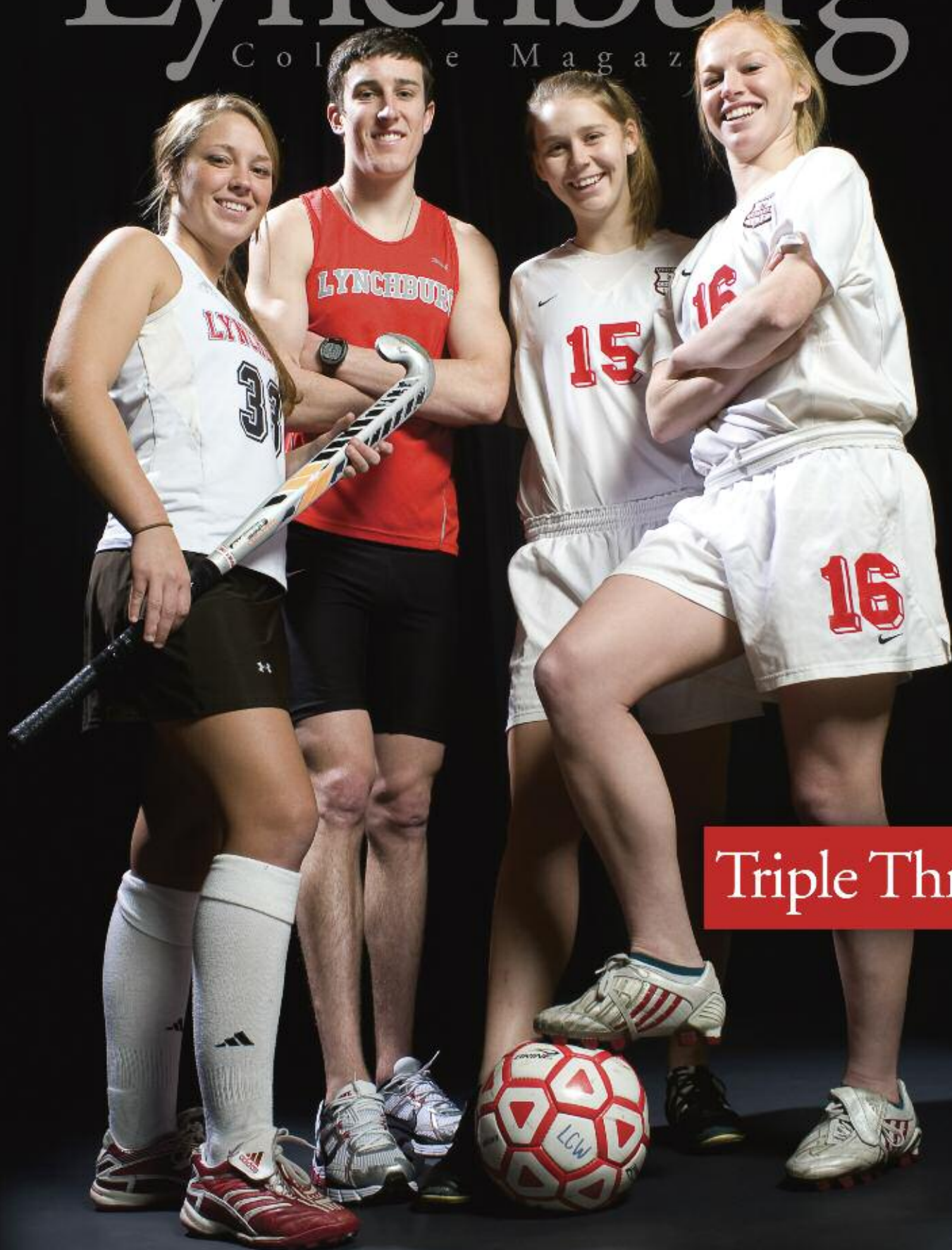
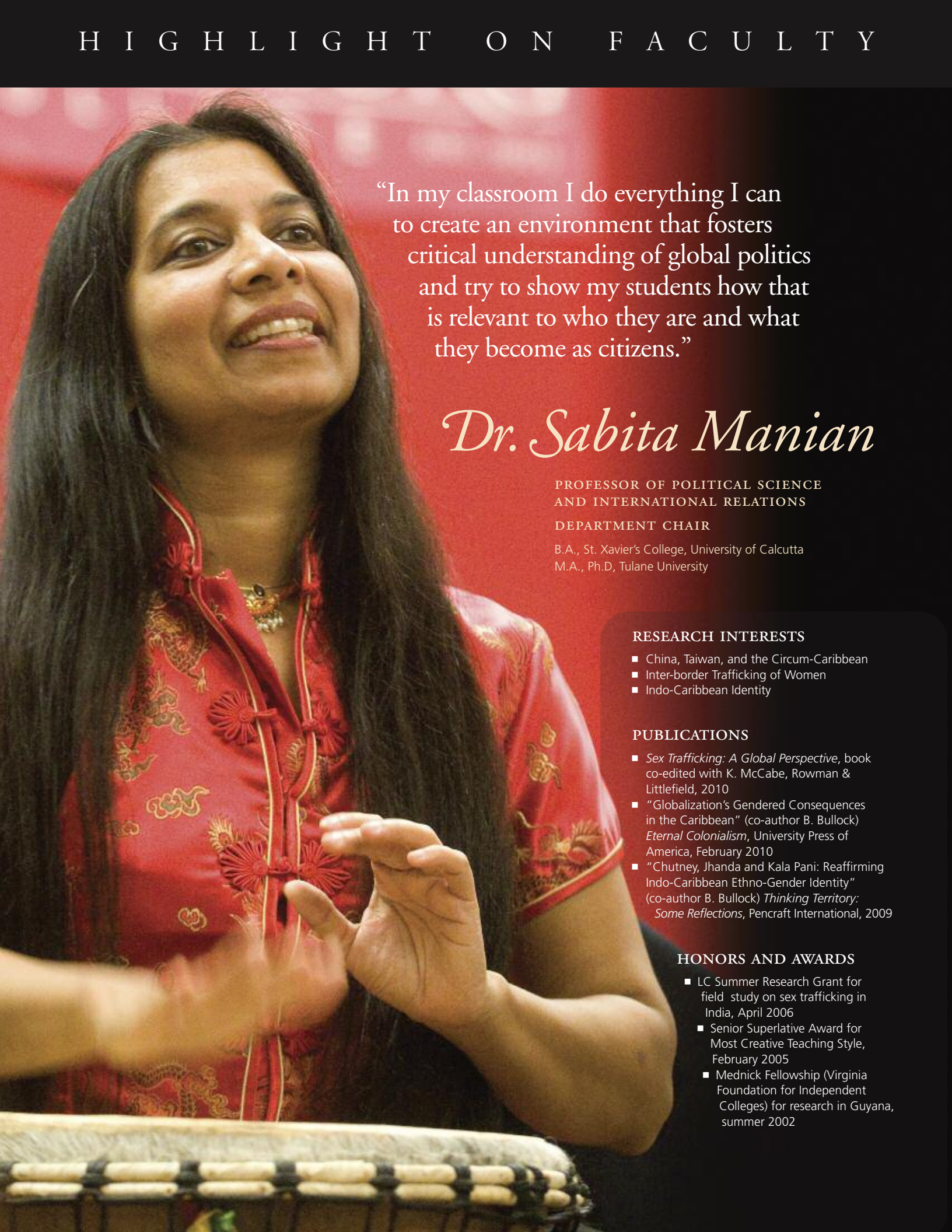


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“In my classroom I do everything I can to create an environment that fosters critical understanding of global politics and try to show my students how that is relevant to who they are and what they become as citizens.”

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## Points of pride: From here, where?



WHY ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR connection with Lynchburg College? Perhaps it's your special relationship with others in the LC community or personal achievements due in some significant part to your Lynchburg College experience. Perhaps it's knowing that LC had another record-breaking year of full-time undergraduate enrollment of almost 2,200 students.

Here are a few more recent points of pride for your list:

### Academics

*Results of the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA)*  
For the past four years, freshmen and seniors have participated in a series of tests designed to measure the value added by their academic experience at LC. Freshmen and seniors are tested on their critical thinking and writing skills, and an estimate of their expected performance is computed based upon their entering SAT scores. Freshmen have scored very close to the values predicted by their SAT scores. However, for three out of four years, seniors have scored significantly above their predicted scores. In the past four years, the average value added by the LC academic experience is 43 percent higher than CLA predictions for college and university students. This means that when it comes to determining the value added by a collegiate experience, Lynchburg College stands head and shoulders above the average college and university.

*Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)*  
At the December meeting of SACS, the regional accreditation agency that accredits southern colleges, I was proud to be serving as a member of the SACS Board of Trustees as the 77-member group voted to raise LC from a Level III institution (master's degree granting) to a Level V institution (doctoral granting), clearing another hurdle for the initiation of LC's first doctoral program (doctor of physical therapy).

### Athletics

The mid-December edition of the Learfield Directors' Cup rating of athletic programs at more than 500 public and private colleges and univer-

sities in NCAA Division III ranked LC ninth in the nation, highest of any private college or university in Virginia and highest in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). In fact, the next highest-ranked ODAC school came in at No. 78, and only four in our conference were ranked in the top 161. The rating was based upon NCAA post-season play of our women's and men's soccer, field hockey, and men's cross country teams. The women's team made it into the Final Four for the first time; Allie Weir '10 broke the national Division II and Division III records for field hockey goals scored in a career; and Ricky Flynn '09 was LC's first-ever national champion in cross country.

### From here, where?

At the October Board of Trustees meeting, the Board voted to adopt five major initiatives:

1. Expansion and renovation of the Burton Student Center, currently being designed by Dominion 7 Architects;
2. Creation of a new health science program (doctor of physical therapy), renovation of a facility to house the DPT program and other health sciences, and creation of a Regional Simulation Center;
3. Expansion of programs and facilities at the Claytor Nature Study Center;
4. Endowment growth, with significant emphasis on increasing funds that support student access to an LC education; and
5. Growth of the annual fund, rated as the highest priority initiative by several focus groups of LC community members.

The Board membership has divided into teams, each with designated Board leadership, to focus on achieving the five initiatives. Read more in this issue about the plans and early accomplishments of these teams. Then join others who have committed their support for each of these worthy initiatives that will chart the College's path to even greater heights of achievement and to even more significant points of pride for past, present, and future Hornets.

*Kenneth R. Garren*

Kenneth R. Garren, PH.D.  
PRESIDENT

# Around the Dell

*The 2009 fall semester at Lynchburg College was dominated by new sports records and impressive levels of activism and activity during this Year of Alliances and Diversity.*

## Saving energy

Lynchburg College will spend \$4.65 million in energy improvements over the next several years, which should result in a reduction of \$583,000 in annual energy costs, or about one-third of the College's utility bills. Because the cost of utilities will increase, by year nine the College could be saving \$903,000 per year.

Work has already begun to replace inefficient lights, showers, and toilets. LC received \$70,000 from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to install energy usage meters in twelve campus residence halls during the summer of 2010. These residence halls house 1,320 students, about 60 percent of the undergraduate student body. The metering project should encourage conservation by showing energy usage as it's consumed via websites and kiosks.

Last year, LC hired Ameresco, an energy services company, to do a campus-wide audit to determine ways in which the College could best reduce its energy consumption. The LC Board of Trustees agreed to move forward with significant changes to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, the installation of a photovoltaic array for partial energy usage for one building, a series of controls upgrades on equipment, installation of new boilers, and enhancement of individual room temperature controls.

Ameresco estimates that the project will reduce carbon dioxide output in the amount of 5,348 metric tons per year — equal to planting 1,215 acres of trees per year; saving 607,000 gallons of gasoline; or powering 741 homes annually. The costs of the upgrades will be recouped in about eight years.



## Korean business students to attend LC



President Garren and Hannam University President Hyung Tae Kim signed a dual-degree agreement between Hannam's Linton Global College and LC's School of Business and Economics.

Lynchburg College and Hannam University, its sister school in Daejeon, South Korea, have entered a dual-degree agreement between Hannam's Linton Global College and LC's School of Business and Economics. Students enrolled at Hannam may transfer to LC to pursue a bachelor of arts in business administration, marketing, or management upon successful completion of an approved three-year curriculum offered by Hannam. **President Kenneth Garren**, **Dr. Joe Turek**, dean of the School of Business and Economics, and **Dr. Ed DeClair**, assistant dean for international programs, traveled to Hannam to formalize the agreement, along with Dr. Han Song, professor emeritus of sociology, and Sheila Garren.

## College approved for doctoral programs

Lynchburg College has been approved by its accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), to offer degrees at the doctoral level.

"This SACS approval puts Lynchburg College in a very strong position to consider a variety of future possibilities to best serve Lynchburg and Region 2000 with highly skilled graduates," said President Garren.

The SACS approval was the first step in the accreditation process for the doctor of physical therapy (DPT) program. The College is seeking accreditation candidacy by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association.

## Keeping health care affordable

Lynchburg College is a founding member of the Health Care Consortium of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia.

With twelve colleges participating, the consortium can negotiate for more flexibility in medical plan design, enhanced benefits, and more effective cost controls.

For 2010, the consortium has contracted with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide health care coverage. For the first time, Lynchburg College is also providing healthcare benefits to same-sex couples.

## New simulation lab

The Virginia Tobacco Commission awarded \$200,000 to the Central Virginia Health Sciences Education Consortium, a new nonprofit launched by Lynchburg College and Centra, to create a health simulation lab for students in nursing, paramedicine, respiratory therapy, and physical therapy, as well as local practitioners. Central Virginia Community College is also a partner in the endeavor.

The Center for Simulation and Virtual Learning will be housed in the nearby Plaza shopping center.

"This lab will provide training opportunities for healthcare students and providers throughout tobacco-dependent counties in Central and Southside Virginia," said **President Garren**, who pleaded the case for the lab before the Tobacco Commission.

The lab will allow an additional eighty-five students a year to get hands-on training. The lab, which will cost about \$663,000, will have seven stations and accommodate twenty-five to thirty students at any one time. The mannequins can be programmed



to simulate common medical conditions as well as critical conditions. These can include a change in vital signs, turning blue from lack of oxygen, or a stress response that will occur through cardiac arrest or septic shock. The student has only minutes to respond to changes in heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing.

"These experiences will prepare students for real-life situations and help their transition into the world of independently functioning caregivers," said **Dr. Angela Taylor**, director of nursing at Lynchburg College and author of the Tobacco Commission grant.

# Is peace possible?

Jala Basil Andoni and Ruth El Raz come from different worlds, though they live only a few miles apart near Jerusalem. Basil Andoni, a Palestinian Christian, is a retired teacher, and El-Raz, an Israeli Jew, is a psychotherapist, sculptor/painter, and political activist.

They both believe that a nonviolent resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is possible if Israel will start removing Jewish settlements from the occupied territories to create an independent Palestinian state.

"Jerusalem Women Speak: Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision" was the subject of this Gender Studies program. While nearly 200 people attended the talk, one of the three speakers did not. Hekmat Besisso-Najji, a Palestinian Muslim woman from Ramallah, was denied a visa by the U.S. Consular office in Jerusalem. The denial was the first in eleven years for members of Partners for Peace, which has brought close to forty women from the Middle East to the U.S. to spread the message of nonviolence and justice.

In the meantime, the 25-foot-high wall that separates the Palestinians from the Israelis for 602 miles, along with more than 440 checkpoints that treat

people "as if we are cattle or sheep," only serves to inflame the conflict, the speakers said.

"We live in an open-air prison," Basil Andoni said. El-Raz noted that checkpoints can be avoided. "Security doesn't keep us secure. To control is not to be humane," she said.

Palestinians and Israelis alike have painted the wall, sometimes to make it more appealing to children, and other times with satirical messages such as, "I want my ball back." Some Israelis also help rebuild Palestinian houses that have been bulldozed by the Israeli government.

Basil Andoni said Americans need to understand that the U.S. gives Israel \$3 billion a year to buy American weapons that are sometimes used against the Palestinian people.

El-Raz acknowledged that attacks from Palestinians do nothing to promote peace. "I've nearly been blown up three times in Jerusalem," she said. The message remains, however, that not all Israelis support the government. "There's another Israeli side that does not want to be an occupier."



## Make trade truly fair

The United States doesn't need to build a fence along its borders to keep out immigrants. It just needs to create more equitable trade policies so that people can afford to stay in their native countries.

"The truth is people don't want to leave their land," Nicaraguan Enrique Gutierrez Zavala told a group of students during a fall visit. "There's no need to build giant walls."

A "Witness for Peace," Gutierrez explained that as a coffee farmer, he could not hope to receive more than \$91 for 100 pounds of coffee, but by the time his coffee reaches American consumers, middlemen have charged \$4,000 for that same 100 pounds. They are making \$3,909, while he is literally not making ends meet.

An organic coffee grower, Gutierrez said it costs him \$108 to produce 100 pounds of coffee. So he is *losing* \$17 a pound on every 100 pounds of beans he grows. How can he live?

"It's a miracle," he joked through his interpreter Galan Baynes, a Witness for Peace International volunteer based in Nicaragua. "It means we have to give up the things we need for life." Children eat less and don't go

to school. "Over time, people can't survive."

If, Gutierrez said, the farmer could get a mere \$200 out of that \$4,000, he and his family could survive, and that would still leave plenty of profit for the giant transnational corporations that control coffee.

Many farmers are forced to move to cities where there aren't enough low-wage textile jobs to go around. In Managua, Nicaragua's capital, people are literally fighting over garbage. With no other options, they migrate to Costa Rica, the United States, or Spain to seek employment. He knows families torn apart by the migration — one parent goes to the U.S., another to Spain, and their children are left behind with extended family members.

Nicaraguan farmers are forming cooperatives in an attempt to gain a bit more buying and selling power. Gutierrez said if more people are aware of the truth, perhaps they will demand that their government improve its trade practices. Buying Fair Trade coffee is a first step toward creating a somewhat more equitable price for the farmer, though it's still inadequate, he said.

## Don't go over the cliff

David Radcliff sighs a lot. He sighs when he shows pictures of women climbing on their hands and knees up steep mountains to pick 100 pounds of coffee, for which they will receive \$5 a day.

He sighs when he shows pictures of young girls breaking up rocks by hand to create gravel in Nepal for 60 cents a day. In Nepal, they say, to be born a daughter is a lost life.

He sighs when he notes that an estimated 186 million Africans will die by the end of the century because of global warming.

But he also laughs almost as much as he sighs. He laughs when he describes the joy he sees in others when they are finally asked to share their stories, when they are given the basic opportunity to be heard.

Radcliff is director of New Community Project, which describes itself as "a faith-based nonprofit organization with the modest goal of changing the world!" He spoke at Senior Symposium on "One Planet, Two Worlds," a brief look at how the world's resources are increasingly divided between the haves and have-nots. Two billion people, for example, defecate and urinate with not so much as a latrine at their disposal.

"We're messing with this planet," Radcliff said. "We're doing things we do not understand on a timetable we cannot see. What does it take to turn us away from the cliff?"

Despite the gloomy picture, Radcliff said, there is hope. At least one million nonprofit organizations work to alleviate suffering in the world. They do it in virtual obscurity.

"So how can we live responsibly?" one student asked. Support organizations that are working with people to help themselves, Radcliff said. He admonished students to understand the connection between what they buy and how it affects the rest of the world. There are businesses that sell clothes that aren't made in sweat shops, for example, though you have to work hard to find them. Corporations, he said, are counting on you to stay in the dark.

When his talk was over, numerous students flocked to the table to pick up his literature, providing a glimmer of hope.

## LC hosts DoC meeting



At the invitation of President Garren, Sharon Watkins, general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), led a meeting of the Council of Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) held for the first time at LC. Dr. Watkins preached at the National Prayer Service in Washington, D.C., on January 21, 2009, the day after President Obama's inauguration. She has also been named to President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM) President Dennis Landon also attended.

## LC BY THE NUMB3RS



**17.5** tons leaves blown and raked by grounds personnel | **48** record number of freshmen in Westover Honors Program |

## From inside the CIA

"Ethics and National Security: Striking a Balance in Decision Making" was the topic of a talk by W. George Jameson, former Central Intelligence Agency senior attorney. Prior to his retirement last year after a career of more than three decades, Jameson served as an attorney and manager at the CIA, as well as in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Department of Justice, and White House Counsel's Office. His responsibilities involved a wide range of matters involving intelligence policy and law, including operational, legislative, and ethical issues. The talk was sponsored by the Richard P. Gifford Lecture Series in the School of Business and Economics.

## Jefferson's landscape

*Reconstructing Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest Landscape* was the subject of a John M. Turner Endowment in the Humanities lecture by Jack Gary, director of archaeology and landscapes at Poplar Forest.

Gary discussed the natural, plantation, and ornamental landscapes of Jefferson's Bedford County, Virginia retreat. "Through our archaeological research at Poplar Forest, we are able to understand, envision, and recreate these landscapes," he said. "From examining pollen grains and chemicals trapped in the soil, to studying historic plantation maps and documents, to excavating the remains of shrubs Jefferson planted, our approach can tell us what the plantation, forests, and gardens actually looked like 200 years ago."

Jefferson designed the octagonal house and portions of the ornamental landscape during his second term as president. Extensive excavating and lab analysis show archaeologists a more complete picture of the grounds and farm, as well as insight into the lives of the slaves who once lived on the plantation.



## Stories of the messengers and more



Haydar Hatemi, *Birth of Christ*, watercolor, tempera and gold on paper. Courtesy of the Headley-Whitney Museum.

The appearance of Chinese-like faces in the scene of Christ's birth is a bit jarring, but it is part of what made *Stories of the Messengers: Haydar Hatemi* such a thought-provoking exhibition.

The artist and his family attended the opening reception of the Daura Gallery's first exhibition of the year. A lifelong artist, Hatemi is considered one of the current masters of a technique dating back to the 14th century. He employed this gold-illumination technique to create a dialog about the common ground among religions in the wake of 9/11.

Hatemi spent two years studying similarities and common messages in four sacred texts: the *Avesta*, the *Torah*, the *Qur'an*, and the *Bible*. His work celebrates shared beliefs within varied world religions.

"Today, people need peace as much as they need food and water," Hatemi writes. "... God's messengers were the protectors of peace and order on earth, and their stories have many lessons for us to learn. I hope my art can be the common medium where people of all faiths can realize that they have more similarities than they have differences."

The other major Daura exhibit was *Fifty Years of Rock*, a fun look back at artists such as Chuck Berry, Ray Charles, the Grateful Dead, the Clash, Madonna, and R.E.M. The exhibition was organized by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Cleveland, Ohio.

875 hours students and staff slept outside during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in November |



About 185 students, staff, and faculty participated in a NO H8 day as part of the Year of Alliances and Diversity.

## High fives for a scholar

**Shannon Melchior '10** received applause and high fives from her professors when she shared the news that she had been named the 2009-10 Sommerville Scholar, the highest academic award given by the College for a distinguished academic record.

Their response didn't surprise her. "My professors are as interested in my learning as I am," she said.

A biomedical science major from Greensboro, Maryland, Shannon has served as a Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) leader in biology and chemistry and has been on the Dean's List every semester. Her academic accomplishments have been recognized through membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Beta Beta, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Shannon originally selected LC because of its nursing program, but the sciences grabbed her imagination. **Dr. Priscilla Gannicott** helped her fall in love with chemistry, and **Dr. Allison Jablonski's** class in biology sealed her interest in biomedical science.

Shannon is torn between future career paths. She loves to teach but hasn't ruled

out medical school. After she graduates in the spring, she hopes to find a job in an academic laboratory, perhaps like the one she interned in last summer at the University of Connecticut, conducting research on neurological complications associated with diabetes. The work sprang from two years of research she did here at LC with **Dr. Judith Muir**, assistant professor of biology. Shannon's research presentation at last spring's Student Scholar Showcase merited the Dean's Award. "I loved the work I did with Dr. Muir," Shannon said. "She probably had the biggest impact on me of the professors I've had here."

Shannon credits her family for keeping her focused. Her parents, David and Nancy Melchior, are both school teachers and have always emphasized the value of education. Her two older brothers are also high achievers. One is an electrical engineer, and the other is in his last year of medical school.

Shannon says she is honored that her work has been recognized. "Ever since I've been here, I've worked as hard as I possibly could," she said.



Dr. Allison Jablonski, Dr. Judith Muir, Dr. David Freier, and Dr. Priscilla Gannicott surround Shannon Melchior (holding certificate) to celebrate her Sommerville Scholar award.

**1,062** pounds lost by staff and faculty participating in Weight Watchers at Work since February 2009



| **3,385** visits to the health center in fall '09

## An unraveling of the social fabric

Dr. Stanley Eitzen, professor emeritus at Colorado State University and a nationally known sociologist, delivered a message at Senior Symposium that some students didn't want to hear. A mixture of capitalism and socialism are necessary to keep our society whole, he said.

The economic divide threatens to tear us apart, he said, citing a dizzying array of statistics. In simplest terms, using 2006 data, if you distributed \$100 to all Americans, the bottom fifth would receive \$3.40, while the wealthiest 20 percent would get \$50.50.

"The United States is the most unequal society in the industrialized world," he said. The rich literally wall themselves off, living in gated enclaves, joining exclusive clubs, and paying for private edu-

cation from preschool on. The poor are equally segregated into crime-ridden, and often polluted, communities with the worst schools.

Through tax breaks and legal loopholes, the wealthiest continue to get richer. "A rising tide lifts only the yachts," Dr. Eitzen said.

The wealthy believe that wealth is deserved, and conversely, that poverty is deserved so "we're justified in not helping them." Money, Dr. Eitzen said, is the scourge of democracy, or as Justice Louis Brandeis put it, "We can have a democracy or we can have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. We can't have both."

So what is Dr. Eitzen's prescription? The U.S. needs a steep, progressive income tax, as in Sweden, and a stiff inheritance tax. We must stop ship-

ping jobs overseas. We need a multi-party system, and we need to take the money out of politics. We need universal health care, a living wage of at least \$12 an hour, low-income housing, preschool for all, and job training. We must end "our shameful national indifference to children who are not ours," he said.

A few students argued that if they could earn \$1 million a year, the government had no right to take half of it in taxes, and besides, entrepreneurs create jobs and provide other benefits to society. Dr. Eitzen said to look to the Swedish model in which entrepreneurs continue to work and earn profits but willingly share their wealth for the good of all.



## A summer with Al Franken

Thanks to determination and a bit of serendipity, **Amber Gavin '11** went to work for U.S. Sen. Al Franken the day after he took office. "How many people get to experience a senator's office being set up?" Amber asks with a smile.

One of Amber's tasks was to create a binder of material on then-Supreme Court Justice nominee Sonia Sotomayor for Franken, who serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee. This was in an office with virtually no supplies. Amber managed to get the job done immediately. "I was so willing to do absolutely anything they asked me to do," she said.

That kind of quick action impressed the staff so much that she was asked to give up college and stay on the "Hill." She declined, but promised to go back to work for Franken next summer.

Amber's duties included sitting in on two healthcare briefings. Health care is the issue she is most passionate about because of a history of illnesses in her family. "I think health care is a right," she said.

An international relations major from Garnet Valley, Pa., Amber is president of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Zeta Upsilon Chapter, a member of Sigma Tau Delta, and a Summer Transition Program leader. She plans to attend graduate school, maybe law school, after graduation.

LC's beautiful campus convinced Amber to come to LC, though she hated to be six hours away from her family. Now, though, her sister, **Alyssa '13**, is a freshman so family is right next door.

## Advocate for the elderly

**Charlotte Arbogast '10** was appointed to the Virginia Alzheimer's Commission by Gov. Tim Kaine. A history major from Harrisonburg, Virginia, Charlotte's understanding of Alzheimer's started at age 12, when her maternal grandfather's memory started slipping. He is now in the advanced stages of the disease. "He knows me some days," Charlotte said. "He's so sweet; he's my favorite person."

Charlotte's mother, Elly Swecker, recently resigned from the Alzheimer's Commission to take on new job responsibilities, so Charlotte lobbied to fill her mother's spot with a younger voice. "Everyone was really receptive to having a younger member on the commission," she said.

She has been appointed to serve until June 30, 2013, in a public-at-large position. The Commission looks at how the Commonwealth currently addresses Alzheimer's disease and dementia and what more can be done for the 130,000 Virginians suffering from those diseases.

"I firmly believe that it is important to involve my generation in issues related to aging and dementia," she said. "As the baby boomers start to age, my generation needs to be prepared for the impact they will have. I hope to bring that perspective to the table while serving out my appointment."

Charlotte already has some statewide experience. Last summer, she did an internship with

the Virginia Department on Aging.

At LC, Charlotte is a work study assistant to Denise Scruggs, director of the Beard Center on Aging. She has helped set up Medicare Part D educational events throughout Central Virginia and has helped with planning aging conferences. Charlotte and Ms. Scruggs have also submitted a proposal to do a program at the Southern Gerontological Society Conference in Richmond about the Central Virginia Consortium on Aging, which brings together a diverse group of community organizations to address aging issues.

"Charlotte will be a wonderful asset to the Commission," Scruggs said. "Her passion for working with older adults and her personal experience give her insight into the issue of dementia. She will also be able to serve as a voice for children and grandchildren who are significantly impacted by dementia."

After she graduates, Charlotte hopes to earn her master's in gerontology. Her life and work experience, along with her academic record, should make her a shoo-in. Charlotte is a member of the Westover Honors Society, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Alpha Theta, and a history tutor.



| **4,500** record number of applications for fall '09

## Two students named George C. Marshall Scholars

**Dustin Sanders '10** and **Thomas Coles '12** were selected as 2009-10 George C. Marshall Undergraduate Scholars, two of fifteen students chosen this year.

Dustin, a history major from Lexington, South Carolina, will continue his work on a project looking at U.S. foreign relations in occupied Germany in the context of the early Cold War. Dustin won a Schewel Research Grant last summer and traveled to Clemson University to do research. This project grew out of a history paper last year, and he is expanding the project for his senior thesis.

Thomas, a history major from Lynchburg, will be conducting research on George C. Marshall's trip to China in 1945 and the impact this experience had on Marshall's ideas for providing aid to China.

The George C. Marshall Research Library in Lexington, Virginia, affords research and writing opportunities using primary materials. The scholar may choose any subject involving 20th-century diplomatic and military history or political affairs from 1898 to 1960 — the approximate dates of Marshall's public service. The scholarship includes a \$250 cash award.



## A helping hand (or two)

Lynchburg College students, staff, and faculty teamed up during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in November and raised more than \$2,700 for those less fortunate.

Solidarity Sleepers, a weeklong sleep-out orchestrated by **Angela Massino '11**, a communication studies major from Georgetown, Del., raised more than \$2,000 to be divided between Miriam's House and Gateway, two local homeless programs. Twenty-three students and seven staff spent a combined total of 875 hours sleeping outside, mostly in the rain.

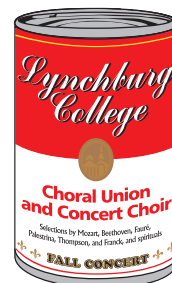
Walk for Women, organized by **Carolyn Walsh '10**, an international relations major from Wayland, Mass., raised \$270 and had thirty participants. The money will help Miriam's House, YWCA, the Sexual Assault Response Program,

Ygyrls, and the City of Joy Center of Refuge for Women in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Food Fight Stop Hunger Now Benefit Concert packaged 20,000 meals for the hungry overseas with eighty students from local colleges. "We had the most students at the event and packaged the fastest," said **Chris Gibbons**, SERVE director.

The LC Choral Union and Concert Choir Food Bank Benefit Concert, conducted by **Melanie Braxton Coleman '06**, raised \$432 and collected 448 pounds of food for the local food bank.

Earlier in November, sixteen LC volunteers fed a pancake dinner to 106 guests at Parkview Mission in Lynchburg.



## Junior tapped for CAREER15



**Anahi Martinez '11**, an international relations major from Woodbridge, Virginia, was selected to represent LC on a statewide advisory council focusing on connecting private college students with top Virginia banks and

corporations for internship and employment opportunities.

Anahi is serving on the Student Advisory Council for CAREER15, the innovative job placement network for students enrolled at the fifteen private colleges and universities which are supported by the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. Each institution is represented by one student selected on the basis of academic achievement and leadership. At LC, Anahi works

closely with **Beverly Reid**, director of career counseling.

A native of El Salvador, Anahi also spoke to Senior Symposium on "The Journey of a Refugee." She spent last summer working for the Refugee Immigration Services of the Catholic Diocese of Virginia in Richmond. She worked with families who had been persecuted for their religious beliefs in Nepal and who had been forced to leave Afghanistan after aiding the U.S. military. She described the numerous hardships placed upon refugees seeking asylum, who often arrive with no resources at all. Each refugee is given \$425 to try to get a start, not much when start-up costs for an apartment and basic clothing are \$2,685 in Richmond. The refugees often speak no English. They have no support system and must leave family members behind. They have often suffered violence and have no access to counseling. Despite their circumstances, Anahi said she found more similarities than differences: Kids just want to be kids.



## Representing Poland

Eighteen Lynchburg College students represented Poland for the second year in a row during the Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation in Washington, D.C., and six LC students were chosen to be among twelve leading members of the European Parliament.

This year's topic was the EU's relationship with Russia regarding international security, human rights, energy, and trade. More than 200 students from twelve colleges and universities participated.

"LC students were clearly among the best, and they affected every stage of the process, significantly contributing to the quality of the simulation and its final documents," said **Dr. Marek Payerhin**, associate professor of international relations and political science.

**Darby Wheeler '11** was selected to serve as EU commissioner;

**Patrick Durany '10** and **Kateryna Mukhina '10** were government ministers; and **Danielle Miller '10** was prime minister.

LC joined three political party groups and LC students were elected chairs of all three. **Conor McFarland '10** led the Christian Democrats, **Daniel Rezai '10**, the Socialists, and **Thomas Key '11**, the Conservatives/nationalists. **Christina Bingham '11** became the chair of one of two parliamentary committees (Foreign Affairs). **Alexandra Jadovich '12** was elected as president of the European Parliament, and **Kathryn McDaniel '10** became the official rapporteur.

The LC delegation visited the Polish Embassy for a briefing by its top political officer and the economic and political staff. The group also met with Washington-area Lynchburg College alumni for lunch during a break in the negotiations.

## Claiming Kin

Laura Marelo  
Claiming Kin



**Laura Marelo**, associate professor of English, has written her first novel, *Claiming Kin*, published by Guernica Editions in Toronto, Canada.

The novel, set in Santa Cruz, California; San Remo, Italy; Paris, France; and a fictional

town called Pottersville, (based on Weaverville, North Carolina), relates the story of two intertwined families and their battles and conflicts over kinship from the 1950s through the 1980s. Excerpts of the novel were included in the 1994/2004 *Voices We Carry* anthology, also published by Guernica.

Marelo, who joined the LC faculty in 2003, held a postgraduate Stegner Fellowship at Stanford University and has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grant, Fine Arts Work Center Provincetown Fellowship, Vogelstein Foundation grant, Deming grant, and residencies at MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, Millay Colony, and Montalvo Center for the Arts. Her fiction has been published by James Laughlin in *New Directions Anthology* and Gordon Lish in *Q*, as well as in the *Mississippi Review*, *Chicago Review*, and other magazines and anthologies.

## Asperger workshops

**Dr. Gena Barnhill**, assistant professor of special education and an Asperger syndrome expert, was the speaker at two three-hour workshops offered by LC and the Virginia Autism Council. "Learning, Living, and Working with Asperger Syndrome" was designed to introduce educators, parents, and service providers to the characteristics of Asperger and several effective strategies that can be used to assist these individuals.

## Young philanthropist



**Carmen Johnson '11** was named Outstanding Youth Philanthropist by the Virginia Piedmont Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. A native of Forest, Virginia, Carmen is majoring in teacher education with an emphasis in special education.

Carmen was nominated for the award by the Society of Saint Andrew, which sponsors Harvest of Hope. In fall 2008, Carmen participated in a weekend trip to glean apples, and during spring break of 2009, she traveled to Jacksonville, Florida, where she helped glean broccoli, cabbage, and citrus fruit. The food goes directly to local shelters.

Carmen is also co-chair for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at LC and has served as team captain since freshman year.

She has participated in two service learning opportunities on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia, where LC has fostered a relationship for several years. Carmen did health, developmental, and educational screenings for the island's 3- and 5-year-olds. "When I came back," she said, "I switched my major to special education; it was that powerful." On her second trip, knowing that dental hygiene is an island challenge, Carmen collected more than 500 toothbrushes from local dentists for children.

"I look forward to teaching special education when I graduate ..., and the Peace Corps is also now a possibility after my time in St. Lucia," she said.



**Trading  
Places  
LC Style**



Six Lynchburg College students and a neighboring couple re-decorated a room in each others' houses in the second annual Trading Places: LC Style, a joint effort between the Office of Residence Life and the Residential Student Organization.

Juniors **Brian Boenau**, **Stephen Armstrong**, **R. J. Burnette**, **Josh Shea**, and **J. J. Jordan**, and senior **Tim Jackson**, teamed up to transform a room for Tracy and Darnell McCray. **Tracy McCray**, who is a cook in LC's Westover Room, said she was thrilled at the opportunity. "I just count it as a blessing," she said. McCray's house is about 100 years old, and the team was able to transform her kitchen, which was trapped in the 1960s, into a more modern eatery.

The LC Trading Places concept is based on *Trading Spaces*, a popular TLC television show. For the LC version, each team was given a budget of \$1,000. LC student, faculty, and staff volunteers had forty-two hours to complete their projects.

## Creating critical thinkers



Inquire, Explore, Conclude, Persuade, Engage. These are the five goals of a new initiative recently adopted by LC faculty, based on the work of a Curriculum Task Force headed by **Dr. Richard Burke**, professor of English.

"It's about helping the students develop into capable and self-aware critical thinkers by the time they graduate from LC," Dr. Burke said. "We let students know, even before they come here, what the essential purpose of the LC education is."

Dr. Burke noted that many faculty members already work toward these goals, but this systematic approach will ensure that every student receives extensive and ongoing instruction in critical thinking. The goals, to be implemented in fall 2010, reflect the faculty's desire "to see our students develop into independent thinkers," he said.

The larger point is for students to be able to think critically once they graduate — to decide, for example, whether a particular job is a good fit, whether a politician deserves support, or how a health challenge is best addressed.

## Three questions about Islam

Two professors spent three weeks last summer studying Islam at the National Humanities Center in Durham, North Carolina.

**Dr. Terri Hartman**, professor of English, and **Dr. James Owens**, professor of history, were selected for the Summer Seminars for Liberal Arts College Faculty, established by the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation. LC is one of forty-two southern colleges chosen for these annual seminars.

The seminar addressed: What is Islam? How has it manifested itself in history? How has Islam treated non-Muslims? Top scholars from Harvard, Columbia, and Princeton universities each tackled one question.

"It's like a mini-think tank for three weeks," said Dr. Hartman. "I have been teaching selections from the *Quran* for nine years now. The question I came with was: 'Why are so many Muslim countries different from each other?'" The answer seemed to be that only 10 percent of the *Quran* is laws, and yet there are four schools of jurisprudence in Islam. Different tribes interpret the *Quran* very differently.

Dr. Hartman said the highlight of the seminar was a trip to the local mosque for a prayer service. As a woman, she was separated from the men behind a grate. The service, she said, was about love, peace, and social justice. "It was the antithesis of what Americans think about in terms of Islam," she said.

Dr. Hartman has attended two previous seminars at the National Humanities Center. "These have been valuable experiences for me," she said. "It absolutely affects my teaching and my scholarship."

Dr. Owens also found it helped inform his teaching of world civilization. "My knowledge of Islam skyrocketed," he said. "It was just a great interchange with young faculty."

## Teaching history to the teachers

The School of Education and Human Development and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences hosted a symposium for local educators on "From Cold War to the War on Terror: American Foreign Policy since 1945." **Dr. Brian Crim** discussed Germany during the Cold War; **Dr. Nichole Sanders** focused on Latin America during the Cold War; and **Dr. Mike Santos** talked about American foreign policy in the aftermath of 9/11. A graduate student panel included **Mark Day, Kelly Jones, Ed Link, and Jonathan Shipe**.

## LC joins the Music Bridge

The Lynchburg College Music Department teamed up locally with the Ellington Fellowship Playhouse and the Jubilee Family Development Center to provide music lessons to children who could not otherwise afford them.

Ten children selected by Jubilee are taking part in group piano lessons and music instruction. The classes include thirteen lessons in the fall and fifteen in the spring at the Hebb Music Center at LC's Snidow Chapel. The fall lessons culminated in a Winter Holiday Concert at LC, and a Spring Piano Extravaganza is set at the Ellington in May. In addition, **Dr. Cynthia B. Ramsey**, assistant professor of music, is privately teaching an eleventh student who had previous keyboard experience.



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# Sports Update

JULY TO DECEMBER 2009

## Hornets reach national heights

Stories by Michael Carpenter, sports information director, and Scott Harris '07 and Jamie Chagnon '10, assistant sports information directors

**A** national champion in men's cross country, a national record-holder in field hockey, and a historic trip to the final four by the women's soccer team gave LC one of its best fall seasons ever, contributing to a No. 9 national ranking in NCAA Division III.

### Men's Cross Country

The men's cross country team had one of its most successful seasons in history this fall, with numerous individual and team achievements, including **Ricky Flynn's** national championship. The squad won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title and placed second at the NCAA Division III South/Southeast Regional to advance to the National Meet — the men's first trip as a team in sixteen seasons. Flynn '09 won the ODAC title by a huge margin of 44 seconds and won the South/Southeast Regional by 16 seconds, setting the stage for the national meet. He exceeded all expectations, winning the national title by 23 seconds and becoming the first national champion in LC's history. Two others earned first-team All-ODAC honors: **Nolan Compton '13**, who also collected ODAC Rookie of the Year honors, and **Lawrence Minor '12**.

### Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country team captured its first ODAC crown since 2003, and **Jennie Pernisi '11** won the individual title. Coach Jesse Baumann won his first ODAC Coach of the Year Award and **Ashley Meyer '10** brought home the ODAC Scholar Athlete of the Year Award.

The Hornets placed five runners in the top ten, and all five earned All-ODAC accolades, including three first-teamers: Pernisi, Meyer, and **Molly Galloway '11**. The women's cross



Jennie Pernisi '11

country team placed fourth at the South/Southeast Regional Meet and Pernisi, Meyer, and Galloway qualified for the NCAA National Championship meet by finishing in the top thirty-five to earn All-Region honors. The fourth-place finish is the second-best placement in team history and the best since 1998.

### Field Hockey

The field hockey team finished the season 18-5, while winning its fourth consecutive ODAC title with a 1-0 win over Eastern Mennonite University in the tournament final. The team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth year in a row and was rewarded for its superb season with a home game in the opening round against Juniata College. Lynchburg defeated the Eagles 5-3 before bowing out of the tournament to eventual national semi-finalist Ursinus College in the round of sixteen.

Attack **Allie Weir '10** assaulted and broke school, ODAC, and national goal-scoring records. Weir broke the Lynchburg College

goals mark in a 6-2 win over Denison and then became the most prolific scorer in Division III field hockey with four goals in a win over Sweet Briar College. Weir finished the season with thirty-one goals, ending her legendary career at LC with 131 goals and 297 points. She was named the All-State Player of the Year and was an All-ODAC first-team selection. Her sister, midfielder **Jenny Weir '11**, was also a first-team All-ODAC and All-State performer.

**Signey Milks '10** led a group of defenders that allowed thirty-five goals in twenty-three games and was named to the All-ODAC first-team for the third straight season, while also earning All-State and All-Region honors. Attack **Jordan Warrington '12** nabbed first-team All-State honors.

Lynchburg's senior players finished with the most wins in LC history, posting a 73-19 four-year record.

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team set the record for single-season wins with seventeen, won an ODAC-record twelfth ODAC Championship, and earned its first-ever NCAA Tournament victory. Additionally, the Hornets set a record for most single-season goals (57) and tied the record for season shutouts (10).

The Hornets lost only one game in their last eighteen contests and defeated Randolph, Hampden-Sydney, and Roanoke colleges in the conference tournament to claim the ODAC Championship and an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament. Lynchburg traveled to Christopher Newport (CNU) for the first and second rounds of NCAA play. LC faced Catholic University in the first round and breezed to a 3-0 victory, but CNU eliminated the Hornets the next day.



Pat Brown '10

**Pat Brown '10** became LC's first All-American since the 1984 season as he landed on the third-team All-American squad and earned first-team All-South Atlantic Region and All-State honors. Joining Brown on the All-Region and All-State teams were **Hunter Smith '11** and **Josh Reed '10**. **Donald Hart III '11** and **Zach Ward '11** rounded out the All-State squad for Lynchburg with second-team accolades.

Coach **Chris Yeager** earned his second All-State College Division Men's Soccer Coach of the Year Award from the Virginia Sports Information Directors. Yeager also earned ODAC Coach of the Year honors for the third time. He was State Coach of the Year in 2006.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team finished the season with a 20-8 overall record along with an 8-2 mark in ODAC. The Hornets started out strong, recording six straight wins. Even Randolph-Macon College, the lone ODAC team to make it to the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament, was not able to get past LC. The Hornets defeated the Yellow Jackets in five games and claimed possession of first place in the ODAC for a short time.

After a heartbreaking five-set regular season ODAC loss against Virginia Wesleyan College late in the season, the team showed a never-give-up attitude and came back to defeat Virginia Wesleyan in four sets in the quarterfinals of the ODAC tournament before falling to Roanoke College in the semifinals.

Libero **Savannah Tinsley '10**, outside and middle hitter **Michelle Boucher '11**, outside hitter **Elena Kritter '12**, and middle hitter **Rebecca Loftis '13** comprised four of the seven members of the All-ODAC second team.



Ricky Flynn '09 leads the pack

## Faster than a speeding bullet

Cross country sensation **Ricky Flynn** started off his final season with a win, but it was only the beginning of what would go down as one of the most impressive seasons for an individual athlete in NCAA Division III history.

Ricky, a 2009 graduate from Lynchburg currently working on his M.B.A. at the College, began his string of championships with his third ODAC title and followed it with a South/Southeast Region Championship. Men's cross country coach **Dr. Jack Toms '69** has coached five cross country athletes to All-American honors. However, none ever accomplished what Ricky did at the NCAA DIII National Championship meet.

What occurred was truly legendary as Ricky burned up the eight-kilometer course in 25:09 to win the national championship. Ricky didn't just win the title; he won by a mind-boggling twenty-three seconds — the second-largest margin of victory in DIII championship history.

"I have been to the nationals each year I have been at LC, and Ricky's performance was the best I have ever witnessed," Dr. Toms said. "Ricky's performance will go down as one of the greatest achievements in the history of Lynchburg athletics."

While Dr. Toms has coached eleven national champions in track and field, he says that winning the title in cross country is a more difficult feat. "A national championship in cross country is extremely hard to achieve — much harder than track and

field. It comes down to one race with several (276) athletes competing at once, and anything can happen."

With the 2008 national champion back to defend his crown, even Dr. Toms wasn't sure Ricky would win the title, much less by twenty-three seconds. "I thought he would be in the top five at the NAAs. Winning the whole thing and by such a large margin was not foreseen," he said.

Ricky's relentless competitiveness gave him the confidence to believe otherwise. "To win a national championship in cross country has been the goal ever since I qualified for nationals my freshman year in 2005," he said. "It really wasn't until last year that I thought I had a shot. Then, this season I was racing really well and in the best shape of my life, so I knew that I had a chance."

Ricky had previously achieved All-American honors in cross country and indoor track and field but winning the national championship was special. "This will be the greatest moment of my life, even if I accomplish my goals for the rest of the year in indoor and outdoor track," he said. "The cross country title is the one I wanted the most, at least until later in life when I hope to accomplish even greater goals, not all running-related."

With his refuse-to-lose attitude and fiery competitiveness, there's little doubt Ricky will continue to defy the odds and achieve what others consider impossible.

*Photo courtesy of Baldwin-Wallace Sports Information*



# Final(ly) Four

## 2009 Women's Soccer Team Roster

- 0 Anna Wright
- 00 Alicia LaPorta
- 1 Jackie Bader
- 2 Shawn Jackson
- 3 Jessie Gonzalez
- 4 Beverly Hoath
- 5 Sam Halbach
- 6 Betsy Kwiatkowski
- 7 Colleen Frickie
- 8 Joanie Snyder
- 9 Kelsey Bergen
- 10 Cecilia Moore
- 11 Jess Mader
- 12 Christina Tran
- 14 Brittany Klippstein
- 15 Ashley Hoath
- 16 Katelyn LeRiche
- 17 Fallon Page
- 18 Nikki Rhodes
- 19 Devon Harp
- 20 Dani Crotty
- 21 Katie Santos
- 22 Kristen Melchiori
- 24 Katie Gebhard
- 25 Shelley Hoath
- 26 Amy Krause
- 27 Lauren Hammond
- 99 Audrey Moore

The history-making women's soccer program made its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament's Final Four after advancing past four other NCAA-qualifying teams.

Lynchburg faced stiff competition to start off the season, defeating fourth-ranked William Smith in double overtime, dropping a 1-0 decision to No. 6 Johns Hopkins and tying No. 1 Messiah College in the first six contests. Lynchburg was just 4-2-2 in late September, but rattled off a ten-game winning streak (9-0-1) to finish off the regular season. The Hornets defeated Randolph-Macon College 2-0 in the first round of the ODAC Tournament but fell 2-1 in the semifinals to Washington & Lee University. After winning back-to-back ODAC titles in 2007 and 2008 and securing automatic berths to the NCAA Division III Tournament, the Hornets were unsure of a slot in the tournament.

Lynchburg received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament and made the most of its new lease on life. "Our expectation at the beginning of the season was to compete in the Final Four," said head coach **Dr. Todd Olsen**. "Our loss in the ODAC Tournament was devastating as we thought our season had come to an abrupt and anti-climatic end. However, once we received the at-large bid to compete in the NCAA Tournament, the intensity, joy, and excitement of our practice went to a different level. Given this second chance, we refused to lose."

The Hornets rattled off wins over Catholic University (5-1) and Washington & Lee University (2-0) in Lexington to reach the Sweet 16 and headed south to San Antonio, Texas, for the next round of play. After breezing to a 4-0 win over Concordia-Moorhead, LC reached the program's first-ever Final Four by advancing 4-2 in a penalty-kick shootout against Trinity University (after tying the Tigers 1-1 in double overtime). Starting Hornet goalkeeper **Anna Wright '11** was injured after Trinity's goal thirteen minutes into the contest, and **Audrey Moore '13** took over between the pipes. The freshman began the season as the fourth-string keeper

and had played less than ninety minutes the entire campaign before getting the call in the Elite Eight contest. "One of our mantras this year was *carpe diem* — 'seize the day,'" Dr. Olsen said. "Audrey embodied this ideal. She stepped up and saved not one but two penalty kicks to propel us to the Final Four."

Audrey was in the starting lineup December 4 as LC faced Washington-St. Louis in the Final Four. "Imagine, the first college start of your career is in the NCAA Tournament Semifinals," Dr. Olsen said. "This was the reality that Audrey faced in San Antonio, and she responded with outstanding play, earning the 'game ball' from the team. After her play against Trinity, we went to the Final Four knowing that Audrey would step up again and she did not disappoint."

Since 1997, LC has won eight ODAC titles and reached the NCAA Tournament ten times. "For the last decade or more, our women's soccer program has been slowly and steadily climbing into the upper echelons of the nation's elite soccer programs," Dr. Olsen said. "Our win against Trinity in the Elite Eight will go down as one of the greatest achievements in our program's history as we were finally able to leap the barrier to the Final Four."

"Once there, the LC women's soccer team embraced every second of the experience as they reveled in the honor and attention given to the Final Four teams. I was so proud of our outstanding play in the semi-final, but I was even more proud of the team's spirit of competition and achievement displayed at the tournament. Our team represented all that is great about Division III College athletics — they played because they love the game, they love representing Lynchburg College, and they love playing soccer with each other."

Senior co-captain **Ashley Hoath '10** also added to the rich LC women's soccer tradition by earning third-team All-American honors, the third Hornet to repeat on the squad. Senior co-captain **Katelyn LeRiche '10** anchored a Hornet defense that allowed just seven goals in twenty-five games. She earned first-team all-conference and all-state honors.

*Photos courtesy of Trinity University Sports Information*

**A**llie Weir '10 finished her illustrious field hockey career at Lynchburg College as a two-time All-American and the NCAA Division III all-time leading goal scorer. She broke the thirty-three-year-old record of 120 goals in a 12-0 win over Sweet Briar College.

"It felt good to break the record. I tried to not think about it, but there was a little pressure," she said. "After the third goal, I really hoped I'd break it at Homecoming with my parents, my grandma, my aunt, and two cousins watching."

Allie had another person there to watch that historic score in her younger sister and fellow Hornet field hockey star, **Jenny Weir '10**. Jenny, a two-time first-team All-ODAC performer in her own right, has marveled at how effortless her sister makes it look.

"I knew she could do it. She's been like this since she was in high school," Jenny said. "She can just find the goal. I love playing with her. When you think

## More goals than you can shake a stick at

about saying someone is the greatest goal scorer ever, that is pretty incredible. I don't know what I'm going to do without her next year."

Allie feels likewise. "It's been awesome. I love playing with my sister. It's just nice to have that connection with her and we can find each other without having to say anything. She's always been my best friend."

The list of accolades and awards that the devastating attack star accumulated during her tenure at Lynchburg is long and plentiful, but, for Allie, individual laurels always came second to team success.

"We were always looking forward to the next step, more team goals. We wanted to win our fourth-straight ODAC title and play in the NCAA tournament again. Everything that I did in my career went toward achieving those team goals," Allie said.

Finding a player like Allie who puts team first can be a rarity, but head coach **Enza Steele** noted that it came naturally to this feisty competitor. "Allie works hard and does everything you ask her to do," Steele said. "She has always valued team first. It has been a pleasure to coach a student-athlete like that."

Allie finished her career with 131 goals. She also scored 297 points, which ties for the most in Division III history. Allie, who is from Richmond, Virginia, also was named the Virginia State Player of the Year for the second straight season and will graduate in May with a degree in nursing.

"Nursing is a profession that is rewarding in that you can help people multiple times a day, every day," she said. "My experience at LC has been awesome; I have loved every second of it."





RECESSION

# CAN'T STOP PROGRESS

by Shannon Brennan

The worst recession since the Great Depression is not the best time to start a major capital campaign. Instead, President Kenneth Garren and the LC Board of Trustees decided to launch the LC Leadership Initiative, a five-point plan to identify the College's top priorities and pursue funding to meet those needs: The Burton Student Center, the Claytor Nature Study Center, the new health sciences building and doctor of physical therapy program, the endowment, and the Annual Fund.

"Each of these priorities is important to attract and retain students," Dr. Garren said. Each of the five areas has a team with advocates from the Board to help secure funding and implement plans for improvements.

## BURTON FAILS TO WOW

Students uniformly say that the Burton Student Center fails to meet their idea of what a student center should be. While it has been a utilitarian building, no one disputes that it lacks a certain "wow" factor. **Catherine German West '82, '07 D.H.L.** is taking the lead on fundraising for this proj-

ect because it's near to her heart, not just as a member of the Board of Trustees, but as an alumna. "Burton should be a centerpiece because it is a place where students spend a great deal of their time, even if it's just in and out to eat," she said. She would like to see a great room with lots of comfortable places for students to hang out. Students have their own ideas for the renovations, which range from a workout space and more food options to meeting rooms and pool tables.

A committee, headed by Vice President and Dean for Student Development **John Eccles**, spent three full days in November and December in meetings with more than fifty people to develop wish lists. Dominion 7, a local architectural firm, used this input to present design choices to the Board of Trustees in February. The bottom line, no matter what happens, is that it will not be inexpensive to renovate the student center. "We're going to need a lot of money," said West, who has already pledged \$100,000 toward the project. "It's going to take all of us to make it happen."

Built in 1968, Burton has significant age and infrastructure problems. As if on cue, during the first meeting of the Burton committee, the ceiling in the dining hall started leaking and committee members had to skirt a series of buckets to collect their breakfast. Dining Services desperately needs more space and updated equipment. Chef **Michial Neal** oversees 2,000 meals a day, while **Jimmy Stamey**, director of dining services, says they cater another

3,000 events each year. They literally empty their sole freezer (located downstairs) daily, requiring multiple deliveries to an inadequate loading dock.

The space problem multiplies in the Westover Room, the mailroom, and the LC Bookstore on the first floor. There's little question that the building's footprint will need to expand. Other major concerns are making the facility handicapped accessible and more energy efficient.

## CLAYTOR FOCUSES ON SUSTAINABILITY

Anyone who has ever been to the College's 470-acre Claytor Nature Study Center in Bedford County knows what a spectacular place it is. The problem is that many LC students don't ever make the forty-five-minute trip. **Dr. Greg Eaton**, director of the Center, would like to change that and make it a graduation requirement that every student spend at least one night camping at the Center. "We are a place for people," he said. "Claytor's real value is its use as a tool to teach people how to live sustainably in the natural world."

The goal of making Claytor available to more people requires increased infrastructure, including an eco-village, which would be built in different earth-friendly styles and materials, possibly including straw bale, rammed earth, and cordwood. Dr. Eaton envisions eight cabin-like structures designed to provide more comfortable overnight lodging for visitors, in addition to the four campsites that already exist.



Other hoped-for improvements include a dining/meeting building that could accommodate 100 people at a time, an eco-garden, and a wetlands boardwalk.

"Claytor is a unique point of distinction for Lynchburg College, especially at a time when environmental concerns are top issues globally," said Board of Trustees member **Andrew Larsen '09 D.H.L.**. "There's an awful lot of enthusiasm among the trustees for all that Claytor represents."

Larsen said he is particularly impressed by the fact that about 800 schoolchildren visit Claytor each year, giving LC the ability to educate and raise awareness of the natural world throughout the Central Virginia region. "Claytor offers a nearly perfect laboratory to explore and test sustainable solutions," he said.

## DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AWAITS STUDENTS

Like any new program, the doctor of physical therapy (DPT) program has some serious startup costs. "Our biggest challenge right now is funding because we won't have any students until next fall," said **Dr. Kevin Brueilly**, DPT director. "We have to be creative until the students get here."

Dr. Brueilly came on board in July from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans where he served as assistant professor in the institution's DPT program. He has already hired several faculty members for the first class of forty-eight students.

In addition to personnel costs, the DPT program needed a physical home, which was found across Lakeside Drive in the Capps Shoe Co. building. In a lease-to-own agreement with Tom Capps, the shoe business is moving downstairs and the College is renovating 37,000 square feet on the top floor for DPT. When construction is complete, Dr. Brueilly said the space will rival and even surpass that of most major universities.

The support and partnership with Centra, the region's largest healthcare provider, has been critical to getting DPT off the ground, Dr. Brueilly said. The clinical opportunities that Centra and other local providers, including Rehabilitation Associates of Central Virginia, offer are key to the program's success. Dr. Brueilly has been most impressed by the College's enthusiasm for the program. "Every kind of support that I could have possibly asked for, I've gotten through this administration," he said.

Interest in the program is already high. In fact, one LC freshman is already prepping for DPT.

**Kelsey Shelton '13** of Forest, Virginia, is an athletic training major and Westover Fellow who told the LC Board of Trustees in October that she was amazed to learn that LC offers everything she wanted when she visited last summer. "It seemed surreal to me," she said. "Lynchburg College had exactly what I needed to become a physical therapist and to my surprise would be starting a doctor of physical therapy program. I could complete my undergrad and graduate school at the same college that I would later fall in love with."

## ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHES STABILITY

"As a trustee who sees many aspects of College governance, I've really realized that LC is a diamond in the rough," said **Walker Sydnor '07 D.H.L.**

"We're doing remarkable things with a lot of students." Sydnor would like to see more donors contribute to the College's endowment (permanent money which is prudently invested to produce an annual income) to provide more scholarships and programs to fulfill the "big imagination" that exists at LC. LC's endowment is about \$72 million, which just isn't enough, he said. "It puts a lot of pressure on the enrollment staff," Sydnor said. "We are very tuition-driven."

Donors who want to see something concrete done with their money can endow a scholarship or specific program. They can also include LC in their estate planning, as he and his wife did, to make sure LC's most important needs are met even in economic downturns.

**Gene Frantz '71, '76 M.Ed.**, vice president for planned giving, said the most important focus of the endowment is clear. "The highest priority is scholarships to keep the College accessible for students and their families," he said. "People who es-

tablish endowed scholarship funds at the College know the tremendous difference they make. Some people choose to establish their scholarship with a single gift, while most individuals make several gifts over time or through their estate, such as a bequest, gift annuity, or trust."

**Erik Donofrio '11**, a double major in environmental science and environmental studies from South Windsor, Connecticut, shared his gratitude at an LC Board of Trustees meeting.

"I struggle for words when trying to explain how much these scholarships have meant not just to me but also to my family," he said. "I come from a single-parent household, and, ironically, my mother was laid off from her career just as I graduated high school. She found new employment and was laid off a second time in two years. She has now been without a job for close to two years and often says that these scholarships and grants keep her hopeful and sane."

"Scholarships have helped me achieve my dream of being the first in my family to go to college and have now allowed me to set my sights and dreams on graduate school, pursuing a master's degree and eventually a doctorate in the sciences."

## ANNUAL FUND MEETS CURRENT NEEDS

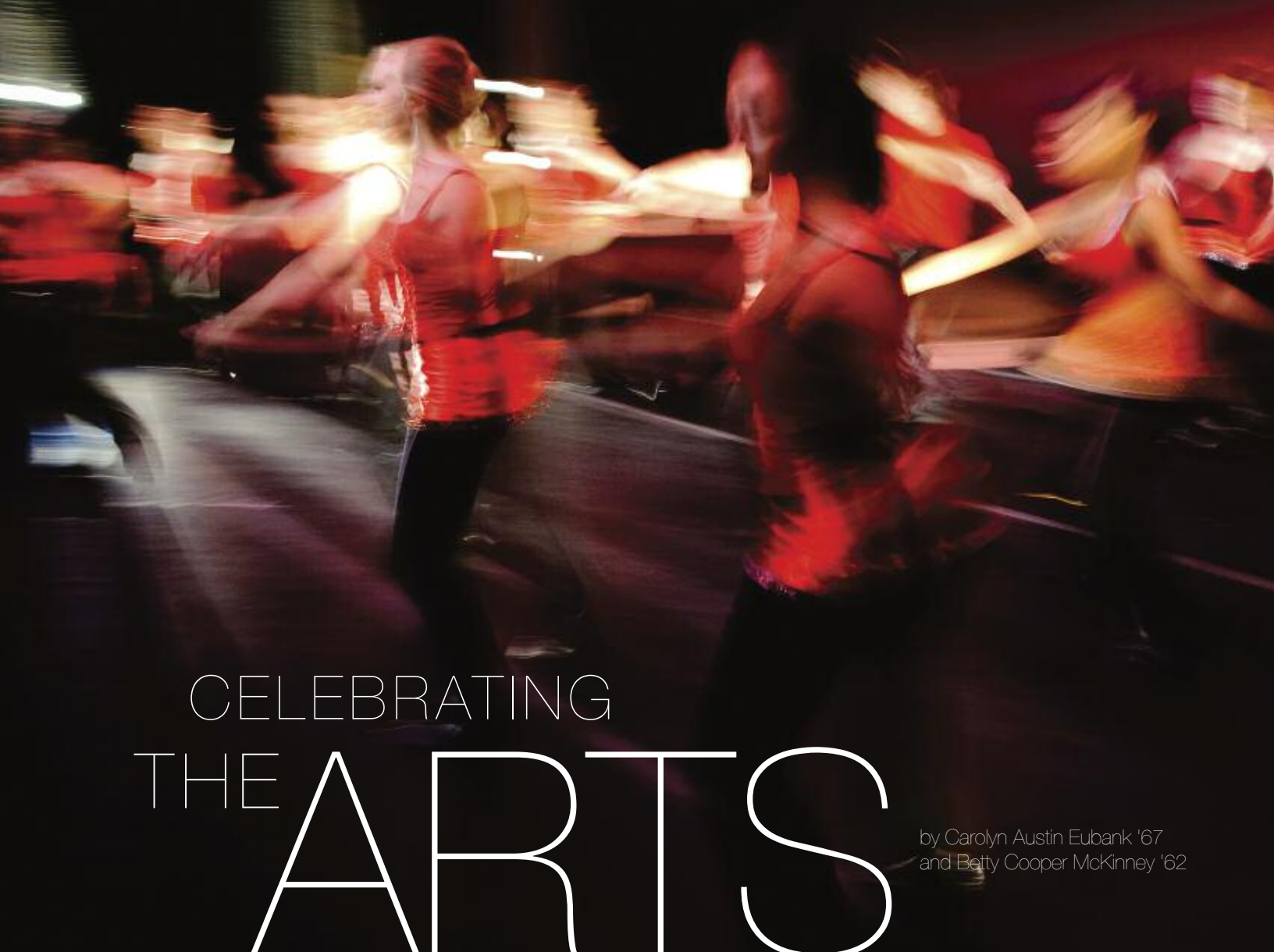
The College's Annual Fund has many of the same goals as the endowment, but the money is used on an annual basis. "The money goes where the College needs it most, which varies from year to year," said **Kathryn Yarzebinski '08 M.B.A.**, director of the Annual Fund. "The Annual Fund impacts all students and satisfies immediate needs."

While capital campaigns and long-term gifts are important, the Annual Fund needs donors every year, as the name implies. "Even when donors support other causes, they need always to remember to give to the Annual Fund," Yarzebinski said.

At LC, the Annual Fund has five main areas of support: student financial aid; faculty research and professional development; library acquisitions; athletic equipment, travel, and facilities; and cutting-edge technology.

While donors are free to designate their funds for one particular area, unrestricted gifts are always most helpful because of the flexibility they give the College to meet current needs, Yarzebinski said.

**Denise McDonald**, vice president of advancement, says she knows this is a difficult time for many donors, but it is vital for the College to keep moving forward. "We need to do everything we can to help our students succeed and to ensure that Lynchburg College continues to thrive," she said, adding that this effort will take everyone doing as much as they can, including using their networks to identify prospective donors. "The fact of the matter is that we are grateful for each and every gift."



# CELEBRATING THE ARTS

by Carolyn Austin Eubank '67  
and Betty Cooper McKinney '62

WHAT ART OFFERS IS SPACE — A CERTAIN BREATHING ROOM FOR THE SPIRIT. JOHN UPDIKE

"In an era in which the individual is increasingly isolated — largely a result of technological innovation — art is more important than ever. It lures us 'out of ourselves,' and helps us to discover the Good, the True, and the Beautiful. Through our aesthetic response to works of art, we discover aspects of our own fundamental beliefs about the origin, nature, and destiny of human existence."

DR. DELANE KARALOW, CHAIR,  
VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Each year, Lynchburg College arts events attract more than 15,000 attendees who can appreciate the truth of Updike's sentiment. From Select Sundays in the Daura Gallery to a production of *Oklahoma!* to a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, LC serves as a cultural resource, not only for the campus community, but also for the entire Central Virginia area. Throughout each academic year, the College hosts more than 150 cultural events that are open to the public — most free of charge.

Whether teacher, student, or audience member, everyone involved in the artistic process experiences its transformative and enriching effect on their lives.

"Most of us rightly understand that the fine arts are about creative expression. Creativity, however, isn't just about talent but requires refinement through disciplined practice and systematic analysis. I think of the fine arts as a 'whole brain' activity — requiring the integration of right brain logic and left brain imagination," said Dr. Dan Lang, dean, School of Communication and the Arts.

For a calendar of Lynchburg College fine arts events, visit [www.lynchburg.edu/FineArts.xml](http://www.lynchburg.edu/FineArts.xml).

"As the College's sole museum, the Daura Gallery has a broad focus encompassing multiple academic disciplines and integrating objects, research, and teaching. This is accomplished through a wide range of changing exhibitions and related educational programs designed to enrich the academic experience of LC students as well as the cultural life of the College and Central Virginia community."

BARBARA ROTHERMEL,  
DIRECTOR OF THE DAURA GALLERY

The *Queena Stovall: Reflections of a Country Life* exhibition drew record crowds to the Daura Gallery.

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Queena Stovall, *End of the Line*, December 1960, Collection of William R. Chambers and S. Allen Chambers Jr.



Students are inspired to reach beyond their expectations and create exciting and evocative art.



# ART

Students have the opportunity to show their achievements in painting, drawing, sculpture, and graphic design at the annual juried Senior Art Thesis Exhibition and Student Art Show.

The Daura Gallery, named in honor of Catalan-American artist Pierre Daura and his wife, Louise, presents changing exhibitions drawn from the College collection, including works by Daura as well as those from public and private sources.



"The best thing about studying art is being surrounded by it; the things we learn about design, beauty, and expression permeate all parts of my life. Everywhere I look, I see the art and beauty of everyday life, and this appreciation is most certainly from studying how to look at art and how to understand it in all its forms."

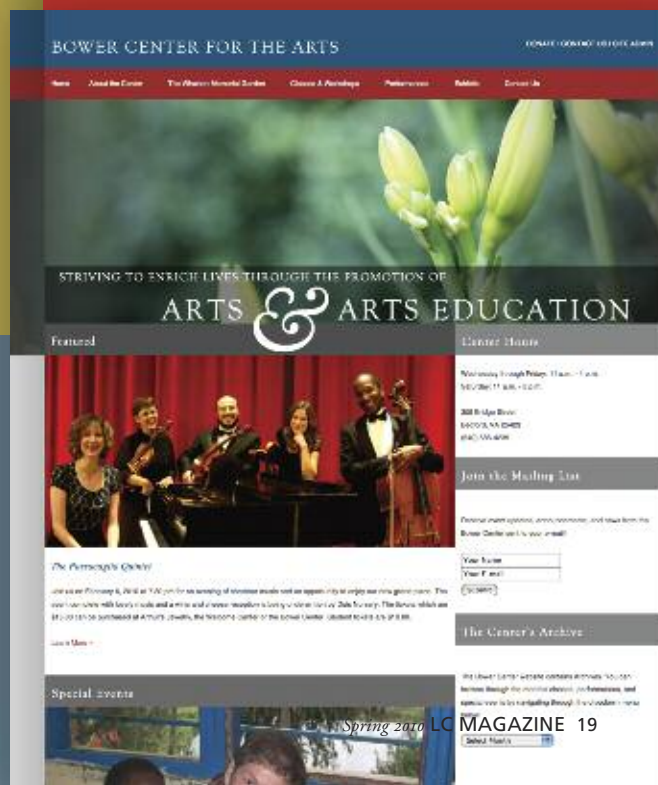
MADDIE COULTRIP '11, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR, JOURNALISM/PUBLIC RELATIONS MINOR, ELECTRONIC MEDIA MINOR

"I fell in love with graphic design and the opportunities it affords. I hope to continue my studies and obtain my MFA. Eventually, I would like to teach typography and web design to undergraduates, but I will always freelance or work for an agency. The dual opportunity to contribute to the industry itself and the greater commercial world is both exciting and enticing for me to push myself."

BRANDON HUNTER '10, CULPEPER, VIRGINIA, ART MAJOR, EMPHASES IN GRAPHIC DESIGN AND STUDIO ART; PHOTOGRAPHY

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Brandon Hunter '10 won a merit award in FLUX AIGA student competition for this website design for the Bower Center for the Arts in Bedford, Virginia. AIGA is a professional association for design.





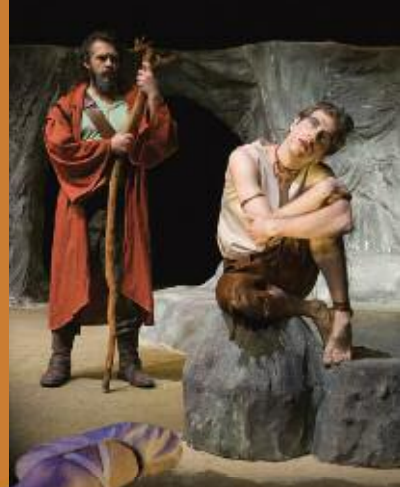
<< The Dance Works ensemble provides opportunities for students not only to perform, but also to choreograph their dance numbers.

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Performers and audiences continue to find relevance in classic dramas such as William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

Musicals like Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* appeal to audiences of all ages.

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# THEATRE & Dance



"Although I have not decided on a specific profession, I know that I want theatre to be an aspect of my career. And whether I continue acting, do public relations for a theatre, or have a job unrelated to my major, the confidence and motivation that I have gained will be beneficial anywhere."

DEREK COOPER '10, ABERDEEN, MARYLAND,  
THEATRE MAJOR WITH A MINOR IN  
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Students gain hands-on experience in all aspects of theatre production.



"Theatre comprises the living literature of societies past and present. Performance and design-technical studies are a powerful path to self-knowledge that culminates in the testing and sharing of both old and new ideas with an audience. With minds, bodies, and imaginations, students explore a broad vision of human concern and learn valuable professional and lifelong skills."

PROFESSOR JEFF WITTMAN, CHAIR,  
THEATRE DEPARTMENT





^ The Concert Choir; Lynchburg Singers chamber ensemble; and the Choral Union (comprised of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community singers) make up College choirs.

"Choral music is the people's art, directly reflecting human thought and emotion. No other music can provide a common meeting ground for people from many divergent backgrounds to come together in harmony. Choral music has a persuasive power to touch the soul and the senses, and it can be a force for change in society as well as a mirror of societal values. It provides an appreciation of the value of history and cultural diversity."

DR. JONG KIM, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AND DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES/GRADUATE STUDIES IN MUSIC



"To perform music is a service I give to everyone around me. Music is my life. I would have it no other way."

BRITTANY MONTORO '10,  
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, MUSIC/COMPOSITION MAJOR



"Music creates a window through which the listener can discover and experience aesthetic expression. Through engaging the imagination, music allows each person the opportunity to assert his/her uniqueness in expressing human thought and feeling. Because music is a unique and expressive language, the study of it provides individuals with personal fulfillment that enhances and complements everyday life."

DR. OEIDA HATCHER, CHAIR, MUSIC DEPARTMENT AND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION/INSTRUMENTAL STUDIES



A wide variety of musical performances are presented by choral and instrumental ensembles, whose repertoire ranges from traditional to modern music. In addition to students, several ensembles welcome faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.

# Music

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Instrumental groups include the Wind Symphony, Orchestra, Handbell Choir, as well as jazz, brass, woodwind, string, and percussion ensembles.



# when I grow up...

by Shannon Brennan

dancer.  
sportscaster.  
pilot. doctor.

For college students, selecting a major is a big step toward answering the age-old ques-

tion, "What do I want to be when I grow up?" Career choices have vastly expanded in recent years, particularly for young women, but it turns out that the "helping professions" still attract large numbers of females.

At Lynchburg College, nursing is overwhelmingly the most popular major, with 203 declared majors at the beginning of fall 2009. Teacher education and communication studies come in with 157 and 141 majors, respectively, while psychology and history round out the top five with 82 and 72. These numbers do not reflect double majors.

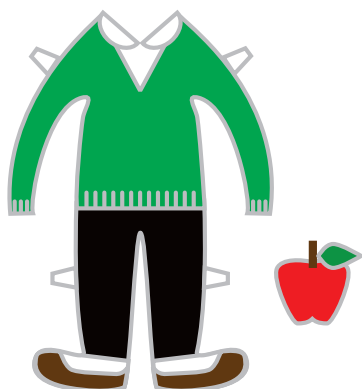
The five most popular majors at the College have changed over time, but both communication studies and psychology were also in the top five twenty years ago. In fall 1989, early childhood education was No. 6, followed by nursing at No. 7, while history was

at 11. (See accompanying boxes for the top 10 favorites in 1989 and 2009.)

## Nursing

Ever since she was a little girl, **Nellwyn Tibbs '10** wanted to be a nurse. In May, she will graduate with a bachelor of science in nursing. In June, she will turn 50. "At long last, I got my chance to go to college," she said. Because of her experience at LC, she will return in the fall to pursue her master's in nursing. "I have fabulous professors who care," she said. "Now, I want to be an educator."

A native of Houston, Texas, Nellwyn got sidetracked with family commitments. She worked as a legal assistant and in retail management, most recently for the Houston Astros Baseball Club. Once her husband retired, however, she decided it was time to try life outside the big city and persuaded her husband, a native of nearby Campbell County, to move back to Virginia. Her daughter **Sarah Harvey '09** followed her here, and actually beat Nellwyn to a nursing degree. Sarah is now working at Lynchburg General Hospital.



Though going back to school as an older adult was daunting, Nellwyn said her classmates have been supportive, even electing her president of the nursing class of 2010, an honor she describes as “the thrill of my life.”

Like many young girls, **Megan Powell '10** grew up wanting to be a dancer. “I thought I was going to Broadway,” she said. Megan still loves to dance but in high school realized she might need another profession to support herself. After going to a dermatologist for skin cancer treatment, Megan started thinking about the health profession. Twelve years of medical school seemed daunting, so she opted for nursing school with a very specific goal in mind: becoming a nurse anesthetist. She made this discovery during her senior year in high school while working in an operating room and earning her CNA (certified nursing assistant). A native of Reidsville, North Carolina,

the largest regional healthcare provider, and Central Virginia Community College in creating a health sciences simulation center scheduled to open in fall 2010. It will also benefit students in LC’s doctor of physical therapy program. The nursing program is also changing its curriculum to focus more on evidence-based nursing practice in order to increase students’ critical thinking skills. This will require a research project during the last semester, Dr. Taylor said. “The point is to look at the best and most cost-effective practices in a variety of healthcare settings and not just do things because that’s the way they’ve always been done,” she said.

### Teacher education

Historically, teacher preparation has been one of Lynchburg College’s strengths. “This was one of the original programs at the College, beginning in 1903,” said Connie Messerschmidt, teacher licensing officer and director of educational field programs. “Schools know we turn out well-prepared professionals. There are jobs available for our graduates.”

LC graduates fill classrooms and administrative jobs in schools throughout Virginia, especially in the region from Charlottesville to the North Carolina state line, and across the nation, Messerschmidt said. Teaching remains a popular major in large part because it’s familiar and offers a clear career track, she said, adding, “People also enjoy working with kids. There’s something very energizing about being in a school environment.”

Starting salaries are competitive in general, especially for the number of months worked, and education provides job security. As baby boomers approach retirement age, the demand for teachers will be significant.

State requirements for teaching have increased significantly in terms of content work and testing, Messerschmidt noted. “Teacher preparation is much more demanding than it used to be,” she said. “Our graduates are extremely well prepared professionally and academically.”

Teaching is still a female-dominated profession nationally. At LC, 82 percent of teacher education students are women. **Danielle Netsch '10**, a native of Chester, Connecticut, who followed sister **Randa Netsch '09** to LC, is one of them. Danielle said she switched from a goal of becoming a pediatrician to becoming a teacher about ten years ago. “I always worked

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**“I always worked well with children and wanted to make a difference in somebody’s life,” she said.**

Megan had a paid externship last summer at a hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina. She says she will likely work in a critical care unit for at least a year before going back to school for a two-year nurse anesthetist program. A member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing, Megan is also president of Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honorary society. Although nursing is a tough major, she still finds time to rehearse five days a week as a member of LC Dance Works. “You have to have your priorities straight,” she said.

While nursing is still almost entirely female, its image has changed over time. The word is out about the great variety among nursing jobs and the high demand for nurses. “With the economy the way it is, nursing is a job that is known to be recession-proof,” said **Dr. Angela Taylor**, director of nursing. As baby boomers retire, the need will only grow, which is why Lynchburg College is joining Centra,

well with children and wanted to make a difference in somebody's life," she said. "Without education, we don't have anything."

Danielle has worked at a summer camp, been a substitute para-educator in her hometown school system, and had several field experiences in her classes at LC. A math minor, she will do her student teaching this semester in elementary education and hopes to land a job in the Lynchburg area after she graduates. A member of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Danielle is also president of Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society.

**Chelsie Cosby '10** is working toward her teacher license in secondary social studies. A history major with teacher education and political science minors, she has had to carry 18 credit hours nearly every semester to finish her degree in four years. Fortunately, Chelsie likes school and that's part of the reason she wants to be a teacher. Her dilemma is deciding between teaching middle and high school students. While middle-schoolers are energetic and curious, high-schoolers "are old enough to transition into abstract thinking," she said. A native of Powhatan, Virginia, Chelsie said her earliest career goal was to fly a plane but she discovered she was afraid of heights. She thought it might be cool to be a doctor but she doesn't like the sight of blood. In high school she thought about combining her love of music with teaching, but after coming to LC, her passion turned to history. In her secondary classroom experiences to date, Chelsie says the teachers she works with have been impressed by both her knowledge of the subject and her ability to manage the classroom. "That's all LC," said Chelsie, who tutors fellow College students in history four nights a week. She hopes to obtain her master's degree in history after graduation.

### Communication Studies

Like many students, **Frannie Willsey '10** arrived at LC undecided on a major. While she thought about becoming a teacher, she also liked history and plunged into the general education requirements with enthusiasm and began to explore her options. A class in argument and reasoning launched her interest in communication studies. "I really like talking to people," she said.

Classes in persuasion and public speaking helped her become a confident speaker and there was no turning back. "No matter what I

do, I'm going to be able to communicate well," she said.

**Dr. Paula Youra**, chair of the Communication Studies Department, says the appeal of the major has four main components: the interdisciplinary nature of the field, the experiential offerings, the need for communication skills in business, and the fact that it's just plain fun.

"We look at a variety of issues in a number of different contexts including politics, business, religion, and social groups from the perspective of communication," she said. "We want our students to learn by doing."

There are four emphases within the major: public relations, communication and social influence, journalism, and electronic media. Students do research, video, and book projects with professors. They have a chance to create communication plans and graphic designs for nonprofits through the Donovan Media Development Center. It doesn't hurt that communication studies is housed in Elliot & Rosel Schewel Hall, with facilities that are the envy of many campuses, including a TV studio, convergence newsroom, and computer labs.

Dr. Youra is working on a biography on Rosel and Elliot Schewel and enlisted Frannie as her research assistant. "The Schewels have the most amazing life story," Frannie said, "and they're so humble." Frannie has been archiving the Schewel family albums, which include every note Rosel and Elliot have written to each other and letters from their friends. She notes with some sorrow that her generation will have nothing written on paper as keepsakes. Frannie accompanies Dr. Youra to every interview and is the official videographer, associate interviewer, and researcher.

A native of White Plains, New York, Frannie obtained a summer internship as production assistant at a post-house ad agency in New York City where she worked with clients on commercials for a new music channel, the Food Channel, and Dunkin' Donuts. She even got to appear in a commercial for the Science Channel. Back on campus, she is the advertising manager for *The Critograph* student newspaper, which offers yet another chance to try out her communication skills. "I think you could major in communication and do anything," she said.

**Joshua Shea '11** of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, echoes those sentiments. "If you're a communication studies major, there are a lot of different avenues you can follow," he said.

### Top 10 majors fall 2009

Nursing  
Teacher  
Education  
Communication  
Studies  
Psychology  
History  
Business  
Administration  
Athletic Training  
English  
Sport  
Management  
Exercise  
Physiology



Joshua Shea '11, who liked listening to baseball announcers on the radio while growing up, now sees the goal of being a sports broadcaster within the realm of the possible.

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"I feel like it's a pretty versatile major." Josh, who liked listening to baseball announcers on the radio while growing up, now sees the goal of being a sports broadcaster within the realm of the possible. A sport management minor, Josh hopes to get a couple of internships under his belt soon. "I think there are a lot of opportunities."

### Psychology

**Dr. Don Werner**, chair of psychology, says his field attracts students interested in people, and overwhelmingly, those students are women. Psychology has always been a popular field because people want to understand what it means to be human. It helps answer the question, "How do you know anything?" Dr. Werner said.

About 80 percent of psychology majors are female and the majority of them eventually become therapists, he said. At the graduate level, more PH.D.s are being awarded to women than men. The trend toward the feminization of psychology actually began around World War II, Dr. Werner said. Historically, psychology had been largely an academic field, but women were the driving force to make it a clinical field as they saw the need to help people suffering from emotional pain.

Lynchburg College's Psychology Department is part of the School of Sciences, which sets the discipline apart from many undergraduate programs, Dr. Werner said. "We're kind of unique in that we're a science," he said. "We're very interested in teaching students to be scientists. We do experiments to find evidence."

Psychology has been considered a science at LC since the 1960s, when the College even used monkeys for experimentation. "It was way ahead of its time," Dr. Werner said. Primates

are no longer used in experiments, but rodents are. "We run rats in the freshman class," he said. "That's very unusual. We consider animal studies fundamental to good science."

**Jenna Jewell '10**, who is the head lab assistant and cares for the rats, agrees. "You find out how humans learn by watching how the rats learn," she said. Jenna, who hails from Urbandale, Iowa, said she has always been interested in psychology and one developmental course confirmed it. She is double majoring in criminology and applying to a PH.D. program in social psychology with the hope of one day teaching at the college level. She has already gained a lot of experience as a Peer Assisted Study Session (PASS) leader and a Connection Leader for freshman mentoring, as well as a lab assistant. She hopes to affect the lives of future students positively. "I've had multiple good professors who've made a difference in my life," she said. For example, Jenna has worked with Dr. Virginia Cylke for two years on a research project on white and heterosexual privilege. She also did a summer internship at Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg in the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Unit, where she shadowed professionals and sat in on counseling sessions. Psychology isn't all that keeps Jenna engaged. She's president of the Society of Westover Fellows; vice president of Psi Chi, the psychology honor society; a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority; and does intramural sports. "I like to stay busy," she said.

**Laura Davis '10** of Goshen, Connecticut, came to LC with law school on her mind and is well on her way. She decided that psychology would be a good major because of the analytical and writing skills it requires. "We do a lot of experiments," she said. "We get a lot of experience writing long, formal papers." Psychology helps her understand behavioral problems and treatment options, which help support her interest in advocacy for women and children. She has done internships in Connecticut with the Susan B. Anthony Project for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as volunteering locally with the Sexual Assault Response Program. She has accompanied victims to the emergency room to undergo tests and talk with police officers. Laura is also a member of the Westover Honors Program and the Bonner Leaders Program. She is currently a Bonner senior intern and secretary of Psi Chi.

### Top 10 majors fall 1989

Management  
Communication  
Studies  
Accounting  
Marketing  
Psychology  
Early Childhood  
Education  
English  
Nursing  
Political Science  
Art

## History

**Dr. Kirt von Daacke**, chair of the History Department, realizes that recruitment doesn't stop when students decide to attend LC. Each academic department has to create a buzz if it hopes to thrive. "The History Department is a dynamic, energetic place," he said. "We're very visible."

Whether the department is hosting a paella festival or trivia night or broadcasting news about students with national success on its Facebook page, its high-profile stance on campus gets noticed. It also doesn't hurt that history majors nationally have among the highest acceptance rate to law school, Dr. von Daacke said. "We have recast history as a much more important major for career advancement," he said.

Writing, analytic, and research skills are prerequisites for graduate school, as well as for many jobs. An increased emphasis on research and academic rigor is actually attracting more students, not scaring them off, he said. "How do you engage students? Empower them to achieve excellence."

Seniors **Ashley Schmidt** and **John Marks** have both been empowered and achieved excellence. Ashley was one of fifteen students in the U.S. named a History Scholar for the five-week summer program in 2009 at the Gilder Lehrman Institute in New York City. A native of Jarrettsville, Maryland, she was one of about 300 students to apply for the prestigious program, which she calls "History Nerd Summer Camp," for her research on free blacks in nearby Bedford, Virginia. John, who hails from Hillsborough, New Jersey, was one of fifty finalists at Gilder Lehrman in 2007 for his research on the slave trade in Lynchburg. As a finalist, John participated in a one-week program at Gilder Lehrman.

Both Ashley and John are applying to Ph.D. programs in history at some of the nation's most prestigious graduate schools. These six-year programs are not for the faint of heart, but they both feel prepared, thanks to a rigorous curriculum of research and writing that started with an antebellum class requiring primary research. "It was difficult, but without that, I wouldn't have gotten to Gilder Lehrman or be writing the papers I am now," Ashley said. Knowledge of history is critical to informed debate, she says, and notes that the major is "more about analysis than remembering dates."

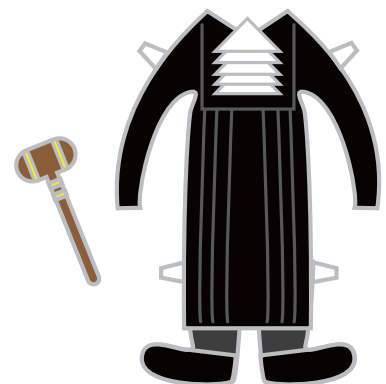
Ashley and John would both like to teach at the college level one day. While Ashley always knew she wanted to teach, she wasn't sure about her subject area. John, however, became a history buff in high school when a teacher turned him on to U.S. history and government in advanced placement classes. "I enjoy doing research and tracking down information other people haven't been able to track down" John said. His senior thesis, for example, is on the Battle of Lynchburg (during the Civil War) with a focus on myth and memory.

John, a Fellow in the Westover Honors Program and a member of Phi Alpha Theta (history honor society), has a double major in Spanish with a minor in museum studies. He spent a semester in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to get in most of his Spanish requirements and one day hopes to use his language skills to study slavery in South America as well as North America.

Ashley has a minor in secondary education, is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and STAND, a student-led anti-genocide coalition. Her research interests center on race and gender in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Not surprisingly, all ten students interviewed for this article said they would recommend their majors to other students. More importantly, they would each recommend a Lynchburg College education. "I'm glad I came here," Laura said. "I liked the small school. I liked the location."

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## A TRIBUTE *to* COACH

WILLIAM H. SHELLENBERGER  
MAY 25, 1921 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

*by Julius A. Sigler Jr. '62*  
*Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs*

Bill Shellenberger was a man for his time. The tough ex-Marine who had fought in some of the bloodiest actions in the South Pacific during World War II, came to LC in the early 1950s as a replacement for a coach who, shall we say, departed unexpectedly. How fortunate for this College! A “man’s man” in the very best sense of that term, Bill set about improving an athletic program that, while enjoying occasional success, had never fully recovered from effects of the Great Depression. In the fall of 1954, he fielded his first intercollegiate soccer team and the rest, as they say, is history.

Coach was a fierce competitor. He believed in sportsmanship and that intercollegiate athletics should be fun. He treated his players with respect, his strongest admonition being “Judas Priest, son!” as he corrected some mistake. He believed that hard work and hustle

would generally beat talent, and, in the early days, that was how his teams won. After a soccer win, he would look at you with an almost shy grin and a twinkle in his eye as though he were the most surprised person around. It was only in the 1960s that his teams began to be dominated by players with previous soccer experience. Prior to coming to LC, most had never seen a soccer game.

LC soccer provided amazing excitement in the '60s and '70s. The hill on the east side of the field would be covered with students during home games. Visiting teams rarely, if ever, played before such crowds. One of the most incredible games was a state championship game against the University of Virginia, which lasted until nightfall. The crowd kept growing, and overtime after overtime came and went until LC finally scored the winning goal.

Bill valued academics and there was never a question of which came first at Lynchburg College. He was respected by the entire College community for his coaching success and

his sense of the proper role of intercollegiate athletics. He was absolutely dedicated to the NCAA Division III philosophy of student athletes, and his teams were more than competitive against larger schools that gave athletic scholarships. Many a talented young man turned down an athletic scholarship elsewhere to play for Coach and never regretted it.

There is no doubt that Bill was largely responsible for the early growth of high school and youth soccer in Virginia. His teams held clinics, and the success of the LC team played an important role in the growth of interest in the Lynchburg area and beyond.

Over the years the bond between Coach and his players only strengthened. They kept up with him through alumni games, the annual Shellenberger Golf Tournament, drop-in visits at his home, and in many other ways. He was a mentor and advisor for many of them throughout their lives.

When I returned to LC as a faculty member, Bill was among the first to welcome me. Some-

time during that year, as the faculty was organizing an ongoing social occasion disguised as a round-robin faculty/staff golf tournament, he asked me to play with him, well aware that I have never been accused of being a golfer but knowing that it was a way for me to meet faculty and staff in a different setting. We had a great time. His competitive spirit was certainly evident on the golf course, but I never heard a single "Judas Priest" when I missed a shot, and, believe me, he had ample opportunity.

Over the years, we shared many conversations about sports, LC, and the twists and turns of life. It will be very strange not to see him sitting in his lawn chair watching a soccer game, a baseball game, a lacrosse match, or with his entourage on the bleachers in Turner Gym. Just knowing that he was here was always a positive thing to me and I shall miss him dearly.

## A LIFE WITHOUT REGRET

by Carolyn Austin Eubank '67

Assistant Vice President for Public Relations

A beloved, revered, and gentle man is how family, friends, colleagues, and former players will always remember Bill Shellenberger. Although best known for his unparalleled record as LC's legendary men's soccer coach, it was his decency, honesty, and zest for life that most inspired all who knew him.

Born in Reading, Pennsylvania, Bill graduated from Bluefield Junior College in 1942 and entered the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the Hawaiian Islands, Iwo Jima, and China during World War II. Following his discharge in 1946 with the rank of sergeant, Bill enrolled at Pennsylvania State University where he earned bachelor of science and master of education degrees in 1948 and 1949 respectively. He pursued further graduate study at Louisiana State University.

Bill began his teaching and coaching career at Graham High School in Bluefield, Virginia, and joined the Lynchburg College faculty in 1952 as assistant professor of physical education and health and was promoted to associate professor in 1961. He spent his entire college teaching and coaching career at Lynchburg College, retiring in 1989. Originally hired to teach physical education and coach basketball, track, baseball, and tennis, Bill introduced soccer, a relatively unknown sport in Central Virginia at that time, first as an intramural sport and physical education class.

From that humble beginning, he built one of the most formidable college soccer programs in the nation, with a record of thirty-one consecutive winning seasons (1956 – 1987) and 371 wins, 167 losses, and 48 ties that earned him accolades from *Sports Illustrated* as the "winningest soccer coach in America" and a spot in the National Soccer Hall of Fame, among others. Bill once said, "Being at LC allowed me to use my style of coaching, and I really found a home here. I don't believe I could have had the success I had anywhere else." In 1990, the College recognized his contributions to the institution and the sport of soccer and the significant role he played in the lives of hundreds of student athletes by naming the soccer and track field in his honor.

Rob Brewer '77, women's varsity soccer coach at Southwest Missouri State University, said of his former coach, "He's always been a class act. He's a gentleman and a good role model." His sentiments are echoed by many of Coach's former players. His fairness, his dignity, his ethical behavior on and off the field, along with his care and concern for each player, left a lasting impression. His former players and other alumni hold Coach in such esteem that they established the William H. Shellenberger Scholarship Fund to honor their former professor, coach, mentor, and friend.

Bill's family held first place in his heart. His and his late wife Gloria's sixty-one year marriage was a model of mutual devotion and respect. Their union produced a son, William Jr. "Hank" '79, who played for his father while attending LC and says he "couldn't imagine a finer coach," and a daughter, Ginger Parsons '73 M.A.T., who describes her father as her hero. Bill was immensely proud of Ginger's son Will, a Brookville High School junior and a baseball standout, who loves sports as much as his grandfather did.

In retirement, Bill remained close to the College as a familiar and welcome presence at events, especially soccer games where he was the team's number one cheerleader. He also enjoyed the opportunity to spend more time with his family, playing golf with his friends "rain or shine," and volunteering at Lynchburg General Hospital.

When asked to reflect on his life and career, Bill said, "My stature and position in life have been established. I have so many friends, and my family has been such a pleasure. I have no regrets."

## AWARDS & HONORS

Honor Award of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (highest award bestowed by the organization)

Bill Jeffrey Award from the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America

National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association Merit Award

National Soccer Hall of Fame

National Soccer Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame

Virginia State Hall of Fame

Virginia Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association Hall of Fame

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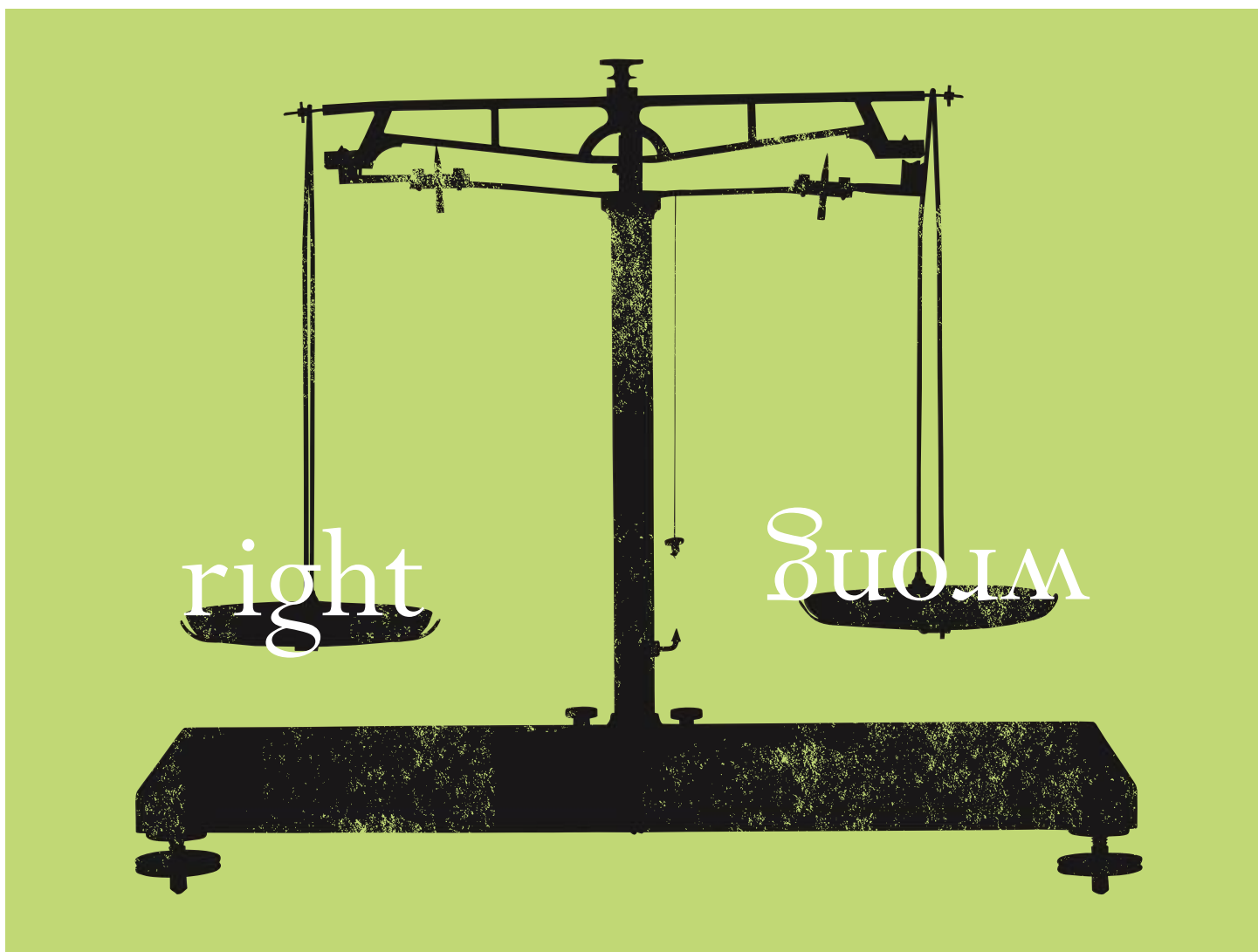
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## No more Enrons

by Dr. Joseph Turek  
Dean, School of Business and Economics

Last year, Lynchburg College's School of Business and Economics (SOBE) received national recognition when the Association

of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) accredited the College's business programs. Significantly, the organization identified "exemplary coverage of ethics in the undergraduate business curriculum" as one of four signal strengths contributing to its decision.

Ethics is important to SOBE; our long-standing mission is to help students become effective and ethical decision-makers by providing a professional, character-building education. Business and economics majors get a firm grounding in ethical theories in the Introduction to Ethics course taught by the philosophy faculty. SOBE faculty build on this by helping students think about the ethical dimensions of business and economic issues in a variety of contexts.

When I was appointed dean two years ago, I wanted to strengthen our commitment to ethics education. I was looking for someone to bring passion to the cause, someone to develop a full-fledged initiative in applied business ethics. When I met Paul Kelbaugh '71, former senior ethics counsel for the Central Intelligence Agency and the man responsible for the agency's award-winning ethics training program, I knew I'd found my man.

Now a member of the SOBE faculty, Kelbaugh teaches several courses, including Legal Environment of Business. With the support of SOBE faculty, he increased class time dedicated to applied business ethics from 10 to 25 percent of the course. He visits other SOBE classes as well, speaking on the ethical dimensions of topics ranging from terrorism to diversity.

SOBE's efforts have been well received by students, several of whom spoke enthusiastically with members of the ACBSP accreditation team about their classroom experiences. They praised the emphasis on applied decision making, mentioning its "obvious relevance to 'real world' problems" and the "value of learning skills that can be used in the workplace."

SOBE is not alone in identifying a need to help students think more effectively about ethical choices. Other schools, including the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and the Stern School of Business at New York University, are revisiting their curricula in response to a spate of highly publicized scandals surrounding fraudulent and unethical business practices at companies such as Enron, WorldCom, Tyco, and Madoff Investment Securities. While ethical breaches in the business sector seem to garner the most attention, it should be noted that such behaviors also occur with alarming frequency among politicians, academics, athletes, and even clergy.

This year, SOBE continues to expand the scope of its business ethics initiative. Paul Kelbaugh is collaborating with five other SOBE faculty to integrate a special applied ethics module into their classes. Last semester, the first Gifford Lecture in Business Ethics, "Ethics and National Security: Striking a Balance in Decision Making," was delivered by W. George Jameson, a former senior official in the CIA. This semester, Sherron Watkins, a former *Time* magazine Person of the Year, best known for blowing the whistle on the Enron scandal, spoke on "The Lessons of Enron: The Importance of Ethical Leadership."

The soon-to-be-unveiled leadership minor will have an ethics requirement that students can satisfy by taking either philosophy's new Ethical Leadership course or SOBE's new Leadership and Ethics course. Economics majors, as well as our interdisciplinary economic crime major, already include a required ethics component.

SOBE's recently created Center for the Study of Shared Values is preparing to mount a large-scale interdisciplinary research project exploring the relationship between an organization's values and its performance. Given the abundance of business and economic issues that transcend disciplinary boundaries, e.g., globalization, sustainability, and healthcare reform, I see our business ethics initiative as the first of many attempts to build strategic alliances across campus and to collaborate with faculty from other disciplines.



## Is this a trick question?

by Paul Kelbaugh '71  
Instructor, Business Administration

In fall 2007, Dr. Joe Turek asked me, "How would you teach ethics in a business program and make it relevant?" My reply was immediate: "Is this a trick question?" When I look back on that conversation, I realize that Dean Turek had opened a door to see if I would walk through it. Two years later, I'm still answering his question.

I attended LC four decades ago as a member of the Class of 1971. After serving as an officer in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, completing law school, and working as a member of the Senior Intelligence Service with the CIA, I retired and moved back to Lynchburg. Now I'm a member of the SOBE faculty doing what I love most — engaging students in discussions about ethical dilemmas.

At the most basic level, ethics is about right and wrong. We all develop our own values based on interactions with our environment, culture, mentors, friends, and family members. When I first bring up the topic of ethics with SOBE students, I ask them what is ethical and from what sources they get their personal sense of right and wrong. They never have a problem responding.

"Ethics has to do with what my feelings tell me is proper."

"Ethics has to do with my religious beliefs."

"Being ethical is doing what the law requires."

"Ethics consists of the standards of behavior our society accepts."

"I don't know what the words mean, but I feel right and wrong in my gut."

We don't "teach" ethics. Instead, we involve students with ethical dilemmas to provide teachable moments that help them apply their thoughts about right and wrong in a group setting.

I call my favorite applied ethics scenario the "Jack Bauer 24" scenario, named for the famous television hero who is always blowing things up to save the world. In "Jack Bauer 24," SOBE students are given a very simple scenario:

As the leader of a group of one hundred people whose lives are in danger, you have two options to rescue them. If you choose option one, it is certain that ninety people will live, but ten will die. With option two, there is a 50 percent chance that you will be able to rescue all 100, and a 50 percent chance that everyone will die. Which option do you choose?

Consistently, student opinion is equally divided. Half take a utilitarian approach and go with the certainty of saving as many as they can. The other half, refusing to accept the possibility that some will not survive, choose option two even though the chances of success are only 50/50.

I don't start out with a rote definition of ethics and rules for how to apply them in the day-to-day business world. I want students to experience the group dynamic of sharing and bouncing their thoughts off one another. Different points of view make the discussion more interesting.

SOBE students learn how to think about ethical decision-making by discussing ethical failures and dissecting case studies of real businesses. They learn how to make ethical decisions by applying a process that includes looking at a situation through the eyes of key stakeholders and evaluating it using different ethical models.

An important part of the journey toward ethical decision-making involves wrestling with real-world dilemmas and engaging peers in vigorous classroom debate. Who knows? One of them might even be the next Jack Bauer.

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# Alumni News

## Alumni alliances abound



LYNCHBURG COLLEGE has used the economic challenges of the past couple of years to fine-tune its strategic plan for the future. From bringing back a true signature event at Homecoming, to adopting a student-led focus on building alliances that celebrate diversity,

to creating an inspiring vision for the College, the pace of progress has increased. President Garren and the Board of Trustees have set the tone, and alumni are looking forward, along with the rest of the LC community, to being part of the College's Leadership Initiatives, which are detailed in the most recent issue of *The Beacon* newsletter and this magazine.

Alumni should be excited about these initiatives, and your support is welcome! These enhancements to the educational environment will allow the College to remain among the nation's most successful colleges in building students' critical thinking skills and academic preparation that will allow them to become active leaders and engaged professionals.

In addition, the 2009-10 academic year has been designated "The Year of Alliances and Diversity." This initiative resulted from careful self-examination — and is being led by former Student Government Association president and current assistant director of alumni relations **Ally Datz '09**. It includes a range of events, programs, and workshops designed to strengthen one of LC's longtime distinctions — its supportive and caring community. A major success occurred in early January, when forty student delegates and nine faculty and staff facilitators spent four days in a residential setting with the Virginia Council on Inclusive Communities exploring diversity challenges, then building plans to increase the effectiveness of campus alliances with and between students. Again, the College is sharpening its

focus on creating an ideal community with an amazingly diverse set of socioeconomic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

Finally, I am excited about progress made on the alumni engagement initiatives. In October, Homecoming weekend welcomed more than 600 registered alumni and family members for class reunions. They attended a wide variety of events from musical performances and lectures to athletics. A highlight was the return of a signature event, the Homecoming Alumni Awards Gala. The gala included a wonderful performance by the Alumni Choir, which was also celebrating a successful reunion coordinated by **Torben "Teague" Aarsand '74**; an enhanced presentation ceremony supported by athletic director **Dr. Jack Toms '69** and nearly every coach; and more than 250 attendees.

A major note of thanks goes to the dozens of Alumni Board members, Class Reunion and Alumni Choir volunteers, and the hundreds of alumni who make a real difference in the connectedness of our community. I especially want to thank **Wendy Bradley '91** and **John Reilly '86** for their hard work planning the gala. And, I want to thank our very dedicated Office of Alumni Relations staff for its hard work throughout the year.

I am excited to invite you to continue sharing your ideas and your time as volunteers and event participants. I hope you recognize the importance the College places on its alumni community and the many ways you have an impact. To learn about doing more to help students, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and share your interests with Betty Howell, **Tom Cassidy '73**, or Matt Brandon, at [alumni@lynchburg.edu](mailto:alumni@lynchburg.edu), 800/621-1669, or 434/544-8293.

Dr. Kathryn Mitchell Pumphrey '75, '88 M.ED.  
*President, LC Alumni Association  
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We want to hear from you and we want to see you, too! When you send photos for Class Notes, please submit them in at least 200 dpi resolution so we can share them with your classmates. Lower resolution images usually cannot be printed in the magazine.

## 40s

**G. David "Dave" Shreeves '47** retired as visitation pastor at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Hagerstown, Md., after sixty-two years in the ministry. He lives in Martinsburg, W.Va.

## 50s

**CLASSES OF '50 AND '55  
IN REUNION  
APRIL 23-25, 2010**



**Estherina Shems '54** was awarded the degree of doctor of science by LC during commencement on May 16, 2009, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the field of psychiatric medicine and her continuing dedication and commitment to the College. Dr.

Shems has forged a distinguished career as a practicing and consulting child psychiatrist, having held numerous teaching and consulting positions in her field, as well as leadership positions in national and international organizations. Before retiring in 2002, she taught in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and was a child psychiatry affiliate at the Irving Schwartz Institute for Children and Youth. Her numerous awards and honors include the 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges, as well as the T. Gibson Hobbs Memorial Award (1969) and the Distinguished Alumni Award (1990) given by LC. Dr. Shems lives in Wynnewood, Pa.

**Betty Thornton Neighbours '55** has been retired for twelve years but stays busy as president of the greater Guilford Council of Presidents of ADK Sorority, immediate past president of North Carolina retired school personnel-District 7, board member and education chair of the SPCA, and co-chair of her LC Class of 1955 reunion. Betty lives in Greensboro, N.C.



**Mary Rose Carpenter Ragsdale '57** received the T. Gibson Hobbs Memorial Award at Homecoming 2009 in October for her significant contributions to church, community, and alma mater. The award is named for the late Thomas Gibson Hobbs, a member of the first

graduating class in 1904, who exemplified the purposes, ideals, and principles for which LC stands. As an undergraduate, Mary Rose was the *Argonaut* business manager, co-editor, and secretary and president of the Board of Publications. In addition to many other activities, she competed on several teams, including volleyball, softball, tennis, and basketball. After graduating, Mary Rose pursued a career as an educator. A highly respected College trustee, she has also served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and

has co-chaired several of her class reunion committees. She has hosted Richmond-area events for alumni, donors, and families of prospective students. As a long-time volunteer at Seventh Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Richmond, Va., she serves on numerous committees and frequently drives church members and elderly neighbors to worship and to appointments. Mary Rose also serves as a trustee of Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky. She lives in Richmond, Va.

**Ronald Martin '59** and his wife, **Carol Rose Martin '79, '83 M.Ed.**, attended the October wedding of their son in Glen Allen, Va. Ron is an associate professor of philosophy at LC. The couple lives in Lynchburg, Va.

## 60s

**CLASSES OF '60 AND '65  
IN REUNION  
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President Kenneth Garren, Sheila Garren, **Caroline Wesley '07**, **Joanne Cheatham Burgess '61**, and **Al Burgess '60**, LC Trustee, at the Atlanta Alumni Club reception in December hosted by the Burgesses



**Walter Satchell '65**, **Raymond Moseley '65**, **Jan Cocke Sigler '65**, coordinator of LC's parents programs, and **Jim Burton '65** met at the Class Reunion 2010 Workshop in October to begin planning their 45th Class Reunion at Westover Alumni Society Weekend 2010 in April.

**Beverly "Bev" Shorter Baker '67** and husband **Kemper '67** enjoy being somewhat retired and taking trips to their condo in Gulf Shores, Ala., when time allows. Bev taught business communications at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and spends her time painting watercolors and doing volunteer work. Kemper is an economics adjunct faculty member at VCU and Longwood University. The couple resides in Powhatan, Va.

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Let us know when you move, change your phone number (or area code!), change jobs, or have other major changes in your life.

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**Aurora Mata, 68, '80 M.Ed.** was elected senior warden at Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Port St. Lucie, Fla., in June 2009. She received a certificate of appreciation from the task force Spartan, 10th Mountain Division and the U.S. Army for her support providing school supplies to assist Afghanistani children with their education. She also volunteers to send letters and care packages to service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. She lives in Fort Pierce, Fla.

**Hannah Fariss Brooks '69** retired in 2002 after thirty-two years of teaching in Campbell County (Va.) Schools. Hannah and 1969 classmates **Susan Burks Thomas**, **Heidi Carville Morris**, **Gail Morris Stokes**, **Irene Bacas Thornburg**, **Dawn Shaner Ashwell**, and **Linda Ivery Harker** get together every summer in Lynchburg for a mini class reunion. Hannah lives in Lynchburg, Va.



**Judy Goding '69, '75 M.Ed.**, at piano, and alumni singers at the annual Westover Alumni Society Holiday Luncheon with the LC Concert Choir in December



**Roger Roberts '69, '71 M.Ed.** received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Homecoming 2009 in October in recognition of his outstanding professional and personal achievements. Roger has spent his adult life educating the youth of the Lynchburg (Va.) area as coach, counselor, and mentor. He recently retired as deputy superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools and is now an adjunct instructor at LC and Central Virginia Community College. As a student at LC, Roger served in various leadership roles and played on the Hornets' baseball team for four years and served as co-captain his senior year. Roger began his career as a teacher and coach with Amherst County (Va.) Public Schools. He served numerous schools in the region as guidance counselor, assistant principal, and principal. In 1990, Roger became principal of Heritage High School, holding that position until 2005. Under his leadership, Heritage was awarded the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School designation by the U.S. Department of Education in 1992. Roger and his wife, **Jody Bennington '76 M.Ed.**, live in Forest, Va.



**Torben "Teage" Aarsand '74** organized the Homecoming 2009 Alumni Choir that was directed by Linda Ellinwood.



On vacation in 2009 in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico: **Elizabeth "Liz" Clements Mims '68, Nancy Bow King '68, William "Bo" King '68, Nancy Rosser Nadin '68, '69 M.A.T., Kay Harvey Hall '68, '70 M.Ed., and Harlan Hall '67**



President **Kenneth Garren**, **Katy McFall** and husband **David Cobb**, **Sheila Garren**, **Lee Parker**, **Ed Parrish '70**, and **Stephanie McLemore** (seated), LC chaplain, following the LC luncheon in Indianapolis in July during the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly

70s

**CLASSES OF '70 AND '75  
IN REUNION**

**OCTOBER 8-10, 2010**

**Gary Dolgins '70** was inducted into the Ben Franklin Honor Society of the Printing Industries of America in November in Charleston, S.C. Gary is the director of sales and marketing for Blanchard Systems, Inc. He lives in New York City.

**Kathryn "Kathy" Lynch Kaplan '70, '75 M.Ed.** retired in June 2009 as director of guidance at Brookville High School in Lynchburg, Va. She had been at Brookville for more than twenty years. Kathy and husband, **Robert "Bob" '68** live in Lynchburg.

**C. "Christopher" Rose '71** and wife **Susan Brekke '71** traveled to Philadelphia in October for the wedding of their son Kevin. They have been married for thirty-eight years, are the parents of three sons, and reside on the North Fork of Long Island, N.Y.



**Edward "Ted" Stone '75** received the award for "Best Documentary or Public Affairs Program" from the Virginia Association of Broadcasters in June. The documentary was originally produced for the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke, Va., but later aired on WDBJ-TV, Channel 7 in Roanoke, where Ted retired as a producer/editor in December 2008. He lives in Roanoke.

**APRIL 23-25, 2010**

## Westover Alumni Society Weekend

Classes of 1950, '55, '60, and '65 in Reunion

**OCTOBER 8-10, 2010**

## Homecoming 2010

Classes of 1970, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, 2000, and 2005 in Reunion

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**Henry "Hank" McCallum '78, '82 M.Ed.** retired after thirty years of teaching students with special needs and as an administrator in both Virginia and Colorado public schools. Hank has accepted a position as an assistant professor of special education and school administration at Chadron State College in Nebraska. He lives in Chadron, Neb.

**Jeffrey "Jeff" Barker '79** has been awarded the certified residential specialist designation by the Council of Residential Specialists, the largest non-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors. He has completed advanced courses and demonstrated professional expertise in the field of residential real estate. Jeff, who has more than twenty-five years of experience as a real estate agent, is currently a realtor at Remax 1st Olympic in Lynchburg, Va., and serves on the Lynchburg Association of Realtors Board of Directors. He lives in Lynchburg.



**Charles "Charlie" Nusbaum '79** received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Homecoming 2009 in October in recognition of his outstanding professional and personal achievements. While an LC student, he demonstrated exemplary leadership skills as the Student Govern-

ment Association president. Following graduation, Charlie joined the family business and is now president of S. L. Nusbaum Insurance Agency, Inc. He has taught many insurance and finance classes at Old Dominion University (ODU), where he has chaired the ODU Financial Services Advisory Board and has served as a board member for more than twenty-five years. He has been an active board member for a number of organizations, including the Norfolk Crime Line Board, which he served as president. Charlie is committed to his faith and the Jewish community. He is a fifth-generation president at Ohel Shalom Temple, which presented him with the Kaufmann Award for community service. He lives in Norfolk, Va.

80s

**CLASSES OF '80 AND '85  
IN REUNION  
OCTOBER 8-10, 2010**



Alumni board member **Scot Currie '82**, his father **Duncan Currie '59**, and mother **Frances Dickinson Vass '59** celebrated Scot's receiving his master's degree in systems engineering from George Washington University on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in May.



**Stan Robbins '82, '85 M.Ad.** hosted an alumni luncheon in Columbus, Ohio, in August.



**Randi Alper Pupkin '84**, Alumni Board member (center), hosted a Baltimore Alumni Club Reception in October at Art With a Heart Inc., where she is the executive director.



**Miles Svihart '85** and family visited campus during summer 2009.

**William "Bill" Coleman '81** is the new president and chief executive officer of Tri-County Community Action Agency, Inc. and Halifax County Community Federal Credit Union in South Boston, Va. Bill also serves as senior pastor of the Cross Road Baptist Church of Evington, Va., where he also lives.

**Dorinda Saxton Grasty '85 M.Ed.** was appointed in July 2009 as division superintendent of Appomattox County (Va.) Public Schools. She lives in Appomattox.

90s

**CLASSES OF '90 AND '95  
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**William "Bud" Walker Jr. '90** was appointed departmental spokesman for the Fairfax County (Va.) Police Department in August. He serves as a primary point of contact for news media on police incidents and release of information, which involves live and recorded on-camera interviews with local television stations. Bud lives in Alexandria, Va.



## Class Reunion 2010 October 8-10

**Co-Chairs  
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## IMPORTANT DATES *Attention Parents!* Commencement

Baccalaureate • May 14, 5 p.m.  
Commencement • May 15, 10 a.m.  
Make hotel reservations now!

## Parents & Family Weekend

September 24–26, 2010  
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**Jami Napier Key '91 M.Ed.** was named Virginia's Region 5 Teacher of the Year. Jami is a biology and earth science teacher at Liberty High School in Bedford, Va., where she also lives.

**Charles "Chuck" Stevens '91** accepted the position in November of assistant principal at Lee-Davis High School in Mechanicsville, Va., where he previously served for thirteen years as a journalism teacher and publications advisor. Chuck and his wife, **Sally Ann Hedrick '91**, live in Mechanicsville.

**Tracy Giggetts Graham '92, '94 M.Ed.** wants her LC friends and family to know how her life has changed since being diagnosed with systemic lupus, which also caused kidney failure. Tracy is now unable to work, but her two children fill her life. She would love to hear from classmates or others at LC who would like to hear her story. Tracy lives in Lynchburg, Va.

**Andrew Layman '92** was voted the Wilmington Blue Rocks Fan's Choice bobblehead winner for 2009. Andrew, who has been with the baseball team since 1993, is currently assistant general manager. He lives in Wilmington, Del.

**Anastasia "Stacey" Myrick Sayre '93** was a recipient of the 2009 Craddock Terry Excellence in Nursing Award. Stacey is employed by Centra in the Surgical Services Division in Lynchburg, Va. She lives in Spout Spring, Va.

**Jason Wright '93** is a licensed professional counselor and marriage and family therapist in Lynchburg, Va. In June, he published *Ocean of Storms*, a story of sacrifice,

love, betrayal, and redemption in the year 2016, when the world has one government. The story explores the effects of science and technology on spiritual and religious interests. Jason lives in Evington, Va.

**Vernon Croft '94** has been named assistant men's soccer coach for the University of Miami. Vernon previously served as head coach of Indiana State University women's soccer team. He lives in Miami, Fla.

**William "Will" Parris '96** joined Nelligan Sports Marketing in fall 2007. He is currently director of sales, and his areas of expertise include health care and insurance. His office is located at Providence College in Providence, R.I. Will lives in Narragansett, R.I.

**Candace Dell'Accio '97** married **Bradley Hammonds '98** in 2005. They are expecting their first child in May. Brad works in the field of behavioral medicine at Columbia University in New York City and continues to tour along the East Coast as a guitarist and songwriter. Candace is principal of an all-boys high school on Manhattan's lower east side, the first female administrator in the school's 160-year history. She also works in the fitness field. The couple resides in Manhattan.



**Raymond "Joe" Bedard '98** was inducted into the LC Sports Hall of Fame at Homecoming 2009 in October in recognition of his achievement in student athletics through leadership and performance in track and field. Joe was a two-time NCAA decathlon

national champion and broke school and Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) records. He participated in both indoor and outdoor track and field all four years and served as captain of both teams. Joe holds the LC indoor track and field record for both long jump and pole vault. He set records in the ODAC for pole vault and long jump and earned All-American honors in long jump. Due to his exceptional performance in these events, Joe was selected twice as LC's most valuable performer. Joe lives in Gray, Maine.



**David Lichtenstein '98** was inducted into the LC Sports Hall of Fame at Homecoming 2009 in October in recognition of his achievement in student athletics through leadership and performance in track and field. A decathlete, high jumper, and triple jumper,

David was a four-year team captain for the indoor and outdoor track and field teams. David earned All-American status three times for indoor high jump, outdoor high jump, and the decathlon. He holds the LC and Old Dominion Athletic Conference records in the high jump and long jump and was an NCAA Championship qualifier in hurdles. David lives in Long Beach, N.Y.

**Andrew McKenna '99** was featured on the February cover of *Washington Life* magazine for a feature about the top 250 opinion makers under 40 shaping the city's social scene and future. Andrew is founder, president, and chief executive officer of McKenna & Associates, a strategic management, consulting, and fundraising

firm. He serves as chief operating officer of Skydance Productions, an independent film finance company in partnership with Paramount Pictures. He is also a managing partner of the private investment firm GoodSijn Management LLC.

**Jaron Rider '99 M.Ed.** is director of recreation at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. He and wife **Natasha Marinoff '99** live in Worcester.

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A baby shower for **Lesley Day Villarose '02** (second from left) included **Erin Mulcahy Harris '02**, **Bethann Whitman '03**, and **Jacqui Wolf Rossetter '04**.

**Matthew "Matt" Gouker '05** is a special education teacher at Waddell Elementary School in Lexington, Va. He and his wife, **Miranda Schechterly '04**, live in Lynchburg, Va.

**George Peerman '05 M.Ed.** was named assistant principal at Rustburg High School in Rustburg, Va. He and his wife, **Suzette Sorrells '94, '98 M.Ed., '07 M.Ed.**, live in Forest, Va. Suzette is the assistant principal at Rustburg Middle School.

**Corey Paluga '06, '09 M.Ed.** has been named assistant baseball coach at Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. Corey lives in Hoboken, N.J.

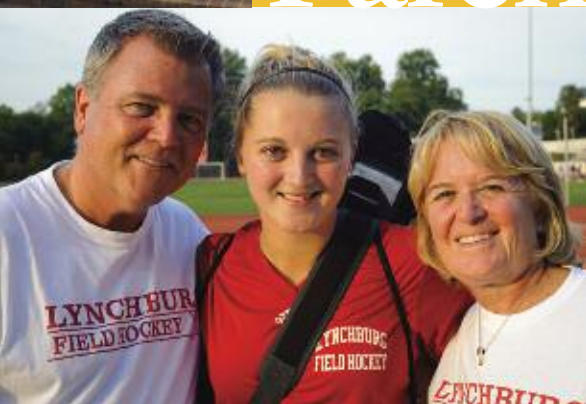
**Sarah Smoak '06** has joined Duke University women's basketball as the director of marketing and assistant director of basketball operations. Sarah will focus on the development and execution of marketing and promotional concepts. She lives in Durham, N.C.



**Erin Miller Weglage '03**, **Sarah Phillips '02**, **Mandy McDermott Tenent '03**, **Kimberly Day Hancock '02**, and **Sarah Murray Kelly '03**, all Alpha Chi Omega alumni, attended Homecoming in October.



# Parents & Family Weekend 2009



## Gifts To LC Through Your Will

Many types of outright bequests can be given, including:

- w **Specific Bequest** You simply leave a specific dollar amount (e.g., \$25,000) or specific asset to LC.
- w **Percentage Bequest** You direct that a certain percentage of your estate goes to LC (e.g., 20 percent). Regardless of the size of your estate at death (after payment of debts, expenses, and taxes), you'll know that a portion of your estate will benefit the College.
- w **Residual Bequest** You specify that after all other specific bequests, taxes, and expenses have been paid, LC receives all or a portion of what remains — the residue.
- w **Contingent Bequest** LC is named the contingent or next beneficiary if the primary beneficiary (spouse, child, or friend) predeceases you.

*Sample bequest language: "I give \_\_\_\_\_ (dollar amount, percentage amount, or description of the asset) to Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia, to be used for the general purposes of the College."*

If you wish to designate a specific use for the bequest, please contact Gene Frantz '71, '76 M.Ed., vice president for planned giving, at 434/544-8294 or 800/621-1669 prior to finalizing your plans to discuss any designations you may be considering. This will help us make sure your wishes can be fulfilled.

**Allison Vezzetti '06** graduated from Old Dominion University in May 2009 with a doctor of physical therapy. She is employed as a physical therapist at Maryland SportsCare and Rehab in Baltimore, Md. She lives in Abingdon, Md.

**Michelle "Chelle" Patterson Hensley '07** has been named education director and volunteer coordinator for Avoca Museum in Altavista, Va., where she will also work with special events. The museum is a Virginia Historic Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Chelle lives in Evington, Va.

**Daniel Martin '07** teaches English in the Province of Jaen in Spain. He resides in Jaen City and plans to be there until late 2010.

**James "Jim" Pask '07** recently presented "Stability and Effectiveness of Antimicrobial Peptides on Amphibian Skin" at the Integrated Research Challenges in Environmental Biology Conference at Arizona State University. He is a third-year doctoral student in immunology at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where he lives.



**Ben Viemeister '07** and **Diane Swartz Anderson** at the Kalamazoo, Michigan LC luncheon in August

**Richard "Marcus" Jordan '08** is the men's and women's assistant soccer coach at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., where he lives.

**Crystal Payne '09 M.Ed.** accepted a job at the National Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, as early intervention specialist, participating on the Early Childhood Development Team. Her duties will include screening children, working with families and infants in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), and providing educational experiences for chronically ill children. She lives in Lewis Center, Ohio.



**Marc and Beth Halley**, past Parents Council members, assistant field hockey coach **Trina Boyer**, and **Marc Halley '09** proudly wearing their LC sweatshirts at the Halleys' home in November.



**Caitlin Flathers '09**, who has been training in Colorado for the Olympics, recently competed in the Pan American Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she finished thirteenth individually and helped the U.S. women's team earn a silver medal.

## HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Heidi Koring**, LC director of academic advising, was awarded the LC Honorary Alumni Award at Homecoming 2009 in October, given to non-alumni for their exceptional interest, dedication, and/or service to the College. For more than twenty years Heidi

has had a consistently positive impact on scores of young students as they launched their college careers. She generously shares her time in assisting students with course planning and academic goal-setting. One of her major tasks is to create the academic schedule for every incoming freshman. While at LC, Heidi has reintroduced German language study to the curriculum and has taught German and German literature in translation. Heidi is instrumental in creating, maintaining, assessing, and improving the Lynchburg College advising program. The National Academic Advising Association celebrated her accomplishments by awarding her the Outstanding Advising Award. Heidi was one of only five recipients in the United States. She lives in Lynchburg.



**Warren Wright**, regularly referred to as the man-behind-the-camera, was awarded the LC Honorary Alumni Award at Homecoming 2009 in October, given to non-alumni for their exceptional interest, dedication, and/or service to the College. Warren's twelve-year

relationship with LC is centered on his keen eye and knack for capturing people in the best moments. His thousands of photographs, many of which have been featured in the *Lynchburg College Magazine*, student recruitment materials, the web page, and other publications, have had an impact on many members of the LC community. Warren began photographing major LC events in 1997 and has taken nearly 50,000 photos at the College. He spends countless hours at LC events, always "snapping around" for that perfect photograph. Warren is a member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals and works full time as a photographer with AREVA, Inc. in Lynchburg. He lives in Concord, Va.

## Marriages

**Jeanette Hartigan Hickie '78** to **Craig Hatcher** on June 20, 2009. They are

both retired from Philip Morris USA and reside in Powhatan, Va.

**Richard "Scott" Johnston '84** to **Claudia Regen** on Oct. 11, 2009 in Washington, D.C. The couple resides in Vienna, Va.

**Michelle Ould '00** to **Otis Tucker III '97** on Sept. 20, 2008 at LC's Snidow Chapel. Included in the wedding party were Leslie Camm Jr. '93, Anthony Turner '97, Roy Roberson Jr. '92, Michael Chambers '97, John Hughes IV '98, '00, '09 M.B.A., Sherita Dearing '04, and Talethia Morgan '11. The couple honeymooned at Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. Michelle is



Eighty-five LC Alumni and family members attended the Washington Nationals vs. Chicago Cubs game on July 18 at Nationals Stadium in Washington, D.C. Join us on July 11, 2010 for another game!

employed by Wake County Public Schools as a teacher. Otis is employed by the City of Raleigh. The couple now lives in Raleigh, N.C.

**Francesca Spencer '00** to Jimmy Vasquez on Aug. 1, 2009 at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, Va. The couple lives in Centreville, Va.

**Johnathan Harris '02** to Courtney Hughes on June 20, 2009 on Tybee Island, North Lighthouse Beach in Savannah, Ga. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Avia Hotel in Savannah's Historic Downtown. The couple honeymooned on the island of Puerto Rico. Johnathan is the principal/head of school at Elk Hill Varina Day School in Richmond, Va. The couple now resides in Richmond.

**Kasey Lloyd '02** to Steven Mueller on June 6, 2009 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Fla. Renee Roberts Kunnen '04 served as a bridesmaid, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Grant Azdell '89. Kasey is program director for Sports Medicine and Fitness Technology at Keiser University in Lakeland, Fla. The couple lives in Davenport, Fla.

**Courtney Miller '02** to Andrew Sterling at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront on Sept. 5, 2009, after which they honeymooned in Maui. Kelly Wilson '02, Kristan Rauso '02, Lauren Hedden '02, and Jessica Bowman '02 served as bridesmaids. The couple resides in Fairfax, Va.

**Monica Moyer '02** to Omar "Adam" Stoltzfus '04 on July 26, 2008 at the Windjammer Landing Resort in St. Lucia. Rachel Garrett '04 served as a bridesmaid with other LC alumni in attendance. The couple resides in Arlington, Va.

**Abbi Pfister '02** to Mike Soria on Nov. 14, 2009 in McKinney, Texas. Included in the wedding party were Cori Pfister '02, '07 M.Ed., Jaime Clougher '03, and Heather Faulk Wirtz '00. The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii. Abbi is a senior admission counselor and coordinator of transfer admission at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. The couple resides in Frisco, Texas.

**Joseph "Joe" Lopez '03** to Annie Luciano on June 20, 2009 at the Villa Walsh Academy, with a reception following at Annie's parents' house in Mendham, N.J. Blair Hayden '03 served as a groomsman. Joe is a teacher and assistant baseball coach at Pope John XXIII High

## Unlocking asthma's secrets

by Shannon Brennan



Fewer than two years after receiving his degree in biomedical science from LC, **Michael Davis '08** is working on one of the largest asthma studies in the country. Mike is a clinical research coordinator at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Respiratory Medicine.

A registered respiratory therapist, Mike works with Dr. John Hunt, a pediatric pulmonologist and allergist who has made many discoveries about the role of acid in lung problems. "In every respiratory disease, airway pH plays a role," Mike said. For years, people have used alkaline baking soda to wash out plugged noses. "It's ancient wisdom that works," he said.

Mike explains that airway acidification, which is known to be harmful in such extreme cases as inhaling chlorine gas, is also found in asthma patients. It is hoped that alkaline therapy — literally having patients inhale a base such as the amino acid glycine

— will significantly decrease a variety of pulmonary problems. Mike is among staff members who have volunteered to undergo this treatment as part of a control group of healthy patients before it is tested on asthmatics.

The asthma study has also twice taken Mike to Costa Rica, which has a huge asthma problem. The research group studies asthma in both rainy and dry seasons in the capital city of San Jose. The subjects are willing participants in the study, for which they receive no pay.

After graduating from Holy Cross Regional Catholic School in Lynchburg, Mike spent five years at Central Virginia Community College trying to figure out what he wanted to do. He earned his associate degree as a registered respiratory therapist (RRT) and went to work at Lynchburg General Hospital. He realized, however, that he might one day want to go to medical school so he needed a bachelor's.

LC was a natural fit. Both his parents, **Gene '67** and **Leslie Davis '87 M.Ed.**, are alumni. LC also allowed him the flexibility to continue working full time at the hospital. His advisor, **Desi Justis '85, '95 M.Ed.**, helped him plan the two and a half years it would take to complete his degree. Bill Lokar, assistant professor of chemistry, accommodated his need to miss class every Wednesday.

Most importantly, perhaps, Mike was also able to do an internship at the University of Virginia in the same department in which he now works. He did a study on retinopathy of prematurity (ROP), a condition that causes blindness in premature infants, long thought to be caused by too much oxygen. The research in which Mike participated showed that swings between too much and too little oxygen are also to blame. A manuscript is in the process of submission, and several abstracts have been published in the *Journal of Respiratory Care*.

It was ironic that Mike ended up helping with this study. His mother is legally blind because of ROP. Because she can see shapes, however, she is able to teach without the aid of a cane or a seeing-eye dog.

Mike is so enthusiastic about his experience at the College that he is helping to make research opportunities available for other students. In fact, **Melody Rosendahl '10**, an exercise physiology major, interned with Mike in the fall. "It's hard for me to overstate what going to LC did for me," Mike said.

Mike is working on applications to medical school, but he's not in a big hurry. "I'm in an ideal workplace," he said. "The only thing I'd be willing to give up this job for is medical school."



Grace Lee '00 to J. Handy



Susan Hughes '08 to Benjamin Eser '09



Sara Richardson '09 to Zechariah Pierce



Michelle Ould '00 to Otis Tucker '97

# LC Wedding Album



Jennifer Stanley '09 to Joe Sandridge



Marsha Skaggs Stewart '06 to Timothy Posey



Heather Brown '00 to Tim Martin



Abbi Pfister '02 to Mike Soria



Monica Moyer '02 to Omar "Adam" Stoltzfus '04



Jonathan Harris '02 to Courtney Hughes



Kasey Lloyd '02 to Steven Mueller

School in Sparta, N.J. He also works part time as a personal trainer at Trainer's Edge in Denville, N.J. The couple resides in Morristown, N.J.

**Marsha Skaggs Stewart '06** to Timothy Posey on April 28, 2007 in Lynchburg, Va. Marsha is a freelance writer and the couple lives in Madison Heights, Va.

**Vanessa Kostopoulos '06** to **Ryan Quick '07** on June 21, 2009 at St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church in Peabody, Mass., with a reception at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass. Included in the wedding party were bridesmaids Cory White '06, Cory Klanian Greene '06, Lya Zeno Sindair '06, and Gretchen Sigman '06. Also included were Kenton Quick '05 as best man and groomsmen Andrew White '06, Steven Scott '06, Matthew Bravo '06, Chad Day '06, and Chad Clark '06, '08 M.Ed. The couple honeymooned in Antigua and currently resides in Arlington, Va.

**Susan Hughes '08** to **Benjamin Eser '09** on July 11, 2009 at Hebron Baptist Church in Afton, Va. Included in the wedding party were maid of honor Laura Clements '08, best men Charles McDonough '07, Martin Roskoski '09, and Bradley Williams '09. They honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nev. The couple resides in Lynchburg, Va.

**Sara Richardson '09** to Zechariah Pierce on Oct. 17, 2009 in Richmond, Va. The couple met the summer of 2008 at the outdoor drama, *The Lost Colony*, in Manteo, N.C. Included in the wedding party were Megan Powell '10 and Laura Heltzel '10. Sara is a community manager for Network Communications, Inc. in Atlanta, Ga., where the couple resides.

**Jennifer "Jenny" Stanley '09** to Joe Sandridge on May 23, 2009 at Glen Cliff Manor in Rustburg, Va. Included in the wedding party were Traci Mierzwa '07, Danielle McLane '09, Mandy Mitchell '09, and Brian Allen '97. The couple honeymooned in Nags Head, N.C., and currently resides in Lynchburg, Va.

## New Arrivals

To **Anne Hansen McHugh '85** and husband James, a

daughter, Leah Faith, born May 16, 2009. She joins their chocolate lab, C.J. The family resides in Amissville, Va.

To **Charles "Chuck" Neely '85** and wife Sherri, a son, Grayson Christopher, born April 10, 2009. The family resides in Chalfont, Pa.

To **Prudence Cordts-Bloom '92** and husband Todd, a son, Hawk Corots, born April 5, 2009. The family resides in Denver, Colo.

To **Valerie Schurter Long '93** and husband Wally, a daughter, Gwyneth Crandell, born Dec. 2, 2008. She joins big sisters Katherine, 7, and Charlotte, 4. The family resides in Helena, Mont.

To **Kathryn "Kate" Oliver '95** and husband Jay, a son, Kieran Oliver Dahya, on April 27, 2009. The family resides in Milford, Conn.

To **Bryan Collins '97** and wife Megan, a son, Brody Grant, born April 14, 2009. He joins big sister Campbell. The family resides in Ladera Ranch, Calif.

## A model citizen

by Peyton-Thelbert Bryant '03, '10 M.A.



**Emefa Gbedemah '05** will preside over the Model United Nations as secretary general this spring, an annual event in which Lynchburg College students have participated for more than thirty-five years.

Obtaining the position of secretary general is no simple feat, requiring a rigorous interview process. With the role comes elephantine responsibility: Emefa has a staff of 120 and is in charge of planning the conference, coordinating with schools, overseeing printed pieces, and arranging hotels. She says the position is both demanding and extremely rewarding.

"While at LC, Emefa demonstrated a real passion for international issues," said Dr. Ed DeClair, associate professor of political science. "Emefa is the first LC student to move up this far in the Model UN's hierarchy, and she is the first African-American student to hold the position of secretary

general. As one of her former teachers and advisors, I couldn't be more proud of her accomplishments."

The Model UN is the largest student conference in the world. Participants simulate United Nations sessions, compete for awards, meet people from all over the world, and glean a valuable experience. Emefa says about 5,000 students will be participating in the next simulation, a program recognized by the United Nations as part of its educational programs.

Lynchburg College sparked Emefa's interest in the organization. She participated in the simulation for seven years and has volunteered with the organization for five years, serving as assistant director, director, and U.S. general twice. She encourages LC students to be involved in the simulation, especially "those who want to explore global issues." She says the simulation is a superb vehicle for student publication and educational advancement.

A native of Liberia born to Ghanaian parents, Emefa says that the field of international relations is "my life." Her penchant for government was nourished in her childhood, as her father gave her maps and globes. By 1989, a time of civil war and political chaos in Liberia, Emefa's family relocated to the United States. Today, her birth country continues to strive for unity and economic security.

Coming from a family that experienced terror in Liberia, Emefa is personally aware of the numerous injustices that people around the world face on a daily basis. She is interested in examining humanity's problems and working with others to offer solutions. Her passion keeps her motivated. "I have to remain busy all the time; I hate twiddling my thumbs," she said.

Now a full-time graduate student, Emefa is using her background in international relations, history, and religion to obtain a master's in international security studies at Trinity University in Washington, D.C. Emefa hopes to attend Georgetown University to earn another master's in German and Eurasian studies. She then hopes to garner a PH.D in government.

# Alumni: Today

Want to find an old classmate? LC is working on a new publication designed to help alumni reconnect for personal and professional networking. *Alumni: Today*, a beautiful hardcover publication, will include comprehensive biographical listings with contact information, career overviews, and family highlights of our graduates.

Harris Connect, the publisher, will begin contacting alumni in March 2010 to gather information for the publication, which will feature an introduction with color pictures, prominent LC individuals, and a history of the school. A section of photos and memories from your LC days will also be included.



The Cincinnati, Ohio, alumni dinner in August was among Tom Cassidy's visits to Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.



Central Virginia Alumni Club volunteers welcomed new students and their families to campus in August.

To **Marsha Knadler '97** and husband Anthony Thomas, a daughter, Kailee Elizabeth, born June 9, 2009. She joins big brother Alexander, 3, and twin sisters Olivia and Lorah, 2. The family lives in Lehigh, Pa.

To **Sharon McNally Werner '97** and husband Michael, a daughter, Kiera Mae, born April 5, 2009. She joins big brother Hogan, 3. The family resides in Ambler, Pa.

To **Jacqueline "Jackie" Dobie Figueroa '98** and husband Angel, a son, Abram Jackson, born Aug. 27, 2009. He joins big sister Natalie, 4. The family resides in Bolton Landing, N.Y.

To **Ashley Marshall Hoffman '98** and husband Eric, a daughter, Kendall Dixon, born Oct. 21, 2009. She joins big sister, Shea Rebecca, 18 months. The family lives in Williamsburg, Va.

To **Heather Allen Hudson '98** and husband Derk, a son, Gage Joseph, born March 13, 2009. He joins big brothers Ross, 5, and Grady, 2. The family resides in Baldwinsville, N.Y.

To **Catherine "Catie" Krueger Sullivan '98** and husband Byron, a daughter, Chloe Ann, born Sept. 26, 2009. She joins big brother Cole Byron, 2. The family resides in San Diego, Calif.

To **Laura Demsky Burke '99** and husband Greg, a daughter, Lyla, on Aug. 24, 2009. The family resides in Clayton, N.C.

To **Courtney Rodrigues Jones '99** and husband Greg, a daughter, Ainsleigh Elizabeth, born May 15, 2009. She joins big brother Ian, 3. The family resides in Richmond, Va.

To **Nicole Mohr Smith '99** and husband Adam, a daughter, Madison Grace, born March 5, 2009. Nicole is an athletic trainer at an outpatient physical therapy clinic in Southold, N.Y. The family resides in Southold.

To **Christine Etol-Calafiore Stratton '99** and husband Bradford, a son, Owen Michael, born June 5, 2009. He joins big brothers Xander, 3, and Aidan, 1. The family resides in Columbia, Md.

To **Meridith Taylor Strout '99** and husband Stephen, a daughter, Makenzie Taylor, born March 28, 2009. She joins big brother Brandon Ryan, 2. The family resides in St. Augustine, Fla.

To **Grace Lee Handy '00** and husband J., a daughter, Mattingly Rose, born March 30, 2009. Grace and J. were married on July 26, 2009 in Philadelphia, Pa., where they also reside.

## Attention LC Golfers!

OPEN TO ALL ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS



**SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010**  
**Frazier R. Sizemore Jr. '52, '81 M.Ed. Scholarship Golf Tournament**  
Hat Creek Golf Course  
Brookneal, Va.

**SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010**  
**Shellenberger Scholarship Golf Tournament**  
London Downs Golf Course  
Forest, Virginia

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010**  
**Greg Holland '89 Scholarship Golf Tournament**  
Chesapeake Bay Golf Club  
Rising Sun, Maryland

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
**Richmond Alumni Club Golf Tournament**  
Brandermill Country Club  
Midlothian, Va. (new location)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
(DURING HOMECOMING 2010)  
**John P. Seamster '92 Scholarship Golf Tournament**  
London Downs Golf Course  
Forest, Va.

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Alumni and friends at the Northern New Jersey Alumni Club gathering at the Far Hills Race in Far Hills, N.J., in October. We look forward to returning in October 2010!

To **Ericka Eason Perry '00, '05 M.Ed.** and husband, Richard, a daughter, Alyssa Makayla, born Sept. 26, 2009. The family resides in Columbia, S.C.

To **Karen McKay Tong '01** and husband Larry, a daughter, Kelsey Molloy, born July 3, 2009. Kelsey joins Chip, the chocolate lab. The family resides in Baltimore, Md.

To **Sara Pingstock Stanley '02** and husband Scott, a daughter, Riley Grace, born July 5, 2009. She joins big brother Sam, 2, and big sister Faith, 9. The family resides in Lynchburg, Va.

To **Mary "Marcie" Kingery Altice '04** and husband Justin, a daughter, Grayson Lee, born June 8, 2009. The family resides in Rocky Mount, Va.

To **Karen Shaw Garland '04** and husband **David '04**, a daughter, Stephanie June, born June 27, 2009. The family resides in Ecclestone, Chester, England.

To **Kristin Driskill Gooch '05** and husband Jason, a daughter, Addison Renée, born Jan. 14, 2008. She joins big sister Isabel. The family resides in Evinston, Va.

To **Carla Burnette Wenzel '06** and husband Tim, a son, Evan Peter, born July 2, 2009. The family resides in Upperco, Md.

To **Lauren Horne '08 M.Ed.** and husband Landon, a son, Lincoln Christopher, born June 14, 2009. The family resides in Bassett, Va.

To **Natalie Pfluger Ingram '08** and husband **Jeremy '07**, a daughter, Riley Elizabeth, born July 16, 2009. The family resides in Leesburg, Va.

## In Sympathy

**Garnett Hundley Beckman '27**, sister, July 31, 2009

**James "Jim" Wootton '37**, sister, Oct. 26, 2009

**Maury Hundley Jr. '38**, sister, July 31, 2009

**A. "Kendall" Sydnor '39**, brother, Aug. 5, 2009

**Lt. Col. Charles Hundley '43**, sister, July 31, 2009

**Rochet Sydnor Blair '44**, brother, Aug. 5, 2009

**Burdine Gordon Campbell '44**, husband, July 8, 2009

**Charles "Charlie" Lowder '45**, wife, June 24, 2009

**Joseph Pettus Jr. '49**, brother, Dec. 17, 2009

## Madam superintendent

by Betty McKinney



As the new superintendent of Culpeper County Public Schools, **Bobbi Farmer Johnson '81, '93 M.Ed.** has begun the most exciting journey of her professional career.

Bobbi is spending her first year getting to know the division, working with the School Board to set goals, and tackling the budget.

But even in the midst of tough budget considerations, Bobbi is focusing on instruction. "I love working with curriculum development and instruction practice," she says. "And I enjoy setting goals and developing initiatives with principals to support student success." These initiatives include opening up new opportunities for reluctant learners, focusing on early literacy, emphasizing math and science, and promoting career and technical offerings and fine arts.

"I would not be able to do this job without my experience in Bedford County," Bobbi said, referring to her ten years as assistant superintendent there. "I did a great deal of work with curriculum development during this time because it coincided with the beginning of assessing the Standards of Learning (SOL). There was a lot of work to do, and it took a lot of energy, but I had great people to work with.

"The new piece for me is the public piece," she said. "Being the face of the division and interacting with the community are all new to me. In Bedford, I was behind the scenes; now I'm out front."

Moving has been another challenging adjustment. "Being a stranger in a new job and a new community has been difficult," she said. "I have lived in the Lynchburg area all my life, and moving even two hours up Route 29 is a big move for me. However, the people here have been wonderful and welcoming, and now it is beginning to feel more like home."

Bobbi still has a house in Bedford County, and her husband David works in the area. "We alternate weekends, but now he is coming to Culpeper more because I want to stay involved in the community more consistently," she explained.

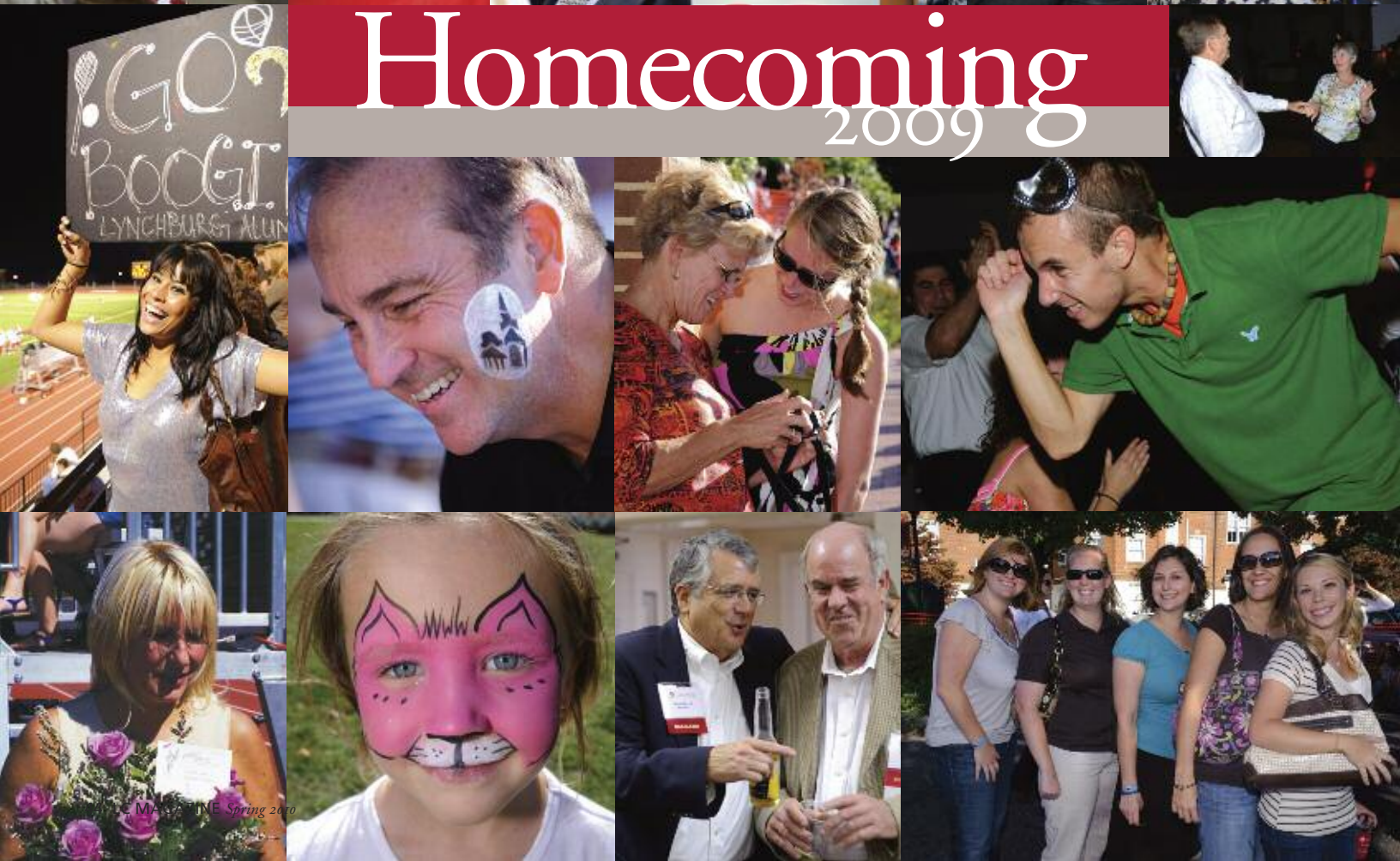
Bobbi says she always wanted to teach, but she wasn't sure how to make it happen. "Lynchburg College showed me the way," she said. "When I first came to the College, I didn't have a lot of self-confidence, but the nurturing, supportive environment was so important to me that I felt I belonged and could handle the academics. I guess you could say I flourished at LC." Bobbi and David were married at the end of her freshman year. "It was a fairy tale time," she recalled. "We were poor, but we were happy and excited about what was going on in our lives." After graduation, Bobbi taught elementary school in Lynchburg until she returned to LC for her M.ED. "This was a wonderful time as well," she said. When her cohort finished, several of them ended up working together in Bedford County.

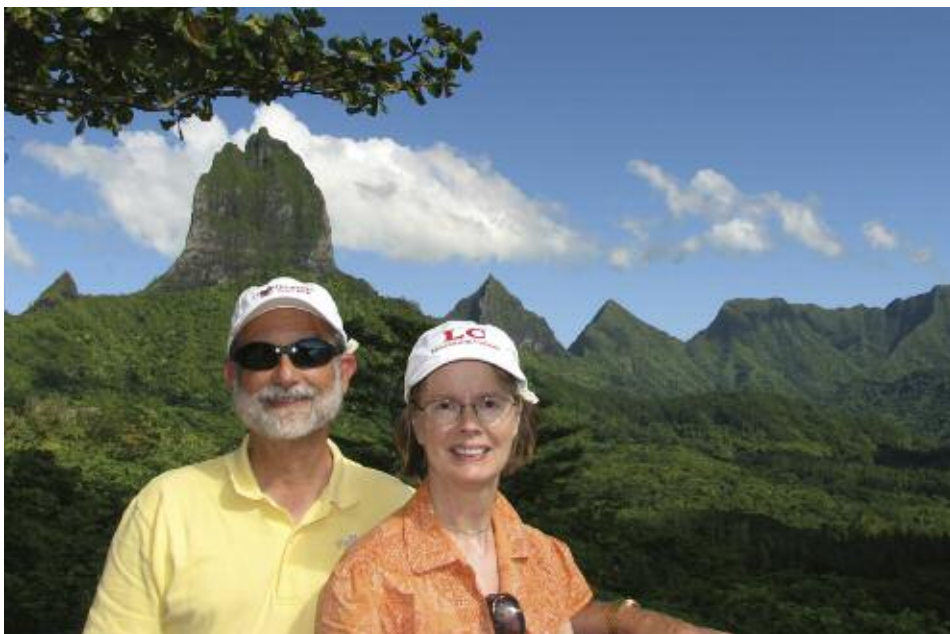
At that time, Bobbi was an elementary school principal and a director of instruction. She also served as an adjunct professor at LC teaching curriculum courses, a position she held for five years until she moved to Culpeper. For four years, she was Bedford County's representative working on grants with Dr. Ed Polloway, dean of graduate studies, and Dr. Roger Jones, professor of educational leadership. "Working at LC, I really began to realize the quality and dedication of the people at the College. They stay on top of current issues and have a vision that reflects what the local school divisions need," she said.

Bobbi and David have four grown daughters: Morgan and Anna, both 2009 LC grads; Julia, a current student at the College; and Maggie, a student at Virginia Commonwealth University.



# Homecoming 2009





Honorary alumnus **Dr. Neal Sumerlin '08**, professor of chemistry and director of the College's Belk Observatory, and his wife Jane traveled to the South Pacific in July to observe the total eclipse of the sun.

Susie Moore Hillery '50, brother, Aug. 23, 2009  
 Margie Eaton Moffit '50, husband, Oct. 23, 2009  
 Linda Campbell Cross '53, brother, July 8, 2009  
 Percy Wootton '53, sister, Oct. 26, 2009  
 Rudolph "Rudy" Johnson Sr. '57, wife, June 14, 2009  
 Rhoda Whitacre Kriz '58, son, Oct. 14, 2009  
 Daniel "Dan" Brown '62, sister, Oct. 6, 2009  
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 Neita Brown Kraus '62, husband, Sept. 1, 2009  
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 husband, Sept. 27, 2009  
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 July 10, 2009, and husband, Jan. 14, 2010  
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 Nancy Bullock Weiland '67, mother, Jan. 4, 2010  
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 father, Sept. 7, 2009  
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 mother, Jan. 7, 2010  
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 Yvonne Bobiak Pfluger '82, father, June 29, 2009  
 Dinah Tirajoh Kuhnert '83, father, Jan. 4, 2009  
 Samuel "Landon" Maddox '83, brother, Oct. 14, 2009  
 Barbara "Barb" Suydam McCutcheon '83, mother,  
 Aug. 30, 2009  
 Mary-Winston McGinnis Deacon '84, father, July 20, 2009  
 Jane Patrisso Gerdy '84 M.Ed., father, Nov. 20, 2009  
 Katherine "Kathy" Ballagh Bowles '85, '90 M.Ed.,  
 father, Sept. 13, 2009  
 Felephya "Ko-Ko" Otey-Cook '85, '98 M.Ed.,  
 father, Aug. 10, 2009  
 Wanda Megginson Sadler '86, husband, Oct. 20, 2009  
 Stephanie Gibson Swanson '86, father, Aug. 12, 2009  
 Kathy Maxey Brown '87, father, Aug. 21, 2009  
 Martha Averett Clark '88, '06 M.Ed., mother,  
 Oct. 2, 2009  
 John Carrington '89, wife, Sept. 11, 2009  
 Cynthia "Cindy" Read Laurell '90 M.Ed., mother,  
 Sept. 3, 2009  
 Brenda Yeatts Michaels '90, husband, July 8, 2009  
 Mark Winn '91, '96 M.Ad., father, Aug. 8, 2009  
 Shavonne Johnson '95 M.Ed., mother, Sept. 16, 2009  
 Robert "Rob" Lamano Jr. '95, father, Sept. 26, 2009  
 Martin "Marty" Chandler '97, '04 M.Ed., father,  
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 Oct. 4, 2009  
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Central Virginia Alumni Club volunteers once again rang the bell for the Salvation Army in December on a cold rainy day.



The South Korea Alumni Club hosted President Kenneth Garren; Sheila Garren; Dr. Ed DeClair, director of the Westover Honors Program and assistant dean for international programs; Dr. Joe Turek, dean of the School of Business and Economics; and Dr. Han Song, professor emeritus of sociology, at an event in Seoul in November.

Martha Bryant '98, mother, Jan. 13, 2010  
 Bridget Wayne '99, mother, Oct. 22, 2009  
 Tracy Jones Langebeck '99, husband, July 9, 2009  
 Vicki Lloyd Graham '00, '06 M.Ed., mother, Jan. 7, 2010  
 Shana Scudder '01, father, Dec. 17, 2009  
 Matthew "Matt" Clark '02, mother, Oct. 19, 2009  
 Ashley Farmer Dalton '03, mother, Aug. 19, 2009  
 Christopher "Chris" Knowles '04, father, Oct. 24, 2009  
 Andrew "Drew" Martin '05, mother, Dec. 29, 2009

## In Memoriam

Vernon B. Stickley '31, Nov. 10, 2009  
 Laura Hundley Thomas '32, July 31, 2009  
 Charles Kirkwood Jr. '35, Oct. 24, 2009  
 Thomas "Tom" Campbell Jr. '42, July 8, 2009  
 S. Bolling Hobbs '42, Sept. 24, 2009  
 Lillie Mae Curlee Marshall '42, Jan. 4, 2010  
 H. "Dennis" Moore '42, Aug. 23, 2009  
 Lawrence Adams '43, Dec. 17, 2009  
 Charles Fauntleroy '44, Aug. 4, 2009  
 Carlton Wilkerson '44, Sept. 16, 2009  
 Joseph "Joe" Donahoe '47, Oct. 4, 2009  
 William "Bill" Howard '47, Dec. 28, 2009  
 Dorothy "Dottie" Manspeaker Snavelly '48, Sept. 10, 2009  
 Cecil Thaxton '48, Dec. 6, 2009  
 John "Roger" Thornhill '48, Nov. 11, 2009  
 Joseph "Joe" Almond Jr. '49, July 31, 2009  
 J. T. Hundley Jr. '49, July 2, 2009  
 Richard "Dick" Johnson '49, July 12, 2009  
 Carlton Noel '49, Nov. 9, 2009  
 Ann Brown Pace '49, Oct. 6, 2009  
 William "Bill" Pettus '49, Dec. 17, 2009  
 Rudolph "Rudy" Davidson '50, Aug. 3, 2009  
 John East '50, Nov. 10, 2009  
 Mary Smith Lockhart '50, Nov. 18, 2009  
 David Moffit '50, Oct. 23, 2009  
 Harry Thomas Jr. '50, July 13, 2009  
 Joseph Hadlock '51, Sept. 4, 2009  
 Clarence Stroup '51, June 15, 2009  
 William "Bill" Sydnor '51, Aug. 5, 2009  
 Betty Holcomb Bobbitt '52, Dec. 8, 2009  
 Betty Mills Dieterle '52, Sept. 18, 2009  
 Frank Mantz Jr. '52, Nov. 28, 2009  
 Richard "Dick" Vaughn '52, Aug. 21, 2009  
 Patricia "Patsy" King Martin '53, Aug. 12, 2009  
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 Lloyd Gibson Jr. '55, Aug. 12, 2009  
 Henry "Hank" Masters Jr. '56, July 5, 2009  
 James Banks '57, Nov. 14, 2009  
 Harold Blankenship '57, Sept. 2, 2009  
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 Dorothea "Thea" Sopigoti Tipton '58, Nov. 8, 2009  
 Arthur "Art" Kraus '59, Sept. 1, 2009  
 B. "Wayne" Montrieff '60, January 14, 2010  
 Donald Meredith '63, Jan. 8, 2010  
 Robert Crowder '64, July 10, 2009  
 Ardia Pless Bumgarner '65, '70 M.A.T., Dec. 13, 2009  
 Charles "Lew" Stokes '68, Sept. 15, 2009  
 James Ward '68, June 24, 2009  
 William "Bill" Figel '70 M.S., Sept. 10, 2009  
 Edith "Elizabeth" Turner McGinnis '70, Dec. 17, 2008  
 Allen Fuller '71 M.S., Dec. 4, 2009  
 James "Jim" Scudder '71, Dec. 17, 2009  
 John "Jackie" Harris '72, Sept. 1, 2009  
 L. William "Bill" Spruill '72, '79 M.Ed., Sept. 27, 2009  
 Carter Hicks Jr. '74 M.Ed., April 20, 2009  
 Gail Andrews '75, Oct. 4, 2009  
 Andrew "Andy" Clarke '75, July 17, 2009  
 Robert "Bob" Wells III '75, '81 M.Ed., Dec. 23, 2009  
 Joyce Marshall Wynn '75, Nov. 3, 2009  
 John Kirkpatrick '79 M.S., Oct. 21, 2009

Katherine "Kate" Hannigan '81, Nov. 1, 2009  
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## We Remember

**William Earle "Ping" Betts Jr.**, an active member of the LC Board of Trustees for twenty-three years, died December 29, 2009. He was 97. He served on the Board from 1970 to 1993 and was designated an Honorary Life Trustee. He was also a life trustee of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. Ping lettered in varsity football at Virginia Tech and graduated first in his architectural engineering class of 1932. After earning his M.S. in structural engineering at Virginia Tech in 1933, he became a registered architect a year later. In 1938, he and his friend, A.P. Montague Jr., founded Lynchburg-based Montague-Betts Co., a structural steel fabricator of a number of major construction projects, including New York's World Trade Center. Ping became chairman of the company in 1956. During World War II, he was an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, attaining the rank of captain while serving in the European Theater. He was among the troops that landed on Omaha Beach during the Allied invasion at Normandy, France, and was awarded both the Bronze Star by the U.S. War Department and Croix de Guerre by the French. He served as director on several professional boards including the American Institute of Steel Construction, National Association of Manufacturers, United States Business and Industrial Council, and United Virginia Bank/Crestar/SunTrust. Ping was an active civic leader, serving on the boards of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, Lynchburg Area Development Corporation as president, and the Bedford County Public Service Authority. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry.

**Mary Louise Brown Blencowe**, former office manager of the LC Bookstore, died December 25, 2009. She was 94. She worked as a bookkeeper for several Lynchburg businesses and was retired from LC, where she worked from 1972 to 1986. For almost seventy years Louise was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she served on the Altar Guild and helped prepare the weekly newsletter. She was dedicated to the mission of St. Paul's Thrift Shop and

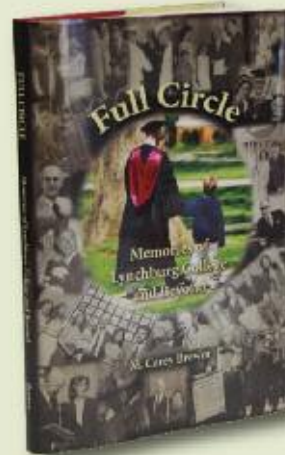
volunteered there until she was nearly 90 years old. She also volunteered for the Red Cross and was a member of the Auxiliary of Lynchburg General Hospital for many years. Before her health prevented it, she loved to work in the garden and crochet.



**H. Dennis Moore '42**, former member of the LC Board of Trustees, died August 23, 2009. He was 88. After serving as president of the LC Alumni Association for two years, Moore was elected to the Board of Overseers in 1982 and as a trustee in 1984. He retired from the Board of Trustees in 2003 and was designated trustee emeritus in 2004. A biology major from McLean, Virginia, Dennis served for more than twenty years as a commissioned supply corps officer in the U.S. Navy. His duties included participation in the Navy's support of the invasions at Iwo Jima and serving as White House aide and presidential mess officer aboard the presidential yacht, the U.S. Williamsburg. After retiring from the Navy in 1965, Dennis assisted in the development of Hydro Space Research Corporation and was director of administration. He later accepted a position in administrative management with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was a director of the Credit Union National Associations Board; chairman of the District of Columbia Credit Union Service Corporation board; a director, treasurer, and president of the Agriculture Federal Credit Union; and chairman of the supervisory committee of the Navy Federal Credit Union.



**Betty Spencer '03 HA** died February 23, 2010. She was 71. As dining room attendant, Betty greeted students, faculty, and staff for the last 26 years. She was a major Hornet fan and surrogate mother to many. She received an Honorary Alumni Award in 2003.



**"Full Circle" by Dr. M. Carey Brewer '49**, LC president from 1964-83, is available in the Lynchburg College Bookstore. Proceeds from the sale of the memoir will go toward the Betty and Carey Brewer Centennial Scholarship Fund.

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