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From groundbreakings to a ground-shaking earthquake, from ribbon cuttings to a hurricane, the fall 2011 semester at Towson University has been one of the most riveting on record. Add to that the selection of a new president and an incredible start of the athletic season, and you can understand the excitement on campus.

Hurricane Irene delayed move-in for students, but Towson accepted a call from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross to host more than 600 international students evacuated from Ocean City. TU staff stepped up to provide shelter, food, and activities for these grateful young people working in Maryland's tourism industry.

When Towson students arrived on campus, they discovered that construction sites had been transformed into new landmarks. We officially opened the College of Liberal Arts and three new buildings in the West Village Precinct—Douglass and Barton House residence halls, and West Village Commons, a facility for events, meetings and dining, and a new garage.

Our academic year kicked off with top rankings by *U.S. News and World Report* and *The Princeton Review* for our region. Our freshmen class is our brightest ever, boasting an average 3.62 GPA.

During Homecoming week, the USM Board of Regents announced Maravene Loeschke '69/'71 as TU's next president. It was a fitting tribute to a woman who spent more than 30 years here as an undergraduate, faculty member and dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. Since April, I have had the honor and privilege to serve as your interim president. I am proud to be delivering a university with great momentum to Dr. Loeschke on Jan. 1, and will continue to support her and Towson during the transition.

Take a look at our new master events calendar (events.towson.edu). Make plans to visit campus through our new gateway on Towsontown Boulevard. I have no doubt you will be proud of the university you see.

Marcia G. Welsh

Interim President

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Grand Openings

CAMPUS CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION OF FIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

With the snip, snip of a scissors, two ribbon-cutting ceremonies marked a transformation in the landscape of Towson University.

On Aug. 30, state and local officials hailed the official opening of the College of Liberal Arts Building as it welcomed students, faculty and staff for the fall term.

The structure is the first new academic building constructed on campus in more than 30 years and is expected to achieve gold certification by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Its sustainable features include a roof covered in plant material and sensor-driven lighting. The initial phase of the building opened in August 2009.

Anchored by two large open atriums, the new building comprises general-purpose classrooms and computer labs, faculty and departmental offices, meeting rooms, study lounges and a small café. More than 12,000 students will take classes there each day.

The Department of Psychology has also acquired an animal vivarium, observation rooms and a children's clinic.

TU also marked the opening of 734,000 square feet of housing, gathering and parking spaces in the West Village precinct on Sept. 7. A torrential downpour forced the ribbon cutting ceremony indoors but failed to dampen spirits of those in attendance.

New buildings in the West Village Precinct



West Village Commons

This new multi-use facility offers dining, retail, meeting and office space to students living in the West Village Precinct.



Barton House & Douglass House

Phase II of the West Village housing project comprises two residence halls containing nearly

160,000 square feet and 651 beds for freshman and sophomore students. The buildings' names continue the theme of recognizing historically prominent Marylanders.



West Village Parking Garage

This new six-story garage provides 1,500 parking spaces for TU students, faculty, staff and visitors.

For more photos of the new buildings, visit www.towsonalumnimagazine.com

Letters

I thoroughly enjoyed your, "Patterns of Success," article in *Towson* magazine.

It was certainly a well-deserved and overdue tribute to two women who were the heart and soul of Towson's Theatre Arts Department for many years.

I arrived at Towson in 1968, and when I took my first acting class a year later Georgia Baker and Rose Marchione, though only near the beginning of their long run, were already helping to establish the growing reputation of Towson's Theater Arts Department. The then-small costume design shop was right next to the studio theater, where most of the department's productions were staged, on the lower level of Stephens Hall.

While the green room may have been the family room of the department, the costume shop was the kitchen where something was always cooking, and whenever you passed it you felt compelled to at least stick your head in the door to see who was there and what was going on.

Forty years later, the only relics I have from my time at Towson are the costume sketches I did for Georgia Baker's course.

Stephen Pohl '78, Baltimore, Md.



Take another look at *Towson* online.

The digital edition has links to websites and emails contained in the stories. You'll also find Web extras, including a preview of Professor Richard Vatz's new book and links to two-minute lectures by TU faculty members Phil Davis, Gail Gasparich, Clare Muhoro, Alex Storrs and James Overduin, all available at www.towsonalumnimagazine.com.

NOTEBOOK

Speaking Slowly

Timing is everything, especially when it comes to helping those who stutter.

In fact, the more slowly a speech therapist speaks to

“A person who stutters may feel more compelled to talk faster if his or her conversational partner speaks faster.”

—Mark Pellowksi

a stuttering client during a therapy session, the better.

That’s the preliminary finding from research conducted by three TU students and their adviser, Mark Pellowksi,

associate professor in the Department of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology and Deaf Studies.

Graduate students Sarah Alden and Kaitlyn Meyer along with Nicole Giovanniello ’11 found that a clinician’s speech rate has an impact on how much clients stutter during therapy. “A person who stutters may feel more compelled to talk faster if his or her conversational partner speaks faster,” Pellowksi explains.

The students measured speech rates of clinicians from a sample conversation, calculating words per minute.

Their study, *Reductions in Stuttering Frequency as a Function of Modification of Clinicians’ Speech Rate: Preliminary Findings*, was the best research poster presentation at the Maryland Speech-

Language-Hearing Association meeting last April.

I Support Japan

When a massive earthquake and ensuing tsunami hit Japan in March, several TU alumni banded together to send money and gifts to those devastated by disaster.

The group, “I support Japan, 3-11” raised money by hosting concerts and bake sales. In addition, Tom Fujihara ’01 asked former Orioles pitcher, Koji Uehara, for some autographed memorabilia. Soon 12 caps, 36 signed balls, 57 signed baseball cards and 4 pairs of wristbands were on the way to Akasaki Elementary School, notes Kanako Mochizuki ’98, who started the group.

the classroom, graduating *cum laude* in May with a 3.737 GPA.

Now he’s living in Port St. Lucie, Fla., practicing at the PGA’s facility and hoping to qualify for a pro tour.

Top Guard

In the fall Samantha McElvaney wields a field hockey stick for the Tigers. But last summer the senior forward won top honors



in the women’s beach flag competition.

A lifeguard with the Ocean City, Md., Beach Patrol, McElvaney competed against some of the best lifeguard teams in the United States Lifeguarding Association national championships last August. She also took first place in the women’s 4-by-100-meter sprint team with three teammates.

SPORT SHORTS

Scholar-Athlete

Nyasha Mauchaza ’11, the former Tiger golfer who led the Tigers to the 2010 men’s NCAA golf tournament and was a two-time

Arthur Ashe First Team Sport Scholar, is the Colonial Athletic Association’s 2011 Scholar-Athlete for men’s golf.

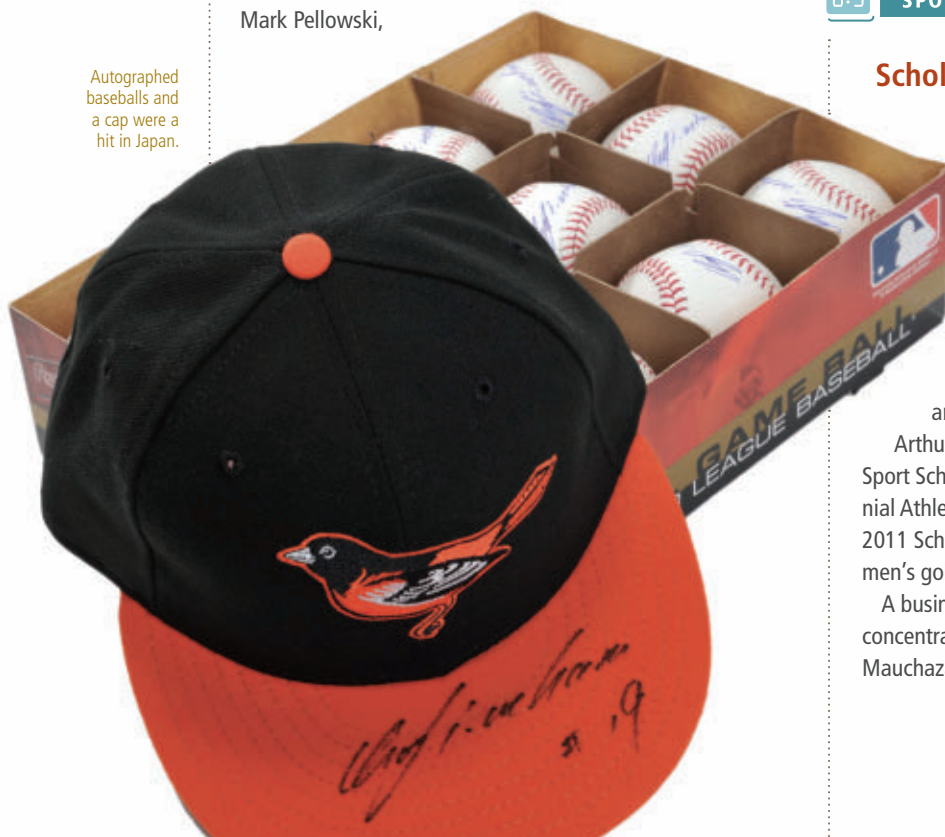
A business major with a concentration in finance, Mauchaza also excelled in

NUGGETS

Black, Gold and Green

Towson has added a hue of green to its traditional colors of black and gold. For the second consecutive year TU ranked among the most environmentally responsible schools by The Princeton Review’s *Guide to 311 Green Colleges: 2011 Edition*.

Autographed baseballs and a cap were a hit in Japan.



The recognition is based on TU's single-stream Recy-cALL program and regular participation in RecycleMania, the "Go Green" orientation campaign and the annual Stream Clean-Up.

Dining Services also earned special recognition for using trans-fat-free soy oil, antibiotic-reduced pork and chicken, cage-free eggs and fair trade coffee.

Manners Matter

Manners not only matter, they also earn awards.

Just ask the six librarians in Cook Library. They won the President's Program Innovation Contest for a Civility Project, a video and communication campaign that promotes courtesy and respect in students and other library patrons.

Cook Library's prize-winning project produced a video that shows a thoughtful act which inspires others to do the same.

The contest, sponsored by Association of College & Research Libraries, selected three winners from a field of 28 entries.

Cook Library's prize-winning project produced a video with a "pay it forward theme," much like the Liberty Mutual ads which depict a thoughtful act that inspires others to do the same. The library's

"Civility: That's Our Policy," video and campaign were unveiled during new student orientation.

Brain Workouts

Students from the Baltimore Civitas School came to campus this summer to exercise their brains.

Towson is the only university that partners with Middle Grades Partnership



The 31 middle and high school kids wore blue shirts with an MGP logo, identifying them as part of the MGP (Middle Grades Partnership) program, which provides a wide range of courses for city students in the summer and after school. Towson is the only university that partners with MGP.

Coordinated by the TU Department of Mathematics, the summer program highlighted mental gymnastics that included playing 24, a mathematics game, attending language arts class, playing chess, and a favorite activity, RRR—research, rhyme, rap—in which students create a rap to explain a current event.

"If you get an answer wrong, no one laughs,"

says Alize LeGrand, a tenth grader. "If I get an answer right, I feel like I've accomplished something."

The students also took electives, including karate and robotics, and watched a campus planetarium show.

The TU staff created a fun, academic environment because they want students to learn and succeed.

"We hope they gain confidence, learn to persevere, and acquire habits of mind that serve them in any learning endeavor," explains Felice Shore, program director and TU associate professor of mathematics.

High Marks

The *U.S. News & World Report 2012 America's Best Colleges* guide ranks Towson University eleventh in the public Regional Universities (North) category, placing it among the best of the 46 institutions surveyed.

The university was also listed among the 136 overall best Regional Universities in the North.

No More Hangups

Last summer the ubiquitous parking hang tag became a relic.

What once dangled from rearview mirrors, permitting students, staff and faculty to park on campus, has gone the way of landlines and carbon paper.

Last September, Parking and Transportation Services began using virtual parking permits—a system in which drivers register their license plate numbers

online or by phone call. Parking Services personnel ensure vehicles are in compliance by scanning license plates via an LPR (license plate recognition) device as they drive through campus parking lots and garages.

The new system is faster, more efficient and less expensive. According to Pam Mooney, director of Parking and Transportation Services, enforcement officers can complete a scan of a garage in an hour and a half versus three to four hours on foot. The system also eliminates the cost of printing and mailing parking permits.



Colts at Towson

The Baltimore Colts held their training camp at Towson in 1974.

Led by quarterback Bert Jones, the storied franchise changed in the Burdick locker rooms, played on Burdick field, stayed in the Residence Tower and ate in the College Center Cafeteria, according to the 1974 yearbook. Fans flocked to campus to watch them.

Perhaps the aura of the Colt horseshoe lingered in the Burdick locker room. In 1974 the Tiger football team had a perfect season with 10 straight wins.

Maravene Loeschke '69/'71 is TU's New President

FORMER DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION TAKES THE HELM JAN. 1

Maravene Loeschke '69/'71, who takes over as TU's newest and 13th president on Jan. 1, needed no introduction.

The chancellor of the University System of Maryland, the chair of the Board of Regents and TU's interim president delivered opening remarks about her to faculty, staff and students at a reception in the University Union Sept. 22. But before they could speak, Loeschke was beset by well wishers—giving and receiving handshakes, smiles and bear hugs—as she made her way to the podium.

Loeschke had come home, during Homecoming week no less, to the place where she had been a student, teacher and dean.

Loeschke earned both her master's degree in education and her bachelor's degree in theatre and English from Towson. (She earned her doctorate in philosophy from The Union Institute in Cincinnati.) Beginning in 1970, she spent more than 30 years at Towson, moving up through the faculty ranks and serving as dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication from 1997 to 2002.

"She has distinguished herself with her commitment to diversity and inclusion," noted Orlan M. Johnson, chairman of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland. He also praised her effective leadership and broad community outreach.

In 2002 Loeschke left Towson to become provost at Wilkes University in Pennsylvania. In her four-year tenure there, she shaped an undergraduate experience centered on mentorship, created the University Diversity Action Plan, reorganized the academic division into schools, initiated the development of learned outcomes assessments for academic programs and increased funding for faculty development.

She became president of Mansfield University in 2006 where she oversaw the university's first inclusive strategic plan and a budget dedicated to its goals. She reorganized the university's administrative structure to achieve greater

efficiency, strengthened the relationship between the university and the community, and brought greater focus to diversity and inclusion on campus.

"I am absolutely honored to be standing here in this room," Loeschke told the crowd in a vibrant speech delivered without notes. "Towson gave me a wonderful education, an education of the whole person that laid the foundation for anything I have ever done."

This educational philosophy continues today, she added, "and now I have the opportunity to give back to the institution."

Loeschke expressed her pleasure in returning to a state that "values higher education as few states do."

Yet the most important asset she cited "is all of you—I don't know where there is a better faculty and staff."

She described herself as "a servant leader," who will "empower you to do your best work while I find the resources so you can."

Loeschke also said she will be a "50/50 president," spending as much time on campus administration as she will building partnerships,

raising money and raising friends off campus.

She pledged to discover via conversations "what you need so we can move together as a team with a vision." But she reminded everyone that student needs are at the core of the university's mission. "We want to develop leadership abilities," to have them graduate from Towson and make "the world better because they are in it," she said.

"We have the best jobs in the entire world," Loeschke added. "We transform lives, mentor and get paid for doing it. I pledge my energy, ethics, experience, respect and passion to work with you to move Towson to the next level of excellence regionally, nationally and internationally.

"I will not let you down."



"I empower you to do your best work while I find the resources so you can."

—Maravene Loeschke '69/'71



TU is reducing its annual energy costs by \$1 million by installing 34,000 new light fixtures and 9,300 occupancy sensors in campus buildings.

What's New



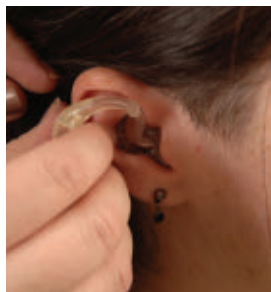
Fulbright Winner

Robyn Quick, professor of theatre arts, is an expert in intercultural theatre, Russian drama, the role of women in theatre and dramaturgy in higher education. She took those talents to Russia this year after receiving a Fulbright award. The Fulbright Scholar Program invited her to propose a project based on her success coordinating the New Russian Drama Project, a collaboration between the Center for International Theatre Development and TU's Department of Theatre Arts. Quick took up residence at the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow, where she is teaching American theatrical projects and further developing her dramaturgic interests.



Emerging Technologies

While technology may transform lives, TU's new School of Emerging Technologies is going to change how Towson faculty interact with each other across campus. "We're here to advocate for interdisciplinary collaboration and to help faculty find each other," says Michael O'Leary, professor of mathematics and the head of the school. Part of TU's Fisher College and housed in the 7800 Building, the school will be an innovative resource that fosters connections among those in TU's eight colleges. "Partnering with those in different fields, not only improves course content, it also produces more comprehensive teachers, who can then qualify for research awards available only to multidisciplinary scholars," O'Leary adds.



Sounds Good

TU researchers led an international study that examined the efficacy of a new hearing aid suitable for first-time hearing aid users who have mild to moderate hearing loss. While most people who use a hearing aid for the first time have difficulty adjusting to new sounds, those in the study reported positive experiences with the Intiga hearing aid. The device was small and comfortable to wear. What's more, users adjusted to the complex range of frequencies, whether it was loud noises or one-on-one conversations, according to primary investigator, Brian Kreisman, associate professor, Department of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology & Deaf Studies.



Safe Drilling

David Vanko, dean of TU's Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics, is chair of the Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative Advisory Commission. The commission will examine a gas drilling technique called hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," to decide if it should be used in Western Maryland. "We will be dealing with some very thorny issues," says Vanko who has a doctoral degree in geology. "I am confident, though, that we'll be able to agree on recommendations that are good for Maryland, promote economic development, preserve and protect the environment, and help shrink Maryland's carbon footprint."



TU's library became part of the Federal Depository Library Program which provides free public access to published information of all three branches of the federal government.

Small Change, Big Changes

By Ginny Cook

Bake sales and other fundraisers raised a chunk of change for the Towson chapter of Students Helping Honduras—\$42,000 in one year—which is changing the lives of orphans in that impoverished country.



If a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, then construction of a children's home in Honduras begins with a cupcake. And a cookie. And a bagel.

Sales of baked goods and breads added up to huge profits at Towson University last year, money which funded humanitarian efforts in the Central American country of Honduras.

Students in the Towson chapter of Students Helping Honduras (SHH) sold cupcakes and brownies and bagels and coffee in the University Union. They stood on street corners with cans asking passing motorists for cash. They even organized a rock concert, which netted \$5,000 in one night. (See sidebar.)

From pennies to quarters, dimes to dollars, these fundraisers added up to \$42,000 last year. "And every penny of each dollar raised went to fund a children's home in the Honduran village of Villa Soleda," says Amanda Fennell, a TU Honors College senior and co-president of the SHH chapter at Towson.

Students Helping Honduras is "ordinary people changing the

world," according to Shin Fujiyama, who founded the group in 2005 while a student at the University of Mary Washington.

Now SHH chapters have sprung up at some 35 colleges and a handful of high schools across the United States. Students in these chapters organize service trips and hold fundraisers to help people in a country where poverty is endemic and children are vulnerable to disease and neglect.

Fennell, with classmates Kari Adlington and Jessa Coulter, became involved after hearing Fujiyama speak at a conference in 2009. His passion for the cause was so infectious that the young women almost immediately volunteered for a service trip to Honduras.

In January 2010 the trio spent a week in Villa Soleda, a village built by SHH, where they taught in the local school and mixed cement for the foundation of an education center. The work gave them an education that can't be taught in any classroom.

"The experience opened my eyes to poverty and what I can do to help," Fennell explains. "We all have the ability to make a difference."

Following that trip, Fennell, Adlington and Coulter decided to make a difference by starting an SHH chapter at Towson.

The group became a vivid illustration of what happens when youthful enthusiasm rolls up its collective sleeves and gets to work. The TU chapter raised \$13,000 in



“We share because we can and we should.”

—Sara Bielecki



(Photos, left to right) A child trudging through stagnant water on the way to school; Amanda Fennell co-president and co-founder of TU's SHH, Sara Bielecki, TU, co-president, and Kari Adlington, co-founder; Digging a trench for the foundation of the education center; Elliot Glotfelty and a friend; The children's home, totally funded and partially built by the TU chapter of SHH. (Photos courtesy of Elliot Glotfelty '11 and Sara Bielecki)

its first year and became the SHH Rookie Chapter of the Year.

"Their level of passion is quite unique," says Santiago Solis, the TU faculty adviser, who is a director in the Center for Student Diversity. "Once they experience how people live—the deep, deep poverty—it opens their eyes."

Schools are falling apart. Houses are made of cardboard with dirt floors and no indoor plumbing. The restroom is a tree in the back, he adds.

"It makes them think. It changes them and it motivates them," Solis adds.

Fennell and the others embarked on a global commitment to make life better for the Hondurans. Back at Towson, they got to work, hoping to double the number of people—from seven to 14—who would make the service trip in January 2011. In all, 33 volunteers signed on, all of whom had to raise a portion of the cost of their trip to Honduras.

Sara Bielecki, then a TU sophomore and now SHH co-president, was one of the new recruits.

Flying into Honduras, she recalls the beauty of the green landscape—until the plane got closer to land when she saw murky, polluted rivers and piles of burning trash.

She would soon witness another disturbing fact of Honduran life that would chill her soul, but also energize her efforts to address the issues of economic disparities.

Bielecki and the other volunteers had come to Honduras to help build a children's home, but first they went to meet the charges in the state-run orphanage who would eventually live in the building.

The students' first surprise was seeing a place that screams prison, not child care. Barbed wire encircles the top of stark cinder block walls.

Inside, 200 to 250 infants and toddlers exist with no health care, no education and little food until they are kicked out at age 12 to fend for themselves on the streets.

"There was an overwhelming stench of urine and feces," Bielecki says. "There were two to three infants to a crib. Diapers got changed if available."

The children were isolated. The place had no running water and only a handful of staff. The horrific conditions, which these children endured every day, sent shock waves through the privileged American college kids.

"No one should have to live like that ever," Bielecki says.

These personal connections—the children they hugged and played with that morning—made it easier for the Towson kids to spend the rest of the week doing hard labor—digging three-foot trenches or mixing cement.

"All of us never thought we could ever work that hard," Bielecki notes. "We were filthy. Our shoes were caked with mud. We were exhausted. But if any of one of us wanted to quit, we'd tell each other, 'C'mon, this is for'... and we'd mention a kid we'd met at the orphanage."

That was enough to keep the students working despite exhaustion, bad weather or sore muscles. It meant the orphans were one step closer to what they needed.

Students who volunteer for a week sometimes attach a certain glamour to

Chords of Collaboration

Hondurock concert raises more than \$5,000 for the children of Honduras

helping out, Fennell notes. But she and Bielecki have since spent much more time in Honduras, and the work, she explains, “is sometimes frustrating and sad.”

“Being on the ground, everything is slower. We’re building trust as well as houses. It takes time. And poor people will disappoint you.”

Theft, drugs and gangs are a constant reality, she adds, along with chronic economic inequalities. That’s one reason why SHH built the village in Villa Soleda, deeding properties, including 44 houses, in the names of the children. That way parents won’t be tempted to sell the properties for cash. SHH has also built an education center and the children’s home, which will open later this year.

Honduras is where “I left my heart,” Fennell tells students in the fall Honors College orientation, as she encourages them to give a piece of their hearts in service to others.

“By helping other people you grow more as a person and you have more to offer future employers,” she adds.

Fennell’s efforts earned her a spot on the board of directors of SHH. As the student director, she helps other schools start chapters and advises on fundraising projects—a task at which she’s excelled.

Right now, Towson is not only the biggest chapter in the country, it leads all schools in fundraising.

In one day last October, the Towson chapter raised \$1,727 selling only cupcakes.

A walk-a-thon in November will benefit the construction of a bilingual school in Honduras.

Fennell and the others are not shy about coming up with projects or asking for money.

As Bielecki says, “We share because we can and we should.” ■

Ginny Cook is the editor of *Towson*.



Left to right: The Lake Effect, Rob Glotfelty, Elliot Glotfelty, David Valenta, and Darryl Glotfelty



Elliot Glotfelty '11 had shivers running down his spine.

The guitarist was playing at the Recher Theatre in Towson last April. But it wasn’t stage fright that caused him to tremble.

It was the magic of 450 people united for a cause.

Glotfelty and his band, The Lake Effect, were playing a benefit concert to raise money for the Towson chapter of Students Helping Honduras.

During one of the group’s original songs, he stopped singing and just listened to the sounds coming from the crowd. “Their singing filled the place,” he says, “It was the coolest experience I’ve ever had on stage.”

Glotfelty along with his twin brother and bandmate Darryl Glotfelty '11 organized the concert.

The idea developed when the pair made a spring break trip to Honduras where they dug trenches and mixed cement, preparing a site for the construction of an education center for orphans.

Seeing the abject poverty of the people in the village “made us realize how we take things for granted,” Elliot says. “It puts things in perspective; makes you think.

We became motivated to put the time and energy into fundraising when we got back.”

The brothers knew the concert ropes.

For the last three years, their band has performed at some of Baltimore’s hottest live music spots—Ram’s Head Live, the 8 x 10 Club and the Recher. They collaborated with the Student Government Association and enlisted the musical talents of two other bands, The Three Tree Experience and Hang On.

The Recher gave them a deal on the rent and let them keep 100 percent of the ticket proceeds. In one night, they raised more than \$5,000.

In May the twins, both chemistry majors in TU’s Honors College, graduated and are doing chemical research with contractors at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

But their Honduran experience “was life changing,” Glotfelty stresses. “It stays with you.”

So there are plans to repeat the concert next year.

“We pulled off the first one in a month,” Glotfelty says. “With more time to plan, we’re hoping we can double what we raised.”

—Ginny Cook

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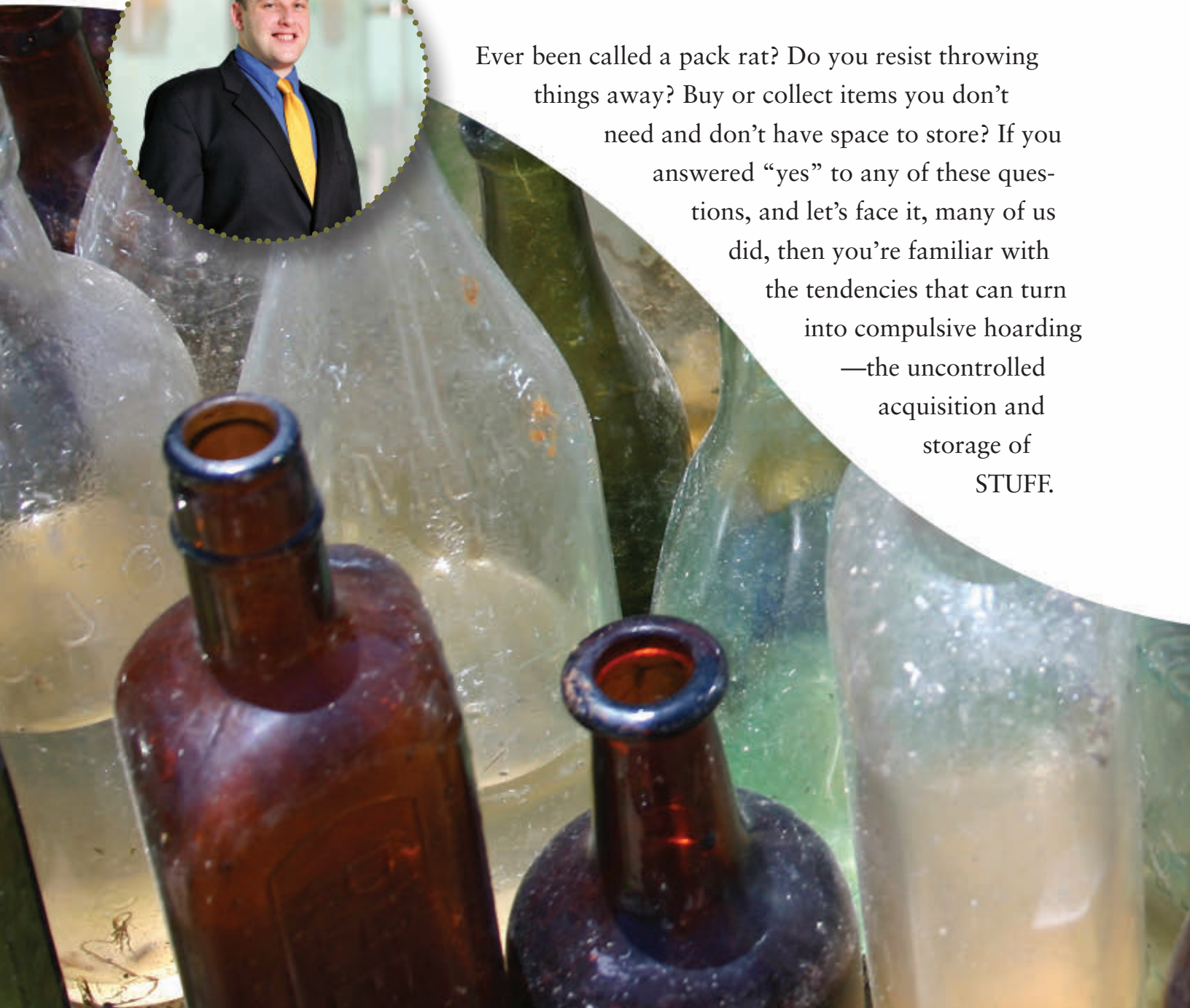
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Making Molehills from Mountains

TU psychologist helps hoarders heal while removing the clutter

Ever been called a pack rat? Do you resist throwing things away? Buy or collect items you don't need and don't have space to store? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, and let's face it, many of us did, then you're familiar with the tendencies that can turn into compulsive hoarding—the uncontrolled acquisition and storage of STUFF.



That doesn't mean everyone with piles of paper is destined to become a compulsive hoarder. But researchers estimate that one in 25 will. Maybe that's why reality television shows such as A&E's *Hoarders* are so popular. These programs dramatically demonstrate what happens when common thought processes become extreme.

Towson University psychologist Gregory Chasson has an in-depth knowledge of what happens when thoughts go haywire and hoarding ensues. He heads a TU laboratory that investigates the nature and treatment of obsessive-compulsive spectrum disorders (OCD), on which hoarding falls, and counsels patients with compulsive hoarding and other psychological conditions in his private practice, CBT (cognitive-behavioral therapy) Solutions of Baltimore.

Hoarding, the assistant professor and licensed clinical psychologist explains, is "dimensional," which means everyone falls somewhere on the spectrum—from those who don't tolerate any clutter to folks buried in belongings. The thoughts of people on the hoarding end of the spectrum, says Chasson, "tend to be obsessive in nature," rendering them challenged at distinguishing between trash and treasures.

Chasson's specialty in hoarding and other related disorders was nurtured from a young age and honed through years of academic and clinical practice in some of the most prestigious institutions in the country.

A California native, his fascination with psychology began in high school when his grandfather, a therapist to Hollywood stars, passed away. Chasson inherited "a fun bag of psychology stuff"—antique Freud texts, the original MMPI (Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory) and other academic materials—that fueled his interest. He went on to earn a B.A. in psychology from the University of California at Santa Barbara and an M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Houston.

Chasson completed pre- and post-doctoral fellowships through Harvard Medical School at McLean Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. There he directed research and treated patients with severe psychopathology, including psychosis and mania, as well as providing outpatient therapy through the obsessive-compulsive disorder, body dysmorphic disorder and tic disorder clinics.

Along the way, he authored a dozen scientific papers, delivered more than 30 research presentations, and garnered tens of thousands of dollars in awards, fellowships and grants.

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Cluttered Cognition

No single moment defines when acquiring and saving items becomes a clinical concern. But, according to Chasson, these behaviors are considered a "disorder" when they lead to clutter and disorganization that causes unwelcome changes—not inviting people over anymore, discontinuing use of certain rooms—and distress, often in the form of family disputes.

Picture homes so packed with teetering towers of boxes, papers and clothing that walking is treacherous, exits are blocked and dust build-up endangers air quality. Imagine a dwelling with so many cats that waste cannot be contained in litter boxes, causing pest infestations and disease. Or in rare, severe cases, spaces stuffed with containers of human blood, semen, urine and feces.

Chasson has witnessed these conditions in the homes of the hoarders he treats—conditions that can become so hazardous that animal control, fire marshals and social services must intervene.

That's often when hoarders are forced to seek counseling and Chasson steps in. "The county says, 'You need to clean up your house or we're going to evict you.' Your landlord says,



‘You’re not welcome here anymore.’ A fire marshal says, ‘You’re not meeting fire codes.’ Animal control says, ‘You can’t have 86 dogs,’” he explains.

As a teacher, researcher and clinician, Chasson seeks to understand the origin and most effective treatment for the condition. Why do some go from collectors to acute clutterers, savers to folks unable to pitch anything, pet lovers to people living in an unstaffed animal shelter? And how can hoarders be helped?

He cites recent studies, which point to a genetic link, but cautions not to assume that the maze always leads back to chromosomes. Chasson has encountered cases in which compulsive stockpilers sprang from families otherwise free of the affliction.

“Trauma and severe stress can be a trigger,” he adds, noting how common it is for hoarders—both those genetically predisposed and those without a hereditary trace—to have suffered severe traumas, such as the loss of a spouse, recently or in the past. Attachment to objects can become a stand-in for relationships with people. And the work of amassing and storing can help paint over the pain of loss or abuse.

Chasson explains that an obsessive style of processing thoughts—common to hoarders—sends perspective into a tailspin. For example, consider whether or not to throw away a piece of paper. Most people ask themselves if they’ll need it later, then decide to keep or toss it based on the answer. But obsessive thinking can induce an intense fear of needing something later that paralyzes decision-making. So instead of saving what could rationally be considered necessary, hoarders save everything.

“We all have these thoughts,” says Chasson, but hoarders’ “tend to be to the extreme

and for objects that we might find odd or valueless.”

Fear of needing something later is just one of many reasons for hoarding. Some accumulate because of an overwhelming desire to avoid wasting items that might have value. But this noble impulse runs amok when it becomes so unrestrained that discarding anything leads to unmanageable guilt.

Other sufferers attach so much emotional importance to objects that everything becomes a sentimental keepsake. Another version of hoarding is an obsessive appreciation for how items look.

The reasons for hoarding vary as much as the objects stashed. Whether it’s dolls or rabbits is almost inconsequential. When it comes to treatments, it is the underlying thought process and the thinking itself that must be addressed in counseling.

Digging Out

Treatment for people with compulsive hoarding is tricky. There is so much shame and embarrassment associated with the condition that many hoarders prefer to maintain the status quo rather than seek help.

One hoarding blogger writes, “Your family may have labeled you lazy and unwilling to help yourself. They seemingly can’t understand why you won’t change and clean up the warehouse you live in, or undo the maze you have created for yourself with stuff piled everywhere. They have no concept of the paralyzing fear that grips you when you try to take action, that you are a prisoner in your own home, that you can’t find the keys to unlock the jail you’re in. It never occurs to them that you may be too ashamed to bring in a locksmith to rescue you from your self-made dungeon.”

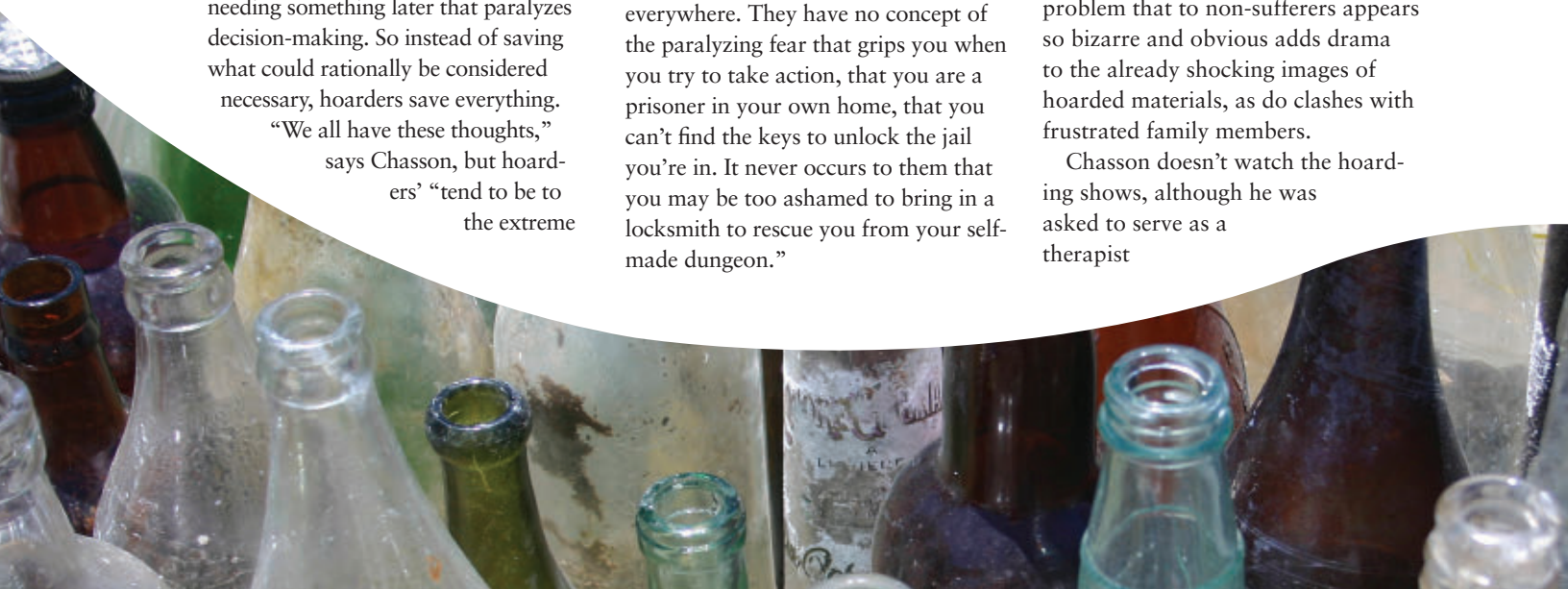
Why do some go from collectors to acute clutterers, savers to folks unable to pitch anything, pet lovers to people living in an unstaffed animal shelter?

Another treatment roadblock is that many hoarders lack awareness of the problem. They’re often embarrassed, but not enough to get help. That’s because, according to the website of the International OCD (obsessive-compulsive disorder) Foundation, “in hoarding, owning things often produces pleasant feelings of safety and comfort, and acquiring can even produce euphoric feelings.” It’s hard to get motivated to change a behavior that makes you feel safe and happy.

Typically, the first person to reach out is a family member or friend of the afflicted person. Chasson recalls a recent phone conversation with a 14-year-old girl seeking aid because she is stuck living in her mother’s out-of-control clutter.

It’s challenging to help someone who does not want to be helped, which is another reason these cases can make such riveting television. Resisting treatment when you have a problem that to non-sufferers appears so bizarre and obvious adds drama to the already shocking images of hoarded materials, as do clashes with frustrated family members.

Chasson doesn’t watch the hoarding shows, although he was asked to serve as a therapist



for one. (He declined.) What concerns him is the approach some of these programs take when treating hoarders. "Usually they just go in and clear the material out because that makes good television," he says. "That causes significant distress. They're not treating the core process, and then they leave."

In his practice, Chasson "treats the core process," with an adaptation of cognitive-behavioral therapy. Using "exposure and response prevention," he gradually assists patients with facing their terrors and gently challenges them to remap their thought patterns. Patients bring items to sessions to work through letting them go, and Chasson and his colleagues make repeated home visits, teaching the decision-making skills necessary to sort and discard items. "We do it in a way that's controlled and systematic and not too comfortable but not too scary," says the therapist.

Counseling often incorporates family members of hoarders. Chasson works to educate them about the disorder and sometimes trains them as coaches to help loved ones "sit with the anxiety" and walk through safe and systematic sifting.

He also employs tactics to keep patients engaged in their treatment, including a peer support group. Because, as family members of hoarders can attest, these are some of the hardest patients to keep motivated.

Thanks to Chasson's efforts, many people who tend to compulsively hoard can see the light through their windows again and are on the path to healing relationships. He's helping sufferers clear the clutter from their homes and their minds. ■

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Research soars at SOAR

Psychology lab gives TU students opportunities to investigate a host of disorders

People with autism tend to shy away from eye contact, which is a likely contributor to social awkwardness. But research in a TU laboratory may help.

Nufar Chaban '13, a TU undergraduate studying behavioral neuroscience and biopsychology, is assisting in a study of young adults with autism. They are testing a computerized program aimed at easing social interactions by subtly training them to relate with others face to face.

The research is part of a laboratory known as SOAR (Site for OCD and Autism Research). Directed by Gregory Chasson, assistant professor of psychology, and housed within TU's psychology department, it enables students to work closely with faculty investigating the nature and treatment of a range of conditions. These include obsessive-compulsive spectrum disorders, such as hoarding, body dysmorphic disorder, trichotillomania, Tourettes Syndrome, tic disorders and hypochondriasis; and higher-functioning autism spectrum disorders, including Asperger's Syndrome. Studies often focus on the overlap between these two families of conditions.

"SOAR has given me the opportunity to apply everything I've studied in class to research that we do. Instead of trying to grasp solely the theoretical and factual aspects of psychological science, I have this practical application that enhances my education," says Chaban.

Students involved in SOAR research get to brainstorm study designs, craft study materials, submit regulatory documentation and correspond with regulatory bodies, recruit participants, carry out data collection and analysis, integrate study results with extant theory and prior research findings, and present and write up study findings.

With Chasson's guidance, says Chaban, "my peers and I have worked on research at nearly every stage, from development to presentation."

Wanda Haskel

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—Nufar Chaban '13

If you suspect that a friend or family member is a compulsive hoarder or are one yourself, the following resources can help you take the first steps toward decluttering:

www.ocfoundation.org/hoarding

www.cbtbaltimore.com

www.childrenofhoarders.com



Minding Their X's and O's

Women find fun and football fundamentals at TU's Football 101 clinic

By Pete Schlehr '71

Whether it's titled "Huddles in Heels" or "Pigskins and Pearls," women's football clinics conducted by college staffs are sweeping the nation to feed an insatiable appetite for women who have acquired a taste for the sport.

More than two dozen enthusiastic women attended Towson's second annual clinic known around Johnny Unitas® Stadium as Football 101 for Women taught by Tigers' head coach Rob Ambrose '92 and his staff. The program presentations touched on fundamentals and basic strategies. Then the group trotted off to the sta-

dium field for live drills where a light rain failed to dampen anyone's spirit for the event.

"I liked it all," says Jennifer Jennings '98, who completed a master's in experimental psychology at Towson in 2004 and is employed by the Department of the Army. "It's a great idea to do this. So many times we have guys involved in our lives who are into football. They ask us if we want to go to the game and we say sure, yeah, but we really don't know what's happening on the field. We learned a lot today about the plays and the offensive team

that's out in front of the quarterback. It was great all the coaches came out and supported this."

Jennings attended Tiger football games as an undergraduate with little understanding of the action.

"The only real part of the game that I understood back then was the downs and trying to move the ball down the field," she says. "I now have a better basic knowledge of football but I was most impressed with the field stuff they had us doing. Some people think football, how hard can it really be? But then you realize these huge guys have

to be very athletic to do the same agility drills we were doing.”

Despite the casual, festive and fun atmosphere created by Ambrose and his coaches, there is seriousness in the purpose for the event.

“I’ve been connected with the National Football Foundation for most of my life,” Ambrose says. “This idea for a women’s clinic at Towson was hatched out of our conversations about what we could do to create greater awareness for football in the state of Maryland. It has been a great event.”

Ambrose, the son of a successful high school football coach, witnessed his mother’s football education, and later, his wife, Melissa’s.

“Having a mother who learned football at about the same rate that I did with her being a coach’s wife and me being a coach’s son, plus watching my wife learn football from no previous knowledge of the sport whatsoever, I can see where mothers of players or women who simply like the game in general would want a little more knowledge that they can’t get anywhere else,” says Ambrose. “Women today are more knowledgeable about football than in the past. It’s truly America’s game. We invented it. We play it better than anyone else and it’s a part of our American culture.”

Ambrose gave the women a healthy dose of football in a four-hour span that kicked off with a light breakfast. Sessions covered topics such as football rules, basic terminology and position responsibilities. Before taking the field, the class toured the football locker room and watched a demonstration detailing all the equipment a player dons.

“My father and my husband have been trying to teach me about football for years,” says Sarah Coard ’00 who is a Tiger season-ticket holder. “This was



Two women watch from the sidelines with Head Coach Rob Ambrose (right) as another member of the football clinic (opposite page) is drilled in the art of a blocking sled.



really helpful for me because the coaches slowed it down. It was easier for me to follow. It’s a much more complex game than I ever imagined. The outdoor drills were also fun but I do think the coaches took it easy on us.”

In addition to several alums the clinic’s roster included mothers of Tiger players and Heidi Waddell, wife of Mike Waddell, director of athletics. Wendy Esposito, whose son John is a senior offensive guard, made the trip from her home in New Jersey. Linda Stefanik, mother of senior fullback Paul, was a classmate.

“I want to learn as much as I can about the positions my son plays,” Esposito says. “I don’t think a lot of football fans understand how smart you have to be to play football. It’s impressive how much the linemen have to learn.”

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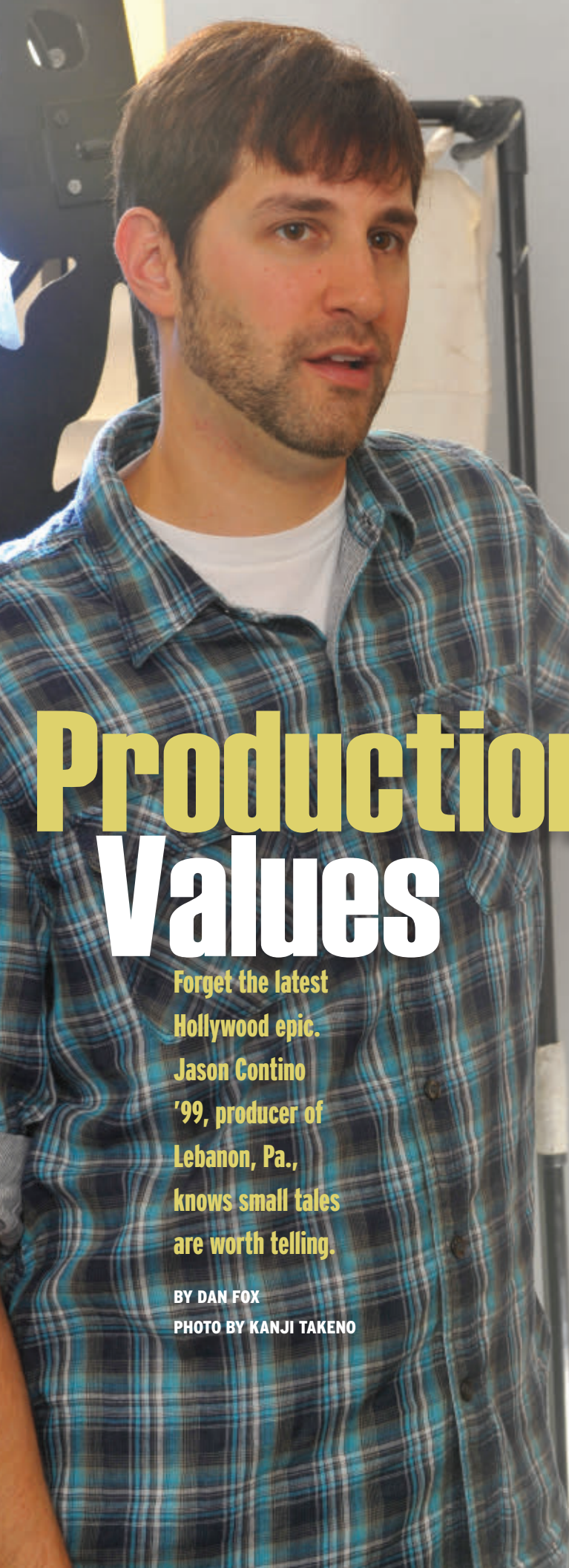
—Head Coach Rob Ambrose ’92

Schools across the country are conducting similar programs for their female football fans. The University of Florida’s Gator Women’s Football Clinic attracts over 500. Some clinics offer additional events such as fashion shows and dinners.

The Tigers wrapped up TUFB 101 with a pizza party and a lot of chatter among the participants of returning next summer.

“It’s pretty interesting that some ladies who were here last year came back and a couple who were here last year brought more with them because they had such a fantastic time,” says Ambrose. “It seems that’s the way with everything at Towson. Once you show up you keep coming back.” ■

Pete Schlehr ’71 retired in June as TU director of athletic media relations.



Production Values

Forget the latest Hollywood epic. Jason Contino '99, producer of *Lebanon, Pa.*, knows small tales are worth telling.

BY DAN FOX
PHOTO BY KANJI TAKENO

Jason Contino '99 is tending bar to make ends meet. But not in the way you might think.

It's 2005, and he's just signed on to produce an independent film—an ambitious new project that could make or break his career. And while he doesn't yet know how this story will end, it starts the same way all movies do: with a pile of cash.

Finding that cash is Contino's first order of business. While big-budget movies are backed by studios with millions, and many independent films get their funding from a single investor, the relatively unknown Contino doesn't have it so easy.

So tonight he's playing bartender—and fundraiser—at an investor's benefit for the film. He's pitching the script, and doing his best not to bruise the gin.

"It was literally my very first task as producer," Contino recalls. "We invited people we'd worked with before, explained the project, and tried to get them a little drunk. My only job was to make sure the glasses stayed full."

With the help of a few good Manhattans—or "lots and lots of bad ones," Contino jokes—the project eventually earned its funding. (Of course, it didn't happen overnight. All told, the tedious financing process took more than a year. But as they say in the movies, this story's been edited to fit your screen.)

The film, *Lebanon, Pa.*, went on to premiere at the South by Southwest Film Festival to critical acclaim in 2010. It's been on a whirlwind tour ever since, winning the 2010 Founders Award at the Traverse City Film Festival, and then had theatrical runs in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and more than a dozen other cities.

A story Hollywood won't tell

Contino has been in this industry for more than a decade. Producing independent projects when he can and freelancing to pay the bills, his commercial resume includes work on the Food Network's *Restaurant: Impossible* and A&E's *Intervention*.

Before *Lebanon, Pa.*, he already had a few bare-bones indie films under his belt—"a couple of super low-budget slashers," he says nostalgically. But he was ready for something bigger.

When writer and director Ben Hickernell approached him with the script in 2005, Contino knew he was being offered his chance.

"I recognized immediately this could be the biggest project I'd ever produced," says Contino. "I also recognized this wasn't the kind of story Hollywood would tell."

“Lebanon could be the biggest project I’d ever produced. This wasn’t the kind of story Hollywood would tell.” —Jason Contino ‘99

In the film, a Philadelphia advertising executive, Will, returns to small-town Lebanon to bury his father. The character study focuses on the relationships Will develops in Lebanon—a bond with a 17-year-old cousin struggling



A deal is pending to bring the film to a major cable TV network.

with unplanned pregnancy and the issue of abortion in a rural town, and a romance with a married woman.

Due to a shared central theme, it’s been fittingly described by critics as “the anti-Juno,” a more contemplative foil for the syrupy 2007 comedy about a sharp-witted pregnant teen and the hijinks that ensue as she brings the baby to term.

“*Lebanon* deals with some heavy issues in a way that mainstream movies don’t,” Contino says. “And that makes it very special. We had to bring this story to life.”

So he got to work. Forgoing a salary from the film for the length of production and putting his personal life on the second reel, Contino was in.

The problem solver

If you don’t know what, exactly, a movie producer does, you’re in good company. The opening titles for any big-budget flick will probably offer dozens of names, but little insight.

“Producer can be a pretty general title. But it roughly translates to ‘the guy who’s pulling his hair out by the end of the day,’” Contino jokes. “It involves a little bit of everything. Except for frustration—it involves a lot of frustration.”

In any film, a producer is something of a shepherd, guiding a project from start to finish. But in the indie world, where budgets are small and crews even smaller, the producer has a hand in every aspect of the project.

After Contino’s funding blitz in 2005, months of casting, scoping locations and finding a crew ensued along with all the finer points of turning a 30-member assortment of cast and crew into a close-knit team.

And when filming started in 2008, the real work—and the real hair-pulling—began.

“We shot 12 hours a day, six days a week,” he explains. “I worked closer to 20 hours, including time spent setting

up for the next day, making sure the location was open, that everybody knew where to show up. I even drove the truck because we couldn’t pay someone to do it.”

And whenever a problem popped up, it was Contino who had to sort it out, no matter how absurd or perilous.

Actress not on set? Contino got her there. Ice cream truck ruining the shot? Contino bought every cone and Fudgesicle. Cops holding the entire cast at gunpoint? Contino got down on the ground, hands behind his head.

That last one didn’t happen on the set of *Lebanon, Pa.*, but occurred earlier in Contino’s career, while assisting on a film that called for an armed mob. The guns weren’t real, but the director failed to inform the police station a mere two blocks away. The police were not amused.

“Fortunately, one of our extras was married to one of the cops, so it got sorted out pretty quickly,” he says. “But it could have ended really badly.”

He wasn’t responsible for the miscommunication, but it’s a lesson the usually light-hearted Contino keeps close: For all the occasional frustrations, he has an incredibly important job to do.

“Labor of love”

On a shoestring budget of well under a million dollars, *Lebanon, Pa.* has become an unquestioned success. But even six years on, the ending isn’t set in stone.

Since filming wrapped, Contino and his partners have been on the offensive to bring the film to as many markets as possible.

“I don’t want to make movies to just show my friends,” he says. “I want to create something that a stranger will identify with. I want to build an audience.”

And that audience is certainly growing. *Lebanon, Pa.* is now available on DVD and Blu-Ray, and just finished a month-long run on Comcast’s On-Demand video service. A deal is currently under way to bring the film to a major cable television network, too.

“It’s been a labor of love,” says Contino. “Six years after we started and we’re still distributing in new markets. I wouldn’t spend so long on a project if I didn’t truly believe in it. Hopefully that shows—hopefully it will lead to other films, bigger budgets, more stories.”

And maybe for a few lucky investors, more Manhattans. ■

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FINDING MICHAEL

PROFESSOR DANA KOLLMANN AND A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS
HELP BRING CLOSURE TO A GRIEVING FAMILY

By Jan Lucas



THE STAFFER RETURNED MOMENTS LATER TO

In rural Vermont, hunters sometimes solve missing-persons cases that elude the experts.

So the state police weren't surprised when, on a brisk autumn day in 2009, a man searching for game in a remote area near Shrewsbury, Vt., chanced upon a weathered human skull.

Sandy Hopkins remembers the call that followed that gruesome discovery, and the news she'd been dreading since her 28-year-old son, William Michael Hogan, had gone missing from a nearby treatment facility four and a half years earlier.

Loveable, talented Michael Hogan had developed debilitating obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) while attending Harford Community College in his hometown of Bel Air, Md. "One day he couldn't finish a line in a book," his mother says.

"He'd read it over and over again, but he could never get to the end."

Unable to focus on his studies, Hogan withdrew from college. His parents, who had divorced when he was small and remained friends, tried for years to find help for him, but medications and experimental non-invasive neurosurgery offered little relief.

In 2004, Hogan enrolled himself at Spring Lake Ranch Therapeutic Community, a nonprofit residential facility in the Green Mountains of southwestern Vermont. Founded in the 1930s to help people with mental illness or addiction live independently, it offered hope to a young man struggling with OCD. In 2005 he moved to a group home in nearby Rutland, but continued to work at Spring Lake.

On May 16, Hogan told a staff member he was having such difficulty with his symptoms that he couldn't

take his turn answering the ranch's phone. The staffer returned moments later to find him gone without a trace or explanation.

The search for Michael Hogan involved the police, a number of other Vermont state agencies, community volunteers and untold legions of concerned strangers who heard about the case via print, electronic and online media. Over time the focus expanded from the woods and small towns near Spring Lake Ranch to as far afield as California.

Throughout the years—and the despair that followed many false leads—Michael Hogan's family and friends continued to hope that, despite his fragile condition, he would one day be found alive.

That hope vanished with a telephone call on November 18, 2009.

"The police had done an initial assessment," his mother says, "and they thought there was a good possibility that the skull was Michael's. They were planning to send it to the Vermont medical examiner, then search the area with dogs for any additional remains."

Using Michael Hogan's dental

records, the medical examiner quickly made a positive identification. The long, agonizing vigil had ended at long last, and with the worst outcome imaginable.

Unfortunately, the nightmare didn't end there.

His family began planning Hogan's burial and memorial service once the Vermont authorities released the remains. As Sandy Hopkins understood it, the state police had recovered most of her son's bones near the site where his skull had been found.

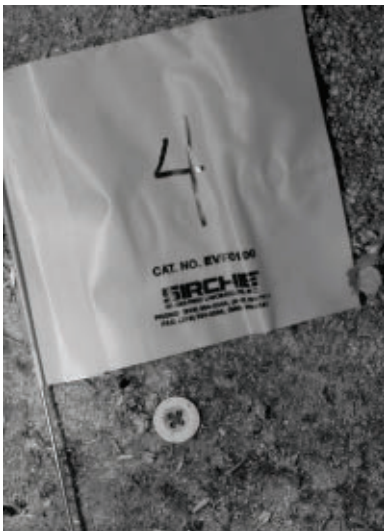
But the elder Michael Hogan asked to view the remains after they'd been transported to a Bel Air funeral home. When the anguished father lifted the coffin lid, he was shocked to see that most of his son was still missing.

"In the days that followed, 'Big Mike' became more and more upset," Hopkins says. "The Vermont medical examiner had ruled that Michael's death was not suspicious. How could they know, when there was so little evidence? Why were the police refusing to search further? How did Michael die?"

"We couldn't bear the thought of him lying in the woods. We wanted answers."



FIND MICHAEL HOGAN GONE WITHOUT A TRACE OR EXPLANATION



ENTER DANA KOLLMANN, PH.D., CSI

A few weeks later, Michael Hogan's father crossed paths with a high school forensics teacher who knew Dana Kollmann, a former crime scene investigator (CSI) for the Baltimore County Police Department, now professor of anthropology at Towson. Intrigued, he asked the teacher for Kollmann's number.

"I was driving home from campus one night in December 2009," recalls Kollmann, "listening to this voicemail from a man who desperately wanted my help."

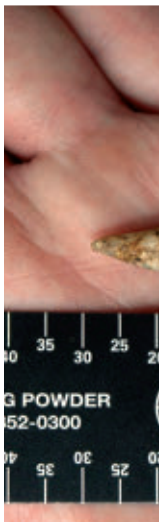
Within two days, the elder Hogan was sitting on Kollmann's sofa, talking about his son's mysterious disappearance and death, and the family's need for closure. Kollmann hatched a plan that evening, she says. "I think we can assemble a team by May," she told Hogan. "We'll need to raise money and recruit volunteers for the search and recovery effort, but it's doable."

Kollmann spearheaded the effort during the spring 2010 academic term, marshaling both financial and human resources. Michael Hogan's family and friends contributed \$8,000 toward the investigation. Towson's chemistry department gave \$1,000, as did the Student Government Association. The Graduate Student Association agreed to pay \$400 to each grad student who participated. Private donors, including Towson faculty, stepped forward with contributions.

Sandy Hopkins admits she was taken aback when Kollmann invited her and Michael's father to meet her students and tell them about their son. "I didn't think they would want to feel a personal connection," she says. Still, the parents arrived on campus with enormous photos chronicling Michael's all-too-brief life. They spoke of his love for music, his poems, his sense of humor, his compassion.

The students listened, then responded. Not surprisingly, the investigation attracted anthropology, criminal justice, and forensic chemistry majors, but the team also included an English major and a history major. The experience was open to all, Kollmann emphasizes, but volunteers had to be "super serious, sign waivers and chip in \$10 each for food." She had to turn away some would-be participants because of space limitations—the motor coach she'd hired for the May 20-24 trip held a maximum 38 passengers.

Professionals answered the call as well. Mark Profili, an experienced forensic chemist and a member of Towson's chemistry faculty, joined the team. So did Tiffany Brooks, a forensic chemistry major and CSI from the Prince George's County, Md., Police Department, who offered to bring evidence-collection



Students scoured every square inch of a search grid in the Vermont woods where Hogan's skull was found.

supplies. The Vermont State Police volunteered three detectives who knew their way around crime scenes.

The College of St. Joseph, in Rutland, agreed to house and feed the team for a nominal fee. Spring Lake Ranch offered to provide lunch during the two-day investigation.

Shortly before the team left for Vermont, archeologist and Towson professor Robert Wall—Kollmann’s husband—along with Hogan’s father drove to the site and painstakingly laid out the grid the team would need to conduct a systematic search.

Soon others who’d known and loved their son arrived to watch from the sidelines.

THE SEARCH BEGINS

The search got under way on May 21 in the swampy, heavily wooded area where Hogan’s skull had been found less than six months earlier. Despite bugs and oppressive heat, the student CSIs used rakes and shovels to examine every square inch of the grid under Kollmann’s and Profili’s supervision.

Kollmann instructed her students to call out and flag their discoveries, which were then photographed, collected and packaged using standard CSI techniques. No identifications were made in the field. That would have to wait until the remains were returned to Towson and cleaned.

Scattered evidence surfaced quickly, beginning when Kollmann reached down and recovered a bone fragment minutes after her arrival. Within hours her amateur CSIs had amassed dozens of bones and personal effects—including a pair of pants with keys and a lighter in the pockets—all presumed to be Michael Hogan’s.

Kyle Wheatley, then a junior forensic-chemistry and chemistry major, managed, “by accident or a stroke of luck,” to recover a tooth while wading through thigh-high



nd. They flagged and packaged discoveries using CSI techniques.

REMEMBERING MICHAEL

New fund to assist with future forensic investigations

Last fall Tracey Ford, Towson’s director of development, looked up from her desk to see a stranger in her doorway. The man introduced himself as Michael Hogan, father of William Michael Hogan, and explained that he wanted to start a memorial fund. Ford quickly recognized the name. “I’ll get us some sodas,” she said.

That meeting marked the beginning of a collaboration between Towson University and the Hogan and Hopkins families that led to the creation of the William Michael Hogan and Dr. Dana Kollmann Compassion Fund for Forensic Science. Established with gifts from parents Mike Hogan and Sandy Hopkins, it honors the memory of their son, honors the Towson professor who organized the search for his remains, and establishes a resource that will someday help other grieving families.

The fund’s greatest priority will be to facilitate faculty and student outreach to missing-persons and other social-service organizations. It will support the needs and activities of the Archeology Forensics Laboratory in TU’s Liberal Arts Building and purchase equipment and materials for forensic investigations. It may also fund faculty and student research as well as experiential learning and lab experiences for students.

“What Michael’s parents want most is to enable Dr. Kollmann and future members of the faculty and their students to bring comfort to other families,” says Ford. “The students who participated learned a lot about how to conduct a proper forensic investigation,” she emphasizes.

“But the most important lesson they learned was compassion.”

– Jan Lucas

To give to the William Michael Hogan/Dr. Dana Kollmann Compassion Fund for Forensic Science, use the envelope in this issue or contact Tracey Ford, tford@towson.edu.

black mud in the adjacent swamp. Hogan's father immediately recognized the filling his son had gotten following a childhood accident. Wheatley also discovered Hogan's sweatshirt—with some arm bones—on an embankment.

Sandy Hopkins remembers Wheatley and his teammates with awe and admiration. "They were extremely impressive," she says. "It took real professionalism and dedication to find what they found.

"Michael's dad and I were so moved to see them put their hearts and souls into this."

POSSIBLE CAUSE OF DEATH

Dana Kollmann describes the trip back to Maryland as "quiet and somber." The students were tired, sweaty, dirty, insect-bitten—and disappointed that they hadn't recovered everything. But they'd succeeded in finding most of the remains, perhaps enough to establish what had happened to Michael Hogan five years earlier.

Once the medical examiner determined that the bones recovered by the Towson team were associated with Hogan, the family arranged a court order to have the rest of their son's remains exhumed. Kollman then forwarded everything to the Smithsonian, where Douglas Owsley, a world-renowned forensic anthropologist, had agreed to try to determine what caused the young man's death.

Owsley's investigation found eight fractured vertebrae, concluding that a compression fracture of the spine had contributed to Hogan's death. "Did the injury kill him?" Kollmann asks rhetorically. "Probably not, but he wouldn't have been able to walk. He might have fallen or jumped from a tree, then died because he was unable to move."

She says we'll probably never know for sure, though the case remains active in Vermont.

That fall Hogan's family came to

Towson to thank the students who had taken part in the search, distributing CDs with a compilation of his favorite Pearl Jam tunes. Then, with Kollmann, Wall and Profili in attendance, they laid him to rest for the second—and final—time.

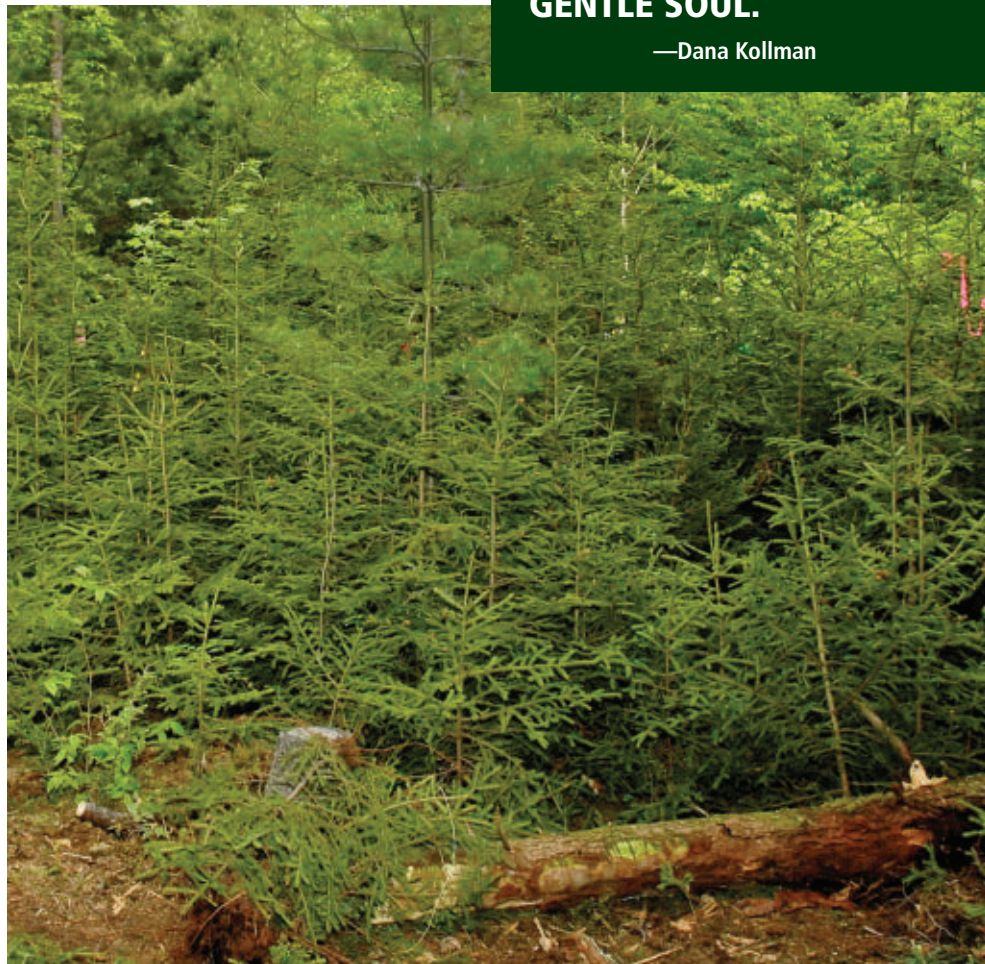
Despite questions that linger more than a year later, Kollmann says the Hogan investigation provided a new perspective for her students. "I've processed hundreds of death scenes," she says, "but I don't remember the names of any of the victims—only the suspects. This was different: Every student referred to the remains as 'Michael.'

"I think I would have been his friend in life," she adds. "He was a sweet, gentle soul." ■

Jan Lucas is an associate director in University Relations.

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GENTLE SOUL."**

—Dana Kollman





from the

alumni president



Dear Friends:

Towson University is on the move and we want you to be part of its progress. So please join the TU Alumni Association at an event in the coming months.

You can meet our new president, Maravene Loeschke '69/'72, who takes the helm Jan. 1. A highly respected academic leader, she returns to TU after serving as president of Mansfield University in Pa. Loeschke served on the TU faculty for 30 years, including being dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication from 1997-2002.

I would like to thank Marcia Welsh, interim president, who has led us since April, ensuring a smooth transition.

This year we completed our \$50 million Capital Campaign and opened the College of Liberal Arts—the first new academic building on campus in 30 years. We also have two new residence halls, a new six-story garage and the West Village Commons—a new dining and student life center.

While these projects give us much to celebrate, we must also reflect on the tragedy of 9-11 a decade ago. Our friend Liz Wainio '95 perished on Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa. Since then, the TU Alumni Association has helped host a fundraiser to benefit The Honor Elizabeth Wainio Scholarship Fund. Please consider supporting this worthy tribute. To make a contribution, email alumni@towson.edu or call 410-704-2234.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and Towson.

Lou Dollenger '74
President
Towson University Alumni Association

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- **Tiger Tracks, the TU Alumni Online Community**
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TU Merchandise at the University Store

Present your membership card to receive a 10 percent discount on regularly priced merchandise (excluding textbooks, software, calculators, class rings and commencement regalia).

Cook Library

Access Cook Library and its resources by showing your alumni card at the reference desk.

Alumni Admissions Nomination Program

Once annually, alumni can waive the application fee for a student applying for undergraduate admission to TU.

Free Alumni E-mail Accounts

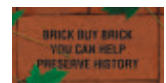
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Purchase a personalized engraved brick to be placed in the walkway around the historic Auburn House.



TU License Plates

Special TU license plates for the State of Maryland are available.



Lunch Bunch

Classes from 1946, 1951, 1956 and 1966 unite >

They came to dine and reminisce. Alumni from 1946, 1951, 1956 and 1966 celebrated their reunions at a luncheon on May 13, 2011. They also enjoyed a display of memorabilia from the library's archives and heard Ray Lorion, dean of the College of Education and Gary Rubin, vice president of University Advancement, speak about today's College of Education and the Oral History Project.



1 Jean Berner '41 and Margaret Brooks '41 2 Christine Stern '10, Doris Kummerlowe '46, Judith Kummerloew Rotz '72, Laurel Tharrington 3 Class of 1951 – State Teacher's College at Towson University 4 Class of 1966 – Towson State College

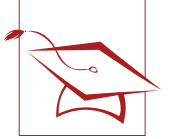
Class of 1961 celebrates its 50th Reunion >

On May 14, 2011, 60 members of the Class of 1961 returned to celebrate their 50-year reunion and hear about the growth of the campus from Interim President Marcia Welsh, and Keith Ewancio '94, Alumni Association Board executive committee member and chair of the governance committee. Later, the group toured campus and marveled at the new buildings.

Golden Alumni



Class of 1961



Welcome

< The Alumni Hospitality Area at the Auburn Pavilion

This fall and next spring, the TU Alumni Association is pleased to again sponsor its Alumni Hospitality Area before home football and lacrosse games. We are doing our part to "Restore the Roar" by providing light fare and a cash bar for one and a half hours before each home game. Come visit us and then find a seat in Unitas Stadium and yell, "Go Tigers!"

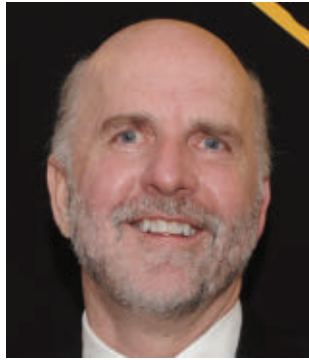


1 Jim McNitt '74 and Karen Larson McNitt 2 Bill Stetka '77 and Alex Thomas '85 3 Debbie Seeberger, Phil Ross '77, Joe Oster, Jack Nye and Jim Williamson '79 4 Dan Leonard and Jo Ann Joseph 5 Charlotte Exner, Jackie Gratz, Carol Appleby-Vanko, Liina Ladon '76, David Vanko and Eric Gratz

2011 Distinguished Alumni and Dean's Awards Banquet

2011 Distinguished Alumni Award >

Last spring, seven alumni were honored for their outstanding achievements at the annual awards banquet.



Dennis B. Mather '72

A member of the Towson Board of Visitors, Dennis Mather has spent more than 30 years in the insurance industry, founding The Mather Companies.

Deans Recognition Award Winners >



F. James McGrath '79
College of Business and Economics

F. James McGrath, a member of CBE's advisory board, recently retired as vice president of human relations for the U.S. Consumer Products Division of McCormick & Company, Inc.



W. Lee Hammond '60
College of Education

W. Lee Hammond spent 30 years in Wicomico County as a teacher, vice principal and principal and is now the national president of AARP.



Kemba Anika Shannon '97
College of Fine Arts and Communication

Kemba Anika Shannon has danced worldwide including on Broadway and with Cirque De Soleil. Now she brings her talents to dance companies in Oregon.



Maggie Reitz '79/'88
College of Health Professions

Maggie Reitz, acting chair of the Department of Kinesiology, spent 12 years as chair and professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science.



Bradley S. Chambers '91
College of Business and Economics

Bradley S. Chambers is the president of Union Memorial Hospital and oversees a \$445 million operating budget.



John T. Beynon '73
Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics

John T. Beynon founded Beynon Sports Surfaces, Inc., which produces indoor and outdoor flooring and turf for athletic venues.

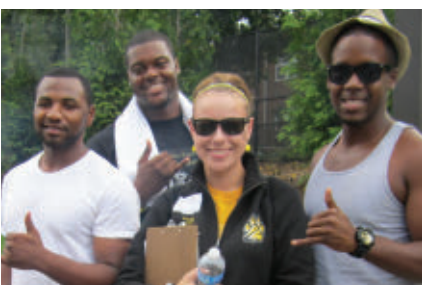


Homecoming 2011



< Alumni Tailgating Festival

The Alumni Tailgating Festival on Sept. 24, was sold out. It began with a bang as alumni and friends descended on Lot 21 across from the historic Auburn House to set-up their tailgate parties and celebrate before the Homecoming football game against Colgate. The undefeated Tigers took the field at 7 p.m., and emerged victorious before a legion of cheering fans. Final score: 42–17.



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Eye of the Tiger >

We kicked off the Homecoming celebrations with the Millenium Reunion at Stalking Horse Tavern in Federal Hill on Sept. 23, 2011. Graduates from the last 11 years—the Classes of 2000 – 2011—were on hand to celebrate.





Homecoming 2011

< Football Fun

The Towson Tigers rolled over Colgate with a 42-17 win to thrill the crowds at Homecoming and give the team an impressive 3-0 start. The victory was the first for the Tigers in 10 matchups against longtime Colgate Coach Dick Biddle.



- 1 The 2011 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are (left to right) Mike Arbutina '96 – football, Barry Stitz '92 – soccer, Liane Williams '99 – gymnastics and Gordy Combs '72 – football.
- 2 The Homecoming King and Queen
- 3 The unstoppable Tigers
- 4 Maravene Loeschke '69/'71, who takes over as TU president Jan. 1, celebrates with students in the stands.
- 5 The TU Marching Band entertains at halftime.
- 6 TU's dance team, which has taken home the national dance championship trophy 13 years in a row, rocked the crowd.



from the

campaign chair

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that our historic seven-year, \$50 million campaign, Growing a University, has come to a close. With your help, I am proud to say, "We did it!"

Whether \$1 or \$10 million, gifts from you, our friends and alumni, have helped to put us over the top. In the current economic climate, with state and local budgets being slashed, private philanthropy is more important than ever. You not only stepped in to help us reach our goal but you also stepped up so we could exceed it.

Financial aid is a huge factor for many students, and during the Growing a University campaign you have generously supported scholarships for our growing enrollment. You have provided resources for faculty research and allowed us to recruit and retain the best and brightest professors. You have also enhanced the university's endowment from \$13 million seven years ago to more than \$41 million.

But Growing a University was more than just a fundraising campaign. It was our commitment to you that regardless of any global economic challenges, Towson University will continue its outstanding programs and outreach efforts throughout the region. Thanks to you, we are no longer Growing a University, we are now growing a community.

Molly F. Shock '75
Campaign Chair
Growing a University –
The Campaign for Towson

Meet the Development Staff

When the campaign exceeded its \$50 million goal on June 30, we had 18 members in the central development office. Collectively, we have more than 130 years of experience on the Towson campus and 100 percent participation in the Towson Fund. On behalf of the development staff, thank you for your commitment to bring this campaign over the top. We look forward to working with you to make this one of the best years ever.

Donna Mayer,
Associate Vice President for Development



The staff of the development office is always happy to help you.

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AN ONLINE DONOR REPORT, ELECTRONIC GIFTS AND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS HELPS US SAVE MONEY AND RESOURCES



As part of Towson University's continuing efforts to "Go Green," the Annual Report of Donors will not be printed this year.

Instead, the report,

which includes selected highlights and the 2010-2011 donor listing, will be available only online at www.towson.edu/honorroll. This online publication will help conserve precious natural resources and will also allow us to be more careful stewards of our funds. Look for your name among those who have led the way and helped us as we have been Growing a University.

Other Towson initiatives help TU go green. Making a gift through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is convenient and eliminates the hassle of writing a check, paying postage, or receiving a pledge reminder.

In addition to the option of giving via credit card through our secure online giving site, you are also able to enroll in our recurring giving program via electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings account. You choose the amount and designation, and your gifts are automatically transferred on the schedule you set—weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or annually—continuing as long as you like. This method eliminates Towson's costs for pledge reminders, postage and other administrative fees. What's more, you don't have to think about renewing your gift every year. To enroll now, visit www.towson.edu/supporttu.

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Capital Campaign Exceeds \$50 Million Goal

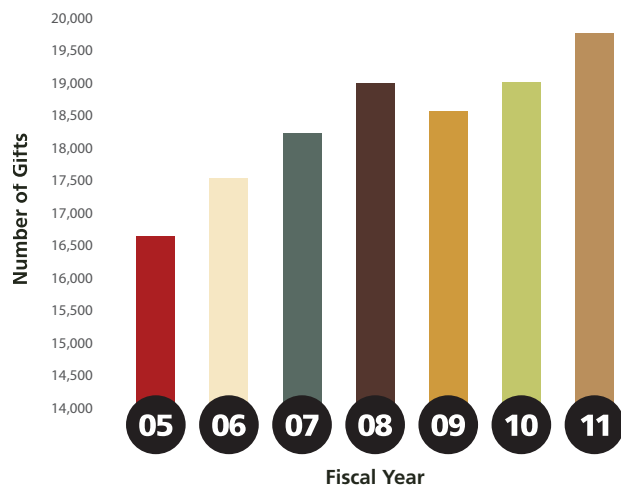
Towson University's capital campaign, Growing a University, has exceeded its goal and concluded a seven-year effort to raise \$50 million for student scholarships, academic programs and community outreach.

In addition to providing enrichment for student scholars and university faculty, the funds raised by Growing a University have expanded the Towson University Foundation, which grew from \$13 million to \$41.6 million during the course of the campaign.

Thank you for your support throughout the campaign. Here is a look at the numbers, which show how much we've grown.

- A total of 37,661 alumni, parents, friends and organizations contributed \$50,177,134
- The campaign includes 32,005 first-time donors
- Gifts to provide scholarships, a major campaign priority, totaled \$19,192,736
- Nearly 1,700 faculty and staff contributed \$1,466,419 to the campaign

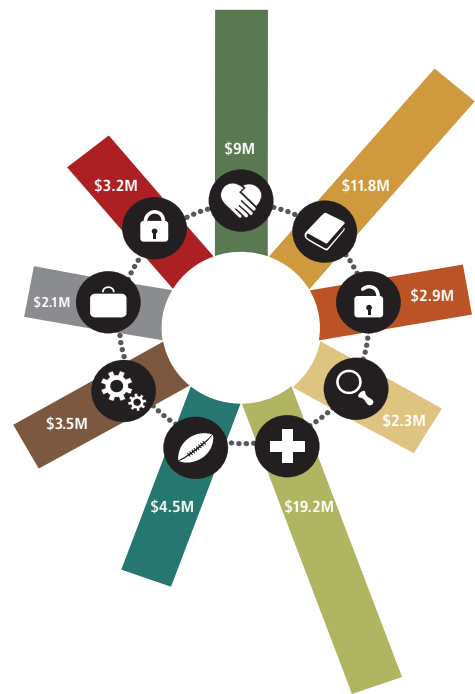
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College of Education



Larry Letow, a member of the Towson University Foundation Board of Directors, and his wife, Wendy, have always stressed the importance of education to their three children. Now they have rooted those long-held beliefs in a tangible way. The Letows made a gift in 2010 to name the Chairs' Conference Room in the College of Education.

"It is our great pleasure to support the College of Education and the tremendous work that Towson has done to both train future teachers and advance the training of those men and women who will soon be entering the classroom," the Letows say. "The students who graduate from Towson University's College of Education will be instrumental in molding and shaping thousands of young lives. We are honored and delighted to support these students as they begin their careers."

Recognized as Maryland's preeminent teacher education institution as well as a national model for professional preparation, TU's College of Education has a long and distinguished history in the preparation of classroom teachers and education specialists. The college offers a comprehensive slate of high quality, performance-based, professional education programs for the initial and advanced preparation of teachers and education specialists.

Child Care Center



Towson University was a pioneer when it established a day care center for the children of students in 1972. The center was created in an era when women with children were not encouraged to pursue higher education. It opened in Newell Hall, moved to Lida Lee Tall, and in 2007 got its own child-friendly building on Auburn Drive where the tradition of providing quality day care to children of students, faculty, staff and the community continues.

So when Jonathan LaCalle wanted to memorialize his mother, he chose the university's Child Care Center, naming a classroom in her honor. "Miss Judy's Room, in memory of Judith Dowdy LaCalle" is a lasting tribute to a woman who touched the lives of countless children during her teaching career. Judith Dowdy LaCalle had multiple ties to Towson, earning three degrees from Towson—a bachelor's in education in 1963, a master's in teaching in 1988 and a psychology certificate in 1989.

In naming a classroom, Jonathan LaCalle's generosity leaves a legacy for generations at the Child Care Center. It helps build the endowment and ensures that excellent care for children and educational experiences for our students will be available in the years to come.

Albert S. Cook Library



A library is more than just a place to study; it inspires creativity, fosters an environment for academic research, and houses historical treasures. Significant resources are required to

maintain these vital services, so when Cook Library could not afford to purchase certain materials in 2010, librarians worked with academic departments to create the Amazon Wish List. Through the Amazon Wish List program, alumni, parents and friends are able to purchase these and other much-needed titles for the library. To date, Cook Library has received 22 titles through the wish list but many more titles remain. To learn more about the Cook Library Amazon Wish List or to purchase a title from the list, visit <http://cooklibrary.towson.edu/gifts/wishlist/>.

Commemorative Garden



The university's new Commemorative Garden opened this fall. Located between the University Union and Smith Hall, it is a peaceful oasis in the midst of busy university life.

Surrounded by a plaza paved with granite and low stone walls with built-in teak benches, it will feature seasonal landscaping and create a central, accessible space that will allow friends, alumni, students and faculty to honor those who have inspired, mentored and made a lasting impression on their lives.

Gifts to engrave pavers or plaques will be used to maintain the garden and enhance the student experience.

College of Liberal Arts



The first new academic building on the university's campus in more than 30 years, the new College of Liberal Arts building, opened this fall. It houses 10 departments and a variety of interdisciplinary programs. At almost 300,000 square feet, this is the largest building on campus and will become the new face of Towson University on Towsontown Boulevard. Despite its impressive size, the new building will continue Towson's commitment to small class sizes with rooms that hold 20 to 90 students each.

The beautiful spaces in this new building provide opportunities to our friends and alumni to name a classroom, seminar room, lab or gallery. In supporting the College of Liberal Arts by naming a space in the new building, you will contribute to the long-term success of the college and its students.

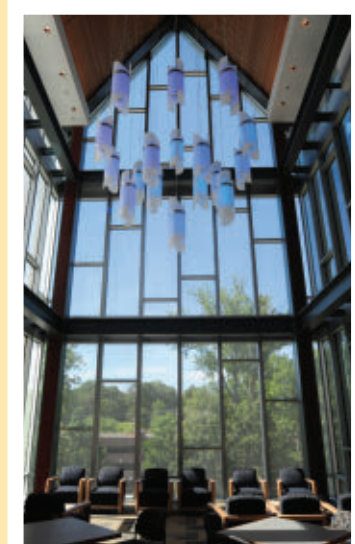
Connie '95 and James Kihm became the first to name a classroom in the new College of Liberal Arts building in honor of Professor George Friedman,

emeritus faculty member from the Department of English.

Connie Kihm, who returned to college after a 20-year hiatus, says, "I had traveled the world and negotiated million-dollar contracts, but facing college courses and interacting with college students overwhelmed me. In Dr. Friedman's class, I was accepted as just another of the undergraduates—not special or different because of my age. By donating a classroom, I can honor this wonderful teacher and give back something to the school that gave me so much."

For more information on how you can support the university by naming a space on campus and to view the complete list of naming opportunities visit www.towson.edu/yournamehere or call the Office of Development at 1-866-301-3375.

To see the current list of titles on the Albert S. Cook Amazon Wish List or to purchase a book on the list, visit <http://cooklibrary.towson.edu/gifts/wishlist/>.



In Memoriam

Alumni

Corrine Hendrickson Guerrero '50
May 20, 2007

Joan Hoffman Snyder '55
December 1, 2010

Charles E. Jones '84
December 12, 2010

David Greenberg '78
March 22, 2011

Harriett Liebman Atwood '53
April 10, 2011

Judith Bundy Hawkins '83
April 13, 2010

Kirk Alan Luczynski '01
April 13, 2011

Berldene S. Pickens '55
April 15, 2011

Barbara M. Robinson '67
April 15, 2011

Patricia E. Codd '75
April 18, 2011

John D. Stringfellow '95
April 18, 2011

Catherine Smith Hulslander '73
April 20, 2011

Doris Grace Jackson '72
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Karen Jan Jauschnegg '82
April 21, 2011

Karen Beth Wilhelm '83
April 23, 2011

Doris Fisher '56
April 24, 2011

Nicholas J. Maniatis '97
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Gary Siegel '90
May 2011

Fredrica Biedermann Baer '42
May 5, 2011

Gertrude Wells Robertson '32
May 12, 2011

Ruth Brown Maus '45
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Helen Kendall Mahn '52
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Naida Rodert Scaggs '67
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Ann Frere Ward '64
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Elizabeth Smiley Luers '39
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Mildred Garret Finks '42
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Gary H. Leitch '75
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Evelyn Gertrude Calhoun '73
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Sheldon L. Stahle '50
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John C. White '55
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Valerie Ann Perrin '91
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Beverly S. Baitz '89
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Randall A. Kimsey '73
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Clarice Peter Hogan '34
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John M. Nadolny '98
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Eva O. Shillingburg '78
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David M. McCracken '79
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Agnes L. Romanuk '81
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Mario A. Romagnoli '50
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Earl H. Palmer '43
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Robert E. Gawryck '81
August 2, 2011

Mary Pue Zepp '43
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Shirley Fink Wilburn '70
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Zachery Tims '08
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G. J. Ross '07
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Mildred Lippert Ross '39
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Elizabeth Carroll Mullikin '45
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Lloyd F. Sigler '69
August 16, 2011

Patrick B. Lee '70
August 23, 2011

Agnes Smith Dixon '23
August 23, 2011

Staff

Robert M. Higgs
August 5, 2011

Faculty

Barbara Grambo Hoover
July 15, 2011

Before 1960s

Clara Bowie '57 EDUC was featured at the Illinois Council for the Blind's annual convention last October. Bowie's presentation and her new book, *Coming of Age: a Personal Memoir*, enlightened others through music and witticisms, and provided strategies for aging gracefully. Her other books include *Can I Believe What I Don't See* and *The Way of Sisters*.

1960s

Larry M. Gross '69 PHED retired from the North Carolina Wake County School System in July. He coached several college soccer and lacrosse teams at Morgan State University, University of Virginia and North Carolina State. He is a member of the TU Athletic Hall of Fame and was a 1988 Division I National Coach of the Year for soccer. He and his wife **Kathryn '70** have two children and three grandchildren.

1970s

Joanne Seibly '70 EDUC retired after teaching for 40 years. She began her career at Irvington Elementary in Baltimore City and ended it at Kent Island High in Queen Anne's County.

Kris Graham '71 EDUC retired in June after a 40-year teaching career in the Radnor Township School District in Wayne, Pa. She is running for an open seat on the Tretydyffrin/Easttown School Board in November.

Moving On Eugene Langbehn '59

Whether biking or playing the harmonica, this retired teacher never sits still

Eugene Langbehn '59 has a new twist on the old saying "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

His mantra is "Try to do something you've never done before and if it doesn't work out, move on."

The 83-year-old retired teacher uses this motto as inspiration to make the most of his life. Recently, he achieved an amazing accomplishment, cycling 10,000 miles on his stationary bike. By his 93rd birthday, he wants to have pedaled 20,000 miles.

"When I moved to Charlestown, Md., I got serious about biking," Langbehn says. "I started out biking three times a week for five miles, and then I bumped up to four times a week."

His inspiration to live a fulfilled life comes from those in his past, including from his first wife.

"I was an orphan and grew up in an orphanage," Langbehn says. "If I was having a bad day, I looked for the opportunity for others to help me. I saw them as special guides or open doors. I wasn't alone, I connected with them. I realized that other opportunities would help me appreciate life."

These special guides pushed him to pursue a career in education. After graduation from Towson, he taught fourth, fifth, and sixth graders at Scotts Branch Elementary School for 28 years where he strove to inspire and encourage his students using some creative teaching methods.



"We used the *Baltimore Sun* as a teaching tool," Langbehn says. "It opened up the world to the students, whether it was sports or current events. I wanted them to realize that there is more going on in their lives."

Langbehn weaved the stock market and sports sections into his math lectures and used the comics as a language arts tool, charting story development and blacking out the balloons of dialogue so students could write their own stories.

Now long retired from being at the head of the class, Langbehn keeps on learning. When he is not biking, he plays the harmonica, an instrument he took up six months ago, and dreams of appearing in concert with a band.

He also travels with his current wife, Charlotte.

"Charlotte has also inspired me to do things to make life worthwhile," Langbehn says. "My outlook on life is experience it and embrace it."

—Alex Duncan

Ellen Baumgardner Raggets '72

EDUC retired and moved to Hanover, Pa., with her husband last July. The couple enjoys traveling. Raggets would "love to hear from my roommates Jackie Fournier and Carol Smyer."

Beth Wiseman '73 begins her eighth year as president of the Baltimore Country Association of Senior Citizens Organizations, Inc., which provides education and advocates for senior issues.

Joan Lake Decker '76 and George Decker '76 celebrated 35 years of marriage in October. George is a senior vice president with MacKenzie Capital and Joan is vice-president and controller at ARINC Inc. Their son **Ryan '06** is an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va.

Judi Keck Fey '76 EDUC is the dance consultant for Anne Arundel County public schools after 30 years of teaching. She oversees the K-12 fine arts dance program. Her first book, *Dance Units for Middle School*, was published this year by Human Kinetics. South River High School Dance Company, which she founded, did all of the modeling for the instructional DVD included with the book.

Julie Ross Mackenzie '76 MCOM will release her debut novel, *A Temptation Tale*, in November. She worked in TV and radio, and was a broadcast advertising manager for the Belk stores in Greensboro, N.C. She contributed to Maryland's Eastern Shore publications and national magazines. She now lives in Maine with her cats and golden retriever.

Cliff Webner '77 became pastor of Loch Raven United Methodist Church in September. He has been a pastor for 22 years in churches in Carroll, Howard and Baltimore counties, and spent the last eight years at Salem United Methodist Church.

1980s

Glenn Cashman '80 MUSC, a saxophone player in Glenn Cashman & the Southland Big band, is an international success. He is pictured on his website "talking saxophone shop" with former President Bill Clinton after a performance at Colgate University.



Clara Bowie '57 EDUC presented her new book at the Illinois Council for the Blind's annual convention.

Candance Hall '81 received a masters of science administration from Trinity University and celebrated by taking a cruise to Alaska.

Brian Harmon '82 PHED a former Tiger baseball player, retired from coaching high school baseball after more than 20 years. Last year, he led the Westminster Owls to a 23-0 season, and won the Class 4A state title.

David M. McVey '82 SOCI, a patrol supervisor with the Baltimore County Police Department, retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a colonel. He was a military adviser to the Iraqi Joint Forces Deputy Commanding General at the Ministry of Defense in Baghdad, Iraq.

Glenn Hyman '83 MATH received the High School Math Teacher of the Year award from the Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Hyman is the chair of mathematics and business education at Towson High School in Towson, Md.

Linda Ann Hofmann '84 NURS has been appointed chair of the Frederick County Medical Health Committee which advocates for mental health. She is employed with Sheppard Pratt Health Care System as the director of behavioral

health for Frederick Memorial Hospital and is an adjunct professor at Hagerstown and Frederick Community College.

Mark Potter '84 HIST, former executive director of the Basilica of the Assumption Historic Trust, is the new vice president of development at the Maryland Science Center and will provide leadership for all fundraising activities.

Wendy Chernak Hefter '85 BUAD and her husband, David, are proud to announce that their oldest daughter, Stephanie, graduated *summa cum laude* from Towson University in May with a B.S. degree in exercise science and a minor in business administration.

Anthony Milando '85 BUAD, vice president of global operations, Stanley Black & Decker in Towson, joined the board of directors of GBMC HealthCare Inc.

Joe Durham '85 BUAD was named business banking manager for M&T Bank's operations in Delaware while continuing these responsibilities in the greater Baltimore and Chesapeake regions in Maryland.

Laurie Precht '85 ENGL has been the library media specialist at the Hannah More School in Reisterstown, Md., since 2003. Precht is also a drum teacher at the school and the founder of Carroll Rhythms, LLC. Additionally, she is a substitute teacher for Carroll County Public Schools, the volunteer coordinator for Common Ground on the Hill, and the owner of Room for Friends.

Philip Ravita '85 MA received a master's in music for bass performance in jazz from the University of Maryland College Park.

Todd Feuerman '87, a director in the audit, accounting and consulting department at Ellin & Tucker, an accounting and consulting firm, was awarded the certified construction auditor credential by the National Association of Construction Auditors. He is also the chair of Ellin & Tucker's construction services group.

Mary T. Casterline '88, formerly in TU's Office of Human Resources, is the new director of alumni relations in the University Advancement Division. She brings experience in event planning, computer skill, staff management and service training.



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Kim Fabian '88 MCOM has been named director of the Maryland Metabolic Institute at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore. She provides oversight for the hospital's Bariatric Center of Excellence, Diabetes Center and well4life wellness program.

1990s

Robert Groebel '90 INST, professional education director for Shire Pharmaceuticals, has been honored with the company's CEO Award, the highest employee recognition. Groebel was among eight employees and three teams recognized from Shire's 4,100 employees worldwide. He led the team that revolutionized the way Shire delivers learning to the medical community.

Kenneth Abams '92 BUAD and his wife, Denise, of Abrams Insurance Agency in Baltimore, won the Dan Fulwider Award for their community involvement. They help with causes that include the Sandtown neighborhood of Baltimore and Habitat for Humanity. They also helped in saving Village Learning Center.

Stephen Farrell '92 MCOM, producer of the Washington Capitals broadcasts on Comcast SportsNet, earned his second regional Emmy Award. He has produced games for the Capitals, Baltimore Orioles, Washington Nationals and many area college teams. He still keeps tabs on the TU hockey team. He is married to **Nancy Fons-Farrell GEOG '93**. They live in Annapolis with their three children—Ben 12, Amelia, 9, and Brian, 5.

Delana Lantz '92 EDU performed in *Ama-deus* to music by Mozart in a trio with a county ballet/dance company and school.

Bill King '93 CCMM was promoted to vice president of leasing at Bayer Properties. He is married to **Stephanie Quell King '93 SOC**. They live in New Jersey.

Brent Flaharty '94 MCOM was promoted to president of the \$1 billion residential division of the Mechanical Access Solutions group at Stanley Black & Decker in California.

Patricia Murphy Gillespie '94 BUAD retired in February 2011 from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. She plans to travel with her husband of five years and visit her daughters and grandsons.



Doing It All Kate Danley '97

Successful actress and playwright pens award-winning book

Kate Danley '97 has added another title to her impressive resume—award winning author.

The 20-year veteran of stage and screen is a successful playwright and professional actress. She released her debut novel, *The Woodcutter*, after five years of picky publishers and rewrites. The self-published book won the Garcia Prize for the National Reader Views Book Awards best fiction book of the year, and first place in the Sci-Fi/Fantasy category of the Next Generation Indie Book Awards.

No stranger to prizes, Danley's screenplays "Fairy Blood" and "American Privateer" won awards at the Breckenridge Festival of Film Screenwriting and the Carl Sautter Memorial Screenwriting Competition.

"After all that rejection, winning the Garcia Prize gave purpose to those five years," Danley says. "It gave me a sense that I wasn't crazy for having this dream, that spending all this time on it wasn't a waste."

The Woodcutter takes a unique angle on the traditional fairy tale. "I just wrote the kind of book I'd want to read," says Danley. "It's a dark, twisted tale, an escape from everyday life."

Danley developed an interest in writing through acting. "I started acting in seventh grade," she explains.

"I was supposed to take French, but there was no room in that class, so they bumped me into theater. What started my career was one mistake in a schedule!" Acting and writing have always coexisted for Danley, and from theater she branched off into countless other creative areas.

After graduating from Towson, Danley headed off to New York intent on an acting career but she soon discovered the challenges of inexperience in a cutthroat business.

So she moved to Los Angeles to gain some film and TV credits, hoping eventually to go back to New York City. "But I've made a home out here, and found a wonderful creative community," she says.

Her extensive resume includes stand-up comedy, acting and writing for both theater and film and even puppetry. Danley also does improvisation comedy each weekend that features celebrity guests at the Acme Comedy Theater in Hollywood.

Danley, a self-made success story, is driven by her passion and free spirit. "I find that creativity feeds creativity. To be successful, you have to be able to do it all, and I love it all," she says. "It's an all or nothing way of living, and right now I'm choosing the all instead of the nothing."

—Hannah Kaufman



Alexandros Mellos '04 received a certificate of recognition for being one of the top 25 officers to seize the most guns in 2010 in Baltimore City.



Kenneth Abams '92 and his wife, Denise, won the Dan Fulwider Award for their community involvement.

D'Ann Williams '95 earned a Ph.D. in public health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Gee Roberson '96 CCMM was named chairman of Universal Music Group's Geffen Records in New York City. He was co-CEO of HipHop Since 1978, a management firm that handles Kanye West, Lil Wayne, Drake, Nicki Minaj and Young Jeezy. He began his career with Jay-Z's Rock-a-Fella Records.

Jack Monell '97 CCMM is an assistant professor of justice studies at Winston Salem State University in Winston Salem, N.C.

Andrew David Last '97, former assistant principal at Dulaney High School in Baltimore County, is the new principal at Hereford High School where he was once a student-teacher and later a Spanish teacher.

Debra Zarzycki Newman '98 SPAD earned her master's in education at C.W. Post in New York and began teaching elementary education in 2003. The fifth-grade teacher lives in Long Island, N.Y., with her husband, Craig, and their daughter, Taryn.

Carol A. P. Saucier '98 published her first book, *The Lucy Man: The Scientist Who Found the most Famous Fossil Ever!*, a biography of Donald Johanson, the paleoanthropologist famous for discovering the ancient human ancestor, Lucy.

Amanda Karfakis '99, president and CEO of Vitamin, a web-based public relations firm, and her husband **Mike Karfakis '99**, CFO of Vitamin, won the Gold award in the hospital websites category of the annual Web Health Awards for the Saint Agnes Hospital website their company designed and launched.

2000s

Khadijah Ali-Coleman '00 M.A., an adjunct faculty member at Northern Virginia Community College, was featured on NPR in August for work as a playwright, performance artist and the online artist network, www.LiberatedMuse.com. She helps find venues for the work of black writers and artists.

Tim Bibo '00 is a senior research analyst in the Office of Institutional Research at TU.

Heather DeFilippis '00 is TU's manager of donor relations. She most recently worked at the University of Maryland School of Law as the assistant director of donor relations.

Jesse Matthews '00 is a writer and hip hop music producer in New York City. His production company, Street Radio, produced a hit by 50 Cent. Now he does music for MTV's "Cribs" and "True Life." He also is the educational coordinator at the Adolescent Employment and Education Program in Brooklyn, N.Y., helping emotionally disturbed 16-21 year-olds.

Jason Zephir '02 BUAD was named branch manager of Scottrade's Baltimore office.

Dan Cocchi '03 PHED joined the TU men's lacrosse team as assistant coach. A four-year starter at Towson, he led the Tigers to NCAA Tournaments in 2001 and 2003. He then coached high school and college teams.

Meghan McWhorter Shereika '03 FMST/'05 M.Ed. teaches in Prince Georges County. She married Dan Shereika on April 30, 2011. They live in Burtonsville, Md.

Brian E. Kubaitis '04 SOC and his wife, Brooke, welcomed a baby girl on March 19. Brooke Fuller was named after her mother.

Alexandros Mellos '04 received a certificate of recognition for being one of the top 25 officers to seize the most guns in 2010 in Baltimore City.

Stacey McNaney Tamalavicz '04 GEOG and her husband, Jason, welcomed their first child, Zoe, January 26. She weighed 7 lbs., 12.5 oz..

Chris Baloga '05, a former Tiger golfer, captured his second Maryland Amateur Stroke Play championship last July, shooting a 67 on the final day of play. He converted an eight-foot putt for birdie to go one stroke ahead of runner-up and former Tiger teammate **Billy Wingerd, '05**. For the tournament, Baloga had 72-67-67—206 to 71-69-67—07 for Wingerd.

Eric Rhew '05 CCMM, assistant director of TU's athletic media relations, won "Best In the Nation" from the College Sports Information Directors of America for editing the 2011 Tiger women's lacrosse guide. He also took home second-place honors for the men's lacrosse guide for the third year in a row.

Sara Javerbaum '07 and Darren Bailin '08 were married in Punta Cana in July with approximately 30 Towson alumni in attendance, writes **Lisa Lombardi '07**.

Kyla Bender-Baird '08 WMST, a research and programs manager at the National Council for Research on Women, had a book published by SUNY Press—*Transgender Employment Experiences: Gendered Perceptions and the Law*.

Heather Calvert '09 MCOM is pursuing a master's degree in marketing at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, which boasts Prince William and Kate Middleton as alumni. The school will celebrate its 600th birthday, making it the oldest university in Scotland and the third oldest in the English-speaking world behind Oxford and Cambridge.

Erica Green '09 is a TU marketing coordinator, who most recently worked at Levtran Enterprises Inc/DTLR as a marketing assistant.

Angela Scagliola '09 M.A. was promoted to director of recruitment and admissions of graduate and professional studies at Stevenson University.

Brandi Gervais '10 BIOL, a former TU cross country and track standout, was awarded a NCAA postgraduate scholarship and plans to use the award to attend dental school.

Melissa Kviz '10 NURS, former TU alumni magazine staffer, has been working as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, Md., since February.

Marissa Porcelli '10 SPPA is studying for a master's degree in speech pathology at Hofstra University.

Joseph Blakely '10 is an audio producer at Holdcom in Glen Rock, N.J.

Edward Svec '10 PHED is a gym teacher at Edgewood Middle School in Harford County, Md.

Joseph Blakely '10 MCOM is an audio producer at Holdcom in Glen Rock, N.J.

Margaret Paulson '11, who worked in the TU Division of Student Affairs during college, is the new administrative assistant in TU's Office of Alumni Relations.

Hurricane Relief

TU STAFF GO THE EXTRA MILE TO HELP WORKERS EVACUATED FROM OCEAN CITY

When Ocean City, Md., ordered an emergency evacuation as Hurricane Irene threatened the East Coast, Towson University opened its doors to house 603 international students who had been working at the resort.

The students spent three days sheltered from the storm in the gyms at Burdick Hall. TU answered the call when other schools said no. And while Towson was only supposed to provide a building for them, countless TU staff didn't stop at just opening the door. They rolled up their sleeves to make sure the guests had more than they needed.

Not only did students receive the essentials—cots, blankets and food—they also obtained extras—Internet access, entertainment and recreation—courtesy of TU workers who burned the midnight oil so that all systems ran smoothly.

"I'm proud that Towson employees not only stepped up when asked, but also worked above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that our visitors were comfortable," says Marcia Welsh, interim TU president.

TU first got the word that students were coming at 8 a.m. on Thurs., Aug. 25.

A meeting was quickly called with representatives of the Office of Public Safety, Police Department, Environmental Health and Safety, Facilities, Auxiliary Services, Student Affairs and Campus Recreation Services.

TU staff sprang into action, bringing 175 TU cots to Burdick and assisting with distributing cots, blankets and other shelter supplies from FEMA and the Red Cross.

Auxiliary Services was poised to supply meals if requested. Campus Recreation provided an office for administrative staff and another for a health suite complete with a TU-supplied refrigerator to keep medicines cold.

By 6:15 p.m., the first busload of students arrived. But with more students on the way, Bernie Gerst '94, chief of

police, got on the phone to find more cots. And he would make a series of calls into the wee hours of the morning. First he contacted GBMC (Greater Baltimore Medical Center) for its supply of 100 cots. Then he learned 800 cots were en route from New Jersey, cancelled the GBMC supply, and an hour later discovered that the 800 cots had been diverted to another shelter.

Still on the job at 2:30 a.m., Gerst again called GBMC and arranged for his staff to retrieve the cots.

In the midst of the cot crisis, Gerst had also learned the students could not get computer access to let family members know they were safe.

Gerst dialed Jeff Schmidt, associate vice president, Office of Technology Services, at home, who contacted his

staff. They generated 200 user names and passwords. Then Jean Comer, administrative assistant, and Carolyn Cook, police aid, set up shop in Burdick Gym, working overtime to process the temporary accounts.

But the technological gremlins were also on duty, scuttling access for some of the students and forcing Gerst to call Schmidt again. Schmidt arrived at 12:30 a.m., and when he could not fix the problem, arranged for staff from his help desk to be on site later that morning.

With Burdick under construction, Facilities Management folks made sure the baseball field was safe for outside recreation and Campus Rec provided soccer balls, lacrosse goals and Frisbees. The students were also allowed to use the volleyball court and watched movies on a DVD player and projector set up in one gym. Joe Oster, associate vice president of Auxiliary Services, brought DVDs.

Gerst says, no one minded the extra duties. "We enjoyed taking care of the students," he says. "They waited patiently in line and were good, decent and grateful guests."



Visitors slept on cots in Burdick Gym.

Book Shelf

RECENT BOOKS BY TOWSON
FACULTY AND ALUMNI



The Only Authentic Book of Persuasion—The Salience- Agenda/Meaning-Spin Model

By Richard E. Vatz, Ph.D.
TU Professor of Mass
Communication and
Communication Studies
Kendall Hunt Publishing 2012

This book has the potential of appealing to many professors who have used the standard etherizing persuasion perspectives of the past.

It argues for a paradigm change in our perspective on persuasion and answers the questions:

1. How can you actually be successfully persuasive?
2. Why are other books on persuasion worthless but much longer?
3. Why were current issues in the country not issues earlier?
4. Why is the study of logic and logical fallacies irrelevant to persuasion?
5. Why is the expression “And that’s a fact!” so persuasive but completely misleading?
6. Why in retrospect do some “pressing” issues seem not to have been so pressing?
7. Why are certain people persuasive and not others?



The Wrath of God Lope de Aguirre, Revolutionary of the Americas

By Evan L. Balkan '94
University of New Mexico Press
2011

“A well-contextualized biography of the explorer Lope de Aguirre, based on major chronicles dealing with sixteenth-century Peru and the Amazon. While not glossing Aguirre’s brutality and paranoia, the author also presents a somewhat more rational, if brutal, prototype of the American revolutionary, revolting against the colonial tyranny and elite abuses of commoners. He succeeds well in revising the image of the protagonist away from being nothing more than a wild madman. The interpretation is fresh and fills a significant historiographical void.”

Richard Slatta, professor of history, North Carolina State University, coauthor of *Simón Bolívar’s Quest for Glory*



The Lucy Man The Scientist Who Found the Most Famous Fossil Ever!

By CAP Saucier '98
Prometheus Books
2011

Scientists dream of making a discovery that changes the way we think. That dream came true for Dr. Donald C. Johanson when he found the most famous fossil in history, Lucy (*Australopithecus afarensis*). It was 1974, in Ethiopia, and Johanson was just beginning his career as a paleoanthropologist. Finding the first skeleton of an upright-walking human ancestor that was mostly complete and well-preserved made the young anthropologist famous and changed what we know about human evolution.

This revealing biography, written for a younger audience of school-age children, describes Johanson’s remarkable life and career. After finding Lucy, Johanson went on to discover an entire group of Lucy’s species, called the First Family. He has also cowritten nine books and narrated and hosted an Emmy-nominated television series. Today, he continues to give talks around the world, and remains dedicated to educating people about how we became human.

In some quarters, evolution is a controversial topic and so Johanson has devoted much time to helping people understand that human evolution is how we are connected by nature to all other life on earth. Author CAP

Saucier presents details of the scientist's work, not just in regard to Lucy, but also other significant fossil finds, with up-to-date information on the most recent discoveries. In addition, she discusses his personal life, including his disagreement with the Leakey family and the regrettable damage it did to their friendship.

As a longtime friend, Saucier had the opportunity to travel with Johanson and interview him on different continents, from America to Europe and Africa. For this book, he has freely answered questions and generously donated many of his own photographs to the project.

Beautifully illustrated with numerous photographs of the anthropologist at every stage of his illustrious career, *The Lucy Man* will teach students about the fascinating study of human evolution and inspire some to go on to make the next great discovery.



A Temptation Tale

By J. R. Mackenzie '76
Inkwater Press
2011

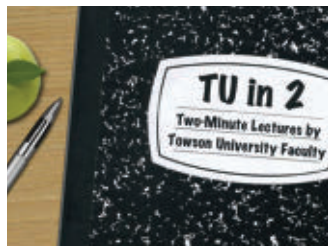
A Temptation Tale is a light-hearted look at the parishioners of Temptation of Christ Catholic Parish through the eyes of newly-ordained Jesuit priest Father Will Tyler. He arrives with his good looks and seminary-inspired good intentions yet can't seem to find one person—not the pastor, the housekeeper, not even the parish cat who has any intention of following the straight and narrow.

Convinced the parish is suffering from genuflectile dysfunction, Will

sets out to prove he can adapt to a rather loose way of soul-saving. Through good humor and spiritual guidance from the pastor himself, Will finds he is ready to tackle a parishioner both armed and amorous, intrigue no holy water can extinguish, and enough suspense to send chills down the spine of the most devout.

TU in Two

LISTEN TO TWO-MINUTE LECTURES
BY TOWSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY



Gail Gasparich (Department of Biological Sciences) explains how scientists use green fluorescent protein to study biological processes, such as how the HIV virus spreads from infected to uninfected cells.

Phil Davis (Department of Electronic Media & Film) demonstrates one of his favorite forms of animation.

Alex Storrs (Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences) explains "Why There are Probably No UFOs."

James Overduin (Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences) explains why "The House of Physics" needs a renovation.

Clare Muhoro (Department of Chemistry) talks about the impact of pesticides on the environment, and how to clean them up.

Visit www.youtube.com/user/TowsonUniversity#p/c/71813DDD3E347767

Characters Welcomed

'ELLEN DEGENERES SHOW' DOES
REMOTE BROADCAST FROM TOWSON



About 300 people showed up at the West Village Commons after TV talk show host and comedian Ellen DeGeneres tweeted that something big and mysterious was happening at Towson University on Oct. 12.

While DeGeneres herself was not there, she tweeted that fans should show up dressed as a book character. Students came as Winnie the Pooh, The Man in the Yellow Hat, and characters from other children's books.

Broadcasting from a huge screen, DeGeneres asked some from the crowd to read and act out a part from her book, "Seriously...I'm Kidding." The antic gave them a chance to win \$5,000 in gift cards to Barnes and Noble.

DeGeneres chose the Three Blind Mice or aka TU students, Nicole Pacifico, Michael Bell and John Tune as the winners.

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College of Liberal Arts Building Debuts

TOWSON'S FIRST NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING IN OVER 30 YEARS ON TRACK FOR LEED-GOLD CERTIFICATION

Four years in the making and just in time for the fall term, the College of Liberal Arts Building officially opened all its doors to students, faculty and staff Aug. 30. The structure is the first new academic building constructed on campus in more than 30 years and expected to achieve gold certification by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for its sustainable features.

Anchored by two large open atriums, the new building has classrooms and computer labs, faculty and departmental offices, meeting rooms, study lounges and a small café. The Department of Psychology has also

acquired an animal vivarium, observation rooms and a children's clinic.

Efficiently powered by TU's central utility plant, the building boasts a high-performance HVAC system with automated central controls. Plant material covers more than half the roof, and bike racks, showers and locker facilities promote students and faculty to walk or bike to class. The building itself was constructed in part with recycled materials from the Lida Lee Tall demolition.

Construction began February 2007 with the first phase completed and open in August of 2009.



TU's Western Landscape

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY BRINGS NEW DINING, HOUSING, PARKING TO TU'S WEST VILLAGE

This fall, Towson University opened the doors to more than 700,000 square feet of student housing, dining, gathering space and parking in the West Village Precinct. West Village Commons, a dining and student life facility, will anchor the student community, which also features two new residence halls and parking facilities.

Designed by GWWO Architects, the new \$31.5 million, 86,000-square-foot West Village Commons building provides retail and dining areas, study space, meeting rooms, student gathering spaces and a large multi-purpose room. Every feature—from the open floor plan to the use of regional materials and finishes—was designed to make students feel at home.

Eatery options including Einstein Bros. Bagels, Coyote Jack's and

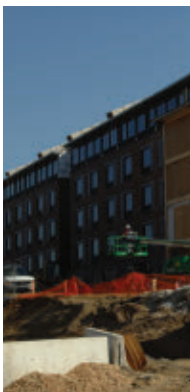
Jamba Juice will be available, and a new all-you-care-to-eat dining facility will offer products such as trans fat-free soy oil, antibiotic-reduced pork and chicken, cage-free eggs and fair trade coffee.

As part of Towson's green initiative, the building was designed for, and is expected to achieve, LEED Silver certification.


The commons has water saving features like dual-flush toilets, ultra low-flow lavatories and a storm water management plan, and the building strongly utilizes the practice of "daylighting," or allowing natural light to effectively light interior spaces. Because the exterior is one-quarter glass, the building will see an almost 26 percent energy cost savings over a typical energy standard.

The building features a "green roof," which serves as a practical cooling system and also as an outdoor event and gathering space. The project's design also integrates an existing elm tree on the east side of the project site. It was important to both the university and the design team that the tree—one of the largest and oldest in the state—remain, and it grows next to the new building as a testament to the site's sustainability.

The West Village Precinct also includes two new residence halls—Barton House and Douglass House—which bring 651 new beds to campus. A six-story garage provides 1,500 parking spaces to TU students, faculty, staff and visitors.







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