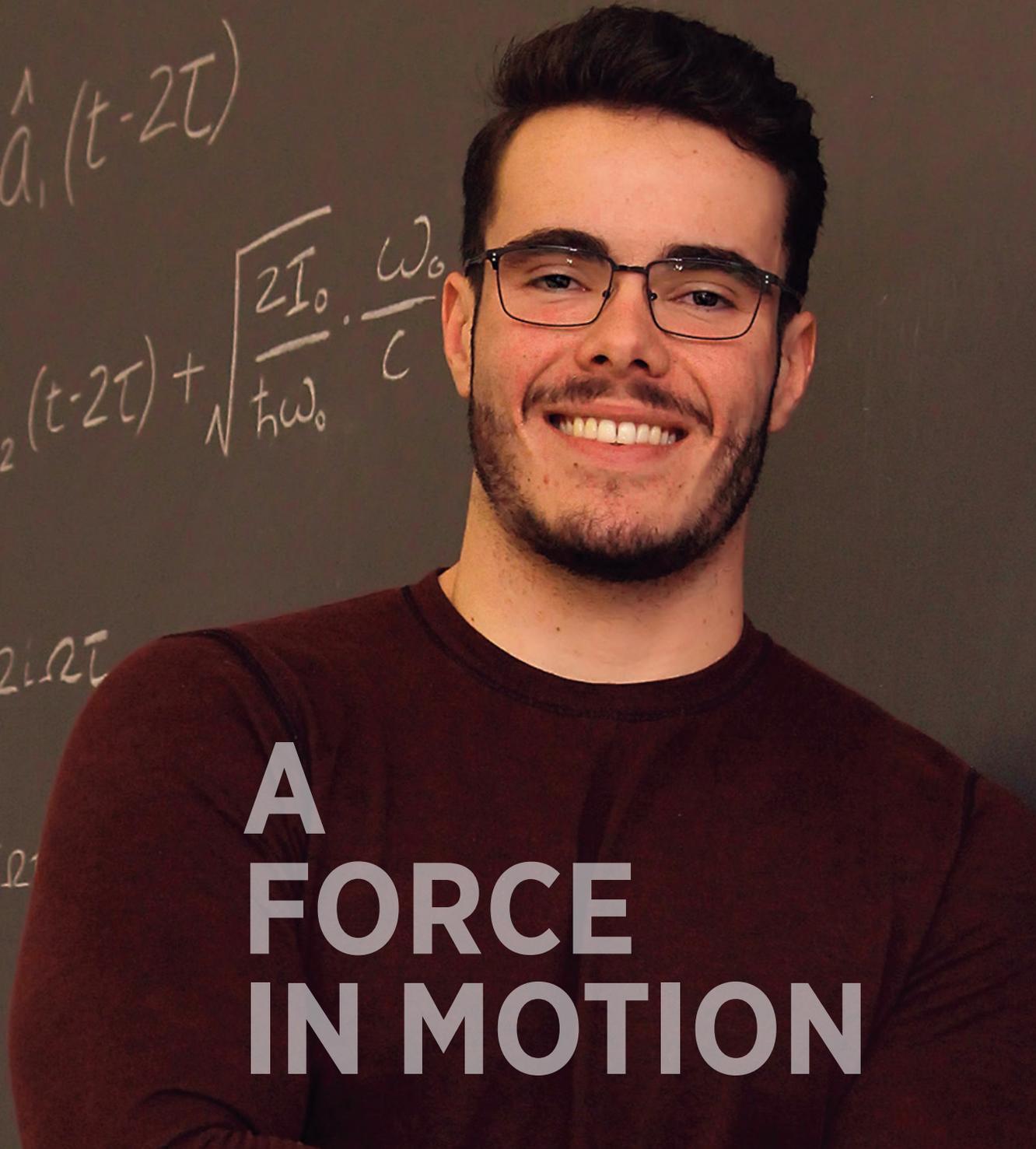


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A FORCE IN MOTION

The \$42.7 million Tippin Gymnasium renovation project is underway.



The building officially closed and fencing around the building was installed in late March. The project is a total renovation with a new entrance/lobby, complete overhaul of the basketball courts and seating, natatorium overhaul with a new combination swimming/diving pool, expanded areas for wrestling, new weight room, new locker rooms and a new auxiliary gymnasium.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



One of my responsibilities as university president is to attend meetings of the Council of Trustees. That body meets four times a year, most recently in April, and conducts various university business, including celebrating accomplishments of students. At the April meeting, three of our students gave us particular reason to celebrate. Their stories are told in this magazine.

Junior Christina Sather talked about her gut feeling when visiting campus, that Clarion was the place where she could realize her dreams of becoming an early childhood educator and becoming a national diving champion. In completing her recent block experience, Christina has confirmed that teaching young children is the right career choice for her. In April, she became the national women's one-meter

diving champion and College Swimming Coaches Association of America Division II Women's Diver of the Year.

Logan Chernicky talked about the company he created, "Enhanced Visual," which he considered pursuing full time last year, instead of completing his senior year at Clarion. Ultimately, he stayed in school, worked with the SBDC to develop a business plan, and entered the PASSHE Business Plan Competition, which he won. He is a May graduate with dual degrees in geology and environmental geology. He also has the competition's top prize of \$10,000, which he will use to support and grow his business.

Jacob Beckey, also a May graduate, started planning his post-baccalaureate work – with the eventual goal of earning his PhD in physics – when he was a high school sophomore. That plan brought him to Clarion where he has taken advantage of multiple research opportunities in physics and math – his two majors. He learned in April that he won a Fulbright Award to study physics in the United Kingdom, which he will do prior to using his National Science Foundation fellowship to do research and pursue his PhD.

Clarion University has always been the place where students with the drive to reach higher have the support and encouragement to do so. These students are sure to shine in their individual academic fields, and they have earned it. They focused on their passions, and they chose a university that would nurture their dreams to reality.

Peter C. Fackler
Interim president
Clarion University



Members of Clarion University's Brothers and Sisters in Christ spent their spring break on a mission trip to Puerto Rico. BASIC partnered with CalU's New Life organization and SendRelief, a disaster relief organization, to distribute food to communities in need and to replace roofs on houses. BASIC is a Christian ministry group that is devoted to spreading the gospel and serving the campus.

Clarion students who participated are: (back row, from left) Nadia Pitts, Brooke Shaulis, Damodica Robinson, Dasia Jackson, Scott Underhill and Anthony Servette; (middle row) Chelsea Arrington, Zhane Steele and Vinia McClendon; (kneeling) Quinlin Lambert, Justin Torres and Sonny Jones. Shaulis and Underhill are campus ministers.

TOBECO RECOGNIZED FOR LITERARY EXCELLENCE

Tobeco, 2016-2017 edition, published by the Rho Iota chapter, tied for second in the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society Outstanding Literary Arts Journal Award contest. Editors are 2017 graduates **Therese Holzapfel** (left) and **Kaitlynn Sass**. Last year, Tobeco received honorable mention in the competition. Rho Iota received \$250 and a plaque.

Faculty advisors are Dr. Phil Terman and Dr. Melissa Downes.



NOLAN ('14) TIES FOR BEST ORALIST IN NATIONAL COMPETITION



Samuel Nolan ('14) a second-year Duquesne Law student, tied with fellow Duquesne Law student Dominic Corrolla for the Best Oralist Award at the 2018 Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup National First Amendment Moot Court Competition March 23 and 24 in Washington, D.C. Both are members of Duquesne Law's Appellate Moot Court Board.

The competition featured 24 teams from law schools around the country and focused on the constitutionality of public officials' exclusion of constituents and deletion of adverse comments from social media accounts discussing public policy issues. Newseum and The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law were competition hosts.



SMREKAR AWARDED FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Jocelynn Smrekar has received a Fulbright Scholarship to travel to Ecuador during the 2018-19 academic year. While there, she has been invited to teach English and early childhood education classes at the Universidad Central de Quito, the oldest and largest university in Ecuador, having about 20,000 students. She also will research the characteristics of high-quality English instruction in Ecuadorian classrooms, particularly with young children.

MCINTYRE RECEIVES RESEARCH AWARD



Dr. Kathleen M. McIntyre, associate professor of history and director of women and gender studies, received the 2018-2019 Florence Ellen Bell Scholar Award by the United Methodist Archive and History Center at Drew University.

McIntyre will use the \$2,500 award, one of the most prestigious research awards for historians of religious history, for housing and travel to do research at the archive.

She anticipates conducting the research this summer. McIntyre is working on an article on Methodist women missionaries in Latin America as part of a larger book project on missionary women in Latin America from 1860-1960.

Her first book, "Here the People Rule: Religious Conflict, Community, and State Formation in Post-revolutionary Oaxaca," forthcoming from University of New Mexico Press in 2018, focuses on Protestant growth in southern Mexico. Last summer McIntyre researched at Mount Holyoke College and Vassar College Special Collections for this current project on missionary women.

Pfannestiel ACCEPTS PROVOST POST IN NY

Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, interim provost of Clarion University, has accepted the position of provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Utica College, Utica, N.Y. He will begin June 1.

Pfannestiel, in his 20th year at Clarion University, began as adjunct professor in 1998 and advanced to full professor. In 2011, he began a two-year appointment as faculty fellow for planning, assessment and improvement, then became dean of the College of Arts, Education and Sciences in 2014.

In 2016, Pfannestiel stepped in as interim provost and vice president of academic affairs. As such, he worked with other university constituents on admissions, which resulted in the first enrollment increase in eight years in fall 2017.

As dean, then as provost, he led the university in developing new academic programs that are relevant to workforce needs and in demand by students, including the opioid treatment specialist certificate, bachelor's degree in respiratory care, concussion management certificate, and the concentration in arts and entertainment management. Pfannestiel served as Clarion's acting president after the departure of Dr. Karen Whitney in September, until Pete Fackler was appointed interim president in November.

He has advised numerous student groups. As History Club advisor, Pfannestiel developed, with his students, the popular Clarion University Ghost Experience, a local Halloween tradition since 2001. Pfannestiel also advised Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, CU Ice Hockey Club and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

He represented fellow faculty members in many capacities. "Clarion University has helped to shape my professional and personal life for 20 years," Pfannestiel said. "Along the way, I've taught many remarkable students and worked with wonderful colleagues, together with whom we have advanced the institution in many exciting ways. Utica College presents many new opportunities, and we'll have those same great relationships there. My wife (**Aimee Zellers '08**) and I will always have strong connections to our Clarion family and will enjoy watching its continued growth."



DÉDÉ BIDS FOND FAREWELL TO CLARION UNIVERSITY



Dr. Brenda Sanders Dédé, associate vice president for academic affairs, will retire in July. She will leave a 23-year legacy of service to the university, its students and the entire Clarion community.

Clarion Chamber of Business and Industry named Dr. Dédé Citizen of the Year for 2016. In 2012, she was recognized as Clarion University Alumni Association's Distinguished Volunteer for her work both in the community and at the university. Among her outstanding contributions are founding and chairing the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast, the Juneteenth program and the campus Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

Throughout her tenure with Clarion University, Dédé has worked with students, faculty and administrators to help solve issues and problems. She is a charter member of the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education.

She is a Clarion Borough Councilwoman and has served with the Clarion Area Chamber, Borough Planning Commission, Kiwanis Club, United Way, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, SAFE domestic violence agency, Clarion County Community Choir and First Baptist Church.

Dunleavy SOARS TO ALTITUDE

Casey Dunleavy ('13) has joined the Altitude Marketing team as manager, digital marketing. She will develop and implement campaigns to attract, nurture and engage clients' audiences to meet specific goals and milestones. Altitude Marketing, Emmaus, Pa., is an integrated marketing agency serving technology-focused B2B companies.



FOOD FOR Thought

Patti Shontz ('10), a staff member in the Clarion University Nursing Department, along with her daughter, **Angie (Shontz '07, '10) Harriett**, a reading specialist for Oil City Middle School, used a Clarion University Community Fellows grant, funded through Clarion University Foundation, Inc., to purchase food and personal hygiene items for the food pantry at Oil City Middle/High School.

"This is specially designed to feed our middle and high school students and their families. These students often go hungry over weekends and long breaks," said

Harriett, who is coordinator of the program.

"In return, (the students) pay it forward in kindness toward another person, such as inviting a lonely student to the lunch table or assisting another student during class."

The school partnered with Bridge Builders and Second Harvest Food Bank to create the food pantry, and local clubs, churches, banks, businesses and individuals donated to fund the project. Harriett's husband built the pantry shelving, and friends and neighbors helped transport the shelving to the school. The university also donated reusable totes for the students to use to transport the food.



Harriett (left), Shontz and Harriett's daughters

YEAR OF SERVICE TO STUDENTS

Christopher Albrecht (M.Ed. '95) 2018 New York State Teacher of the Year, visited Clarion University in February, sharing with education majors and the community how to be a catalyst for children to find joy and happiness in learning. Albrecht (center back of photo, in gray shirt) has dedicated this year to the service and charity of all students and teachers statewide. He received a monetary award for his Teacher of the Year honor, and he used 100 percent of it to buy books, which he delivers on school visits in New York while teaching lessons on moral character, creativity and the importance



of reading. While visiting Clarion he delivered books to five classrooms at Clarion-Limestone Elementary School, including the first grade classrooms (pictured) of Becky Whitling and **Rhonda Shook ('92, M.Ed. '98)**.

This spring, Albrecht was a guest of President Donald Trump at the White House, and in May, he will present to a global audience as a TEDx speaker.

CU *in the* BAHAMAS

Alumni, friends, and employees set sail for the Bahamas in January to celebrate Clarion's sesquicentennial.



GREEKS FOCUS ON SERVICE, DEVELOPMENT



In the 1978 movie “Animal House,” the brothers of Delta Tau Chi are known for toga parties, pranks, bad grades and general trouble making. In 2001, “Legally Blonde” kept alive the image of sorority girls being pretty, rich and lacking in substance.

While the members of Clarion’s Greek organizations do like to have fun, fraternities and sororities have evolved into groups that do less partying, more studying; less pranking, more serving; less philandering, more philanthropy.

So far this year, sororities Delta Phi Epsilon, Delta Zeta, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Sigma Sigma Sigma, and fraternities Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta collectively have given nearly 4,500 hours of service and have raised almost \$7,000 for various organizations. Their philanthropic interests range from fund-raising to fighting cancer to being an instrumental part of collecting food to restock area food pantries.

The Greek organizations promote academic excellence with minimum GPA requirements. The average GPA for members of fraternities and sororities is 3.221, higher than the 3.044 average for the general student body. Study hours are mandated. In short, association with a Greek organization is no longer merely a social outlet, but also a path to leadership and self-development.

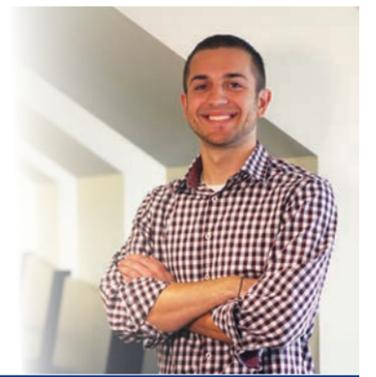
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Greek organizations have changed since they were established, but the Greek Sing tradition continues.

GREEK SPEAK: Q&A WITH TYLER AND JOSH



Tyler Kitzmiller ('14, '16, MEd, '16) is coordinator of judicial affairs and mediation services.
 Josh Domitrovich ('13, MBA '15) is coordinator for career mentoring and internships.
 They are co-advisors for Greek organizations.

With which fraternity were you involved as a student at Clarion?

TYLER: Sigma Phi Epsilon (PA Upsilon Chapter)

JOSH: Phi Delta Theta

Before joining your fraternity, what was your impression of fraternities as a whole?

TYLER: Once I started attending Clarion, I heard about the common stereotypes that people tend to get from the movies and what they see in the news, but that was not what I saw when I started looking at SigEp.

JOSH: Sadly, my initial impression of fraternities was what you see in movies, and that couldn't have been further from the truth at Clarion.

What factored into your decision to choose your particular fraternity?

TYLER: I felt like I was part of SigEp before I ever joined. The brothers invited me to attend different events. They talked to me about great leadership opportunities I could take advantage of as a member, but it was really about finding an organization that helped make Clarion feel like a home away from home.

JOSH: Phi Delta Theta's core values of friendship, sound learning and rectitude resonated with me. The people it attracted were the kind of people I wanted to become. I wanted to surround myself with people who shared my vision of success and would motivate, push and guide me to reach my goals. I found that with Phi Delta Theta.

What experiences did you have with your fraternity that helped to shape your Clarion years?

TYLER: My experiences with SigEp opened me up to other opportunities on campus. By the time I graduated, I had many new connections with faculty/staff members who worked with SigEp. These connections led me to become involved in other organizations such as Student Senate and also helped me get an on-campus job during graduate school, which led to my current position at Clarion University.

JOSH: Phi Delta Theta was the first organization I joined at Clarion, and it was the key that opened doors of endless opportunity. PDT led to my first on-campus job as an

orientation leader. That lasted three years and ended with a graduate assistantship offer while I pursued my MBA. It helped lead to my involvement with 10 clubs and organizations. One of the most impactful was service as vice president of Student Senate.

How do students benefit from affiliation with a Greek organization?

TYLER: Joining a Greek organization can benefit students from simply giving them a group of friends on whom they can always rely, to providing immeasurable leadership and development opportunities.

JOSH: Greek affiliation provides opportunity for personal, professional and academic development. Many national Greek affiliations hold leadership conferences for members. Also, Greek organizations are required to maintain a certain GPA.

How does the campus benefit from Greek organizations?

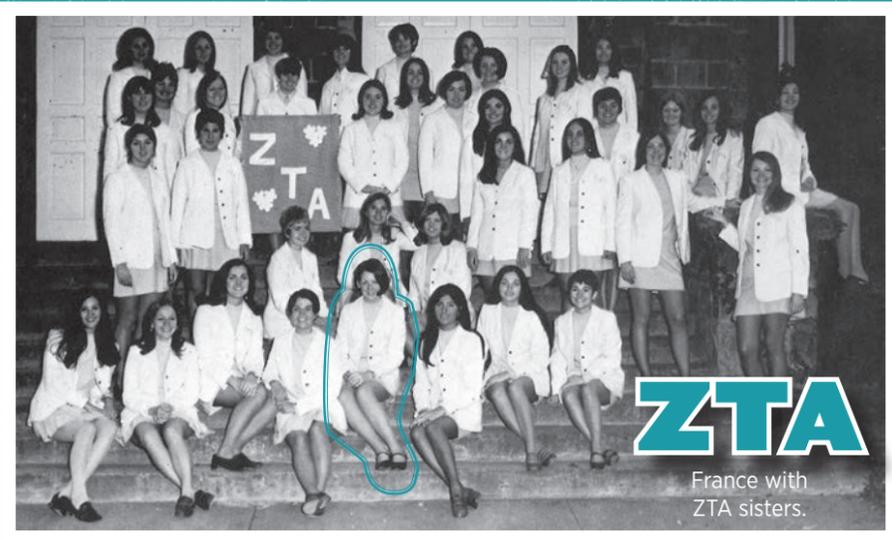
TYLER: The campus benefits by having a group of organizations that are dedicated to developing students into individuals who understand the importance of values and principles.

JOSH: Fraternities and sororities provide the campus community with philanthropic and service projects/events. They host events open to the entire student population with guest speakers that touch on various real world topics.

How does the local community benefit?

TYLER: One of the annual service projects with which the Greeks assist is the Food Stock that is done in conjunction with Autumn Leaf Festival. Greek brothers and sisters place information in Food Stock bags and deliver them in town. They also assist with pickup of the food, which goes to stock up local food banks.

JOSH: Each Greek organization has a national philanthropy that they support, but Clarion goes a step further and reaches out to the local community by holding special fund raising events, assisting in food drives or participating in the university's annual Community Service Day. In April, the Greek community raised over \$1,500 to support the Hillman Cancer Center during the annual Greek Week and Greek Sing Event.



When Jane France ('71) was in the first semester of her sophomore year, she made a decision that would impact not only the remainder of her time at Clarion, but the rest of her life.

Having that common group of friends shaped France's college years. The bond was such that the friendships, like biological sisterhoods, have lasted throughout her adulthood. Although the time between college and now has been filled with the busyness of career and family for the ZTA sisters, France said they're now at retirement age and their children are grown, and the sisters are reconnecting.

ZTA NOW

Connections are precisely what attracted Alyssa Creighton to become a ZTA.

"I connected with the girls at the Clarion chapter instantly, and, after doing some research, I knew it was for me," she said.

Through ZTA, Creighton has thrived.

"Being involved in Greek life has allowed me to meet so many different people, not just in my sorority, but in Greek life as a whole. It has allowed me to grow as a person and a leader."

Creighton looks forward to events each semester that bring back alumnae such as France. Such events have helped her to network, locally and nationally.

"My favorite thing about ZTA is the diversity among our sisters," she said. "Every sister is different and unique, and they have truly opened my eyes to different perceptions of the world." ZTA's philanthropy also appeals to the senior nursing major.

"The philanthropy of ZTA is breast cancer education and awareness. At Clarion University, our biggest fundraising event is Pink Week, which takes place in October. It is a weeklong series of events in which all proceeds benefit breast cancer education and awareness," Creighton said. "As a future nurse, helping to raise money for this cause is incredibly important and special to me."

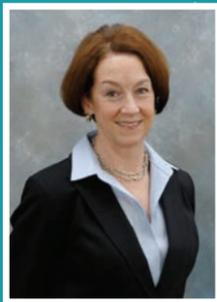


"I read in the paper that a sorority sister's husband had died, and I sent her a card," France said. "Another sorority sister sent her a card, too. The three of us got together for lunch."

That was a year ago. The women have continued to reach out to other sisters.

"We had a Christmas get-together in December. People came from Erie, Dubois, Pittsburgh - there were 18 of us," she said. "It's a nice groove we're getting into."

Many of the ZTA sisters are planning to attend Clarion's Alumni Weekend June 8-10, and they're excited to again live in student housing, France said - without having to share bathrooms this time.



She joined Zeta Tau Alpha.

"Back in the day, we didn't have social media, we didn't have cell phones. Everyone was thrown in together freshman year. We lived at Forest Manor - men on one side, women on the other, and the cafeteria in between," France said. "Most of the students at the time were education majors. I was not. (Joining a sorority) was a way to connect with people."

Many sororities were active on campus at the time, but France chose ZTA because a good friend from high school with whom she roomed during her freshman year at Clarion, along with some other acquaintances, were pledging that sorority.

Affiliated activities, including the Greek Sing and Greek Olympics, were what guided her socially.

"Some fraternities connected with certain sororities. Some would say we were the studious group," France said. "One of my older sorority sisters kept track of (Greek organizations') GPAs. We had a really high GPA."



Fraternities and sororities participated in their annual Greek Week events in late April. Over the course of two weeks the Greeks participated in 10 events, challenging them physically and mentally. Events were designed to highlight and support philanthropic efforts and Greek unity.

Greek Sing concluded the week with a 90s theme formal song and informal dance. Congratulations to Zeta Tau Alpha (left) and Sigma Chi (below) for winning first place overall, in their respective categories, at Greek Sing.

MALCOLM LEWIS-THOMPSON

became interested in Sigma Chi after learning about it through friends and acquaintances who were brothers, but the fraternity stood out for another very personal reason.

"Their philanthropy is very special to my heart. I lost my mother to breast cancer when I was in seventh grade, so hearing that their national philanthropy is Huntsman Cancer Institute and how much money they raise to help find a cure was amazing for me," he said.

Lewis-Thompson also sought a brotherhood, and he found it. Alumni brothers are heavily involved in the chapter.

The support, networking and leadership development have shaped the art major from the Northside of Pittsburgh.

"Growing up I heard my dad talking about remembering what resources I have and to take care of the people in my neighborhood," Lewis-Thompson said. "Since joining Sigma Chi, I have taken on more responsibilities both inside and outside of Greek life. I've learned to be more vocal and voice my opinion, and my passion for learning has been ignited."



(Malcolm Lewis-Thompson pictured third from right)

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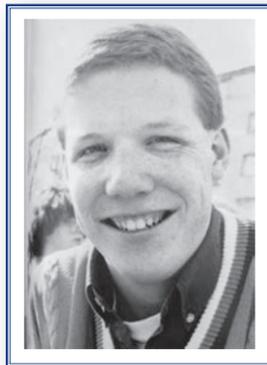
one of the National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations, returned to Clarion homecoming weekend. The Epsilon Kappa chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. was one of the first Divine 9 organizations to be chartered at Clarion.



Sophomore Thomas Young (center) is the only Clarion student to be initiated this semester.



BROTHERHOOD *of* LEADERSHIP



Michael Carey ('92) can sum up his Greek experience in one word: Leadership.

When as a freshman, he showed interest in joining Phi Sigma Kappa, a senior brother told him, "Go be a leader on campus, and we will consider you next year."

He became president of Campbell Hall Council and he joined the fraternity in fall 1989, during his sophomore year.

For Carey, who is director of alumni initiatives for Delta Tau Delta National Fraternity, being a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa was an integral part of his college education.



"I received a great education inside and outside the halls of Marwick-Boyd and Becker Hall," he said. "My fraternity experience was equally as rewarding, thanks to the many men – and little sisters – who instilled in me and in others the value and accountability of being a leader."

Leadership, as promoted by Phi Sigma Kappa, wasn't just something that happened at the meetings.

"Being a member of a fraternity meant you had to be a leader on and off campus, 24/7. It also meant being of service to others," Carey said. "Phi Sigma Kappa supported the local Big Brothers and Big Sisters."

Other fraternities and sororities supported different local and national charities, but "we all assisted and supported each other," he said.

"Thousands of dollars were raised, awareness and understanding were elevated, and the good that we did made us better students and, now, better citizens of the world."

Learning **TO LEAD**



Jon Catanzarita ('11) didn't plan to join a fraternity. His goals centered on completing his BSBA and developing as a leader. As his network started to expand, he met a group of men whose values aligned with his. Most were members of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"I started doing my research about the mission, values and programs of the fraternity and found it fit exactly with my goals," Catanzarita said.

He was invited to join Sigma Phi Epsilon and quickly became a leader, serving as president for about a year and filling other executive roles. It was a time of transition for the fraternity.

"Over the last 10 to 15 years the Clarion SigEp chapter has focused on

creating an environment for personal development, leadership growth, and focusing on the young men in the chapter today and how we can best help them perform for leadership tomorrow," he said.

Catanzarita is business manager for Antx, Inc., Austin, Texas, a remote monitoring and controls company that builds computer hardware and provides cloud-based software for the oil/gas, rental equipment, water and wastewater industries.

He remains active in Sigma Phi Epsilon, serving on the alumni board, mentoring chapter members, helping to bring resources to campus, and engaging alumni to fund local scholarship for members.



ALPHA GAMMA PHI

The transition from focusing on social activities to service activities is no more evident than with Alpha Gamma Phi, the first fraternity established at Clarion University.

"The Gammas were made up of athletes and socially active members," said Wayne Norris. "They were serious about getting an education, but they also wanted to have a good time."

Sometimes their penchant for good times collided with the early standards that the college espoused. Their charter was revoked in 1974.

BROTHERHOOD

Outwardly, that was the image of the Gammas, but there was more than met the eye. "I was away from home and on my own for the first time in my life, so finding friends and creating a sense of belonging was essential for me," Norris said.

"I am a firm believer in the total college experience. Being socially active then helped prepare most of us for the real world," Norris said. "I gained a much better ability to interact with people and had an elevated level of confidence, especially in the business world."

PHILANTHROPY

Although the Gammas didn't formally exist after 1974, the brotherhood remained strong. In 1999, former Gammas formed the Alpha Gamma Phi Alumni Association.

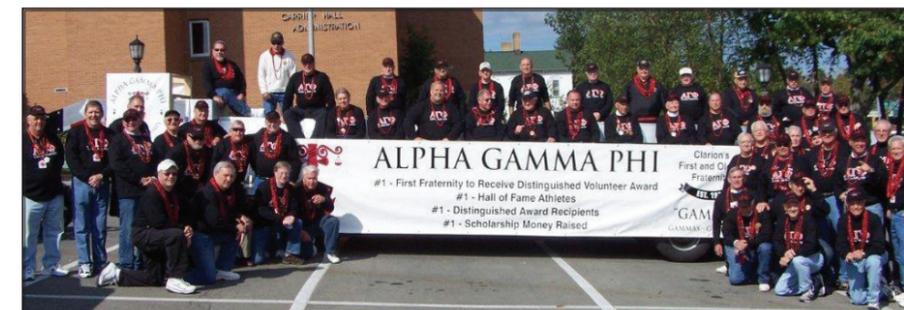
"All members were invited to join. We had members from the late 40s up to the last class of 1974," Norris said.

The Gammas host events, and anyone from Clarion is invited to attend. The events have evolved to being about more than just a good time, though.

"We have a scholarship fund totaling almost \$300,000 and have awarded over 70 scholarships to Clarion athletes, male or female," Norris said. That fund is still growing.

"We started the 'Last Gamma Standing' drive to try to reach \$1 million before the last Gamma passes."

"THE GAMMA SPIRIT WAS STRONG FROM 1930 TO 1974, AND IT'S STILL STRONG TODAY," NORRIS SAID.



The Gammas of today gather during homecoming weekend.

AWARDS

Annually, Clarion University Alumni Association presents Distinguished Awards to people who embody the categories of alumni, service, volunteer, faculty and achievement. In addition to Alpha Gamma Phi as a whole receiving the Distinguished Volunteer award in 2010, many Gammas individually have earned the distinction:

Guido Malacarne ('49), Distinguished Alumni, 1980

John Mochnick ('32), Distinguished Alumni, 1982

Dr. Lawrence A. Ianni ('52), Distinguished Alumni, 1984

Dr. Ed Grejda ('57), Distinguished Faculty, 1985

Frank Lignelli ('50), Distinguished Service, 1986

Frank A. Palaggo ('52), Distinguished Alumni, 1989

Dr. J. David Griffin ('67), Distinguished Alumni, 1991

Carl McManamy ('63), Distinguished Alumni, 1992

Al Jacks, Distinguished Service, 1997

Peter Mervosh ('53), Distinguished Volunteer

Dr. Marlin E. Hartman ('59), Distinguished Service, 2001

Wayne Norris ('65), Distinguished Volunteer, 2002

Frank P. DeFina ('75), Distinguished Alumni, 2003

Trueman Mills ('55), Distinguished Service, 2007

Bo Garritano ('66), Distinguished Volunteer, 2007

Maj. Gen. Pete Talleri ('79), Distinguished Achievement, 2008

Jack Bertani ('61), Distinguished Volunteer, 2013

IN CELEBRATION OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL,
CLARION UNIVERSITY
 IS TAKING A LOOK BACK AT ITS
150-YEAR HISTORY – 50 YEARS AT A TIME.
 IN THIS ISSUE, WE CELEBRATE AND EXAMINE
THE YEARS 1917-67.

In order to fully understand the beginning of this 50-year era, we must take a look back by a couple of years to the purchase of Clarion State Normal School in 1915.

According to Samuel Farmerie's history in the 125th anniversary edition of Clarion Magazine, several schools that we now know as part of today's

State System, including Clarion, were marred by business scandals. These scandals led the state legislature to authorize the purchase of these schools.

In addition to Clarion, scandals marked Edinboro, Mansfield and Slippery Rock, but the first school to officially be purchased by the

commonwealth was West Chester in 1913.

Clarion was purchased in December 1915 with the state paying \$20,000 to satisfy stockholders. Another \$49,653 was paid to satisfy debts.

WORLD WAR I

Pennsylvania Educational Survey also identified needs at the normal schools, including Clarion. Most of the needs outlined were extensive renovations to existing structures. Two of the most notable changes brought about as a result of the survey included the construction of Stevens Hall and Harvey Gymnasium.

According to Farmerie, Stevens Hall became the new training school, and Harvey Gymnasium replaced the gymnasium located under Hart Chapel.

The Clarion Call reported that it cost more than \$100,000 to construct Stevens Hall over the former men's dormitory.

The building was named for Thaddeus Stevens, a Gettysburg lawyer and lawmaker who is considered the father of the Pennsylvania Public School law in 1834.



Stevens Hall



According to Clarion's history, Dr. G.C.L. Reimer was named principal in 1928, and Clarion became Clarion State Teachers College May 28, 1929.

He is responsible for changing courses to the semester system in addition to guiding the institution through other challenges.



Harvey Hall

THE GREAT DEPRESSION

The Great Depression began with the crash of the stock market on Black Thursday, Oct. 24, 1929.

Farmerie wrote in his history that "Education does not operate outside the pale of society, but rather is influenced by and influences society. The Depression had profound effects on state appropriations and student enrollment at Clarion."

Before the Great Depression, Clarion received a yearly allocation of about \$181,000 from the state. Once the Depression was underway, Clarion received \$67,000 per year — a 63 percent cut, Farmerie reported.

The university weathered this storm, but not without making some significant changes. Some of the changes included charging tuition for the first time since 1901 and lowering admission standards to attract more students.

A rallying cry of "close the state colleges" was heard from private institutions and editorial columns alike. Other allegations were lobbed against the school, including that the buildings were fire hazards.

Reimer fought all of these battles and also managed to see to the construction of Harvey Hall.

The Clarion Call reported that Harvey Hall was constructed in 1932 at a cost of \$85,000. It is named for Frank Laird Harvey, a Clarion trustee from 1911 to 1932.

Reimer retired Jan. 31, 1937, leaving the role of president to Dr. Donald Peirce, quickly followed by Dr. Paul Gladstone Chandler.



Chandler served as president for 33 years and retire in 1960.

In his time as president, Clarion recovered from the Great Depression only to move into World War II.

WORLD WAR II



Davis hall

Before World War II, enrollment improved and appropriations, while not completely restored, received a boost to \$90,000. Also, another academic major gained popularity in 1937: Clarion was designated as the library science school for western Pennsylvania.

Library science remains a popular major to this day and boasts many accreditations, including the American Library Association.

According to Farmerie's history, the governor's Public Works Administration was created, which led to a new laundry facility, Egbert Hall and A.J. Davis Hall. Both of the halls were built in 1938.

The Clarion Call reported that Egbert cost \$110,000 to construct and was a men's dormitory. It was named for Walter R. Egbert, former dean of men at Clarion.

A.J. Davis Hall was named for the first president of Clarion, and the construction cost \$173,000.

Clarion University alumnus Floyd Barger ('58) recalls living in Egbert Hall as one of his fondest memories of his time at Clarion. A small dormitory, Barger remembers people gathering around a piano in Egbert's lounge, singing songs they'd made up about the faculty.

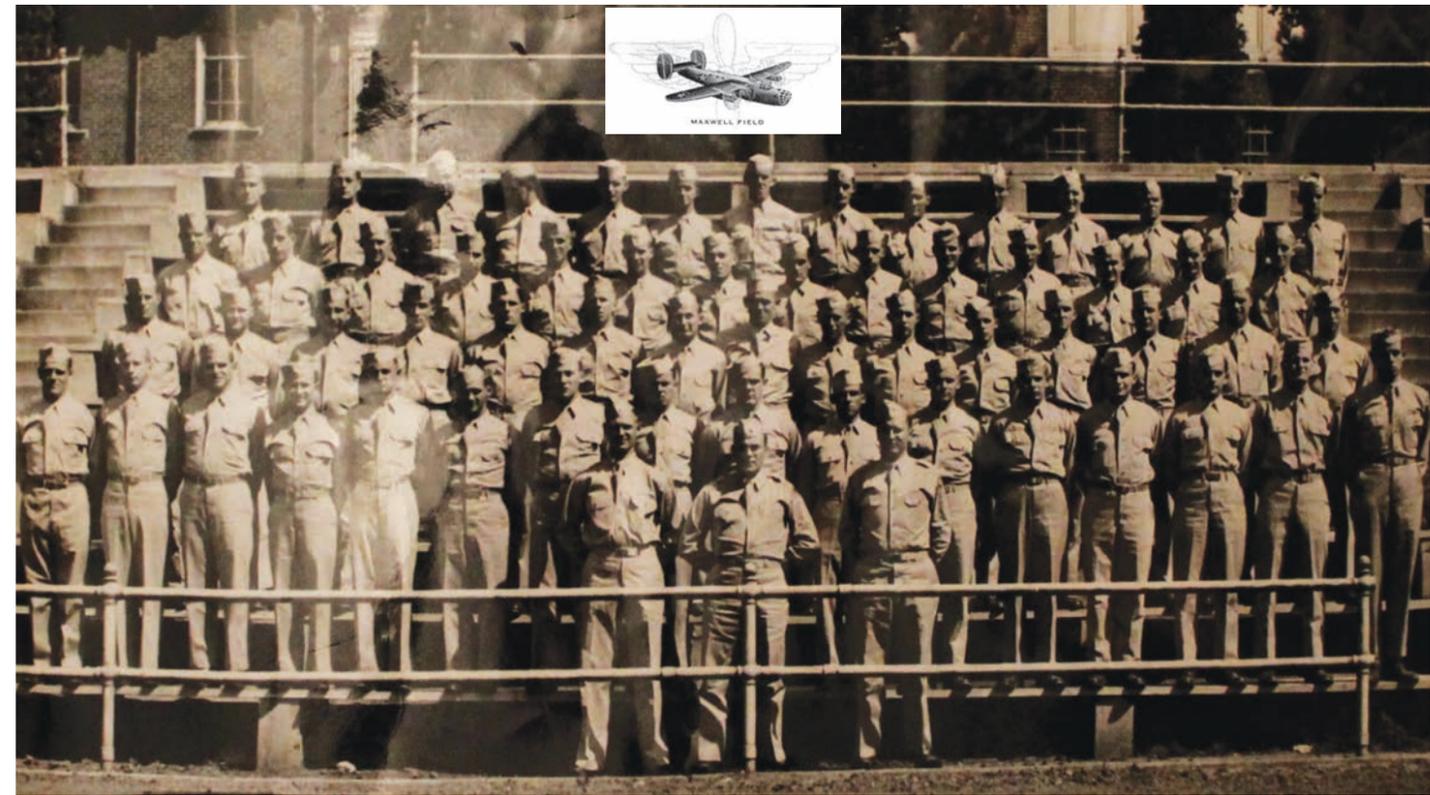
"Some were not very complimentary to certain faculty members," he quipped. "They weren't meant in anger."



Egbert Hall



Art professor Hazel Sandford forged a close relationship with students, particularly the ones who left Clarion to fight in World War II. The photos and letters on the following pages are from Sandford's scrapbook, graciously donated to the Clarion University archives.



Clarion University's Facilities Master Plan reported that the beginning of World War II also brought the Selective Service Act, which drastically influenced enrollment. To keep the school going, federally funded wartime training programs were offered on campus. Between 1942 and 1943, Air Force cadets completed a four-month airplane and glider pilot training.

"The government paid well for the training received by cadets. This carried us through those very strenuous financial times, and 19 Clarion girls found mates from among the trainees," Chandler was quoted as saying in Farmerie's history.



SANDFORD'S SCRAPBOOK INCLUDED LETTERS FROM SOLDIERS TRAINED AT CLARION AND PHOTOS OF THE TRAINING.

MAXWELL FIELD
ALABAMA

Dear Miss Sandford -
I'm writing to thank you for your thoughtful Christmas present. It was very nice of you. But you were very kind when I was there and I never did thank you properly for all you did for me. I'm afraid I wasn't very cordial when I last saw you but I'd just left my wife and I knew I wasn't going to see her for quite awhile and I was a little upset. — never felt like that before. That's enough about that though.
I hope you're getting along well — and how are you progressing with the silk screen work. Have you gotten any



HARLINGEN ARMY AIR FIELD
Harlingen Texas

Friday 11: A.M.
Dec. 3, 1943

Dear Miss Sandford,
I received your card with the picture of good old Clarion and believe me it brought back many grand memories which I know I shall never forget.
Miss Sandford, I have just finished my gunnery training here at Harlingen, and should get my gunners wings tomorrow, after which I will go to an advanced school for the final phase of my bombardier training and I am hoping I will make out okay after coming this far. My training here at Harlingen was the stiffest I have went thru yet. I guess it was mostly because it dealt with guns and I was never very familiar with them, think my it safer to stay away from them. However, the Army changes all of that when they give a

LIBERAL ARMY AIR FIELD
LIBERAL, KANSAS
November 29, 1943

What do you think of the graceful fence of the 24th Liberator?

Dear Miss Sandford,
Just a line to express my appreciation for the greeting card I received from you.
Now I have another favor to ask of you. I understand that recently a paper was published including names and addresses of Alumni from Clarion who are now in the service. If that is true, I would greatly appreciate it if one would be sent to me.
I thank you again and please give my regards to the rest of the faculty.
Sincerely,
Robert W. Penney

POST WAR REBOUND

After the war, the GI Bill brought the enrollment numbers back up to 723 in 1949.

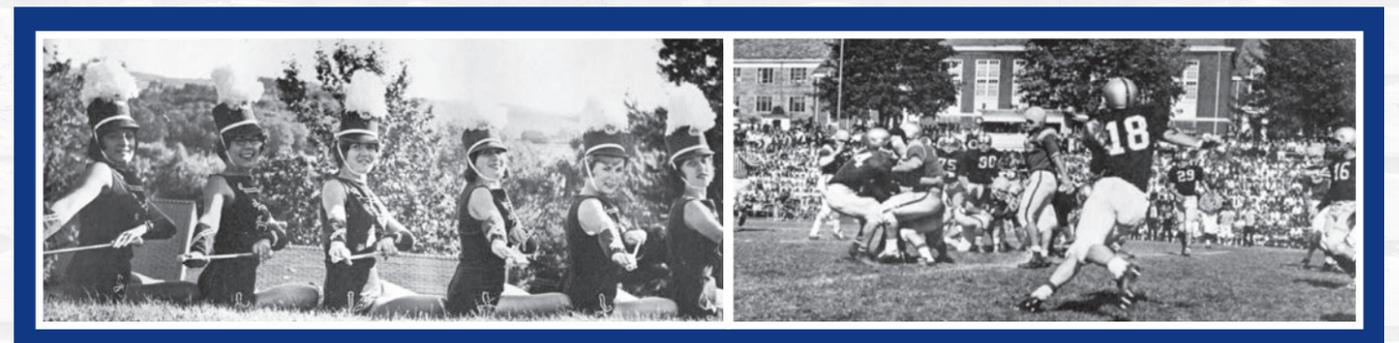
As the college gained more students, it led to the 1951 construction of Ballentine Hall, named for John Ballentine, an early Clarion educator and administrator. The Clarion Call reported the cost to build the men's dormitory to be \$327,000.

Another factor may have influenced enrollment. In 1948, the school gained accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This accreditation has been continually renewed to the present day.

The 1950s were a time of growth not only for the school, but also for the town, which developed a reason to celebrate every fall. The first Autumn Leaf Festival took place in the fall of 1953, and the festival coincided with Clarion State Teachers College's homecoming. The festival is now a cherished event that lasts nine days and continues to include the university's homecoming, as well as university-sponsored cultural events.

"The accreditation was vital because it implied that Clarion's course offerings were now of collegiate quality in name as well as in fact," Farmerie's history stated.

The 1950s also meant successful athletic teams. According to Farmerie, Clarion boasted winning basketball and football teams.



The next building on Clarion's campus was Givan Hall, named for Lorena M. Givan, another early Clarion educator. The Clarion Call reported that Givan Hall was constructed in 1960 at a price tag of \$791,000.



"He was quite a southern gentleman," Barger said of Chandler.

Upon his retirement in September 1960, the school was stable and growing, despite the world events that affected the school during his presidency.

Paul Chandler's time also included the Korean War, which brought veterans to the school when it was over.

The school received a new name the same year Chandler retired.

Chandler is remembered as an involved president who could be seen on campus among the students.

On Jan. 8, 1960, a legislative act was passed that gave the State System schools the right to be renamed from State Teachers Colleges to State Colleges, and Clarion State College was born.

Barger remembered that Chandler and his wife had dinner every night in the dining hall, then located in Becht Hall.

IT WAS THE RIGHT TIME FOR ANOTHER CAMPUS.

CLARION UNIVERSITY — VENANGO

Clarion's master plan noted that partnerships in the private sector led to the creation of Venango campus in Oil City. It officially opened in fall 1961 with 131 students.

In a presentation for the second annual Community History Days, Dr. Christopher Reber, former executive dean of Venango, spoke about the formation of Venango campus.

"It began in 1960, when a group of community leaders envisioned the need for a higher education presence in Venango County and advocated the creation of what was to become Clarion University — Venango campus," Reber said. The request to start a branch campus was approved in 1961.

"This was the first time permission had been granted to any present-day State System university to create a branch campus, and the Venango campus remains today the oldest regional campus in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education," Reber said.

The Oil City Chamber of Commerce led a regional campaign to raise \$350,000 to obtain land and construct its first building. "Within three months, more than \$382,000 had been pledged by nearly 1,800 individuals, clubs and organizations, and building of what was then often referred to in the press as the college annex, commenced," Reber said. There were 132 students enrolled for the 1961-62 academic year, and students took classes in the Oil City Trust Building. The first building completed on Venango campus was Richard C. Frame Hall in January 1962. The Clarion Call confirmed that Frame Hall was originally known as the Venango Campus Building and was financed through a community drive of about \$350,000. According to Venango's history, there were 63 students in the first graduating class, May 26, 1963.

After Frame Hall, a new library and administration building, totaling \$919,000, would be constructed on the main campus. It was renamed Rena M. Carlson Library in 1964-65 after former Clarion librarian Rena Carlson.



"THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME PERMISSION HAD BEEN GRANTED TO ANY PRESENT-DAY STATE SYSTEM UNIVERSITY TO CREATE A BRANCH CAMPUS, AND THE VENANGO CAMPUS REMAINS TODAY THE OLDEST REGIONAL CAMPUS IN PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION," REBER SAID.



GROWTH UNDER GEMMELL



Dr. James Gemmell began his tenure at an exciting time, when the student body was growing and the commonwealth was supportive of state schools, Farmerie noted in his history.

Fulmer said there many other reports of students who weren't happy with the food. Fulmer said 90 percent of the student body didn't eat at the cafeteria one day, and she remembers Gemmell for not interfering with the protest.

"He let the students handle it, and I thought that was pretty amazing, even then," Fulmer said.

After the protest, Gemmell addressed the issues of the cafeteria food.

Keeping up with the growing student population presented its challenges. One such challenge came from the students themselves, when they were dissatisfied with the food at the cafeteria in 1960. Clarion University graduate Elisabeth Fulmer ('64, '80, '97) recalls biting into her roll one day, only to discover it was moldy.

TODAY, CLARION UNIVERSITY
SITS ON 201 ACRES BETWEEN TWO CAMPUSES,
WITH 50 BUILDINGS.

In addition to helping the student body in the cafeteria, Gemmell couldn't ignore the fact that the number of students was growing.

When Gemmell began in 1960, there were about 1,100 students and 10 buildings, Farmerie reported. By the time he left the university in 1976, there were 5,000 students and 25 buildings.

The university needed more buildings and space – but it needed the town's support in order to acquire the land, and that meant getting the townspeople on board with the idea of additional land being off the tax rolls.

"During these years, and to some extent down to the present, the institution has been diligent in its efforts to fully educate the public on the merits of an institution of higher education. The college was a distinct asset to the community, and the concept was constantly being reinforced," Farmerie wrote.

Today, Clarion University sits on 201 acres between two campuses, with 50 buildings. Clarion's direct impact on the Pennsylvania economy is \$160.9 million.

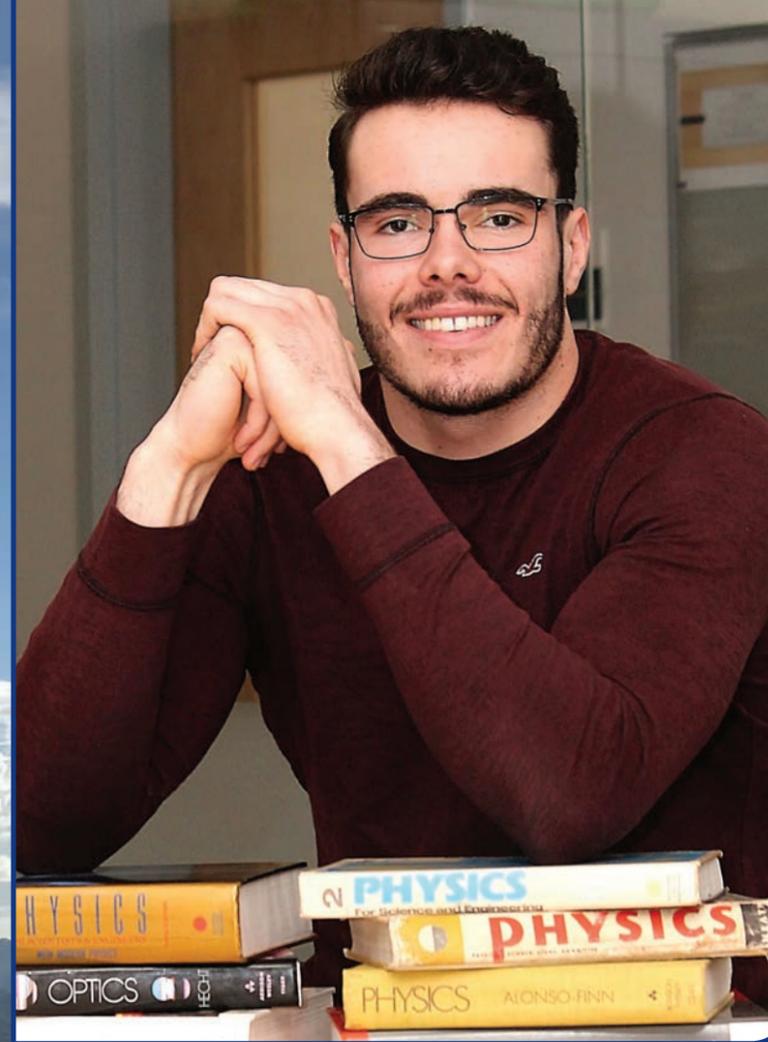
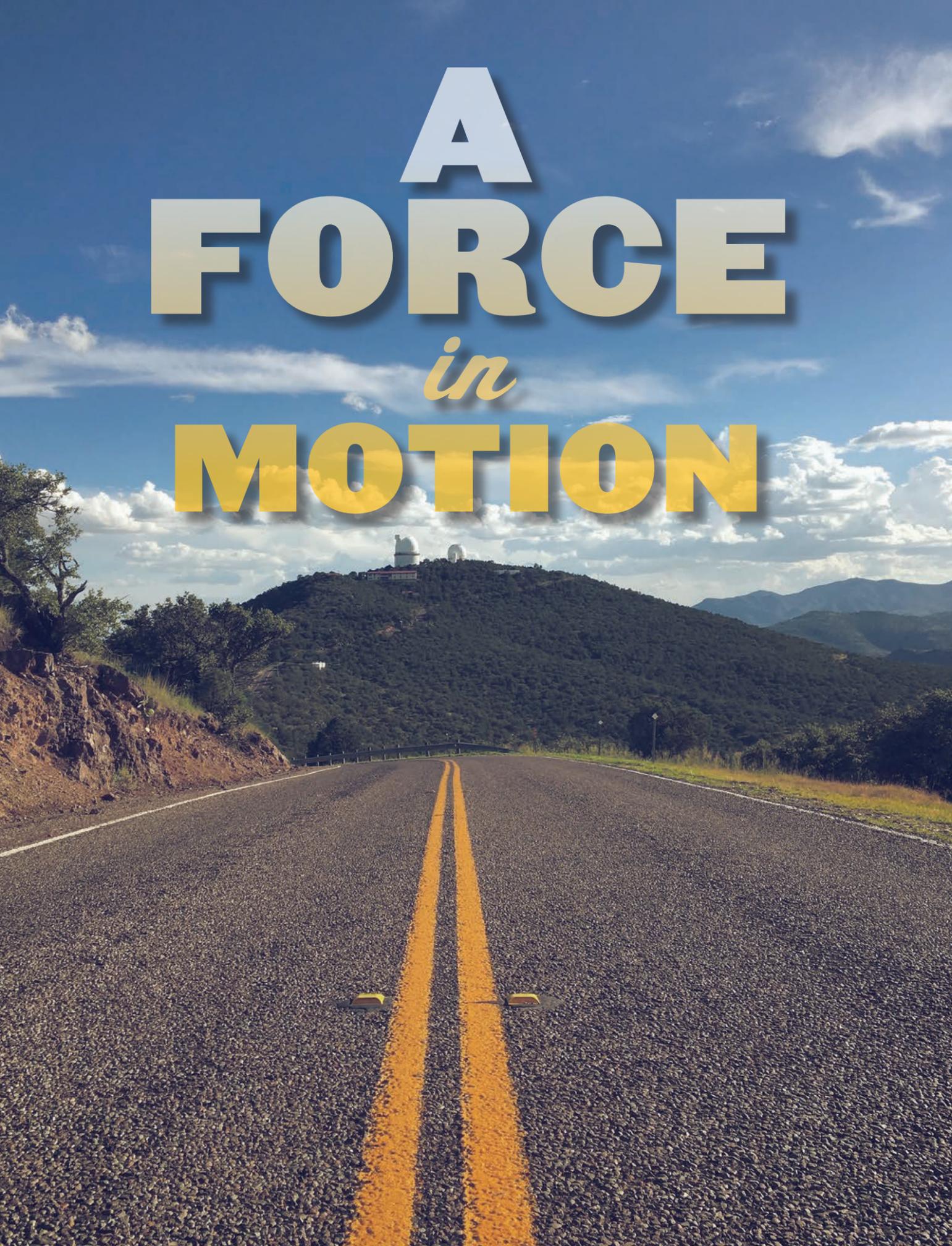


ABOVE, FOUNDERS HALL STILL STANDS, BUT IS NO LONGER NICKNAMED SCIENCE HALL. IT'S ALSO NO LONGER A BOYS' CLUB IN THE SCIENCES. ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE, GRUNENWALD CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS STATE-OF-THE-ART BUT NOT JUST IN ITS FACILITIES. WOMEN HAVE A STRONG PRESENCE IN THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS FIELDS WITH 347 ENROLLED IN THOSE PROGRAMS TODAY. THE NUMBER OF FEMALES ENROLLED IN HEALTH-RELATED PROGRAMS IS 1,204.



FOR THE NEXT ISSUE, WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THE CONTINUING RISE OF THE STUDENT POPULATION AS WELL AS MODERN-DAY CHALLENGES.

A FORCE *in* MOTION



When Jacob Beckey turns 21 in July, he will be in the midst of a physics research internship with the Quantum Information Science group at Oak Ridge National Lab, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

He will already have graduated from Clarion University with two bachelor's degrees – one in physics and one in math – that he completed in three years. With a 3.97 GPA.

When he completes the internship in August, he'll have just a few weeks to rest before jetting off to London for orientation for the Fulbright program, through which Beckey will spend a year at University of Birmingham (England). There he will earn a Master of Research degree in quantum technology.

He'll return to the United States in July 2019, only to pack up and head to University of Colorado, Boulder, in the fall, where he will be a first-year graduate student, his tuition and research fully funded by the National Science



Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

"I feel incredibly grateful," Beckey said. He calls it good luck, but he began to prepare for his post-baccalaureate work when he was a sophomore at Freedom Area High School.

"As a freshman in high school, I was not a good student," he said. "I wanted to be an artist. I didn't apply myself and had a 2.6 GPA."

That changed the following year when he fell in love – with physics.

"My physics teacher, Dr. Brian Wargo, was a huge influence. He was getting his PhD, and he helped me see the high quality of life that someone has as a scientist. I was super motivated, because I knew what I

wanted to do. The rest of (high school), I had a 4.0," Beckey said. "I started looking in 10th grade at what you can do in physics. I started looking at how to get into grad school; I wanted to prepare myself way ahead so I knew what to do as an undergrad."

An integral part of his preparation was choosing where he would do his undergraduate work. Wargo had good advice and laid out the pros and cons of a research university versus a teaching university.

"He said that it's easy to get lost in the shuffle at a large research university, that it's tough to get research there, because everyone wants to do research. And it would put me in debt," Beckey said. "Or," Beckey remembers Wargo telling him, "You can go to a state school that offers the freedom to study in an environ-

ment that's not cutthroat, with more individualized instruction and a more welcoming atmosphere."

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors offers tuition waivers based on high school students' SAT scores. Beckey worked to achieve a 1500/1600 on the SAT, qualifying him for a full tuition scholarship. In addition to this Board of Governors funding, he researched the availability of scholarships at Clarion and applied to as many as possible.

"I chose Clarion for cost, proximity to home, and the one-on-one instruction I assumed I'd get and did get," he said. He came to campus armed with a spreadsheet that detailed his plan to earn two degrees in three years.

"I had to take individualized instruction over the summer for higher

level math courses,” Beckey said. He presented his spreadsheet to Dr. Jon Beal, math professor, who, with Dr. Carey Childers, Dr. Dana Madison, and Dr. Kate Overmoyer, helped him realize his goal.

Also upon arrival at Clarion University, Beckey introduced himself to physics professors Dr. Sharon Montgomery, Dr. Chunfei Li and Dr. Vasudeva Aravind and said he would love to work with them.

During his freshman year, Beckey was a physics education research assistant for Aravind. His project, “First-order Error Corrections in Introductory Physics Lab,” was also the topic of a 10-minute talk he gave

at the March 2016 meeting of American Physical Society.

“It was helpful to get experience as a freshman.”

The following summer, Montgomery invited him to join her at McDonald Observatory in the Davis Mountains of southwest Texas, where she had reserved time on a historic telescope. The time lined up with the Perseid meteor shower.

“It’s one of the darkest places in the United States. It’s so dark that if I stepped outside of the lodge, I couldn’t see my feet,” Beckey said.

The weather was cloudy, but they had a window to the sky and saw 60-70 meteors an hour.

In addition to using the 2.1m telescope, Beckey helped operate tracking software; collected flat, bias and comparison spectra; and assisted with data reduction.

Along for the run was Montgomery’s research collaborator from UC Berkeley.

“He’s British, and he’s hilarious. I was able to talk about experiences with two scientists,” he said. “For years, I’ve just wanted to be a scientist; I felt for a short time that I was.”



Dr. Sharon Montgomery approaches McDonald Observatory.

The seven-night observing run resulted in his fall 2016 research project, “Mapping the Heiles Supershell GSH 90-28-17,” which he presented in January 2017 at American Astronomical Society’s 229th Meeting.

Beckey’s journey to University of Birmingham next fall will be his second trip there. Last summer, he was an international REU student in quantum optics. He researched “Simulation of Ponderomotive Squeezed Light in Laser Interferometers,” which entailed working within Birmingham’s gravitational-wave group to model a method of surpassing the standard quantum limit of an interferometer. He presented that research in January at American Astronomical Society’s 231st Meeting.

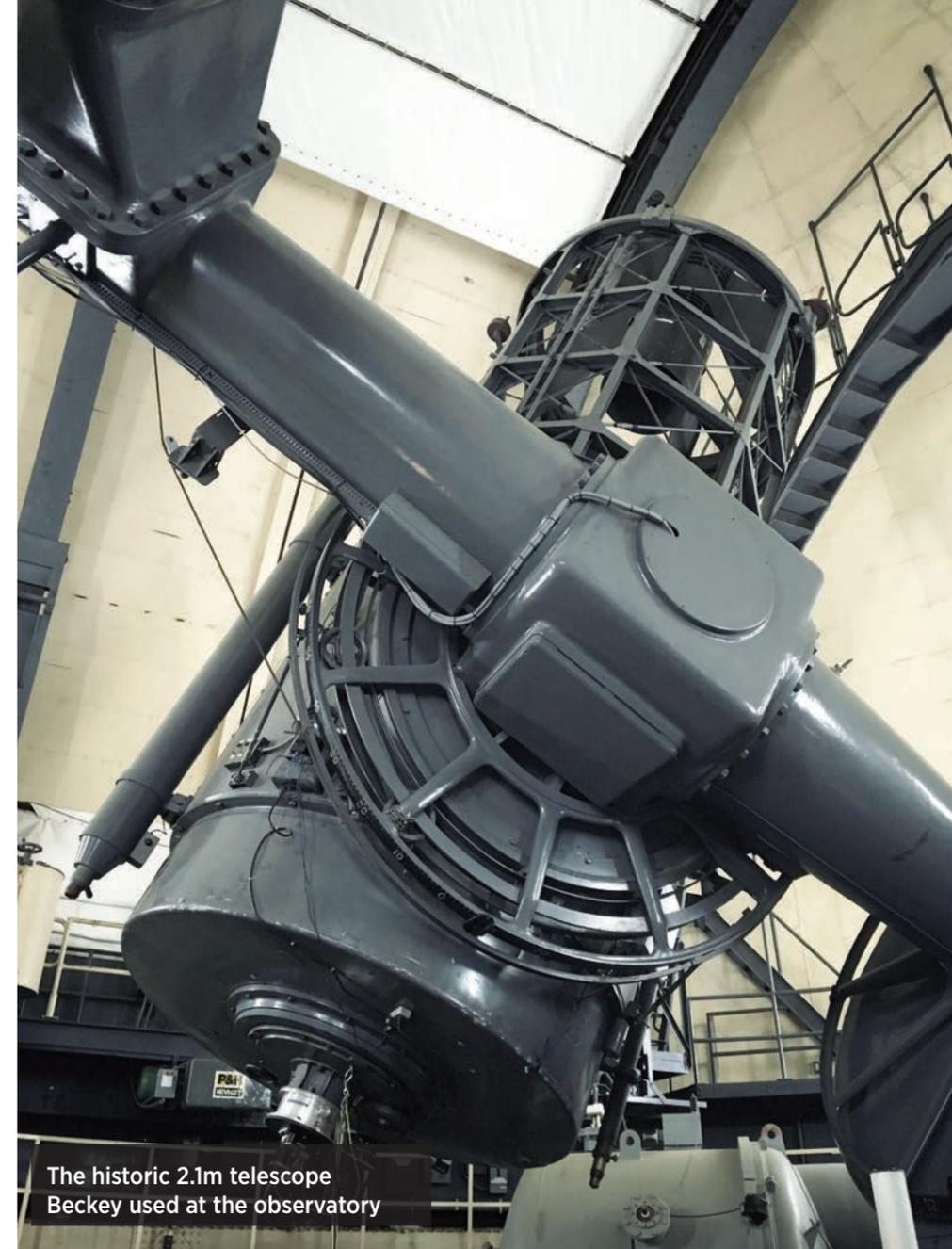
At University of Birmingham, Beckey worked with Dr. Haixing Miao and Dr. Andreas Freise, who encouraged him to return for further work through the Fulbright program and provided a letter of recommendation.

Back in Clarion, he worked with Dr. Bill Naugle to prepare and submit his Fulbright application. He was notified of the award in mid April.

In part, his congratulatory letter from The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board noted that the Fulbright is highly competitive and highly selective; additionally, “being selected as an awardee for the United Kingdom is phenomenal since there are a very limited number of awards for this country and many hundreds of applicants.”

“I knew going in that it was competitive,” Beckey said. He wasn’t deterred, but the credentials of other applicants didn’t go unnoticed.

“I saw the credentials that people from large schools have. There are entire offices at places like Harvard



The historic 2.1m telescope Beckey used at the observatory

that help students apply for Fulbright and Rhodes scholarships,” he said. “I worked with Dr. Naugle one-on-one. For it to work out feels really great.”

When Beckey’s PhD is complete, he plans to teach. “It gives me joy to help people understand what I’m passionate about. At the same time, it is alluring to do research that’s useful to other scientists. In a perfect world, I will be able to do both.”

Beckey would be happy to return to Clarion as a professor.

“Every year, I go back to Freedom Area High School and speak at Dr. Wargo’s conference. I tell them all about the great things at Clarion,” Beckey said. “If you have the work ethic, you can do the same things at Clarion as you can at Pitt or Penn State. The individualized attention at Clarion and the environment is perhaps even more beneficial than name recognition you get at a larger institution.”

Despite his demanding schedule, Beckey makes time for recreation and fitness. He enjoys weight lifting, rock climbing and hiking.

5 GOLDEN EAGLE ALUMNI JOIN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

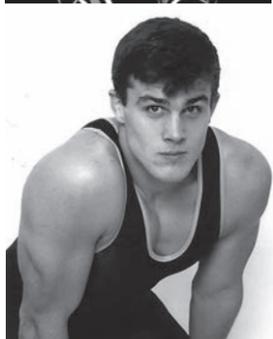
Laurie Carter

John Hughes

Lisa McAdoo

Ken Nellis

Dan Payne



The Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame Committee inducted five new members as the 2018 Hall of Fame Class:

- Laurie Carter** (1981-84; women's track);
- John Hughes** (1982-85; football);
- Lisa McAdoo** (1985-88; women's basketball);
- Ken Nellis** (1982-86; wrestling/1998-2006; wrestling head coach);
- Dan Payne** (1991-95; wrestling).

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2018," said Dr. Wendy Snodgrass, athletic director. "Their contributions to the history and legacy of Golden Eagles athletics cannot be overstated."

Nor can the contributions be overstated of the 1989 inaugural Hall of Fame class and every athlete inducted since. This year's ceremony marked the 30th class, and to celebrate, 1989 inductees Jim Alcorn (football), Al Jacks (football coach), Wade Schalles (wrestling) and Pete Vuckovich (baseball) returned, along with 1990 inductee Reggie Wells (basketball), 2003 inductee Corissa "Mona" (Gaffney) Brosier (women's basketball), and 2006 inductee Christina (Tillotson) Sheets (swimming).

As the Sports Hall of Fame celebrates its 30th anniversary, Clarion University is also celebrating its sesquicentennial in the 2017-18 year, honoring 150 years of educating students.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD SETS PERSONAL BESTS, SCHOOL RECORDS

Under the direction of second year Head Coach Ben Bevevino, the women's track and field team finished the 2017-2018 indoor schedule with a number of personal bests and multiple school records broken along the way.

Freshman Style Henry set the bar high in her rookie campaign, breaking the school record in the 60-meter dash while competing at the PSAC Championships. Henry set that record of 7.78 seconds in the preliminary run and nearly beat that mark in the finals, finishing in 7.79 seconds to place fifth. That mark was the 10th best in the NCAA Atlantic Region this season.

Also qualifying for PSAC championships was Kari Steuer, who finished eighth in the shot put. Katie Brest also qualified for the shot put and weight throw, finishing 13th and 15th, respectively. Summer Murray finished just behind Brest in the weight throw, finishing 19th at 13.64 meters.

Rounding out the PSAC qualifiers was Kayce Bobnar who competed in the 5,000-meter run, finishing with a time of 19:45.83. Bobnar set a new personal best in the one-mile run this season with a team best time of 5:31.93.

Earlier in the season, Brest broke a school record in the weight throw, tossing the implement a distance of 14.38 meters at the Youngstown State Mid-Major invite. Her record throw bested teammate Summer Murray who previously set the top mark a season ago.

The Golden Eagles graduate just eight seniors and will return plenty of young talent for the 2018-2019 indoor season.



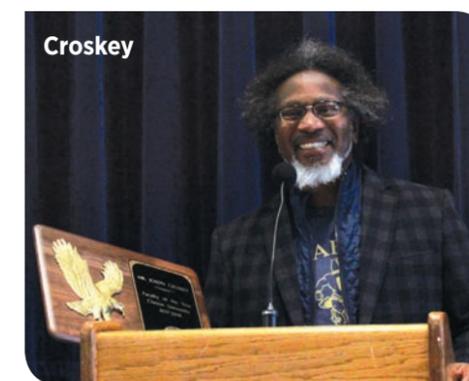
Katie Brest



Style Henry

Kayce Bobnar

ATHLETES SET *record* FOR PERFORMANCE IN THE *classroom*



Croskey

Student-athletes set another record for academic excellence in 2018, with 181 Golden Eagles – 51 percent of the student-athlete population – earning scholar-athlete accolades at the annual Bob Carlson Scholar-Athlete Luncheon.

To be designated a scholar-athlete, student-athletes must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher; attain a 3.2 GPA or higher in the previous year's spring and this year's fall semesters; or, as a freshman or first-year transfer student, achieve a 3.2 GPA in the fall semester.

In addition to the announcement of this year's scholar-athletes, director of athletics Dr. Wendy Snodgrass presented:

- The Carlson Cup, given annually to the team with the most-improved team GPA, to the wrestling team, coached by Keith Ferraro.
- The Special Achievement Award to members of the maintenance staff, especially those who played a part in moving the athletics department and coaching offices out of Tippin Gymnasium in preparation for the renovation project. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, represented by Danielle Stoner, presented the Faculty of the Year award to Joseph Croskey.



Carlson Cup-winning wrestling team

GRUMLEY RECORDS *Stellar* SENIOR YEAR TO LEAD GOLDEN EAGLES

SENIOR GUARD CAMERON GRUMLEY'S STELLAR SENIOR YEAR HIGHLIGHTED THE 2017-2018 CLARION MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON.

The Johnsonburg native became the 30th player in school history to record 1,000 career points. He achieved that feat in front of the home crowd in Tippin Gymnasium Jan. 13 against Gannon University.

Grumley led the Golden Eagles with 17.9 points per game, which helped him earn a spot on the All-Conference 2nd team. The senior guard also set a new career high with 30 points in a Jan. 8 game against Mercyhurst.

Other highlights include the break-out performance of freshman guard Mason Mraz. A native of New Castle, Mraz netted 11.5 points per game to go along with a team best 5.9 rebounds per game.

During the regular season, Mraz earned PSAC West Freshman of the Week on seven different occasions, most among PSAC rookies.

Freshmen Khari Williams and Maqi Watson became regulars in the starting lineup for Head Coach Marcess Williams. No other team in the conference started three freshmen, a positive sign for the future as a trio of young players gained valuable experience during a rebuilding year for the Golden Eagles.

Williams and Watson also joined Mraz in earning PSAC West Freshman of the Week honors, giving Clarion three players to earn the distinction, the most among PSAC teams.

Grumley's departure will undoubtedly leave a big hole to fill, but Coach Williams will have a strong group of young and experienced players returning in 2018-2019.



Cam Grumley



Mason Mraz



Khari Williams



Maqi Watson

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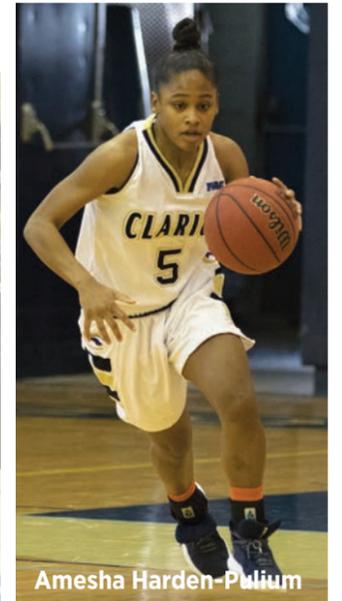
Leaders FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Yndiah Bobo



Yasmin Lewis



Amesha Harden-Pullium

Even before the senior-laden squad of 2016-17 hung up their sneakers and traded in their jerseys for caps and gowns, it seemed apparent that the subsequent season was going to be a transition year for the Golden Eagles women's basketball program. After losing three starters from a year before, new faces were needed to step up in 2017-18.

Throw in a spate of injuries to some of those new faces, as well as some returning ones, and the challenges grew even greater. Adversity often reveals character, and here's betting the Golden Eagles will be better for it.

Senior guard Amesha Harden-Pullium paced the Golden Eagles offense in 2017-2018, averaging 14.6 points per game, starting all 28 contests for Clarion. Harden-Pullium netted a career-high 26 points Jan. 8 against Mercyhurst, and following the season was named 2nd Team All-PSAC West.

Earlier in the season, the Golden Eagles traveled to Robert Morris for an exhibition matchup against the Division I Colonials. Clarion nearly pulled off the upset with a furious fourth quarter

comeback, outscoring the Colonials 25-6, but ultimately falling 67-60.

This season was about new faces, too, including the emergence of freshmen Yasmin Lewis and Yndiah Bobo. Lewis started 23 of 28 games, averaging 5.1 points per game along with a team best 6.7 rebounds per game. Lewis had a monster game with a career-high 18 points and 10 rebounds in a big PSAC win over Pitt-Johnstown, and had seven games of double-digit rebounds.

Bobo appeared in 15 games and made 11 starts before suffering a season-ending injury. The freshman guard was averaging 9.1 points per game while playing nearly 30 minutes a night before her injury.

Sophomore center Tracy Wiehe proved to be a tough matchup for teams throughout the league, as she recorded 8.9 points per game, third most on the team. Wiehe set a career high with 23 points at East Stroudsburg early in the season and recorded double-digit scoring efforts in 12 games this season.

A pair of juniors, Jordan Bekelja and Taylor Moltz, were also lineup regulars for Head Coach Jana Ashley. Bekelja, the team leader in assists with 86, also scored 8.5 points per game, making 26 starts and appearing in all 28 games. Moltz led the Golden Eagles in three-point percentage, finishing second on the team with 57 three point baskets made.

Freshman Neely Whitehead and senior Marina Kelly both saw significant minutes down the stretch for Clarion, with Kelly making six starts and appearing in 26 of 28 games.

The Golden Eagles recorded impressive PSAC victories over Shippensburg (65-69) and Pitt-Johnstown (60-44), during the 2017-2018 campaign.

Head Coach Jana Ashley will return an experienced squad in 2018-2019, as Harden-Pullium and Kelly are the only two lineup regulars who will depart due to graduation.

UNDER Ferraro, WRESTLING CONTINUES STEADY CLIMB



Dustin Conti

The ascension of the Golden Eagles wrestling program under head coach Keith Ferraro has been steady, starting with a pair of NCAA qualifiers in 2016 and picking up steam from there. After maintaining the program's momentum with two more NCAA qualifiers in 2017, the Golden Eagles took several major leaps in 2018, breathing life into the program and putting it back on the minds of wrestling fans across the country.

Right off the bat, Golden Eagles wrestling devotees were treated to a 10-7 overall record and an 4-2 mark in Eastern Wrestling League competition, marking the first time the Golden Eagles posted a team winning record in 15 years. Dual match wins included a road win over Pittsburgh – the first since 1994 – and an 18-17 comeback win over 21st-ranked Rider, when true freshman Toby Cahill pinned the Broncs' Mauro Correnti in the final match of the night.

Head Coach
Keith Ferraro

More team wins means improved depth across the lineup, and it was clear from the outset that the Golden Eagles boasted a deeper team than in previous years. All told, Clarion sent four competitors to the NCAA Division I Championships in Cleveland, the most Golden Eagles to represent at the Big Dance since an identical number went in 2012.

Leading the charge was junior Brock Zacherl, a three-time NCAA qualifier and a consensus nationally-ranked wrestler at 141 pounds since the beginning of the season. He started his year with a bang when he won the Clarion Open, punctuating the event with a win over Penn State freshman and 2018 All-American Nick Lee. In fact, Zacherl defeated three future All-Americans over the course of the season, including Eastern Michigan's Sa'Derian Perry and Nebraska's Chad Red. Zacherl started the year on a 27-match win streak to earn a seven-seed at NCAA's, where he advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to Missouri's Jaydin Eierman. With another year of experience under his belt, Zacherl will have one more opportunity to make the podium before his college days are done.

He was not alone in reaching the big event in Cleveland, though, as Greg Bulsak (184), Dustin Conti (197) and Taylor Ortz (149) all qualified for the NCAA Championships as well, with



Taylor Ortz

each competitor enjoying his own unique journey. A redshirt senior in his final season in the Blue and Gold, Conti made NCAA's after falling just one win short in each of the previous two seasons. He punched his ticket by winning the 197-pound title at the 2018 EWL Championships, beating Rider's Ethan Laird to become Clarion's first conference champion at the weight since Eric Mausser in 2002.

On the other end of the eligibility spectrum, Bulsak and Ortz got their first taste of the national championships as redshirt freshmen, giving them

the opportunity to return in the future. Bulsak earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships after finishing in second place at the EWL Championships, locking up his berth with a last-second victory over Bloomsburg's Trevor Allard in the last match of the night. Ortz took second place at EWL's at 149 pounds to eventual NCAA runner-up Ronnie Perry, but his strong finish down the stretch secured an at-large bid to the tournament, making him the first wild card selection from Clarion since 2014.

Brock Zacherl



Greg Bulsak





Swimmers

HAVE STRONG SEASON

Christina Sather

Divers

MAINTAIN NATIONAL DOMINANCE

Cary Johns

The Golden Eagles swimming and diving teams continued their return to prominence in 2017-18, with the swimmers taking a leap forward while the divers maintained their national dominance with another standout performance. The energetic, demanding coaching staff and the crop of talented athletes returning next year will ensure that 2018 was not a flash in the pan.

Maybe the biggest addition in 2017-18 was not really an addition at all, but a re-titling. After spending seven years as an assistant coach and the second half of 2016-17 as interim head coach, the university officially named Bree Kelley the head coach at the conclusion of the season. A 12-time Division II All-American at Clarion from 2003-06, Kelley sees the success of the program as not just a professional challenge, but part of her legacy as a Golden Eagle.

"I have high expectations, and I am sure our swimmers will tell you that," Kelley said. "When I was an athlete, we won championships twice in my four years, and finished second in the others. Our proud alumni expect that from this program."



Head Coach Bree Kelley



Summer Dacheux

Facing improved competition from across the conference this year, the Golden Eagles men's swimmers took fourth in the league, while the women's team secured a fifth-place finish. Those final standings, while identical to the year before, do not tell the whole story of the jumps the teams made in 2017-18.

This year the men's team featured three conference champions, Ben Spencer, Joe Folz and the 800 Free Relay Team, the last of which was Clarion's first relay champion in many years and came within fractions of a second of breaking a 25-year program record. Spencer was on the bubble for one of the final spots in the NCAA Championships and finishes his Clarion career having set or broken a number of records over the last two seasons.

On the women's side, Summer Dacheux won the 100 Back at PSAC Championships for the second straight year, and Letizia Collini was the conference's Champion Scholar with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Freshman Mary Clare Smith enjoyed her introduction to the conference championships with a third-place finish in the 1,650 Free while senior Alexis Lopez posted top-five finishes in the 50 and 100 Free events.

While the swimmers continued to grow and climb, the divers, under the direction of Dave Hrovat, continued to dominate at the national level. In his 28th year as the diving mentor for the Golden Eagles, Hrovat once again produced national champions and All-Americans at a level unmatched by the rest of the country.

On the women's side, junior Christina Sather was named the College Swimming Coaches Association of America National Diver of the Year after winning the national championship in the 1-meter dive and finishing third in the 3-meter dive at the 2018 NCAA Division II championships. Teammate Emma Kehn added another All-American plaque to her shelf, finishing as runner-up in the 3-meter dive and as an All-America Honorable Mention in the 1-meter dive.

THE CSCAA NAMED HROVAT AS THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S COACH OF THE YEAR FOR THE 14TH TIME, MAKING IT 25 TOTAL (14 WOMEN, 11 MEN) NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS FOR HROVAT.

On the men's side, Hrovat sent two newcomers to the NCAA Championships, with Cary Johns saving his best performances of the year for the biggest stage. The junior won his first career All-American honor in the 1-meter dive, finishing in eighth place nationally in a field that Hrovat described as the deepest in all his years of coaching. He was also an All-America Honorable Mention in the 3-meter dive with a ninth-place finish.



Christina Sather



Cary Johns



1st Row: Sandra Lysek, Virginia Linnan, Connie Dubart. 2nd Row: Phoebe Etzel, Charlene Benninghoff. 3rd Row: Jean Heinick.

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1951

Gardner Wolfe is retired from the Baltimore County Public Schools, where he served as director of special education. Prior to that he was the clinic director of United Cerebral in Delaware County. He resides in Reisterstown, Md. He has a daughter, Laurie Wolfe.

1957

David Christian is retired from the United States Navy. He resides in Festus, Mo.

1968

David Woods is pastor of Boone Mountain Emmanuel Church, DuBois. He is a graduate of Bi Vocational Ministry Certification Evangelical Covenant Church and Navigators Disciple Training Center. He is a founding member of recording group Cross Walk, as well as lead guitarist and vocalist. The group is touring in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Ohio. He resides in Ridgway with his wife, Joyce. They have three children: Constance, David and Christian.

1972

Paul Gaffney has retired as Dean of the School of Fine Arts and Professor of Theater at Southwestern University in Texas. He and his wife, Lois Ferrari, reside in Georgetown, Texas, and enjoy riding their motorcycles near Austin.

1973

Barbara (Butcher) Krause recently retired as an educational therapist from Johnstown Christian School. Previously, she retired from North Star School District after 33 years of teaching. Barbara received the Albert

Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award and the Distinguished Humanitarian Award for 2017 from Marquis Who's Who. She resides in Stoystown with her husband, David. She has a son, Kyle, daughter-in-law, Alyssa, and a grandson, Sebastian.

1974

Michael and Emily (Smith) Reed reside in Elmira, N.Y. They have two children, Jason and Ellen. Emily is retired.

1976

Cynthia (Rowles) Collins retired from Clearfield Area Schools in 2014 after teaching 37 years. She resides with her husband David in Clearfield.

1978

Dave Heckler is retired. He resides in Lake Wales, Fla., with his wife Tina.

1979

Barbara (Nuhfer) Verity is a reading/special education teacher for the Sarasota (Fla.) County Schools. She resides in Sarasota and has a daughter, Amanda.

1983

Todd Sherry has played recurring roles on nine television series and guest starred on dozens more. He has been seen on film opposite Sandra Bullock, Steve Carrell, Adam Sandler and Marion Cotillard. Todd continues to work in theater, television and film and is based in Los Angeles. He resides in North Hollywood, Calif.

1984

Scott Shewell was recently named president/CEO for Safe Harbor. Prior to the promotion, Shewell had been serving as vice president for community relations and development. Scott resides in Mechanicsburg.

Sue Steis is a professional staff nurse in the ICU at UPMC St. Margaret, Pittsburgh. She is looking forward to her new role and the chance to grow and develop into a critical care nurse. She resides in Kittanning.

1986

William Hanna is a computer science teacher for Centennial High School, Frisco, Texas. He also serves as advisor to the school's Dungeons and Dragons Club as well as secondary advisor to the Computer Science Club. William resides in Plano, Texas.

1988

Gerald Stebbins is vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Bethany College, Bethany, W.Va. He resides in Washington, Pa., with his children: Elias, Olivia and Anna. **Douglas Goncar** recently retired from Schwebel Baking Company after 26 years of service to continue growing his 13-year ownership of an appliance business. He has consistently experienced much success from online commerce in the areas of antiques, sporting goods, electronics and appliances. Douglas resides in Gibsonia with his wife Melana and daughter Abigail.

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1991

Lynn (Novakoski) Manganaro is a program coordinator for Breast Cancer Support Services of Berks County, West Reading.

1992

Robert Benson is an executive director of the Safari Club International Foundation. He resides in Cedar Park, Texas, with his wife Michelle.

1995

Ian Mazour is a central library division manager for the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library. He resides in Brooklyn

Dan Payne is CEO of Rugby Americas, Denver. He resides in Denver with his wife Kelly and son Wesley.

1996

Mark Schmitt recently received the 2017 Rock Hill Herald Buzzie Award, being named the best accountant in York County, S.C. He is a self-employed certified public accountant. He resides in Waxhaw, N.C., with his wife, Stephanie, and daughters, Kayley and Mackenzie.

1999

Kevin Pora served in the Army Reserve from 1997 through 2005. He resides in Erie.

2001

Bradley Jones is a senior investment analyst for the Pittsburgh Foundation. He is a chartered financial analyst, enrolled agent and FSA credential holder. Bradley resides in Cranberry Township.

2003

Katherine (Kate) Handra is employed by Duquesne Light, Pittsburgh. She is an American Red Cross instructor, a zoning commission-

er, a notary, Special Olympics swimming coach, and a women's professional football player. She resides in Glassport Pa.

2004

Kenneth (B.Ed. '12) Ramsey recently received a master's in education with a concentration in mathematics through algebra I from Marshall University. He is a seventh grade math teacher for Kanawha County Schools, Charleston, W.Va. He resides in Cross Lanes, W.Va.

2006

Adelina Malito graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Master of Social Work degree.

Sheena Hoover recently joined Hayes Design Group Architects, headquartered in Pittsburgh, as marketing manager. She is president-elect of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Society for Marketing Professional Services. Sheena resides in Coraopolis with her son Aidan.

2009

Breanna (Campbell) Byers is a customer relationship management assistant for Merrill Lynch, Pittsburgh. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband Jon and son Archie.

2010

Daniel Lewis is head reference librarian for Capital Community College, Hartford, Conn. He resides in New Britain, Conn.

2011

Mark Carpentieri's record label, M.C. Records, was nominated for a Grammy Award in the category of Traditional Blues. The release is "Sonny & Brownie's Last Train" by Guy Davis and Fabrizio Poggi. This marks the

sixth nomination for Mark's record label. He resides in Northport, N.Y.

Alexander and Hannah (Arnett) Campbell reside in Pittsburgh, where Hannah is a clinical social worker for UPMC Shadyside Hospital.

Ian and Samantha (Overdorff '10) Catherine reside in Williamsport. Ian is an on-air personality for Colonial Radio Group, Williamsport.

2012

Leila (Zorzie) Shields is employed with Harborcreek (Pa.) Youth Services. She resides in North East with her husband Matt.

Kaitlyn (Anderson M.S. '14) and Ryan ('09, M.Ed '13) Justice reside in Clarion. Kaitlyn is an early intervention speech-language therapist for Riverview Intermediate Unit #6, Clarion.

2013

Natalie Schwarz is a senior e-commerce analyst for Dick's Sporting Goods, Coraopolis. She resides in Beaver.

2015

Amanda (Jones) Stofan is a first grade teacher in the Moon Area School District. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband Eric.

Katrina Verdone received a Master of Arts in clinical community psychology from Point Park University. She resides in Trafford.

2017

Kayla Handy is a crime reporter for The Daily News, Huntingdon. She resides in Huntingdon.

IN MEMORIAM

1930s

Corinne Fields ('32), Feb. 9, 2018
Minnie Smith-Cragie ('36), Jan. 29, 2018
Betty Bowersox ('38), March 9, 2018

1940s

Eleanor Harnish ('42), Aug. 21, 2017
Philip Wallace ('48), July 29, 2017
Patricia Shofestall ('49), July 30, 2017
Charles Kinkead ('49), Oct. 10, 2017
Margaret Aharrah ('49), Jan. 8, 2018

1950s

Raymond McElhattan ('50), July 1, 2017
Paul Weibel ('50), Aug. 16, 2017
Robert Cooley ('51), Oct. 20, 2017
Jenifer Robinson ('51), Nov. 10, 2017
Dolores Pearson ('52), Oct. 24, 2017
Allen Taylor ('52), Dec. 7, 2017
Lois Albrecht ('52), Feb. 23, 2018
Thomas Brady ('53), Sept. 28, 2017
Thomas Stanko ('53), Feb. 10, 2018
Bonnie Black ('54), July 3, 2017
George Wollaston ('57), Sept. 6,

2017

Wilbur Larsen ('57), Dec. 3, 2017
Jay Shaffer ('57), Jan. 31, 2018
James Demski ('58), July 5, 2017
Fred Matheson ('59), July 30, 2017

1960s

John Slaughenhaupt ('60), July 22, 2017
Bruce Murphy ('62), June 28, 2017
Edward Killian ('63), Oct. 17, 2017
Donald Deets ('65), June 30, 2017
Sandra Staley ('65), June 26, 2017
Henry Carberry ('65), Dec. 17, 2017
Judith Nuhfer ('65), Feb. 21, 2018
Nerissa Broad ('66), Dec. 1, 2017
John Scott ('67), Feb. 21, 2018
Elizabeth Stock ('68), July 8, 2017
Dorothy Anna ('68), Aug. 27, 2017
Karen Wiest ('68), Dec. 28, 2017
Paul Schalcosky ('69), July 23, 2017

1970s

D. Waugaman ('70), Dec. 13, 2017
Chris Massena ('70), Feb. 16, 2018
Joseph Strong ('71), Nov. 26, 2017
Barbara Ausel ('71), Jan. 4, 2018
Terry Johnson-Cooney ('71), Jan. 9, 2018
Margaret Mess ('72), Oct. 16, 2017
Martha Dodd ('72), Feb. 10, 2018
Cheryl Dehner ('73), Aug. 7, 2017
Kurt Dudt ('73), Oct. 18, 2017
Jack Giering ('73), Feb. 1, 2018
Ronald Elkin ('74), Dec. 14, 2017
Thomas J. Urban ('75), Feb. 26, 2017
Claudia Fetters ('75), Nov. 25, 2017
James Long ('77), June 30, 2017
Michael Miller ('77), Oct. 16, 2017
Timothy McDermott ('77), Jan. 15, 2018
Donna Kerchinski ('78), Feb. 9, 2018
Mattie Woods ('79), June 19, 2017

1980s

Susan Tomsco ('82), Sept. 2, 2017
Scott McElravy ('82), Jan. 31, 2018
Jennifer Holbrook ('84), Aug. 15, 2017
Janice Taylor ('85), Aug. 19, 2017
P. Elmer ('85), Oct. 9, 2017
Melanie Brannan ('85), Oct. 12, 2017
David Maloney ('86), Nov. 30, 2017
Abby Flockerzi ('88), March 9, 2018
John Huffman ('89), Nov. 29, 2017

1990s

William Valdesalice ('90), July 15, 2017
Vivian Russell ('90), Jan. 30, 2018
Marianne Scheer ('91), Dec. 4, 2017
David Capra ('92), June 28, 2017
Adam Dovenspike ('94), Nov. 1, 2017
R. Jenkins ('94), Dec. 27, 2017
James Alcorn ('95), Dec. 13, 2017
Alex Kopolovich ('96), Oct. 10, 2017

2000s

Elizabeth Ford ('03), Oct. 14, 2017
Michael Rodemoyer ('08), Nov. 19, 2017

2010s

Sally Nichols ('14), Nov. 18, 2017
Tailor Wilkinson ('14), Nov. 22, 2017
Jacob Griffin ('15), Aug. 22, 2017

Friends

Richard Metcalf, Sept. 2, 2017
Louise Salvucci, July 6, 2017
John Mays, Aug. 27, 2017
George Niederriter, Sept. 23, 2017
Robert Dillon, Sept. 26, 2017
Liz Stephenson, Sept. 29, 2017
Barbara McClaine, Oct. 12, 2017
Garold Kriebel, Oct. 27, 2017
Kami Dinger, Oct. 31, 2017
Kenton McElhattan, Nov. 23, 2017
Edward Mattil, Dec. 19, 2017
Emmett Graybill, Dec. 25, 2017
Nicholas Bezak, Dec. 28, 2017
Sheila Nair, Jan. 2, 2018
Paul Kim, Feb. 20, 2018
Sally Ringland, Feb. 27, 2018
Ruth Kriebel, March 11, 2018
Julie Dandoy, March 22, 2018

MARRIAGES

Jessica McArdle ('10) & Lindsay Vevers ('09, MBA '11),
Sept. 8, 2017

Eric Stofan &
Amanda Jones ('15),
June 24, 2017

Nathan Rieck ('13) & Amanda Rodman ('15),
Oct. 21, 2017

Ian Catherine ('11) & Samantha Overdorff ('10),
Oct. 28, 2017

Justin Ringeisen ('12) & Lauren Sigmund ('13),
Nov. 4, 2017

Alyssa Katz ('14, MS '15) & Joshua Domitrovich ('13, MBA '15),
June 25, 2017



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BENJAMIN
Benjamin Albert Godfrey, son of **Dan and Rheanne (Carr '09) Godfrey**, born July 10, 2017



EVERETT
Everett John Wills, son of **Nathan and Kelly (Molnar '95) Wills**, born July 27, 2017



DAWSON
Dawson Scott Donato, son of **Dustin ('06) and Kara (Scott '13) Donato**, born Sept. 5, 2017



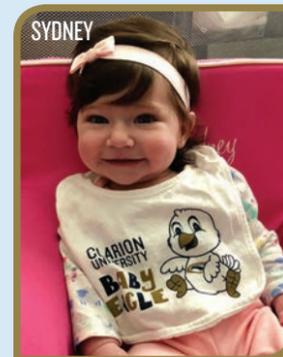
ARCHIE
Archie William Byers, son of **Jon and Breanna (Campbell '09) Byers**, born Nov. 9, 2016



ISABELLE
Isabelle Lynn Stauffer, daughter of **Todd and Kristy (Marchal '08) Stauffer**, born Dec. 23, 2016



ADELINA
Adelina Vienna Bruckner, daughter of **Albert Bruckner and Marissa Rapone ('08)**, born May 8, 2017



SYDNEY
Sydney Elizabeth Faith, daughter of **Chris and Amy (Baumann '08) Faith**, born Sept. 29, 2017



CECILIA
Cecilia Marie Puckey, daughter of **Jason and Jackie (Rodgers '06) Puckey**, born Oct. 4, 2017



ADLEY
Adley Ivalynn Brown, daughter of **Cody and Meggi (Wilcox '11) Brown**, born Oct. 14, 2017



NEAL
Neil Ryan Fogarty, son of **Audra (McGuire '09) and Ryan ('11) Fogarty**, born Oct. 22, 2017



COLTON
Colton James Becker, son of **Shaun and Megan (Linton '09) Becker**, born May 20, 2017



ADDISON **DECLAN**
Addison Ryan and Declan Joseph Konz, twin of **Rick and Katie (Forsyth '06) Konz**, born June 20, 2017



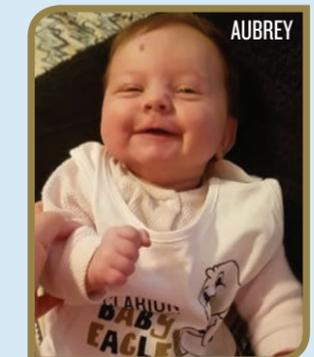
CHLOE
Chloe Ann DuScheid, daughter of **Douglas and Jennifer (Kaltenbach '07) DuScheid**, born Oct. 23, 2017



SARAH
Sarah Margaret York, daughter of **Kevin and Jennifer (Pavlik '07) York**, born Dec. 15, 2017



BARRETT
Barrett Nicholas Harlan, son of **Timothy and Courtney (Castaldi '08) Harlan**, born Dec. 18, 2017



AUBREY
Aubrey Jade Wills, daughter of **John Wills and Cassandra Monper ('13) Wills**, born Jan. 5, 2018

THE CASE OF THE

COMPOSING COUNSELOR

Becoming an author was a natural occurrence for William L. Myers Jr. ('80), but it didn't happen overnight.

Myers said he always had a dream that he'd write the great American novel.

"Reading has been a passion of mine for as long as I can remember, and I've always held authors in awe. What I found, though, was that it took years of trying cases as an attorney to develop the tools I needed to write. And that shouldn't be a surprise to anyone who is a trial attorney. That's because all good trial attorneys learn that you have to approach the jury with a compelling story."

Myers began his career as a defense attorney in Philadelphia, but now serves as a trial attorney representing, among others, railroad employees. He owns a law firm in downtown Philadelphia directly across the street from City Hall.

The law has provided a wealth of material for Myers. His second book, "An Engineered Injustice," released in January, deals with a railroad accident. His first book, "A Criminal Defense," deals with the death of a young reporter and the attorney who must defend his friend who is accused of her murder.

"The ideas for the overall theme of my books just seem to come to me. I'm not sure from where. The details, though, have to be worked out as the story progresses," Myers said.

Myers said he completes a loose outline of where he wants the story to end and develops three to four major plot points. He also loosely outlines chapters.

As he starts writing, the characters take on a life of their own – and sometimes it surprises him.

"Sometimes a scoundrel proves himself to be a hero. Sometimes, a hero turns out to have cracked armor," he said.

Often, when characters have a dialogue in one of his books, he'll discover a conflict that he didn't know was there.

"Conflict is really more interesting," Myers said.

Myers is no stranger to conflict, both as an attorney and during his time at Clarion. He was on the debate team and said it prepared him for his path in life in many ways.

"It helped me think on my feet," Myers said.

He said in the courtroom, witnesses – even your own witnesses – will say things that you didn't expect, and you need "to pivot and react."

"I was privileged to have a great coach, Barry McCauliff, who inspired me and made it fun," Myers said of the retired professor and debate coach.

The fun continues as he juggles life as an attorney and as an author.

Myers said Amazon prefers two-book deals; he had one night to come up with a proposal for a second book. Amazon also recommended that he keep his books within the same universe. In other words, have the protagonist of one book become a secondary character in the next book, and vice versa. That way your world has already been established, saving creative time and building a sense of familiarity for the readers.

Myers' books do not need to be read in order. It's only the universe that remains the same.

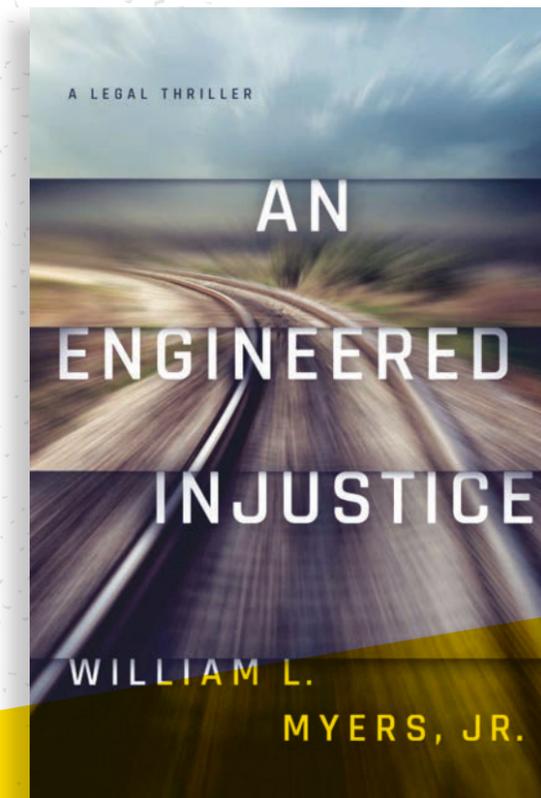
For his first book, it took him two-and-a-half years from start to finish, but his second book took only four months to complete. Amazon knew what type of story they wanted, and Myers just had to take his experiences in railroad law and craft the story.

"Once I started the second book, it almost felt like it was writing itself," Myers said.

He's now writing his third book, but he hasn't forgotten the advice his editor gave him when writing his first.

"He said to me, Bill, I like your writing, but unless you're Stephen King, nobody will publish a 600-page novel."

Myers shaved out storylines and focused more on the main characters, and "A Criminal Defense" was completed.



The Amazon reviews for both books are all positive.

His advice for anyone who has a dream?

"Go for it. No matter where you are in your life – in high school, college or middle age. If you are driven to the law, or to writing, do it. I was lucky in that I knew from a young age that I wanted to be a lawyer. But a lot of people don't know what they want to do until later, after they've had the chance to sample different jobs," he said. "As for writing, I didn't have my first book published until I was 58! It's never too late."

Myers and his wife, Lisa Chalmers, live in the suburbs of Philadelphia with their two rescue pit bulls, Phoenix and Pharaoh.

COURAGEOUS endeavors

LOGAN CHERNICKY



Merriam-Webster defines grit as “firmness of mind or spirit; unyielding courage in the face of hardship or danger.”

For anyone, starting a new business can be daunting. For a college student with a double major and a demanding schedule, it takes nothing short of grit to make it go.

Logan Chernicky, a May 2018 graduate with degrees in geology and environmental geology, used his expertise in those areas to create Enhanced Visual, a system that allows construction site managers to track the progress of their projects using drones and specialized computer software. That was during his junior year.

Chernicky was so confident in the business that he was tempted to focus on it and to put the last year of his college education on hold. As he considered the best route for himself and the company, he stayed in school and joined the PASSHE Business Plan Competition, which provides student entrepreneurs a real-world opportunity to pitch their original business plans and to win funds to assist in the start-up or expansion of their businesses.

He worked with Clarion’s Small Business Development Center to create a business plan, and in mid-April, he was announced as the winner of the top prize, \$10,000 to use for his business.

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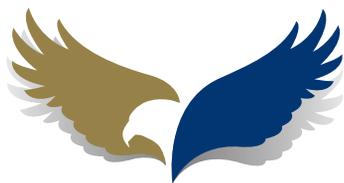


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