Veritas et Virtus

For Friends of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Veritas means truth; objectively the truth; the actual state or nature of things; reality. Virtus translates literally to manliness; manly excellence, but means generally, excellence, capacity, worth, goodness, and virture (according to Cassell's Latin to English Dictionary). The words themselves actually have a long history at this university. Veritas et Virtus is the motto of the University of Pittsburgh and was chosen to reflect the strength of the past and the potential of the future. It can be found on the university seal; and hereafter, as the name of the newsletter of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, which will be devoted to news about alumni and what's happening on campus. Please help us by making Veritas et Virtus your publication.

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Architect rendering of new residence hall, which will house 109 students in 24 separate apartment units.

Breaking ground for the new residence hall on the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown campus are: Park Rankin, University of Pittsburgh architect and senior manager of architecture; Matt Mazonkey, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Student Senate president; Jerry W. Samples, PhD, vice president, academic and student affairs, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; James V. Maher, PhD, provost and senior vice chancellor, University of Pittsburgh; Albert L. Etheridge, PhD, president, University of Pittsburgh at



Johnstown; E. Jeanne Gleason, chair, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Advisory Board and University of Pittsburgh Trustee; Robert Murray, AIA, principal, Renaissance 3 Architects; Jacob W. Stiffler, director, office of housing and residence life, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; and Patrick Kelly, director of business development, TEDCO General Contractors.

New dorm on campus

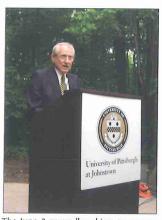
As I write this letter, the hills around the UPJ campus are on fire with the colors of autumn. A rainy summer has given way to a glorious crisp fall, and the sidewalks on campus are busy with the traffic of students, professors, and staff moving from classes to meetings and games to meals and dormitories to lectures and concerts. Except for the cell phones and laptops, it's probably not much different from the days when you traversed this campus or the Asphalt Campus or Johnstown Pitt. A closer look will tell you that much is going on.

Pride in UPJ Video

After 600 students graduated in May, the summer was busy with the creation of the *Pride in UPJ* video. This video shows how UPJ has touched the lives of fellow alumni. It can be viewed by visiting our website at www.upj.pitt.edu. We are confident you'll enjoy it.

Ground Broken for New Residence Hall

We also broke ground for the first building constructed in a decade. The new state-of-the-art 35,200-square-foot



The June 2 groundbreaking ceremony was attended by 150.

residence facility will include 24 student apartments with 109 beds, as well as one apartment for the resident director. Each apartment will have two full bathrooms, a living room, and a kitchenette. The three-story residence hall will house a central common space for a television lounge, lobby, laundry, and conference rooms.

The cost of the building is \$4,922,000 and is another addition to the \$20 million invested into

physical improvements to the campus since 1996. This building will join the five residence halls and complement the variety of campus housing options. The most recent additions of housing were the Living/Learning Center in 1994 and renovations this summer to Hickory Hall, originally built in 1970.

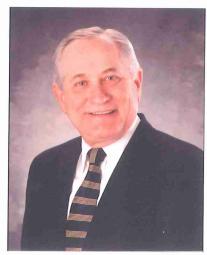
The residence hall is important to the present and future of your alma mater as part of our goal to provide appealing, state-of-the-art facilities for the on-campus living experience. The new residence hall is targeted for occupancy in the fall of 2005.

Students Awarded Heinz Travel Study Awards

UPJ students Meghan Giles, Jennifer Wahlen, and Natalie Rosenbaum were named 2004 Vira I. Heinz Travel Study Award recipients.

Ms. Giles, a junior political science and sociology major and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Giles of Bethel

Park, used the scholarship to study opera, art, and architecture in Vienna under the auspices of Hope College. Ms. Wahlen, a junior political science major and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wahlen of South Park. studied intercultural communication and creative writing. Ms. Rosenbaum, a sophomore political science major from Johnstown and daughter of Mr. and



Albert L. Etheridge, Ph.D.

Mrs. Edward Rosenbaum and Ms. Deana Price, participated in the Amizade Global Service-Learning program in Bolivia this summer. The program combines the study of elements of political and economic development in Latin America with on-site volunteer service learning experience helping to construct a school house in rural Bolivia.

The Heinz Endowment supports efforts to make southwestern Pennsylvania a premier place to live and work, a center of learning and educational excellence, and a home to diversity and inclusion.

Brice Receives Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. William R. Brice, Professor of Geology at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, was named the eighth recipient of The President's Award for Teaching Excellence. The award was established to recognize teaching excellence among the college's faculty and to promote the college's primary mission of quality undergraduate education.

This is just a taste of the excitement happening on your campus. Be sure to check our website for updates.

We appreciate your support of the college through your financial gifts to the annual giving fund, the college's various scholarships, and other endowments, the capital campaign, the Heritage Square brick project, and other special funds. We also appreciate your service to the college through your continuing involvement in fund-raising, admissions efforts, career networking, legislative lobbying, and representation in the professional arenas in which you serve.

You are making a difference! On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff, I thank you.

Personal Best

Local alumna sets an example of community and business leadership and lifelong learning

Esther Goldhaber Jacovitz (UPJ '36, CAS '37) is a woman who leads by example.

When the Esther Goldhaber Jacovitz Poetry Series was inaugurated last spring at UPJ, it was yet another of the many ways in which Mrs. Jacovitz has demonstrated her commitment to the UPJ campus and the Johnstown community.

A Johnstown native, Mrs. Jacovitz attended Junior Pitt from 1933 to 1936 majoring in history with a minor in English. She attended the University of Pittsburgh in Oakland from 1936-1937. She obtained her BS in secretarial studies in 1939 from Carnegie College.

She reminisced about those days, noting that "a credit at the University cost \$10, but that was a lot of money back then because there was nowhere to get the money except to work for it. There were no bank loans, no government loans, and no scholarships."

She went to the School of Law at Pitt when there were only three women in the freshman class.

"In those years, a woman could not move to another city and rent an apartment. It was expected that she would return home," Mrs. Jacovitz said. So she returned to Johnstown to work in the family business, the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, which had gotten its start as the Tulip Bottling Company.

"I truly miss the interaction that occurs in the classroom. All my life, I've been a student."

In 1943, Esther married Sidney Jacovitz from New York in what could be called a typical World War II romance. A mutual acquaintance told him about her, he started to write, and she answered.

When the couple's daughter, Loisann, was born in 1946, Mrs. Jacovitz stopped working but did volunteer work all over city.

In the early 1960s, Mrs. Jacovitz returned to UPJ to get her education credits. She taught seventh-grade



Mrs. Jacovitz speaks with senior writing major Lance Harshberger, recipient of the Carroll Grimes Creative Writing Award, at the Esther Goldhaber Jacovitz Poetry Series. Mark Halliday was the inaugural poet in this annual event.

English at Joseph Johns Junior High from 1964 to 1967. She then went on to teach history, economics, and political science at Johnstown High School between 1968 and 1970, retiring to go back into her family's bottling business until it was sold in 1984.

In 1984, she founded the Esther Goldhaber Jacovitz Scholarship Fund at UPJ, which provides grants to fulltime female junior or senior students.

After retirement, Esther again returned to UPJ to adult classes in sociology and psychology. She recalls that Dr. Daniel Santoro, professor of sociology, would call on her in class to tell students about the strikes.

In 1994, with the vision and leadership of UPJ Advisory Board member Rosemary Pawlowski, Mrs. Jacovitz gave her support to the creation of the BottleWorks Ethnic Arts Center, housed in the building where the Tulip Bottling Company was founded.

She has spent much of her life traveling. She was among the first Americans to enter China in 1976, before which she underwent a complete investigation by the FBI. She has aso visited Israel, Europe, Hungary, Romania, Scandinavia, New Zealand, and Australia.

"I truly miss the interaction that occurs in the classroom," Mrs. Jacovitz said. "All my life, I've been a student."

Candice J. Custer

Director of Intramural Sports/Assistant Athletic Trainer

Came to UPJ in August 2003. Graduate of California University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training. Member of the NATA, PATS, and EATA. Before coming to UPJ, Candice worked a year at Vantage Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation. Designed a soccer program for their PEAK performance programs, which helps athletes condition in the off season. While at Vantage she was also the contracted Athletic Trainer for North Star High School, Boswell.

"Our work studies gain valuable experience they can use in their everyday lives. They are exposed to a variety of athletic injuries. Some of the situations can be stressful, and they learn how to react and deal with those situations properly. We really rely on our work studies to help keep the Athletic Training Department running smoothly. These students are responsible and have a great work ethictwo qualities that will make them extremely valuable to future employers."

Kayla S. Barnouski Student trainer

Junior Sociology major

Graduate of Forest Hills High School, Sidman

"The athletic department faculty, especially Scott Mamula (Head Athletic Trainer) and Candice, have helped me learn the value of hard work, time management, and how to be a leader. I am confident that what I have learned will be essential throughout my life. I will always be grateful to them for the experiences I have had."







Full Circle

Full Circle highlights the connection that exists between professors, students, and alumni as they create the educational cycle of teaching, learning, and professional application.

(Full circle was used in William Shakespeare's *King Lear:* "the wheel is come full circle.")

Sara Beth Croyle Pfeil Class of 2001

Family Specialist, Alternative Community Resource Program, Family Support Services

Graduated in 2001 with a BA in Sociology

Track and cross country runner; student trainer under then trainer and cross country coach Michael Castner, now athletics director

Worked with men's and women's basketball, soccer, wrestling, baseball, track, and cross country

"My experience as a student trainer enhanced my people skills, I was able to develop positive relationships with the athletes, become more sensitive to the needs of others, and become more adept at meeting the needs of my clients."

Featuring Intercollegiate Athletics

UPJ offers intercollegiate athletics programs in men's and women's basketball, wrestling, soccer, baseball, women's volleyball, and women's cross country. Alumni Pride

Noted Texas heart surgeon is speaker at 2004 Commencement

Dr. Malcolm H. Bremer, Chief of Staff at North East Medical Center Hospital, Humble, Texas, a leading Houston cardiovascular surgeon, and 1963 University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown "Asphalt Campus" alumnus, delivered the address at the UPJ Commencement May 1.

A Johnstown native, Dr. Bremer earned his MD from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia. Dr. Bremer is an active staff member at Northeast Medical Center Hospital and Kingwood Medical Center Hospital and consulting staff member at Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital and Plaza Rehabilitation Hospital. He studied under famed heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey.

The well-known Houston area physician called his visit to UPJ "the greatest reward I've received in my career."

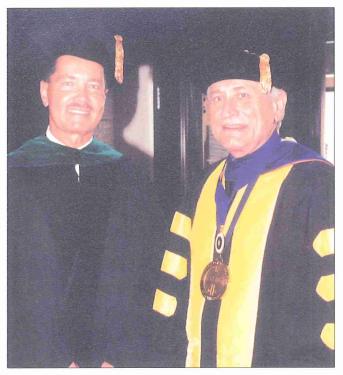
He said that he had been on the Richland Township campus only once before, when, as a fraternity pledge at Cypress Avenue, he was "brought up to the newly-donated land blindfolded and left."

Dr. Bremer is a member of the American College of Phlebology, American College of Chest Physicians, American Heart Association, American Medical Association, Harris County Medical Society, Houston Academy of Medicine, International College of

"Returning to Johnstown to speak at UPJ is the greatest reward I have received in my career."

Physicians and Surgeons, International Society for Endovascular Surgery, Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society, Ninth District Medical Society of Texas, Society of Vascular Ultrasound, Southern Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, and Texas Medical Foundation.

Dr. Bremer told the assembly how his enjoyment of music and his background as a church organist influenced his coming to what was then known as "Junior Pitt."



Dr. Bremer (left) poses with UPJ President Albert Etheridge just before addressing the Class of 2004.

The dean of the college heard him play at a church service, recognized his name on an application for admission, admitted him, and almost immediately "volunteered" him to be the college's organist at academic and social functions.

He encouraged the Class of 2004 to "follow your dream, use your intuition, and set your goals high." He also exhorted members to take care of their bodies and minds.

He told of how he moved to Houston from Pennsylvania to further his career, and how an invitation to get away for a weekend by sailing on a colleague's boat led to meeting his wife Angelique, racing regionally and off shore, and competing in two national sailing championship events.

The couple now has four children, all of whom sail.

Dr. Bremer said he is proud of his Johnstown and "Junior Pitt" roots. "It really is a treat," he told the Class of 2004.

We both have fond memories of the "campus." Tom was on Student Council and was *The Panther Cub* editor. I also worked on the paper. John Crowe, the English professor, was the advisor. He had introduced us and strongly encouraged us to become involved with the paper, which we did.

I also was accompanist for the Glee Club and was active in the Drama Club and the Women's Association.

We had a "Jazz Band." Tom played trumpet and I played piano. We had about eight other members in the group. We played for dances held after basketball games and other times. We all loved doing it until the Union came in and shut us down!

After two years, we transferred to the Oakland campus where I received a degree in elementary education and Tom received one in English. He then went on to Harvard Law School.

After his graduation, we returned to Johnstown. He opened a law practice and I had five children.

In 1964, I started teaching in the elementary grades in the Greater Johnstown School District. I retired in 1996.

Dr. Biddle came to Tom in 1976 and asked him to consider teaching Business Law which he did for 20 years, part time.

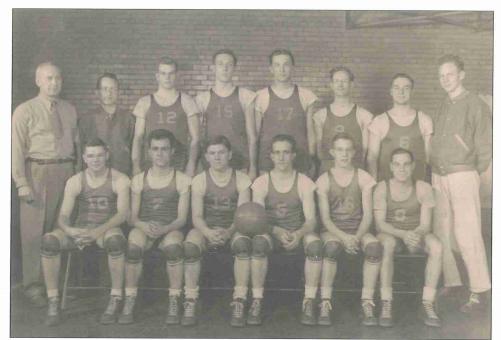
We both feel we had an excellent beginning at the "Asphalt Campus," and it's a great thrill to see the beautiful university it has become!

> Thomas and Claryne Young (UPJ '55) Johnstown, Pa.



In 1945, just back from New Guinea, the G.I Bill (and war-time physical problems) drew me to Johnstown Pitt in the School of Business, freshman year at the old Johnstown High School building. Then, my sophomore year at Cypress Avenue, Professor Don Harrison tried to get me to switch to journalism and even made me editor of *The Panther Cub*, but I stuck to the business school and successfully followed that decision with 32 years with Westinghouse Electric. I am proud to have been in the first group of Asphalt Campus students and will always treasure glorious memories of those long-gone days.

Donald Lees (UPJ '47) Karns City, Pa.



The 1947 Junior Pitt men's basketball team: coach Ben DeLello (far left), Donald C. Thomas (UPJ '48), team manager (second from left). Can you help us identify the rest? Photo submitted by Donald C. Thomas, Danvers, Mass.



Send us your memories!

You must have fond memories of your college days in Johnstown. We'd like to know them. If you have stories, photos, etc., that you would like to share, please send them to us

at

Institutional Advancement
272 Blackington Hall
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
450 Schoolhouse Road
Johnstown, PA 15904.

Any old photos would be most welcome, as we are trying to build an archive.

I became a freshman at Junior Pitt, as we called it, in the fall of 1944. In 1947, I went to main campus for my senior year, and graduated from there with a BS degree in 1948. After graduation, I worked as a lab technician in the pathology department at Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital.

In 1945, I met Robert E. Anderson at Junior Pitt, where he, too, started as a freshman. We began dating that year, and although he went to the main campus the following year, we didn't stop dating - although it was mostly long distance. He graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1948. We were married in 1951. Unfortunately, he died of cancer in 1976.

I have lived in Erie since we were married, and since 1984, I've been writing a weekly column, *Nature's Way*, for the *Erie Times-News*. A small item that I began writing for the *Morning News* in 1977 continues to be published weekly since the two papers combined. Ten years of it were compiled into a booklet titled *Nature Watch* with co-author Jean Stull.

Enclosed is a photo of the friends I made during my freshman year, friends who remained throughout our days on the Asphalt Campus. We called ourselves the DDKs - the Darn Dumb Kids.

> Evelyn L. Klahre Anderson (UPJ '47) Erie, Pa.

The "DDKs":
Front, left to right:
Evelyn Klahre Anderson,
Ann Trahnovsky,
Marian Lee Westrick,
Valeria Fisher,
and
Blanche Zion Slutzker.
Photo taken
April 1946 by
Robert Krause,
another DDK.



Living the Legacy

The Mazonkey family has

"I remember the squirrels."

When Matthew S. Mazonkey, senior political science major and president of Student Senate, first visited UPJ, he was 11 years old. He'd heard the stories about UPI from his parents, Stephen and Pamela (Moret) Mazonkey ('78) of Lower Burrell, Pa., who met and fell in love here. Then one day his dad, a former Mountain Cat men's basketball player, said to the family, "We haven't been back to campus in a long time. It might be nice to see some of the new facilities and visit the Sports Center." UPJ was just at the end of the "Shaping a Future" capital campaign, and had added several new buildings, including the Zamias Aquatic Center, the Whalley Chapel, and the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center.

"I remember what a large campus it was, and I was really impressed with the residence halls, as my parents were when they came here," Matt noted. "It's interesting to realize that the residence halls were a major selling point both for my parents when they were looking at colleges, and for my sister and me. They make UPJ a great place not only to study, but also to live."

Back in the 1970s, Pam was one of the first students to live in the UPJ townhouses, and Steve lived in Oak Hall and in the North Lodges, which were also brand new.

"The faculty and staff have a reputation for providing whatever it takes to help a student succeed in his or her career path. You are definitely not a number at UPJ!"

Not only did Matt's parents attend UPJ, but also several other family members.

"I waited a year after high school to attend college, so my sister Judy and I entered UPJ together," Pam reminisced. "We started at UPJ in the fall of 1974 when there was a housing shortage and our first month was spent at Del's Motel. When we finally made it to campus, we were lucky enough



UPJ is a Mazonkey family tradition. Left to right: Mom Pamela Moret Mazonkey ('78); daughter Heather Mazonkey, sophomorepre-business major; son Matthew Mazonkey, senior political science major and Student Senate president; and dad Stephen J. Mazonkey ('78), former Mountain Cat men's basketball player, all of Lower Burrell, Pa.

to get a room in the basement of Laurel Hall. Judy actually met my husband first because she was a UPJ cheerleader and he was on the basketball team. Steve played for four years for UPJ and his brother Tony started at UPJ in the fall of 1975 and he also played ball for four years. Steve and Tony played with Don Elzer, Curt Miller, Dave Namey, Kermit Koenig, Rich Ragan, Scott Edgar, Chubby Wells, and Bill Starn, to name a few.

"Steve played in the old gymnasium that is now the Student Union building. His brother Tony got to play his senior year in the new Sports Center. Steve played for coaches Dave Campbell and Jim Basista.

"Steve and I got together in October of our freshman year, we dated during our four years of college and got married in 1980. Our wedding was like a huge UPJ reunion because so many of our UPJ friends and family were part of our wedding party. Even my younger cousin, Liza Iozzi, who was in our wedding, ended up going to UPJ, and she was one of the founders of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority!"

In the second generation, Matt's sister Heather joined him at UPJ last year as a pre-business major, and his cousin, Chris Conti, is in his first term, also in prebusiness.

Now in his last year at UPJ, Matt calls his UPJ experience "overwhelmingly positive and a great chapter in my life."

"Coming as a freshman I had intentions of transferring to the Pittsburgh campus, but after my first term, UPJ became more than a second home to me," Matt said. "My decision to spend four years here made a huge impact on me. I have received top-notch academic training, developed one-on-one relationships with

made UPJ a "family affair"

faculty and staff, and met people who genuinely care about how I am doing."

Matt is a classic student leader. In addition to Student Senate, he has been a member of the Programming Board, Judicial Board, residence staff, Student Council on World Affairs, Blue and Gold Society, and Homecoming Committee, and volunteers 15 hours each week with political organizations in the community. He also serves as an admissions tour guide.

"After I graduate, I hope to give back to the place that has given so much to me," Matt said.

"I know our children will come away with many good memories and friends, and a well-rounded, quality education."

"Matt was destined to be a UPJ alumnus because his mother, father, and godparents all attended UPJ," Pam said. "I have a staff accountant who works for me who is a UPJ alumna (that definitely helped her on her interview), my human resources representative at Giant Eagle is a UPJ graduate, and I just took a position in Giant Eagle and my new boss is a UPJ graduate. He told me that he recruits many of his summer accounting interns from UPJ."

Steve and Pam maintain contacts with several friends they met while at UPJ, including M. Mitchell Fetterolf ('78), Somerset, Advisory Board member.

"Mom and Dad kindled strong friendships at UPJ that are still lasting today," Matt said.

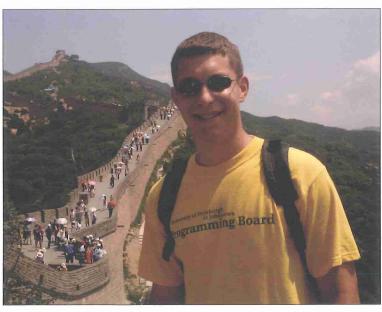
"We still keep in touch with our UPJ friends. My husband's roommate for four years was Pennsylvania State Rep. Lynn Herman ('78), State College, and he and Lynn try to meet once a year to attend a Penn State basketball game. (Penn State is Lynn's district.) We exchange Christmas cards with our UPJ friends and try to get together as often as possible. The people that we both met our freshman year, ended up being the friends we stayed with throughout our four years of college and are the friends we keep in touch with now.

Steve and I have four children and they have heard so many UPJ stories that it didn't surprise us when Matt, our oldest, decided to attend UPJ also. Then Heather saw how much Matt liked the campus, so she decided to go there, too. My sister Judy's son, Chris, also decided to attend UPJ. He is a freshman this year and he loves the campus. Our youngest daughter, Amanda, is only 14 but she has already attended two basketball camps at UPJ.

"For such a small campus, it is amazing how many people I run into who have gone to UPJ. And as soon as you say UPJ, people immediately comment on what a beautiful campus it is, and how it looks like a ski resort! The faculty and staff have a reputation for providing whatever it takes to help a student succeed in his or her career path. You are definitely not a number at UPJ!"

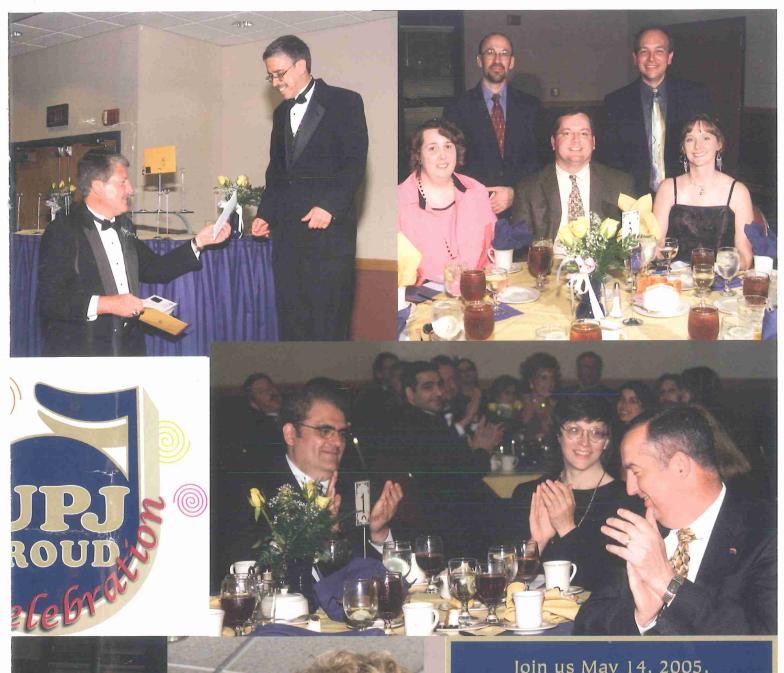
"UPJ has something for everyone – our two children are complete opposites, but they both love UPJ and both are having their own unique college experiences," Pam said.

"We have so many good UPJ memories and I know our children will also come away with many good memories and friends. But most importantly, I know they will come away with a well-rounded, quality education that will have prepared them to be productive, successful adults."



Matt Mazonkey, Student Senate president, visits the Great Wall of China during his summer with Pitt's Study Abroad program.







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featuring live music
by Still-Water!
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class, dorm, fraternity, sorority,
team or other group!
Support the
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Save the date!



1950s

James Henderson Geer, PhD ('53) is Professor Emeritus at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. Dr. Henderson has published five books and more than 170 articles, book chapters, and presentations at professional meetings.

George Quirk, DDS ('50) was given the Houston (Texas) Society of Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery Distinguished Service Award. He has practiced there since 1958.

1960s

Kathleen E. George, PhD ('64) resides in Pittsburgh, where she is a theatre director, a teacher of playwriting and dramatic literature courses, and a fiction writer. *Fallen,* Dr. George's latest novel, was released on June 29.

Donald Kimmel ('64) retired in April 2004 with over 36 years of combined service with Westinghouse and Eaton Electrical Corp., Arden, N.C., where he was the Excitation Control Equipment Training Coordinator.

David McKee ('69) is the chief operating officer for ALSAC-St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. He oversees the daily operations of ALSAC, the fund-raising entity of the hospital, including the raising of more than \$375 million a year to cover more than \$1 million in daily operating expenses.

1970s

Janet Davis Forton ('79) has recently retired from the position of advanced systems engineer and senior quality control advisor for Electronic Data Systems in Michigan.

Deborah Tedesco Iseman ('77) is the Director of Staff Development for St. Lucie County Schools, Ft. Pierce, Fla. Deborah was an elementary school teacher, assistant principal, and principal.

Diane Knizer ('76) is an international business consultant with AMS Corporation in Washington, D.C., and is currently on a two-year controller assignment with its subsidiary in Sidney, Australia.

Margie O'Malley ('76) is currently Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement for Berklee College of Music in Boston. After completing her master of public affairs degree from Northeastern, she completed her MCP degree from Boston University and served many years in the field of fund raising before moving to Berklee in 1997.

James McClure ('76) has been named editor of the *York Daily Record/Sunday News.* McClure is the author of best-selling books on York County's history, including *Never to be Forgotten, Nine Months in York Town*, and *East of Gettysburg.*

Robert Harry Melotti ('74) is the Regional Director of Human Resources at CSX Transportation, Inc., Louisville, Ky.

Phyllis J. Towzey ('79) is a senior partner in the law firm Stein, Towzey, Nelson & Williams, LLP., St. Petersburg, Fla.

1980s

Steven W. Albright, CPA ('82) works for the U.S. Department of Justice in Pittsburgh, in its U.S. Trustee Program. He provides financial analysis support to U.S. Trustees who litigate all corporate and personal bankruptcy cases in western Pennsylvania.

John Aughenbaugh ('89) accepted the position of associate director of outreach at Virginia Tech's Richmond Center.

William Bisset ('87) is the President/Mechanical Engineer for Keystone Engineering Solutions, Aliso Viejo, Calif. He received his professional mechanical engineering license and Energy Management certification and recently started his own mechanical and energy engineering business.

Robert DeMichiei ('87) is the Chief Financial Officer for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh.

Connie Furtkevic Love ('81) completed her MEd at Cabrini College and is a Certified Managerial Accountant. She teaches business courses at the Community College of Philadelphia.

Gary Gates ('83), Urban Institute demographer, is one of the authors of the *Gay and Lesbian Atlas*, the first book to give a detailed geographic account of America's gay and lesbian households.

Heather Nicely McDowell ('87) is the Early Childhood Solutions Director (Training and Consultation) for Seton Hill Child Services, Inc., Mt. Pleasant.

David Nastase ('83) has been appointed Vice President within the Information Technology sector at Northrop Grumman Corporation, Herndon, Va.

John J. Stefanko ('87) is a Senior Civil Engineer for the Pa. Department of Environmental Protection, Harrisburg.

1990s

Michele Hoover Agrast ('93) is a marketing associate with Discover Financial Services in Riverwoods, Ill.

Mike Bryan ('96) is a biology teacher and Science Department Chair at Burrell School District, Lower Burrell. Mike received a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Gannon University in 2001.

Dawn Flock Clements ('94) is a human resources specialist with NASA's Johnson Space Center, Houston.

Kenneth Conn, Jr. (198) works for Lamar Consolidated I.S.D., Rosenberg, Texas, as a Distance Learning Coordinator/Technology Support Specialist. In 2002-2003, he was named Navarro Middle School Teacher of the Year and Texas Distance Learning Association Gulf Coast Regional Chair.

Joe Corrado ('94) has completed his master of arts in Labor Relations at St. Francis University and works for the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children.

Crystal Fortwangler ('93) is co-editor of *Contested Nature: Promoting International Biodiversity with Social Justice in the 21st*



Century published by SUNY Press in 2003. She will complete her PhD in anthropology at the University of Michigan by the end of 2004.

Theresa Miller Francis ('98) completed her juris doctor in 2002 at Florida Coastal School of Law and passed the Florida Bar Exam.

David Geary ('94) has completed his juris doctor degree at the University of Pittsburgh and is serving as Assistant District Attorney for Somerset County.

Mark D. Golden, CPA ('92) is a Senior Corporate Accounting Financial Analyst for Kennametal Inc., Latrobe.

Carrie Holsopple ('99) completed her juris doctor at Duquesne University in 2002 and is currently an associate with Dudash and Associates in Pittsburgh.

Michael Korzi ('91), assistant professor of political science at Towson (N.J.) University, is the author of *A Seat of Popular Leadership: The Presidency, Political Parties, and Democratic Government*, to be published this summer by the University of Massachusetts Press and an article on Taft's Whig theory of presidential leadership published last year in *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

Dana L. Wilt Mayo ('91) is an attorney with Psak, Graziano, Piajecki and Whitkelaw in Middlesex, N.J. She graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Michigan.

Tara Stricko Neubauer ('99), still in the doctoral program in political science at the University of Pittsburgh, presented a paper on patterns of judicial decision-making in state supreme court at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in April 2004.

Cynthia Nigrini ('99) graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in May 2004. Cynthia is a veterinarian at Lehigh Valley Animal Hospital, Allentown.

Kristen Rafferty ('92) assistant professor of international relations at Berry College, Ga., has published a reinterpretation of cold war alliance systems in the *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2003) and has an article on managing strategic debates in NATO in *Comparative Strategy*. She also supervises Berry College's Model United Nations team and serves on the governing council of the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association.

Sheri Behling Rea ('95) is a Laboratory Technician at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. She earned a master of arts in teaching in 2002 from California University of Pennsylvania.

Charles Roswell ('91) completed his master of arts degree at Temple University and works with the New Jersey State Police.

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