career, he has been honored with numerous prestigious awards for his contributions to the arts and the community, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Arts Leadership and Service Award in 1999. In 1998, he received the Kilby Award and "Coming up Taller" Award, presented in a White House ceremony by then First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. In 1996, he received the

**Bill Strickland speaking to this year's graduating class.**



Renewal, a Washington, D.C.-based group that seeks to build a movement that puts faith to work for justice.

2009 Commencement speaker Bill Strickland, a Pittsburgh native and *cum laude* University of Pittsburgh

# 2009 Commencement by the Numbers

**Date**  
May 16, 2009

**Degrees Awarded**  
140

**States and Foreign Nations  
Represented in Class of 2009**  
15

**Principal Speaker**  
William "Bill" Strickland

**Honorary Degrees Awarded**  
*The Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins*  
General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Honorary Doctor of Divinity

*William Strickland*  
Philanthropist, Civic Leader President and CEO, Manchester Industries, Pittsburgh, Honorary Doctor of Humanities

MacArthur "Genius" Award for leadership and integrity in the arts.

Strickland has also served as Chairman of the Expansion Arts Panel of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in Washington, D.C., and served a six-year Presidential appointment as a Council Member to the NEA. He was also a Council Member on the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, a trustee at the Carnegie Museums, and a consultant for the British/American Arts Association in London, England.

Excelling in cultivating collaborative partnerships in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Baltimore and Kansas City, Strickland is known for developing successful relationships with prominent foundations throughout the region and nation. These include the ALCOA, Danforth, Ford, Heinz, R.K. Mellon and W. K. Kellogg Foundations, The Forbes Fund, the Greater Kansas City Community and Pittsburgh Foundations and the Pew Charitable Trust. •



# Bethany College

## *Through the Years*

OF THE MORE than 660 small liberal arts colleges founded in the “golden age” of American higher education from 1830-60, fewer than 20 percent, including Bethany have survived the tumult of wars, economic depression and changing demographics. Moreover, describing several eras of struggle and subsequent renewal, one biographer wrote that the College, at times, has survived on “soul and grit.” Our founder, Alexander Campbell, deliberately selected this secluded and memorable place of haunting beauty, where students could study in solitude.

Bethany’s history and charm is loved by all who have studied within her walls. Our founder envisioned a liberal arts college that would prepare young scholars for positions of leadership and influence. And so we Bethanians continue to do today. The items found on the following pages represent just a little taste of Bethany’s history, charm, and tradition.

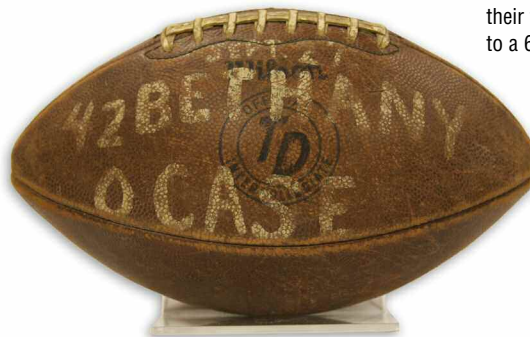
### BETHANY SWEATER

The Varsity “B” sweater, donated by James L. Stoner ’41, was worn by members of Bethany’s Varsity “B” Club. The club, founded in 1930, offered membership to all men who had been awarded an athletic letter at Bethany. Members worked to generate respect and support for the athletic programs at Bethany.



### FOOTBALL

This football is from Bethany’s 42-0 shutout victory over Case Tech in the 1969 season opener. Under head coach Bob Goin, a 1959 Bethany graduate and 1979 inductee into the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame, the Bison won their first four games that season and went on to a 6-2 record that year.



### MOO HAT

Worn by President Perry Gresham in 1953 while being inducted as an honorary member of the Moo Moo Moos. Moo Moo Moo was an honorary pep club that was established on campus in 1923. Their mission was to stir up school spirit at athletic events. The dress code for a Moo Moo Moo consisted of a bathrobe and a goofy hat.





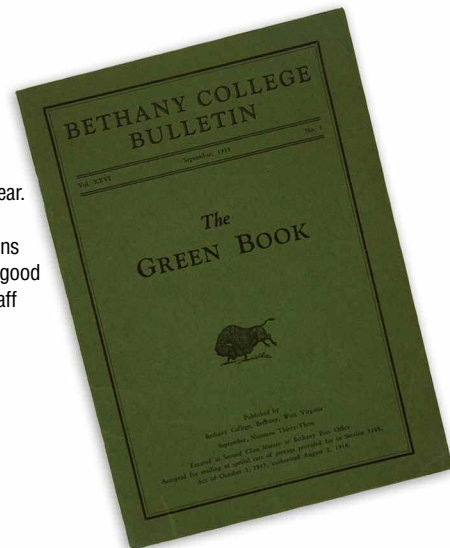


#### "B" HAT

The Bethany Beanie was a standard college requirement for freshman. In the 40's and early 50's the beanie was to be worn every day until the first points were scored during the first football game of the year. In later years, beanies continued to be presented to every freshman but the rule mandating they be worn was not enforced.

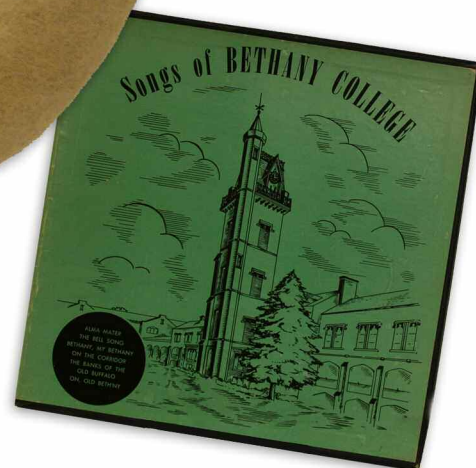
#### BETHANY COLLEGE BULLETIN

The Green Book was the Student Manual of Bethany College for the 1933-1934 school year. The book included the College Calendar, a schedule for Freshman Week, and suggestions on how to maintain good mental health and good hygiene, as well as a listing of faculty and staff and other important information.



#### "SONGS OF BETHANY COLLEGE" RECORD

The Songs of Bethany College is a three record collection manufactured by RCA-Victor division in the early 1950's. The collection consists of six Bethany songs including: the *Alma Mater*; *The Bell Song*; *Bethany, My Bethany*; *On the Corridor*; *The Banks of the Old Buffalo* and *On, Old Bethany*. Featuring the vocal stylings of Nelson Eddy, The Mellomen and Bill Reeve, the collection was commissioned by the College's Alumni Association, under Bethany President Wilbur H. Cramblet, Class of 1910.





# Rhythm Man

Internationally Recognized Researcher **John Burns** Leads Scientific Trip to Peru

IF YOU'RE PLAGUED by jet lag when you travel, Professor of Biology John T. Burns can tell you why. He's been focusing on the 24-hour biorhythms of our bodies — "chronobiology" — since graduate school. In addition to the well-known side effects of travel across time zones, these cyclical circadian rhythms have other physiological consequences and may even affect the efficacy of certain medications, he says.



In his 24-year career at Bethany, this internationally-recognized researcher, Fulbright Scholar, finalist for Faculty Merit Foundation of the 2008 West Virginia Professor of the Year and 2009 faculty recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Performance, Dr. Burns has advised and mentored dozens of students researching and publishing on this phenomenon. In 2007, he earned the Allison Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Bethany College Alumni Association.

When Professor Burns, a finalist for the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia's 2008 "Professor of the Year" award, received his announcement for the ceremony this spring, he faced a dilemma: it conflicted with a long-planned trip to Peru with students from Tri-Beta Biological Honorary Society. Disappointed, the 2008 Fulbright Scholar talked with President Scott D. Miller about his dilemma.

"Don't worry about it, John," I told him," President Miller said. "After all, you're doing what got you nominated for the award in the first place."

Burns took Bethany students to observe the region's renowned biodiversity first-hand and to understand the vital role the jungle plays in

replenishing the Earth's oxygen supply.

"It was just a tremendous experience, and the students were thrilled to see the pristine environmental conditions of this area, accessible only by boat or plane," Dr. Burns noted.

He credits then Tri-Beta President Elizabeth Reidy for doing much of the detailed planning for the spring trip.

"As Tri-Beta's faculty advisor, when students first approached me about this 'dream trip,' I was headed overseas for a sabbatical, teaching chronobiology and physiology as a Fulbright teaching/research scholar at Novosibirsk State University in Russia. I had to tell my enthusiastic students that if their ambitious Amazon adventure was to materialize, they would have to do all the planning, logistics and fundraising before my return. I was able to give them only a few parting words of encouragement," Dr. Burns said.

in 1993) and India, where he taught at Benares Hindu University for a month last summer. He has also led student trips to Valencia, Spain, where they toured the world's largest aquarium, as well as zoology-based travel to Toronto, Chicago and Washington, DC. Dr. Burns has published numerous professional papers in academic journals both here and abroad and has participated in international conferences and symposiums in Canada, The Netherlands, Italy, Germany, France and Israel.

Burns's successful application for the Fulbright Fellowship — encouraged by his son, David — was built on years of faculty/student research in the area of cycles and circadian rhythms conducted at Bethany College. His eldest son, Tom, is a 2001 graduate of the College. A number of students, including Michael Dawley '02, Charles W. McCoy, Ashley Berardi, Crissa

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**"His unfaltering professional conduct and high expectations of others helped bring out the best in his students and prepare them to excel professionally."**

**COURTNEY DAWLEY, MD**  
Capt. USAF, '01

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"This spring, flying into Lima, Peru, with the 10 students, when I was served my preferred low-fat luncheon entrée, I realized that they had indeed planned everything to the finest detail!"

Burns' career-long research focus on chronobiology, the 24-hour rhythms that govern our physiological functions, has taken him to locales as disparate as Russia (in addition to his Spring 2008 sabbatical, he spent six weeks at Novosibirsk State University

Cooey (daughter of Professor W. Randolph Cooey, Professor of Economics and Business) and son David assisted with his Russian research, utilizing the Trans-Siberian railroad to transport fruit flies while their circadian rhythms of locomotion were monitored with laptop computers.

Similar research has been carried out by Burns and Bethany College students in the U.S. during the last six years in an effort to test a hypothesis





**Hut in the Amazon, where Dr. Burns joined by 10 Bethany students studied.**

first proposed by Frank A. Brown, Jr., of Northwestern University that geophysical forces contribute to the phenomenon of circadian rhythm timing. The influence of such forces can be expected to vary during east-west travel. In part, this research also received recognition in fall 2006 when Burns was awarded a \$20,000 NSF EPSCoR equipment grant to establish a Learning Lab for Autorhythmometry and Cycles Research at Bethany College.

In 2003 Professor Burns earned a bronze medal and grant from the Edward R. Dewey Institute of Cycle Research recognizing his circadian rhythm research and, in cooperation with William Cooley (son of Professor Cooley) and numerous students, his archiving and digitizing of research records from the Foundation for the Study of Cycles.

Burns credits the Bethany College Faculty Development grants for supporting much of his research and travel, noting that he has been

supported by the Rodney Hurl Fund, the Appalachian College Association, and the Edward R. Dewey Institute of Cycle Research. In addition, the Gans Fund has underwritten the cost of on-campus student research, supporting equipment and materials needs.

A graduate of Wabash College and Louisiana State University, Burns' mentor at the latter was Dr. Albert H. Meier, an internationally known expert on endocrinology and circadian rhythms. Since joining the Bethany faculty in 1985, Burns and his students have written numerous research articles on circadian rhythms. The latest such article by Paul J. Scurti, Amy A. Furda, and Burns was submitted to the American Biology Teacher and deals with Charles Darwin's interest in earthworms and the easy use made of earthworms for student research projects on circadian rhythms.

Current students and alumni laud his creativity and innovation.

"Dr. Burns taught me how to learn. He constantly challenged his students to think beyond what is presented, while helping them achieve a firm grasp of the core concepts being taught. He does this with enthusiasm and approachability, teaching beyond the textbook," says U.S. Air Force Capt. Courtney Willard Dawley, MD, '01, a Board-Certified Family Physician on active duty who graduated magna cum laude with a major in biochemistry, served as senior class president and was named "Outstanding Junior Woman of the Year" in 2000.

"Dr. Burns helped me learn how to analyze scientific research with a critical eye toward the design of each chosen study while taking away the important new advances and concepts," she adds.

"His unfaltering professional conduct and high expectations of others helped bring out the best in his students and prepare them to excel professionally. Dr. Burns helped me develop the skills that make me an effective leader. He is always looking for his next challenge and pushing his students as well, especially during the Senior Projects. This process helps students learn to face problems with creative solutions, a skill not easily taught."

Bethany further recognized Burns' research and contributions to teaching with the 2009 Faculty Award for Excellence in Performance, announced at the Honors Convocation in April 2009.

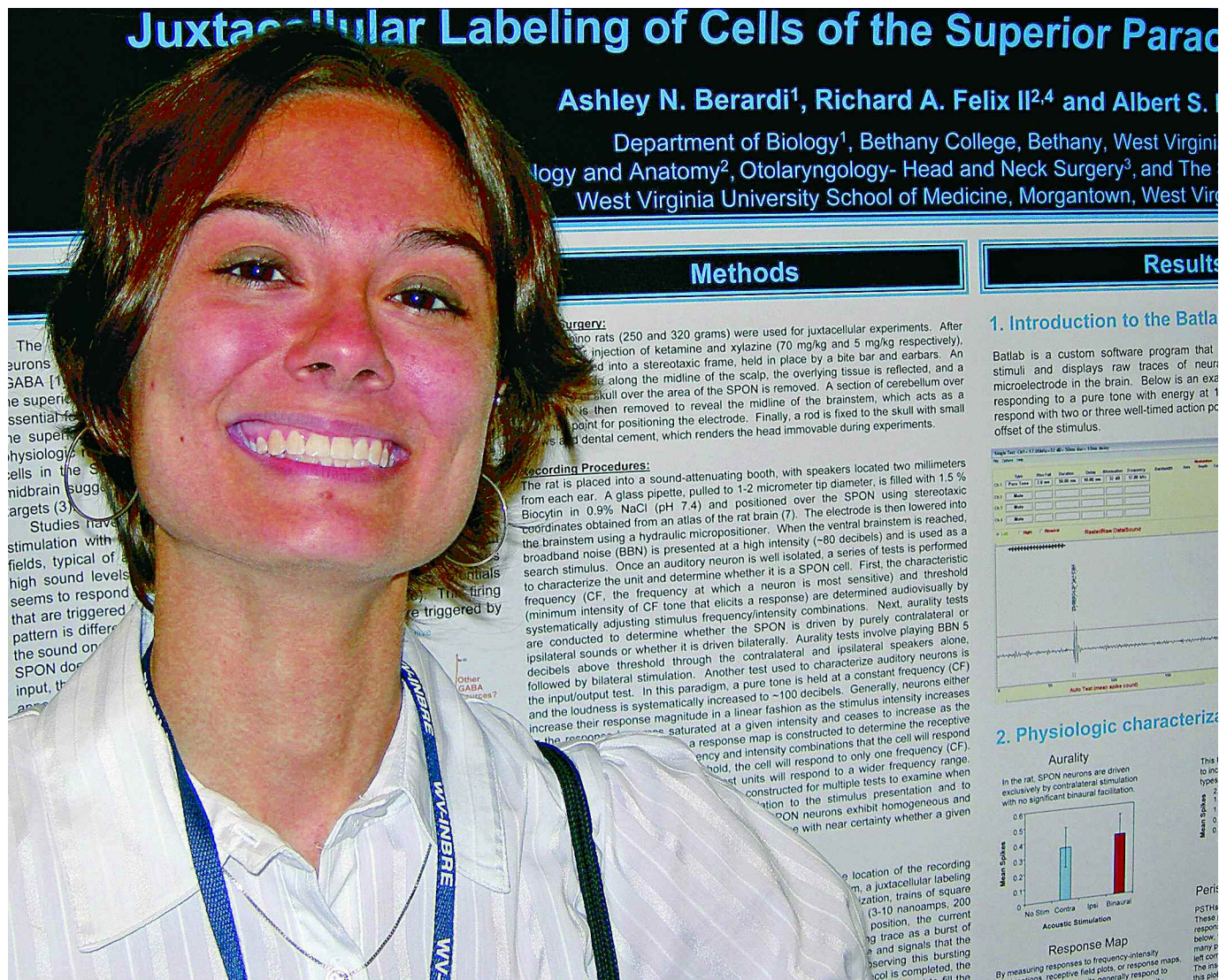
"An internationally renowned research scientist, Dr. Burns is also a wonderfully talented and compassionate teacher. That rare combination has made him an inspiration and a role model to the students, staff and faculty at Bethany College," President Miller notes.

"What sets Dr. Burns apart from the crowd are his quiet passion for teaching and his knack for making his students active participants in the learning process," he concluded. •



# Betting on the Odds

Top Bethany Student, **Ashley Berardi '09**, Begins New Future



ASHLEY N. BERARDI '09 knows the odds—there are fewer seats in the nation's veterinary schools than in its medical schools—but she's hoping that her rigorous Bethany academic undergraduate experience will help her to gain one of those coveted spots.

The College's reputation for getting undergraduates into graduate programs in veterinary medicine was among the reasons Ashley, a high school valedictorian, selected Bethany. With just 28 schools of veterinary medicine in the entire United

States and five in Canada, every advantage counts.

"Bethany is noted for its very high acceptance rate of students into the nation's leading graduate programs," President Scott D. Miller notes. Three alumni—Amanda Della Penna and Aaron Maderia, both '05, and Shanna Gabel '07—are presently enrolled in the Ohio State University (OSU) College of Veterinary Medicine. In addition, 1998 Bethany graduate Alison Bock also earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

(DVM) degree at OSU and is now practicing at New Horizon Animal Hospital in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Berardi graduated with a lengthy list of honors and an even greater passion for the animals she hopes to one day treat. Summa cum laude in biology with a pre-vet emphasis, Ashley passed her comprehensive exams in biology with distinction and earned the Francis O. Carter Outstanding Senior Award and Weimer Award in Biology, among others. She is also a member of the



Bethany Kalon Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Kappa Honor Society, National Dean's List and a Collegiate All-American Scholar.

Academic distinctions are nothing novel for Berardi, formerly of Follansbee, W.Va. In 2005, before entering Bethany, she graduated as one of the valedictorians of her senior class at Brooke High School, in Wellsburg, W.Va.

"I would rate Ashley as among the four or five best students that I have taught in my 23 years of teaching at Bethany College," says Professor of Biology John Burns, Bethany's 2009 faculty winner of the President's Award for Excellence in Performance and CASE Professor of the Year Award nominee.

Ashley recently moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she will apply to the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine for admission next fall while seeking employment in a local veterinary hospital. She also hopes to volunteer at OSU's renowned Large Animal Services Clinic.

"I wouldn't have had the chance to gain as much teaching or proctoring experience in a larger biology program," she says.



As laboratory assistant in Dr. Burns' Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy course in Spring 2009, "Ashley did an excellent job, always well prepared to help students with their dissections and to assist in setting up practical examinations," Dr. Burns noted.

Brooke Hills Animal Hospital in Wellsburg, W. Va., with varied responsibilities ranging from answering phone calls and preparing invoices to helping with surgeries and drawing blood.

"Throughout all her work, Ashley is always calm and professional and

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**JOHN BURNS**  
*Professor of Biology*

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Ashley also worked for Dr. Burns for 10 weeks during another summer on his project on the chronobiology of *Drosophila* (fruit flies.) She is especially experienced in the statistical analysis (Cosinor and Fast Fourier Transform) of the circadian locomotor rhythms of that species. Part of this work led to Dr. Burns' Fulbright Fellowship, for which he spent six months in Russia and a month in India lecturing and doing research on chronobiology. (see profile, p. 20). At Bethany, she was also an Introductory Biology laboratory instructor and a laboratory assistant in courses including Invertebrate Zoology, Microbiology and others.

For two consecutive summers (2007 and 2008) Ashley participated in a summer research experience at West Virginia University as part of the INBRE program. Her work involved recording auditory neuron firing rates in rats. She selected the same mentor for both sessions.

While still an undergraduate, Ashley amassed considerable practical experience assisting in veterinary medicine working for Holly L. Kossuth, DVM and for the

up to the task at hand," Dr. Burns, a client of the clinic, notes.

"When I took my cats into the clinic for care, I heard only high praise for Ashley's competence from all the staff."

Somehow, Ashley has also found time to obtain a 3rd Degree Black Belt in the martial arts, participate as a member in Phi Mu Sorority, perform in the College and church choirs and participate in a host of campus clubs such as Tri-Beta Biological Society, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity and Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

"Friendly," "upbeat," "pleasant" and "generous" are adjectives frequently heard from classmates, friends and professors of this distinguished 2009 alumna.

"Focused," "ambitious" and "competent" are others.

"I could have settled on a less rigorous route of becoming a vet tech, but I am determined to earn the highest degree possible in my chosen profession," Ashley concludes.

If her past is prologue to the future, she will one day add a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine to her already impressive list of accomplishments. •



# Making a Difference

## Veteran Professor **Kathy Furbee** Reflects on 25 Years of Bethany's Social Work Program

PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK and Department Chair Katherine Shelek-Furbee's service at Bethany College corresponds roughly to the existence of the Social Work Program — one quarter century, to be exact.



"You might say that my career and the Program grew together," she says of her 25-year career at the College. Professor Shelek-Furbee began her service at Bethany in 1984, and the Social Work Program was officially accredited in 1983-1984. Since then, it has graduated 173 students, with five new alumni added to its ranks at Commencement 2009.

In that duration, she has seen the Program grow in both enrollment and stature, marking its 25th year of accreditation in April of this year.

Successful social work alumni returned to campus from throughout the region for the celebratory dinner and awards ceremony.

"Yours is one of the real success stories among many in this small college of national distinction," said President Miller at the April 24, 2009, event.

"We went off the mercury," Professor Shelek-Furbee notes of the "25 Random Acts of Kindness" thermometer noting progress of the initiative that accompanied the quarter-century celebration. She credits colleague Melanee W. Sinclair, associate professor of social work and coordinator of field placement, for suggesting this theme for the hallmark celebration.

"So many faculty and students participated with creative actions that we stopped counting," she adds. Winners of the awards presented at the dinner in April were Faculty Administrative Assistant Amy Vanhorn, who had her bone marrow tested for a patient with

a life-threatening illness, and Alicia Boyer, junior social work major, who was involved in the largest number of acts. The Program, for its part, planted a "Social Work" garden outside its back window in Morlan Hall and gave a holiday party for the faculty and staff of the Hall in late 2008 to celebrate its move to a more central location.

Professor Shelek-Furbee's career at Bethany has corresponded with several major trends in the field, including growing public awareness of social work as extending well beyond traditional concepts of professionals as "child welfare protectors," licensing for social workers and the importance of research in social work practice. Successful alumni have gone into fields as diverse as law, teaching, counseling, the ministry and even architecture and nursing, she notes.

"Bethany social work alumni continue to make a difference in the profession and in their communities, and results of a recent survey confirm that a social work degree provides a strong foundation for diverse and meaningful careers," President Miller comments.

Professor Shelek-Furbee also notes an increased emphasis on undergraduate research and field work as preparation for the demanding and complex profession. Bethany social work graduates today must complete more than 600 hours of hands-on field work in social service agencies, local hospitals and hospice settings, up from some 470 hours two decades ago. In addition, prospective majors must formally apply for the program and complete 30 hours of ungraded service learning at an approved social service agency before taking additional courses in the major. The Program also serves local professionals, offering continuing education units for those in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania at nominal cost. The first was held in November 2008, and planning is underway for a second this fall.

Professor Shelek-Furbee, a graduate of Alderson-Broaddus College and West Virginia University, where she earned a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, lives in Bethany with her husband, Thomas V. Furbee, director of media services for the College. •

### NOTABLE SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI

**Sarastelle DeLong '91:** Clinical Therapy Coordinator at the Hillcrest Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit at Ohio Valley Medical Center, keynote presenter for the first Fall Symposium, November 2008;

**Veronica Reynolds '03:** Bethany College Counselor and presenter at first Fall Symposium November 2008;

**Michael Weaver '84:** Fox Run Psychiatric Hospital Court Liaison and Mobile Assessor, Field Instructor of the Year, 2008;

**Jessica Leavitt-Bozenske '96:** Therapist for the Hillcrest Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit at Ohio Valley Medical Center, and Field Instructor of the Year, 2006.

### BETHANY SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI\*

#### Occupation or Profession

- 61% responding held positions in social work or social welfare organizations
- 21% were employed in related fields, such as the ministry, teaching or guidance counseling.

#### Graduate Education

- 63% of those who completed graduate education went on to earn MSW degrees.
- 37% completed master's degree in related fields, including law, divinity, education, community counseling, human services administration and organizational leadership.

*\* based on responses to a 2007 survey of Bethany Social Work alumni.*



# All in the Family

## History in the Making for Alumna Beth Athol '82



WHEN BETHANY TRUSTEE and alumna Elizabeth S. (Beth) Athol '82 welcomed representatives of more than 40 other institutions

to the October 3, 2008 installation of Dr. Scott D. Miller as Bethany's 19th president, her participation in the ceremony in historic Commencement Hall was especially apt. Athol is a cousin of M.M. Cochran, a founder of the College, part of at least four generations who have attended and at least the third member of her family to serve as a trustee.

The eldest Cochran, Marc Mordecai, Class of 1875, is cited in Brent Carney's *Bethany College: Campus History Series* as "an industrious young man who made money by taking supplies down the Ohio River to Cincinnati." After leaving Bethany, he went on to Yale University Law School, where he graduated with honors. He later accepted the Democratic nomination for district attorney in his county in 1883 and became a Board member of Bethany in 1881. Cochran Hall is named for his son, Percy.

Now a Pittsburgh attorney specializing in estate and transfer tax planning, Beth's mother, sister and three aunts all graduated from Bethany. Her mother, Mary Cochran Sweeney '53; sister, (Mary) Margaret Sweeney West '84; and aunts Margaret Cochran Norton '55 and the late Susan Emma (Preston) Cochran '51 are also Bethanians, as is a third aunt, Ann Cochran Preston '56. The latter also served on the Bethany Board of Trustees.

As such, she is especially pleased to note that the historic Cochran Hall, named for her family member,

is finding new life as a student residence. Cochran Hall is being renovated at a cost of nearly \$5 million for occupancy in fall 2010 as a suite-style residence hall to accommodate 72 students. "It's wonderful to know that it is being preserved," she noted.

"Bethany was a vital place when I attended; the dorms were full, and there was a lot going on. It's good to see the College that way today," she notes. As a student, Beth was a member of the Phi Mu sorority and was involved with Panhellenic Council. She also sang in the College Choir and "has great memories of our choir tours over spring break." She also participated in the Oxford Semester with Professor John Taylor.

Beth, who chairs the Advancement Committee of the College Board of Trustees, also chaired the Presidential Search Committee that brought Dr. Miller to the College and the Presidential Installation Committee. She credits the College's 19th CEO with "strengthening traditional relationships while building new bridges and partnerships going forward.

"I feel strongly that good fortune brought Dr. Miller to the College," she emphasizes. "He possesses exactly the skill set Bethany needs at this time in its history."

"Moving forward doesn't mean discarding the past," she notes of Miller's academic initiatives and partnerships since his arrival in December 2007. As a keen observer of Bethany's 169-year tradition, she notes, "He has demonstrated the instinct to keep what is good, retaining worthwhile traditions, while still meeting contemporary challenges."

Now in her fifth year and second term as a trustee, Athol also served on the Alumni Council. She lauds the

leadership of Chair Greg Jordan '81, who attended while she was on campus, and other trustees.

"I think the high caliber of our leadership was among other factors that first attracted President Miller to Bethany," she says.

Despite the economy, she lauds the success of the campaign to date, at approximately \$19 million of a \$52 million goal.

"It (the recession) doesn't fundamentally change our (fund-raising) approach," she points out. "At the heart, it is still all about building relationships. Bethany today is well-positioned to do just that as the economy recovers." •

### BIOGRAPHY

ELIZABETH S. ("BETH") ATHOL is currently of Counsel with the law firm Lovett Bookman Harmon Marks LLP, formed in January 2003 by 10 attorneys who had been associated with Reed Smith LLP. Beth joined Reed Smith in 1994 as a member of the Trusts and Estates Group in its Pittsburgh office and is a frequent lecturer in the areas of estate planning, charitable giving and related tax matters. Prior to joining Reed Smith, she was vice president of the Trust Legal Department of PNC Bank, where she was employed from 1985-1994.

After earning her B.A. degree in English from Bethany College in 1982, she went on to complete her J.D. in 1985 from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where she was a member of the Order of the Barrister. She is admitted to the Bar of Pennsylvania. Beth and her husband, Barrie, are the parents of three children, William, Katie and Margaret.





# Using His Head

**Bethany Names Sean Regan as new Head Men's Soccer Coach**

WASHINGTON & Jefferson College assistant Sean Regan has been selected as the new head men's soccer coach at Bethany College, according to Tim Weaver, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation.

Regan was selected from a field of over 80 coaches nationwide, Weaver said.

"We're delighted to welcome Coach Regan to Bethany and have every confidence that he will return the program to conference and regional prominence," added Dr. Scott D. Miller, President of the College. "His reputation as a strong recruiter, his energy, and his can-do winning attitude will be an asset to the athletic program and college."

Weaver echoed Dr. Miller's comments, "Coach Regan has a strong background as a player and coach at the NCAA Division II and III levels, as well as coming from a well-known soccer family in the region. He was raised in a soccer family which has tremendous knowledge and passion for the game. He has family ties to Bethany and good experience at Wheeling Jesuit and Washington & Jefferson in terms of coaching and recruiting in the area. We are excited to have Sean on board."

Regan, who owns coaching badges from the Irish Football Association and United States Soccer Association, comes to Bethany after serving as an assistant for three seasons at PAC rival Washington & Jefferson. During that time, the Presidents compiled a 28-22-11 overall record, including an 11-2-5 mark in the PAC. In 2007, Regan's second year with the program, W&J finished 12-6-3 and won its first conference championship in school history, which also earned the first-ever NCAA Tournament berth for the team. This past fall, the Presidents reached the PAC Tournament championship match for a second consecutive year and although they fell to Westminster, W&J still earned an invitation to the ECAC South Region Tournament.



A 2005 graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University, Regan helped the Cardinals claim two WVIAC regular season titles (2001, 2003) and one conference tournament championship (2003) as a player. He was a member of the first two Cardinal teams to be ranked in the top 25 nationally, which included a #15 ranking in 2003. Individually, Regan was a two-time WVIAC Player of the Week and All-Conference selection, as well as an NSCAA Division 2 Regional All-American in 2005.

The Regan name is a familiar one in Bison soccer history. His father, Jim, who coached Sean at Wheeling Jesuit, was inducted into the Bethany Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005 for his achievements on the soccer field. The elder Regan was a two-time First Team All-PAC selection and helped guide BC to four conference titles during his playing career. He just completed his 25th year as the head coach at Wheeling Jesuit, a career that has seen him earn more than 280 victories. The chance to take over the program where his dad played was what interested Sean in the Bethany position.

"It has always been a dream of mine to be a head coach," said Regan. "Most people dream of playing professionally, but when I was little, I never missed one of my dad's games and I wanted to follow in his footsteps. Now to be the head coach at Bethany where he played and run the program that John Cunningham, who was like a second grandfather to me, started, is a dream come true."

Regan takes the reins as just the third coach in the history of the Bethany men's soccer program. He follows Cunningham, who guided the Bison through the first 33 years and posted a record of 370-123-28, and Kosmas Mouratidis, who stepped down as coach in November after recording 75 victories in eight seasons as the head coach. Although Regan didn't play at Bethany, because of his dad and with Sean being involved with Bethany Soccer Camps for the past 18 years, he already feels like a part of the

program that he now has a chance to lead.

"Even though I'm not an alum, a have a close connection with the college itself," said Regan. "I've made a lot of friends through Bethany soccer and because of their reputation, as I was growing up in Wheeling, I would always check their scores when I had a chance. With a national title and so many conference championships, Bethany is a winning program and I am very thankful for this opportunity."

### AT A GLANCE

- '05 Graduate, *Wheeling Jesuit University*
- Two-time WVIAC Players of the Week
- All conference Selection
- '05 NSCAA Division 2 Regional All-American
- Assistant Men's Soccer Coach, *Washington & Jefferson College*
- Coached at NCAA Division II and III levels
- Coaching Badges from *Irish Football Association* and *United States Soccer Association*
- Father was '05 inductee into Bethany Athletic Hall of Fame

The extensive list of Bethany soccer accomplishments in its 41-year history is impressive. The program has won the only NCAA Division III National Championship in the school's history, claiming the 1994 crown with a 1-0 overtime victory over Johns Hopkins in the final. Other achievements by the Bison include 30 PAC titles, 19 NCAA Tournament bids, three ECAC Tournament invitations and two ECAC Tournament championships. In addition to the 1994 national title, Bethany also finished second in the nation in 1982.

To return Bethany to that glory, Regan wants to take advantage of their remarkable tradition to make the Bison a yearly threat to reach the postseason.

"Bethany has a tremendous soccer tradition," said Regan. "We'll look to capitalize on that tradition and build a program that the campus, community, alumni and friends will be excited about. I look to significantly expand our recruiting territories, while building a program that will consistently compete for the PAC title and a berth in the NCAA tournament. I'm excited for the long term success of this program."

Having watched his dad as a coach growing up and then playing for him at Wheeling Jesuit, the elder Regan was obviously a huge influence on Sean and one will be able to see many similarities the way the programs will be run.

"Because of my dad, I've always wanted to get into coaching," said Regan. "Soccer is the only sport I ever played, but he didn't push me into it and let me grow as a person. I was recruited by numerous schools to play in college around the region but I only wanted to play for my dad because he's a great coach and I wanted to continue to learn from him."

"A lot of my coaching philosophy is based off what I learned from him," said Regan. "I am very passionate about the sport and always want to learn more. In recruiting, we want to go after the best academic kids. Who we recruit won't just be based on skill level. We want to find hard working players who want to reach their maximum potential as student-athletes." •

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# Sports

## WINTER 2009

THE COLD WINTER at Bethany featured plenty of exciting action on the basketball court and in the pool, as both hoops teams enjoyed strong seasons and the swimmers showed improvement throughout the campaign.

### Men's Basketball

UNDER FIRST-YEAR head coach Mike Summey, the Bison men's basketball team struggled finding consistency through the early portion of the season. Heading into the home stretch with a 12-10 record, Bethany caught fire at the right time, winning their final three regular season games, including a 74-65 triumph at W&J in the finale behind 34 points from freshman guard Lance Beckwith, to earn the second seed for the PAC Tournament.



Once the conference playoffs started, the Bison's roll continued. They trailed by 12 at halftime of the quarterfinal match-up with Thiel, but recovered to move on with a 74-69 victory. That advanced BC to the semifinals, where they hosted

Westminster. A hard-fought battle saw Bethany trail by four with five minutes to play, but they outscored the Titans 10-2 to close the game with a 71-67 win and a trip to the PAC Tournament Championship game at #1 seed Thomas More.

In the title tilt, the Bison trailed by just one (37-36) at halftime and the game was still tied at 45 with 14 minutes to play. However, a 23-2 surge by the Saints gave them control and they went on to a 91-65 victory, which denied BC their PAC-record 13th league championship in school history.

Despite that loss, Bethany was still rewarded for a strong season with a bid to the ECAC South Region Tournament, the program's fifth consecutive postseason appearance. Another tight game ensued, but the Bison came up on the short end of a 73-69 decision to end their season with a 17-12 record, which set a record for most games place in a season and the 17 victories for Summey was the highest total ever by a Bethany coach in their first season.

Following the year, there were numerous awards for the Bison. Beckwith became the first Bethany freshman to ever earn First Team All-PAC laurels and was also recognized as the ECAC South Region's Rookie of the Year. Two other Bison received all-conference honors, including senior Petre Petkovski with Second Team and junior Joe Testa with Honorable Mention. Petkovski also received *ESPN the Magazine* Second Team Academic All-District II for his work in the classroom and on the floor.

### Women's Basketball

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE, Bethany also used a late season push to rebound from a slow start and post their second consecutive 15-win season.

After starting the year with a 4-9 record, including a 0-4 start in PAC play, head coach Rebecca Upton's Bison bounced back to win 10 of their next 11 games. Included in that stretch was a 66-61 upset over 20th-ranked W&J at home, as sophomore Kelly Goode scored 15 and senior Renee Brandenburg totaled 10 markers and nine rebounds.



Following the winless start in league play, BC rose in the standings with a seven-game winning streak late in the year, their longest since 2003. They took that streak into W&J for a rematch in the regular season finale, but a short-handed Bison squad, who were missing three regulars from their line-up, ran out of gas in a 93-77 defeat, but still entered the PAC Tournament as the third-seed.

In the conference playoffs, Bethany drew Waynesburg in a quarterfinal contest at Hummel Field House. The upstart Yellow Jackets built a 12-point halftime lead, but Brandenburg scored 12 points in the second half to help BC draw even and force overtime. In the extra session, Brandenburg scored the first



four points to give the Bison the lead for good, as they went on to a 68-63 triumph to advance to the PAC semifinals for the second time in the last three seasons.

The semifinals brought a third match-up with W&J. Bethany looked capable of another upset in the first half, as they took a two-point into intermission and continued to lead by one with 17:20 to go. The Presidents then erupted for 34 of the next 37 points to pull away and claim a 78-62 victory, bringing the curtain down on a Bison season with a 15-12 mark.

A trio of Bethany players was recognized for their play following the year. Senior Kaitlyn McCormick, the team leader in scoring and steals, was voted Second Team All-PAC and also received *ESPN the Magazine* Third Team Academic All-District II. Brandenburg earned Honorable Mention honors for her first career all-conference recognition, while sophomore Stacy Goode was also an Honorable Mention selection.

## Swimming and Diving



IN SWIMMING and diving, the Bison showed continued improvement through the season, which climaxed at the PAC Championships with several personal bests. During the season, the BC women closed out the regular season with a 93-47 victory over Urbana (Ohio). Highlighting the victory was freshman Sara Reass winning the 200 and 100 Freestyle races and freshman Lindsay Arnold taking first in the 50 Free, as well as swimming a leg for the victorious 200 Medley Relay.

# Top Athletes Named

## Leslie, Liptock Named Bethany's Top Senior Athletes

SOFTBALL PLAYER **Brittany Leslie** (Pittsburgh, Pa./Keystone Oaks) and football player **Brian Liptock** (New Salem, Pa./Uniontown) have been voted as the Susan and William Hanna Award winners as the top Senior Athletes of 2009 by the Bethany Athletic Department.

As the recipients of the Hanna Awards, Leslie and Liptock will be honored at next fall's Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, Oct. 9 and also at half-time of the Homecoming football game against Thiel on Saturday, Oct. 10.



**Brittany Leslie**

Leslie was a four-year letterwinner and two-time All-PAC selection on the softball diamond. She earned First Team All-PAC laurels as a senior after starting all 45 games in centerfield for the Bison and leading all PAC outfielders in putouts with 76. Leslie also led BC in walks (16) and finished second in runs scored (27). For the year, she batted .244 with eight doubles, two triples and 11 RBIs to help Bethany go 24-21, reach the PAC Tournament championship game and earn an ECAC Tournament bid.

As a junior, Leslie received Honorable Mention All-PAC accolades after she helped BC sweep through the conference tournament for the program's 12th PAC championship and also won two games at NCAA Regionals to finish in third place at the Ithaca Regional. On the season, she hit .246 with one home run, which came in the PAC Tournament championship game, three triples, seven RBIs and 16 runs scored.

For her career, Leslie totaled one home run, nine doubles, six triples, 28 RBIs and 55 runs scored while playing a role in the Bison's turnaround during her tenure. After Bethany failed to reach the PAC Tournament her freshman year, the Green and White recorded back-to-back 24-wins seasons and reached the postseason in her final two years.

Brittany, who graduated May 16 with a degree in sports communication, is the daughter of Bev Fitzwilliam and Paul Leslie.

Liptock was a four-year starter on the offensive line for Bethany and three-time all-conference choice on the gridiron. Despite missing the final three games because of injury as a Senior, he was still voted Second Team All-PAC by the coaches of the league after his play at right guard helped the Bison set single-season school-records for points scored (280) and passing yards (2,578).

In his junior season, Liptock earned First Team All-PAC recognition after he anchored an offensive line which allowed the fewest sacks in the PAC (15). He also helped clear the way for the offense to set single-season Bethany record with 4,150 yards of total offense and also score 272 points, the second-highest total in one year at the school (now third after the 2008 season).

Liptock was also a key part of the turnaround in Bison football. After three straight one-win seasons, including his freshman campaign, Liptock's play helped Bethany post 11 victories in his final three years, the best stretch at BC since they won 14 contests from 2000-02.

Brian, who graduated May 16 with a degree in environmental science, is the son of Robert & Joanne Liptock.



**Brian Liptock**



At PAC Championships, senior Spencer Connor posted the best finish on day one by taking eighth in the one-meter diving event. On day two, Reass earned sixth in the consolation final of the 200 Free and also swam on the 800 Free Relay with junior Jessica Sarro, sophomore Jillian Zewe and Arnold which took seventh place overall.

The final day of championships saw two divers score. Connor was fifth on the three-meter board and junior Desiree Finley, who missed the three-meter competition earlier in the weekend because of injury, recovered to take third place overall in one-meter diving. The women's 400 Free Relay team of Arnold, sophomores Cynthia Richardson and Kristen Zukoff and Reass placed eighth overall.

After the championship meet, four Bethany men were named Honorable Mention All-PAC, including Connor, juniors Patrick McCarthy and Richard Sawyer and sophomore Michael Bonaventura.

## SPRING 2009

NUMEROUS SCHOOL records were broken by the Bethany women's track and field program and the Bison softball team made a return trip to the postseason to highlight Bethany's spring sports season.

### Softball

MIDWAY THROUGH their season, head coach Jan Forsty's softball team was 8-12 overall. They turned the tide however with an eight-game winning streak, which included comeback wins over Waynesburg, Allegheny and Grove City. The Bison kept up their late heroics down the stretch, as they pulled out a win in eight innings at W&J and outlasted Thiel 3-2 in 17 innings, the longest game in BC history.

Entering the PAC Tournament as the second seed, the Bison continued

to be the Cardiac Kids. In the first round against W&J, Bethany broke a scoreless tie with two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, and then escaped a bases-loaded situation in the seventh for a 2-1 win. In the semifinals, #1 seed Thomas More was the opponent, but BC jumped out to a 6-1 lead. This time it was the Saints who rallied late, scoring four times in the bottom of the seventh inning to send the contest to extra innings. A two-out RBI single by sophomore 2B Chelsea Butler provided the winning run in the 10th inning, as the Green and White prevailed 7-6 to move into the championship game.



More late-game fireworks were the story the next day. The Bison were matched up again with Thomas More and they took a 3-2 in the top of the seventh inning on an RBI double by junior catcher Bridgette Fauth. This time, the Saints mounted a rally for the win, as they plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh for a 4-3 triumph. The teams would play again in a winner-take-all match-up for the PAC crown. A solo home run by the Saints in the first inning would be the only run of the game, as TMC pulled out a 1-0 victory to deny the Bison their 13th conference title.

Bethany was still rewarded for a fine season, as they earned an

invitation to the ECAC South Region Tournament at Juniata and more exciting finishes were in store for the Green and White. They were paired with Centenary (N.J.) in the opening game and took a 6-5 advantage in the top of the seventh, but the Cyclones scored twice in the last of the frame to walk off with a 7-6 win. In their second game, BC took on the host school and claimed a 1-0 lead in the sixth on an RBI single by junior SS Ashley Marinacci. A Juniata rally in the seventh was thwarted and the Bison moved on with the one-run win.

A rematch with Centenary was due up the next day and Bethany raced to a 5-0 margin. The Cyclones rebounded to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh, and after the Bison reclaimed the lead with a run in the eighth, Centenary scored twice to come away with their second walk-off win in as many days and end Bethany's season with a 24-21 record.

The Bison had numerous awards heaped upon them following the year. Butler, Fauth, Marinacci, who set a new single-season record for assists (126), and senior CF Brittany Leslie were all named First Team All-PAC and sophomore pitcher Cortney Newland and freshman P/DH Summer Terrell garnered Second Team distinction. Fauth earned further honors by receiving Second Team All-ECAC South Region.

### Women's Track and Field

ON THE TRACK, the Bison women continued to rewrite the record book, as eight school marks were set during the season. Junior Jodi Bodo and freshman Connie Woods were the main stars, as Bodo set new marks in the 100 (12.92 seconds), 200 (26.10), 400 (57.52) and ran on 4x100 (50.45) and 4x400 (4:00.83) relays which achieved new standards. Woods became the first female in Bethany history to provisionally qualify for NCAA



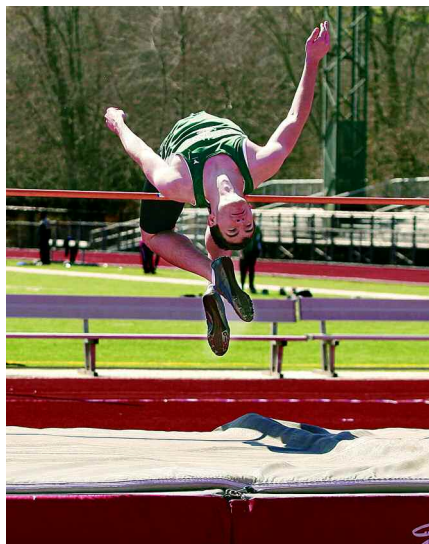
Championships with a new Bethany record in the triple jump (37-8), although she did not rank high enough in the national rankings to earn an invitation to the national meet. Woods also set a new record in the long jump (17-0.5).



At the PAC Championship meet, the Bison earned five All-PAC honors in individual events and both relays. The 4x400 relay team of sophomores Stacy and Kelly Goode, freshman Kaitlyn Black and Bodo won the PAC championship for the team's only first place finish. Sophomore Tara Harris set a new Bethany record in discus (119-5.75) on her way to Second Team All-PAC honors, while Stacy Goode also earned Second Team and Kelly scored Honorable Mention in the 800. Also picking up Honorable Mention status was Bodo in the 400, Woods in the long jump and the 4x100 relay team of Bodo, senior Emily Bota, Black and senior Rachael Katsur.

## Men's Track and Field

ON THE MEN'S SIDE, a pair of Bethany competitors earned all-conference recognition. Sophomore Clint Wilson was Second Team All-PAC in the high jump (6-4.75) and sophomore Danny Farrah was Second Team in the 100 (11.46).



In addition to the school records, both programs continued to qualify numerous student-athletes for ECAC Championships. A total of 10 Bison earned a spot at the meet, marking the third consecutive season Bethany has been represented by double-digit number of competitors. Bodo had the highest placement by the Bison contingent, racing to fifth place in the 400. Others who competed at the meet included Woods (triple jump), Harris (discus), junior Desiree Finley (100 hurdles) and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays for the women and Wilson in the high jump for the men.

## Baseball

ON THE BASEBALL DIAMOND, the Bison battled through a tough season. They picked up their first win of the year on spring break, posting an 18-10 victory over Mount St. Vincent, a school which reached the ECAC Metro Region Tournament. Bethany also took two of three in their PAC series from Westminster. After splitting a twinbill on the first day with a 6-4 win and 7-4 loss, BC pounded out 20 hits, including four from sophomore CF Tyler Dillinger, whose RBI single in the bottom of the ninth gave the Bison a 14-13 victory in the final game of the series.

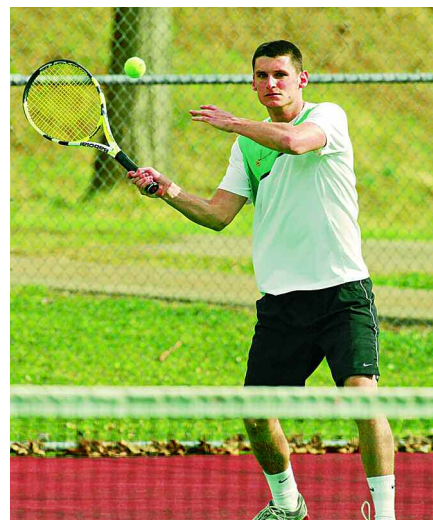
The young Bethany team, which had just two seniors and 21 of their 28 players on the roster being

sophomores or freshman, was led by Dillinger. He hit .360 with one home run, 16 RBIs and team-highs in doubles (nine) and runs scored (27) on his way to Second Team All-PAC honors. Freshman 1B Nate Tieman finished as the Bison's leading hitter with by batting .361 and also drew a team-leading 18 walks.



## Men's Tennis

IN MEN'S TENNIS ACTION, Bethany was unable to pull out a team victory on the year, but had two close calls, falling to Thomas More and Westminster by identical 5-4 scores. The top singles player was sophomore Dustin Opalka, who recorded three wins, while senior Andrew McPherson finished with a 2-2





# Good Game

## Three Bethany Teams Earn PAC Sportsmanship Awards

THREE BISON WOMEN'S athletics programs, one during each competitive season, earned the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Sportsmanship Award following their respective seasons in a new initiative by the conference.

This new award is sponsored by the members of the PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) in an effort to recognize and encourage positive sportsmanship among the conference teams. The SAAC is a committee consisting of student-athletes from each member institution assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience.



**Volleyball Team**

sport who displayed the highest level of sportsmanship. The awards were handed out at the conclusion of the fall, winter and spring seasons.

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"I am really glad we received this honor," said Rebecca Upton, whose team finished 15-12 and reached the PAC Tournament semifinals for the second time in the last three years. "We strive as a program to be known for playing hard and being tough, but also showing respect for every opponent. I am very proud of our program for earning this award."

"It is a great honor that our team made a good impression not only athletically, but also as people with good character," said Andy Upton, whose team sent 10 competitors to ECAC Outdoor Championships. "People were talking how well we were performing, but by representing Bethany with great class on and off the track, we were able to earn an award of this magnitude."

The Bison's three awards were the most by any women's program in the PAC and tied with Thomas More for the second-highest total in the conference behind Grove City (five).

This was the first season the team sportsmanship awards will be given out in each of the 19 PAC sponsored varsity sports. Each PAC team was asked to vote for the conference team in their

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**Women's Basketball Team**

record in singles and also won a BC-best three doubles matches.

At PAC Championships, Opalka and junior Jay Lyonett provided the highlights. Both lost their first round singles matches in epic battles, with Opalka losing a third-set tiebreaker at first singles 16-14 and Lyonett coming up short in a tiebreak at fifth singles 11-9. The duo did team up at #1 in doubles play for an 8-2 triumph in the first round over the tandem from Thomas More and finished fourth overall in the flight.

## Golf



THE BETHANY GOLF team featured a freshman-laden team, as seven of the nine players who competed for BC this season were in their first year. Although they were the youngest team at PAC Championships, the Bison scored better than Thiel and Waynesburg to finish in fifth place overall, one spot higher than the year before.

Also during the season, Bethany earned second place as a team at the Waynesburg Invitational. The top player that day for the Bison was freshman Ryan Rokisky, who finished in second place individually by carding 80, just one stroke behind the top player. •



# Classnotes

## We'd love to hear from you!

We're interested in hearing how you are doing. Send or email your engagements, marriages, births, promotions or other news to be published in *Bethany Today*.

## Achievements

**Henry "Hank" Lasasz '54** was inducted into the 2009 OVAC Hall of Fame for coaching.

**Judge Thomas Buergenthal '57**, the American jurist on the International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands, and one of the world's leading authorities on international law and human rights, delivered a public lecture February 16, 2009, at the West Virginia University of Law in Morgantown. The topic was "International Courts: How They Work, Why They Matter."

**Fred Stottlemeyer '62** developed a safe, affordable water system for Latin American communities. Formerly a board president of the International Rural Water Association, he began devoting much of his time to the Latin American communities. Since his retirement five years ago, Fred has continued to

dedicate his time to volunteer work in the region. Through the use of a water purifier he developed along with an engineer, he has helped provide rural Central American communities with clean, safe water. Fred also helped found Aqua y Desarrollo Comunitario (Community Water and Development), a non-governmental organization that assists communities lacking dependable access to safe water.

Under the direction of **Dr. Don Weser '64**, Frostburg State University's chapter for the Student Affiliates of American Chemical Society has been selected to receive an Outstanding Chapter Award for its 2007-2008 activities.

**Harold Mowl '69** was featured on page 1 of USA TODAY on November 11, 2008, in remembrance of his son on Veterans Day.  
[www.usatoday.com/news/military/2008-11-10-casualties\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/military/2008-11-10-casualties_N.htm)

**David "Fuzzy" Williams '70** recently was posthumously inducted into the Virginia Youth Soccer Association



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Hall of Fame for his volunteer work with youth soccer.

**Larry J. Burgy '72** and his wife Connie recently returned home after serving an 18-month mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). They served as an office couple in the Illinois Peoria Mission, which includes four states and approximately 140 missionaries.

**Kaye Hearn '72** has been elected to the South Carolina Supreme Court.

**Gary Kappel '74** has recently been appointed Bethany College's Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2009.

**Roy Davis '78** recently completed the U.S. Coast Guard License (OUPV) and is now a U.S. Merchant Marine Officer.

**Larry Meltzer '81** and Robert Martin launched MM2 Public Relations—a boutique firm specializing in creative communication and marketing solutions—on March 3, 2009. The company is located in Dallas, Texas.

**Tony Bisutti '83**, coach of the Dublin Scioto Irish High school basketball team, was recently named Coach of the Year by the Columbus Dispatch.

**Margie McCartney '83** and **Jae Sangerman '81** will perform the National Anthem at Pittsburgh's PNC Park on Saturday, September 5, 2009.

**Lori Woods '93** was selected as "Shift Supervisor of the Year" for the NENA/APCO South Carolina Chapter of E911 Telecommunications for 2008. Lori has been working with Horry County 911 Communications since 2003.

**Jason Dundiff '94** graduated from East Carolina University School of Medicine in 2001 and from General Surgery Residency at Louisiana State University in 2008. Jason is currently a liver transplantation surgical fellow at the University of Washington.

**Paul "Chad" Barnett '96** was named Headmaster of Linsly School in Wheeling, W.Va., in January 2009. The appointment will be effective August 2009.



**San Diego Event**



# Classnotes

**Jennifer Rodkey '96** was recently promoted to Assistant Athletic Director at Georgia Southwestern State University.

**Nicole Vetanze Swanson '98**, along with nine other French teachers from within the United States, earned a grant for a three-week immersion program in Paris, France.

**Joyce DeFrancesco Carr '99** received the Distinguished Newcomer Award at the annual Thiel College Founder's Day Celebration on February 5, 2009. Carr has been the director of public relations at Thiel in Greenville, Pa., for two years.

**Amy Stefan Bergin '99**, Head Volleyball Coach for Haverford College, was named AVCA Regional Coach of the Year in 2007 as well as the First Centennial Conference Coach of the Year in 2007 and 2008.



## Moor Park Event

**Jacquelyn Simon Cole '04** graduated with her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in August 2008. She is currently a post doc researcher at the Wadsworth Center in Albany, N.Y.

## Births

Lia Marie Radaker was born to **Denise Snyder '90** and **Karl Radaker '90** on October 25, 2006. Lia joins siblings Kyle and Tyler.

Megan Leigh Bergin was born to **Amy Stefan '99** and Matt Bergin on June 10, 2007. Megan joins her older sister Suzie.

Samuel Adams was born to **Jennifer Erb '96** and James Adams on June 20, 2007. Samuel joins his older brother Alexander.

Landon Frazier was born to **Janel Taylor '97** and John Frazier on July 30, 2007. Landon joins his older brother Logan.

Margaret Gove was born to Denitza and **Alexander Gove '89** on May 29, 2008.

Andrew Anthony Caprarese was born to **Patricia Skywatcher '04** and **Andrew Caprarese '03** on June 18, 2008.

Joseph Martin Owens was born to Jessica and **Brent Owens '07** on July 11, 2008.



## Reunion Weekend

Addison Hess was born to **Melissa Shaffer '97** and John Hess '96 on August 5, 2008.

Porter David Vidikan was born to **Michelle Young '98** and Mario Vidikan on August 26, 2008.

Calder Jameson Mahan was born to **Jennifer Sheposh '98** and JC Mahan '99 on August 20, 2008.

Nathan Noble was born to **Megan Matthews '96** and Burke Noble on September 2, 2008.

Ross Nicholas Perlick was born to **Erin Lawrence '01** and **Nicholas Perlick '00** on September 3, 2008.

Luther Erian Davenport was born to Alicia Erian and **Bill Davenport '83** on September 19, 2008.

Remy Oliver Denhez was born to **Jessica Walters '93** and Nicolas Denhez on December 13, 2008.

Sarah Ann McColl was born to Heather and **Mike McColl '97** on December 24, 2008.

Delaney Sue Dankert was born to Jessica and **Raymond Dankert '04** on February 11, 2009.

Kathleen (Katie) Weiser was born to **Beth Kasserman '96** and **Randy Weiser '95** on May 28, 2009.

Audrey Casey was born to **Angela Sanfilippo '99** and **Michael Casey '98**.

## Marriage

**Tiffany Frank '07** and **Eric Bennett '07** were married on November 1, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Wheeling, W.Va. Bethanians in the wedding were **Renae Woods '07** and **Erik Bowman '07**. The couple currently resides in Wheeling, W.Va.

**Jody Gubanish '02** and Brian Krzywdik were married on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at Christ Episcopal Church in Wellsburg, W.Va. Bethanian in the wedding was **Adreanna Decker Winland '03**. The couple resides in Wellsburg, W.Va.

**Cara Henry '06** and **Jesse Haldin '04** were recently married. The couple currently resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dawn Sallie and **Brian Avolio '97** were married on August 2, 2008 in Brown Summit, N.C. Bethanians in the wedding were **Michael Borello '97**, **Joseph Carpino '97** and **Micheal Zdinak**



'00. The couple currently resides in McLeansville, N.C.

**Casey Rae Callahan '07** and Mr. Sadler were recently married. Bethanians in the wedding were **Brooke Polega Smith '07**, **Laura Thorne '07** and **Kristen Trbovich '05**. The couple currently resides in Beaver, Pa.

Michal Joy Sorensen and **Franklin Thomas Barrett '86** were married on December 29, 2007 in Canton, Ohio. Frank is employed as the outside processing specialist at PTC Alliance in Alliance, Ohio. Michal is a preschool teacher at Minerva Area Christian School in Minerva, Ohio. The couple resides in Sebring, Ohio.

## Memoriam

Former College President, **Todd H. Bullard, Ph.D.** passed away on January 1, 2009 at the age of 77 in Charlottesville, Va.

**Rev. George F. Miller** passed away April 2, 2009 at Wheeling Hospital. He was 86. George had been on the Historic Bethany Staff since 1986.

**Dr. Lynn Frantz Adkins**, long time Bethany Professor, passed away in her home on April 4, 2009.

**Jane Edmunds Peck '41** passed away on January 11, 2009 in Bellingham, Wash.

**William A. Stockdale '42** passed away on March 21, 2009 in Greensboro, N.C.

**Fred. H. Siegel '49** passed away on December 24, 2008 in Grasonville, Md.

**George W. Bado '50** passed away March 22, 2009 in Houston, Texas.

**George M. "Pete" Peterson '51** recently passed a way in Ohio.

**William F. Buchanan '52** passed away on December 31, 2008 in Florida.

**Alice Cree Hamilton '55** passed away on May 19, 2009 in Steubenville, Ohio.

**Richard "Dick" Williamson '66** passed away on January 1, 2009 in Cranberry, Pa.

**Rex A. Johnson '79** passed away on July 12, 2008 in Ohio. •

# Stay Connected

There are many ways to stay connected with your Alma Mater

## Bethany Live

The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations recently launched Bethany Live. The Web-based community will allow you to keep up with alumni news, create a profile, post class notes and photos, participate in discussions via the message board and communicate with your classmates in a very similar manner to that of Facebook.

To log in for the first time, visit [www.live.bethanywv.edu](http://www.live.bethanywv.edu). Click on "first-time login" at the top of the page on in the green bar. Enter your name and your constituent ID when prompted and you'll be on your way. The system will walk you through each step to create a profile, upload photos, edit personal information, etc.

If you do not yet have a Constituent ID number or you have problems logging in contact [bethanylive@bethanywv.edu](mailto:bethanylive@bethanywv.edu).

## Twitter

Follow Bethany President Scott D. Miller and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Sven de Jong on Twitter at [twitter.com](http://twitter.com). Get an inside glimpse into what takes place on a daily basis at Bethany College. Follow Dr. Miller by selecting *BethanyCollege1*, and follow Sven de Jong by selecting *BethanyCollege2*. You might be surprised by all that occurs on "The Banks of the Old Buffalo."

## Sign up for the Old Main Journal

The Old Main Journal, a weekly newsletter sent electronically, will keep you up-to-date on campus happenings. To register to receive the Old Main Journal, visit [www.bethanywv.edu/index.php?cID=2335](http://www.bethanywv.edu/index.php?cID=2335).

## E-Scores

You can sign up to receive Bethany Athletic results via e-mail or text message the day of the event. It's an easy process, just follow the link below and sign up. It's a great way to keep yourself up to date on Bethany's athletic progress.

[escores.stretchinternet.com/login.php?sch=bethanywv](http://escores.stretchinternet.com/login.php?sch=bethanywv)



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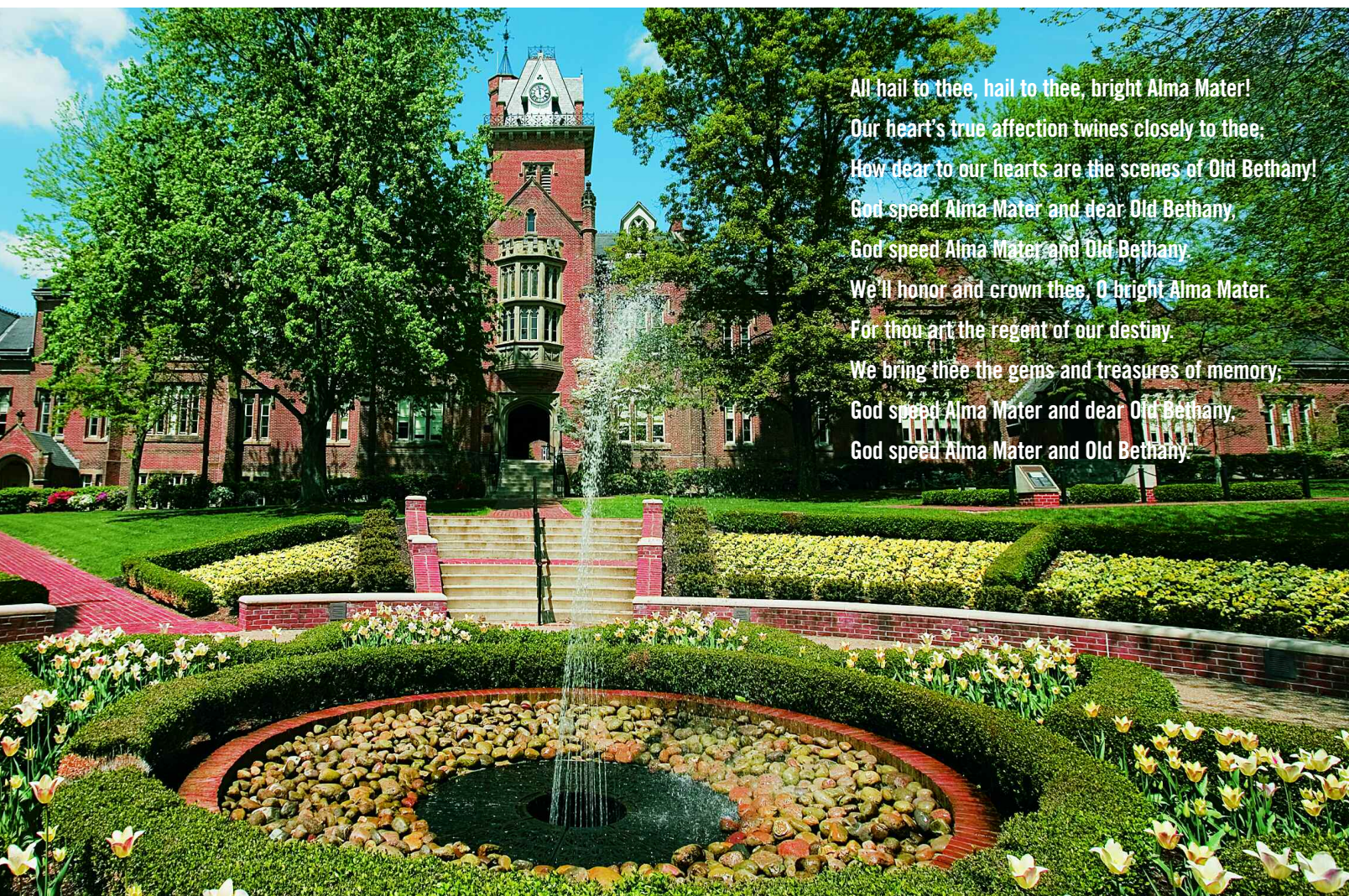




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All hail to thee, hail to thee, bright Alma Mater!  
Our heart's true affection twines closely to thee;  
How dear to our hearts are the scenes of Old Bethany!  
God speed Alma Mater and dear Old Bethany,  
God speed Alma Mater and Old Bethany.  
We'll honor and crown thee, O bright Alma Mater.  
For thou art the regent of our destiny.  
We bring thee the gems and treasures of memory,  
God speed Alma Mater and dear Old Bethany.  
God speed Alma Mater and Old Bethany.