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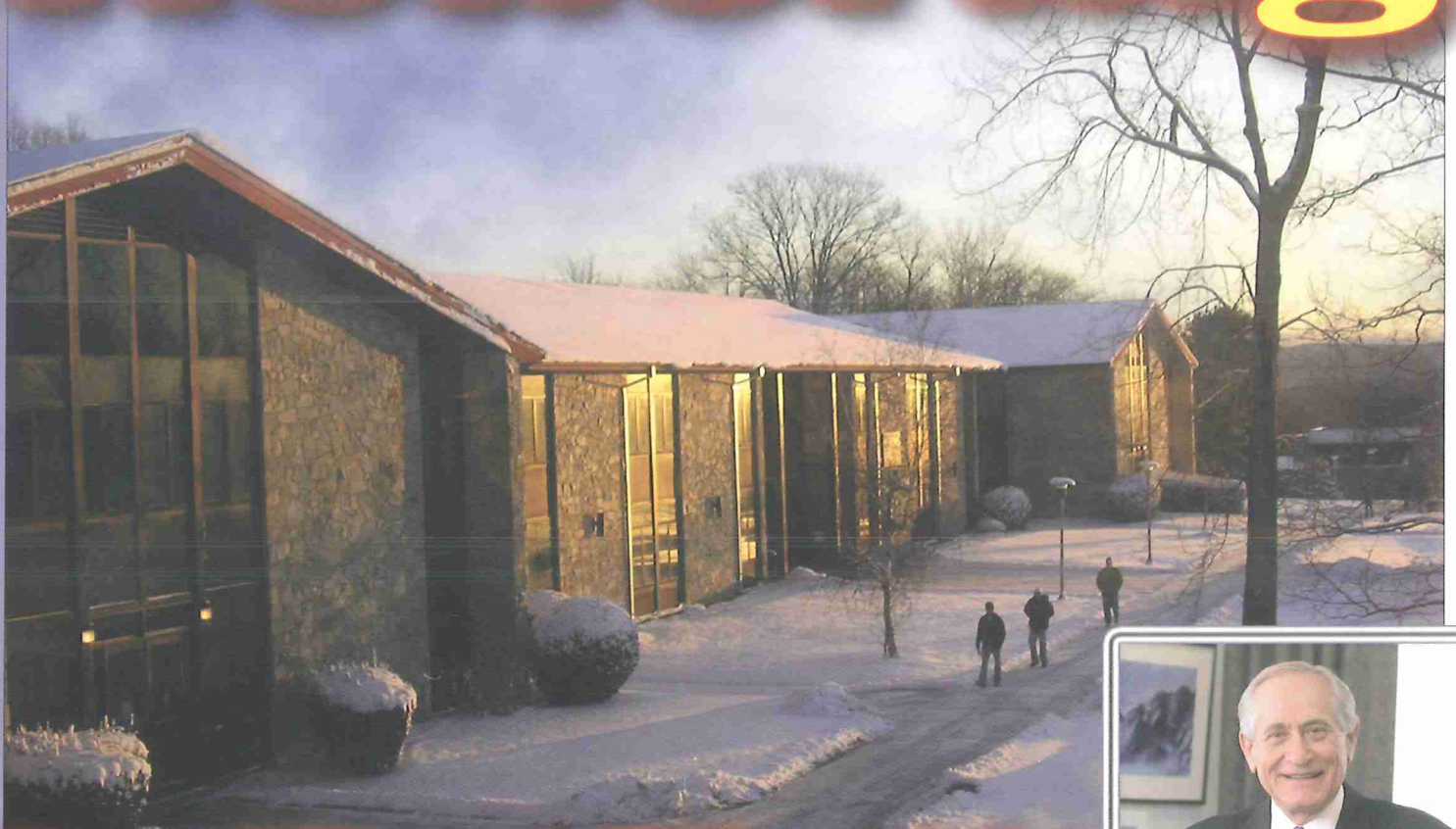
For Friends of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

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 virtue (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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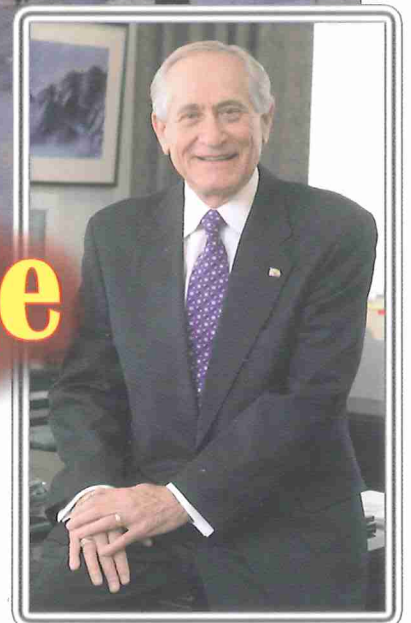
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Honoring



Dr. Albert Etheridge

UPJ's 4th President
2nd Longest Tenure



Dear Alumni and Friends,

June 30, 2007, marks the last day of my employment, and on July 1, 2007, my wife, Mary, and I will relocate to Baton Rouge, La. The cover article is devoted to the highlights of my administration, and of these accomplishments, I am certainly proud. As leaders anywhere will attest, the credit is not theirs alone but is shared with the team with whom they have worked. I have been fortunate to have been surrounded with colleagues and friends who have helped to transform "vision into reality." Advisory Board members, faculty, alumni, staff, and students have all been part of the achievements of the past 13 exciting years. It has been my honor to serve as president of this prestigious undergraduate college. These defining years have been filled with valued memories, which I will cherish always.

2007 Commencement & Honors Convocation

I am pleased to tell you that **Mark Nordenberg**, chancellor, University of Pittsburgh, will speak at Commencement, scheduled for May 5, 2007.

UPJ alumnus **Kevin Pearson** ('99) will join us as the speaker at the Academic Honors Convocation, March 18, 2007.

Welcome

The next time you attend an event at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center, stop and welcome **Michael Bodolosky**, the new executive director. A lifelong educator and musician, Mike's name is synonymous with music and the arts in the region. In fact, Mike has conducted and taught the university's concert band and jazz courses at UPJ since 1993.

Mike is also collecting e-mail addresses so that he can let everyone know what is happening at the performing arts center. Please send your e-mail to him at mlb17@pitt.edu or visit the performing arts center website at www.upj.pitt.edu/artscenter. At the web site,

select the additional information link and then the join our mailing list link. Mike would like you to become actively involved with the performing arts center. Any comments, questions, input, or ideas, contact Michael Bodolosky, 814-269-7200 or 800-846-2787.



In every issue, I thank all our donors, but since this is the last issue of which I will be a part, I want to stress the fact that your support of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown is IMPORTANT. Your donation to our school, whether large or small, helps UPJ students and helps us do all those things we couldn't otherwise do. Budgets cover the basics, donations cover the "extras." Scholarships help current students with the cost of an education. Awards give them a pat on the back for excellence achieved in the classroom.

During my tenure, we have created 37 new scholarships and ten new awards. There are three new lecture series, a poetry series, and a programming endowment for the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center. **YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE** by helping your alma mater provide a more enriching academic experience. The value of your support is immeasurable.

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.

**On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff,
I thank you.**

Personal Best

Ten years later and the paths we follow...

When Sara Latta graduated, she had no idea where her path would lead. Ten years later, she is living in Chapel Hill, N.C., and running her own business, The North Carolina Crafts Gallery. "Owning an arts and crafts gallery is nothing I would have ever imagined myself doing, but it's exactly what I'm supposed to be doing," said Sara.

THEN

Sara Latta, Homecoming Queen

After graduation, Sara took a job as the public relations manager for Boscov's, a privately-owned department store. She said, "I hadn't even thought about staying in Johnstown, but this opportunity was too good to pass up. I told myself I'd work there for a good three years and then move on."

In 1999, Sara left her job at Boscov's and moved south. Sara explained, "My goal at the time was to work in a college environment. I had such a good experience at UPJ and was involved in so many activities that working for a university seemed like a good fit for me."

"I had such a good experience at UPJ."

She got a job at The University of North Carolina's (UNC) main campus in Chapel Hill as a communications specialist. There she was able to work in cooperation



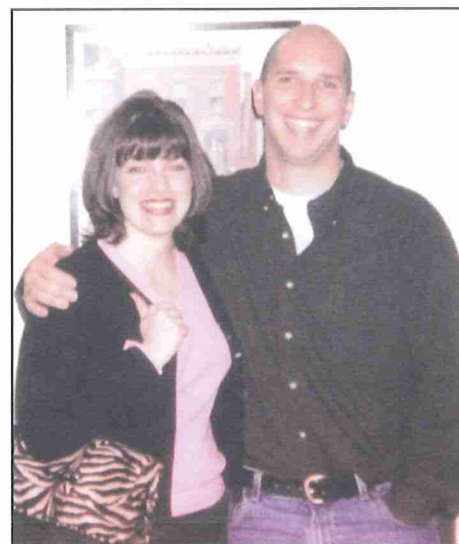
with many different departments, as well as with the students. "I really enjoyed my time at the university. UNC is a wonderful employer, and I'd probably still be there if I hadn't come upon my next adventure," she said.

While at UPJ Sara was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta, president of the UPJ Ski Racing Team, vice president and Rush chair of the Inter-Sorority Council, and was crowned UPJ's 25th Homecoming Queen.

NOW

Sara Gress, Gallery Owner

In 2000, Sara got engaged to Gordon A. Gress II, a native of Johnstown. In an effort to save money for her upcoming wedding, Sara took a part-time job at The North Carolina Crafts Gallery. "I loved working at the Gallery on Saturday mornings. In fact, going to work there never felt like work. I was amazed by the



Sara ('96) and Gordon ('95) Gress II

talent and the creativity of the artists that were represented there." She quickly became interested in both the crafts themselves and in the historical tradition of fine craft in North Carolina. Four years after stepping foot in The North Carolina Crafts Gallery, Sara purchased the gallery and is now the sole proprietor. "Owning my own business is the hardest thing I've ever done. It's also the most rewarding," said Sara. "I feel very lucky to work in a profession that I'm so passionate about."

Sara's favorite part of the job is traveling to discover new artists and craftspeople and then buying their work for the Gallery. She currently represents over 500 artists and is always adding more. The North Carolina Crafts Gallery carries contemporary and traditional pottery, blown glass, turned wood, jewelry, metal art, folk art, garden sculpture, and fiber art, all handcrafted exclusively by North Carolinians.

Sara still keeps in touch with many of her college friends. "I talk to my two best girlfriends from UPJ, Wendy Santelli ('95) and Stephanie Floyd ('96) on a weekly basis. They are both doing great. I'm thankful for my long standing friendships with them," Sara noted.

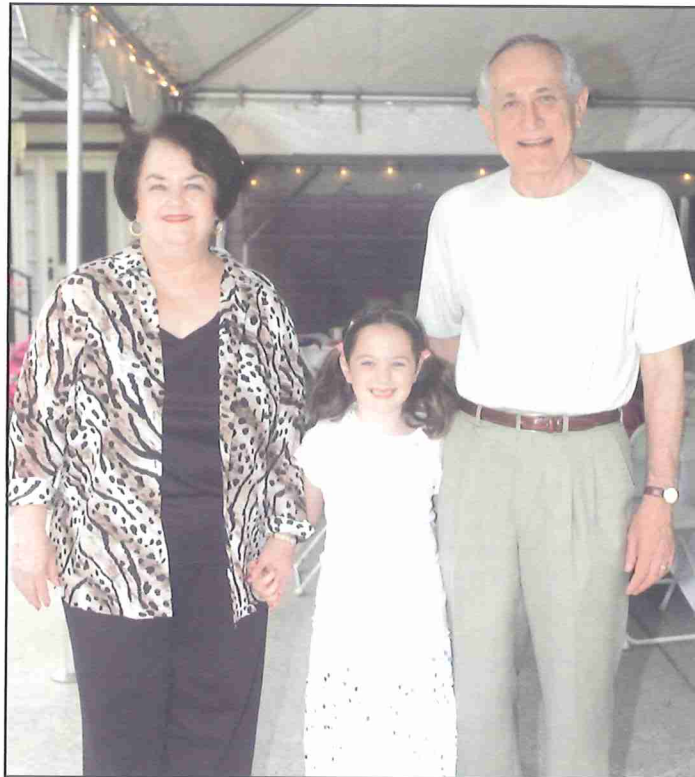
Dr. Albert L. Etheridge is Retiring

In announcing Dr. Albert L. Etheridge's retirement, Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg praised both the commitment and the contributions Etheridge has made to UPJ.

"During his tenure, Dr. Etheridge consistently has affirmed that UPJ is grounded both in the creation of individual opportunity and in the strengthening of its home community," said Nordenberg. "He also has overseen a period of dramatic institutional growth, fostered a culture that encourages inspiring examples of individual success, and created an environment that carries with it the promise of even more momentous days to come."

"I have very much enjoyed working with President Etheridge," said Pitt Provost James V. Maher. "Under his leadership, the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown has developed the quality and size of its undergraduate student program and its physical facilities. He has shown unerring attention to the campus's mission to provide a high-quality education at a reasonable cost and to contribute to the important regional agenda of economic development."

Etheridge has directed more than \$20 million in improvements, with significant investments in academic facilities and residence halls, including Willow Residence Hall. He helped establish the school's \$10 million capital campaign, which has reached 100 percent of its original goal while creating two new giving traditions.



Dr. and Mrs. Etheridge with granddaughter, Marie

He also created the Excellence in Teaching and Service Awards, which recognize the value of faculty and staff contributions; established the school's chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society; and initiated a study that determined Pitt-Johnstown's annual economic impact on its region is \$60 million and 600 jobs.

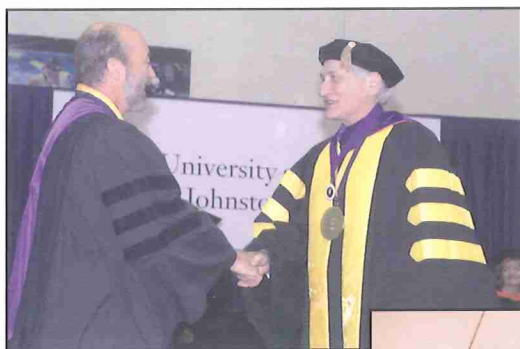
Under his leadership, UPJ has been recognized in the *U.S. News & World Report*

"America's Best Colleges" rankings as being third in the northern region among the top public institutions in the sub-category, Comprehensive Colleges/Bachelor's, in 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Etheridge also has served as a key contributor to the life of the Johnstown community, serving on the boards of Conemaugh and Good Samaritan Hospitals, the Joint Executive Committee of the Conemaugh Health System, the Community Foundation of Johnstown, the United Way of Greater Johnstown, and the Johnstown Area Regional Industries. Recently, he was one of 14 college presidents from the United States to participate in an inaugural meeting of Cuban and U.S. colleges and universities to further develop an academic exchange between the two countries.



Cuban meeting, September 2003

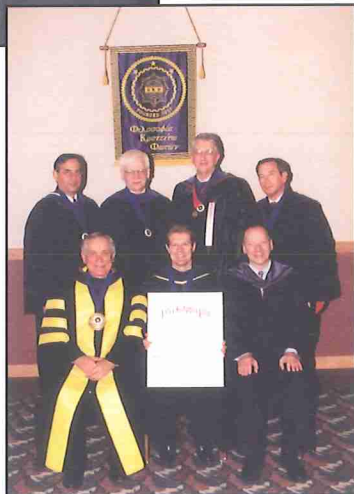


Excellence in Teaching Award

He began his faculty career at Louisiana State University and subsequently served as a visiting associate professor of zoology at the University of Texas at Austin and as professor of biology and then head of the Department of Natural Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM), which selected him as its 2005 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. He became vice chancellor for academic affairs and graduate dean at UAM before accepting the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La. He was appointed the fourth president of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in 1994. Dr. Etheridge will retire on June 30, 2007.

When asked about his retirement plans, Dr. Etheridge said:

*Laissez Le Bon
Temps Rouler*



UPI's Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi

Highlights of the Etheridge Administration

- Built Willow Residence Hall
- Health and wellness center on the drawing board
- Renovated Owen Library and every residence hall
- Every student room on this campus is computer-ready
- Dedicated the UPJ mascot, the *Mountain Cat*
- Ranked 2nd in Pennsylvania on Education majors' Praxis certification exams
- 100 percent of Engineering Technology and Education graduates pass the license exams
- Engineering Technology and Respiratory Care receive highest level of national accreditation
- Created the Academic Support Center and the Faculty Resource Center
- Initiated a community economic impact study that determined UPJ's annual impact is \$60 million (project funded by the Gleason Agency)
- Awarded the "2004 Economic Summit Award" from the Greater Johnstown Chamber of Commerce
- Accomplished an affiliation with the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Raised \$11.5 million dollars in a capital campaign drive to increase the endowment
- Created two new giving traditions: Heritage Square and the Memorial Tree Grove
- 19 new University endowments and 47 new Johnstown Educational Foundation endowments established since 1997
- Created the UPJ Excellence in Teaching Award for faculty and the Excellence in Service Award for staff
- Established the school's chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society with 500 inducted
- Brought Bill Cosby here as commencement speaker in 2002
- 3,200 full-time students, with 1,900 in residence and 41 percent from outside the five-county area

Of Note: Alumni

PLEASE PARTICIPATE

Take a minute to tell your former classmates what you're doing.
We get asked all the time, "Where are they now?"

1990s

Timothy Sexauer ('95) was promoted to Project Engineering Manager of Fawn Electronics in Wilson, N.C. He has developed circuit board assemblies for Xerox Corporation, GE Energy, Draeger Medical, Acroprint Time Recorders, Monitech Vehicle Interlocks, and Radarfind. He is married to the former Kimberly Powell of Buffalo, N.Y.

Joseph J. Podrebarac ('93) teaches high school mathematics in the Windber Area School District. He is also the varsity tennis coach for the school. He and his wife, Courtney, have two daughters, Sydney and Madison.

2000s

Karen L. Harner ('01) received her MS degree in mathematics from the University of Virginia in 2003. She is currently working as a health policy analyst for America's Health Insurance Plans in Washington, D.C. She married Timothy Heath in May 2006.

Molly McGlothlin ('03) joined Clifton Gunderson, Baltimore, Md., as a marketing coordinator. Clifton Gunderson LLP is the 13th largest CPA and consulting firm in the nation.

Gene Jazwinski ('03) is the Project Manager for The Sample Network division of an internet marketing company, Rex Direct Net, Inc. He is also a nationally certified Motorcycle Safety Instructor for MSF. His fiancé is UPJ alumna, Jennifer Kier, who graduates next semester from the University of Pittsburgh. His favorite UPJ memory is Acacia Homecomings.

Allison R. Modery ('04) Franchise Development Coordinator, Vocelli Pizza, is in charge of bringing in leads for them to become franchisees. She also coordinates and manages trade shows.

Laura McMaster ('04) graduated from the University of Georgia in May 2006 with a Master of Education degree in College Student Affairs Administration. She is working at Gettysburg College as Interim Assistant Director of Student Activities.

Carolyn (Dewey) Roman ('05) is employed as a copywriter at Littleton Advertising and Marketing in New Bern, N.C. She married Andrew N. Roman in July 2006. Her favorite UPJ memory is the Washington, D.C., trip with the College Democrats.

William Roberts ('06) is working as a television systems programmer with AccuWeather, Inc., State College, Pa.

Of Note: Advisory Board

E. Jeanne Gleason, UPJ Advisory Board chair, has been named an emeritus trustee on the University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees. Gleason is the first individual from the Johnstown area to be selected to this position. The appointment was announced during the October 27, Pitt board meeting. The retired executive director of the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance, Gleason has served as a university trustee for 12 years. Gleason has served on the UPJ Advisory Board since 1972 and on the Board's Executive Committee since 1979. She was vice chairman of the board from 1983 to 1992 and was named chairman-elect in 1992. She was named chairman in 1994. She has served on various committees on the board, including building study committees and fund-raising committees, and chaired the presidential search committee for the college.

Gleason is a member of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art Trustees, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Board of Directors, Concurrent Technologies Corporation Board of Directors, and is a Birthright of Johnstown Director. A graduate of Carlow College, Gleason has been influentially involved in the community in a variety of roles for more than three decades.

We want to hear what you are doing to help make us

UPJ Proud!

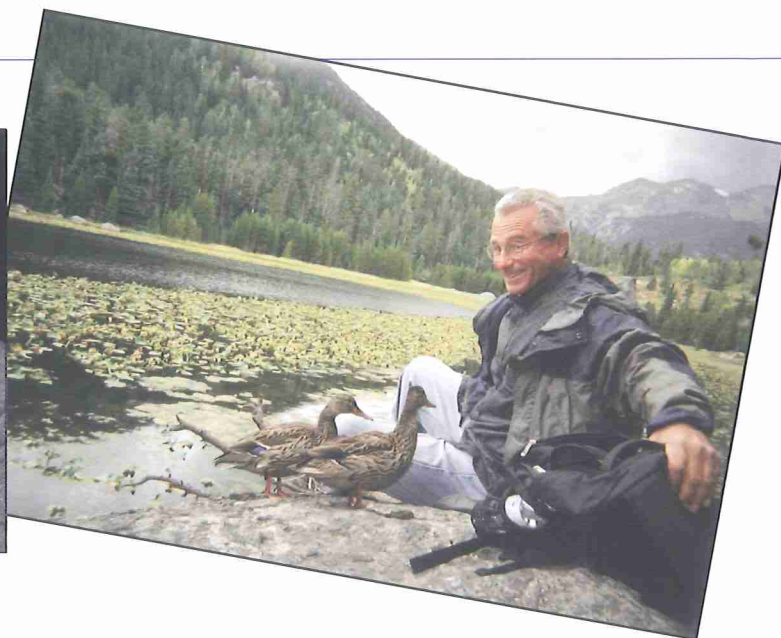
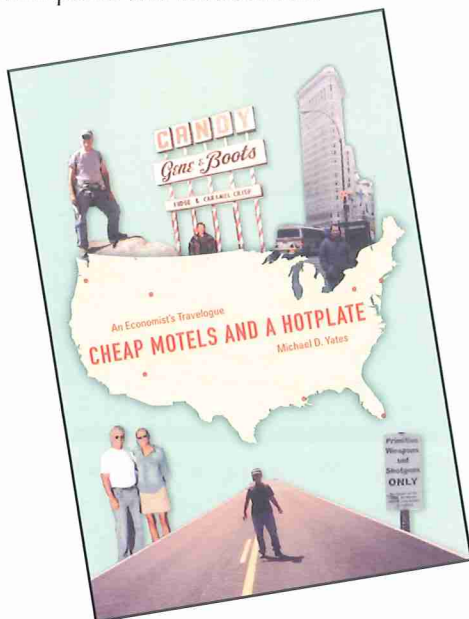
We know that you are doing great things in your professional lives. Tell us and we'll include it in the next issue's "Of Note: Alumni." E-mail us at upjalum@pitt.edu or write us at Institutional Advancement, 272 Blackington Hall, UPJ, 450 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904. **Alumni turn to this section first, looking for names they recognize.**

Of Note: Faculty

Mike Yates, PhD, professor emeritus (Economics), has a book that came out in mid-January (his eighth book) entitled *Cheap Motels and a Hotplate: An Economist's Travelogue* (Monthly Review Press). Since his retirement in April 2001, he and his wife, Karen Korenoski, have been traveling the



United States, examining the country's great natural beauty and the state of its economy. They have lived in Yellowstone National Park (where Mike worked as a hotel desk clerk), Manhattan, Portland (Ore.), Miami Beach, and Estes Park (Colo.). In between, they just lived on the road, for months at a time, staying in cheap motels and cooking nearly all their meals on a two-burner hotplate. The book details what they did and what they have seen. It is a unique travel book, guiding readers not just to places worth seeing but to a greater understanding of how people are living—what jobs they do, whether they are getting richer or poorer, and whether or not their physical environments are deteriorating. Besides the towns and cities in which they lived for awhile, Dr. Yates writes about scores of other towns, including Johnstown and Pittsburgh and more than 30 national parks and monuments.



Please tell us what you think!

The President's Working Group on Diversity is interested in knowing about our alumni's experience with issues related to multiculturalism and diversity during their time at UPJ and in their current activities.

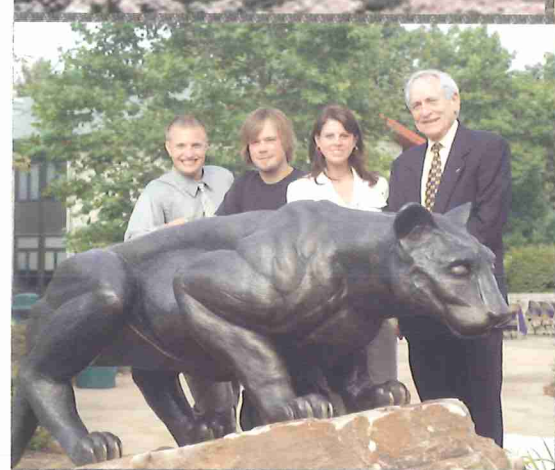
Please give us a few minutes of your time by completing our online survey at:

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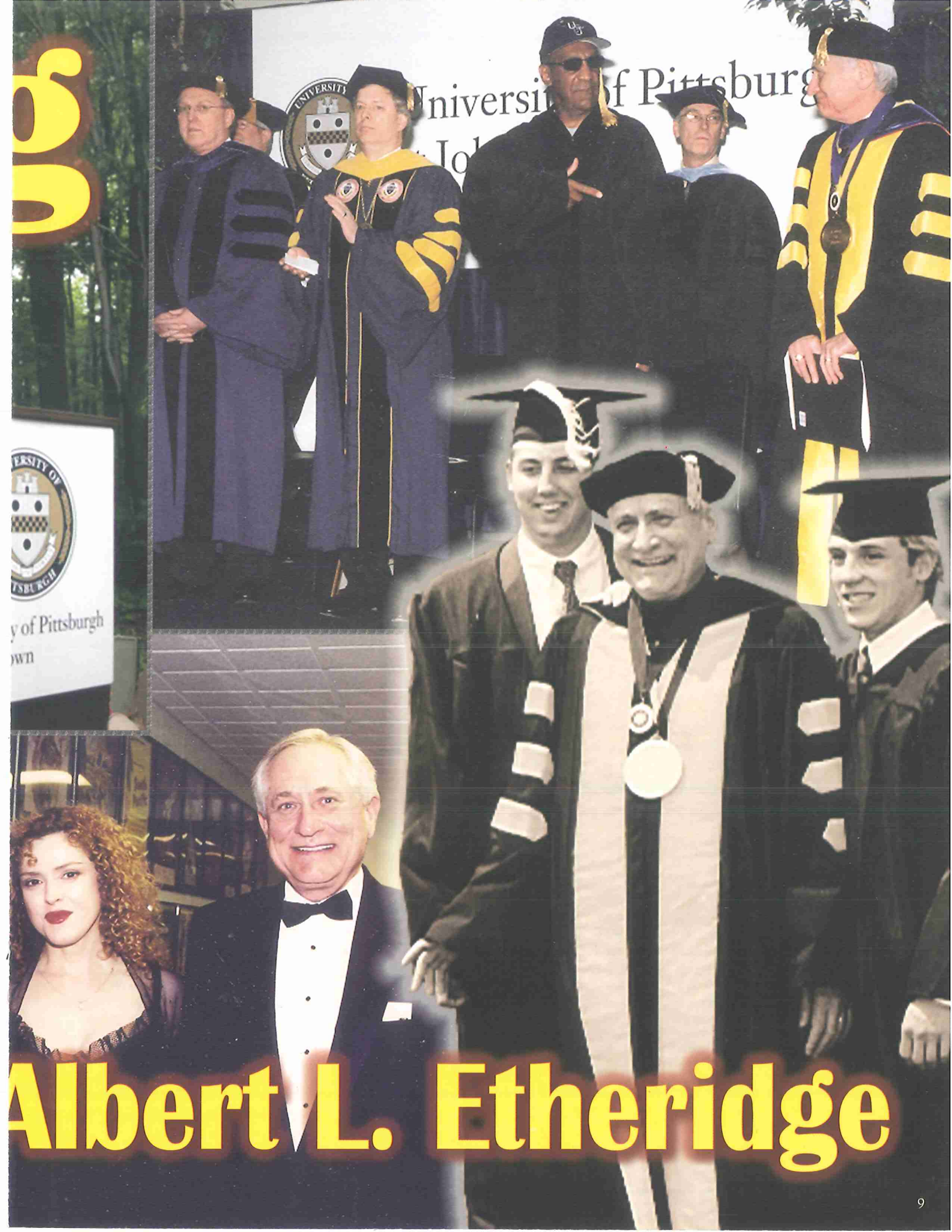
Your opinion will help us develop programming for our current students.

Thank you!

Honoring



Dr. A



Albert L. Etheridge

Alumni Pride

Drafted in Maple Hall

Jeff Schantz ('70)

The evening of the first of December 1969 was a cold one. Not unusually cold by Johnstown standards but cold enough to make you shiver when the front door to the common area in Maple Hall was held open too long. Or maybe the bunch of us crowded around the only TV in the place was just shivering from our growing anxiety. It seemed as if the whole contingent of dorm residents was crowded there, the fireplace blazing at our backs, all staring blankly at the small black-and-white TV set, dwarfed by the tall windows behind it that looked out on the cold, dark campus.

The Vietnam War was going full tilt. All of us had friends who were there. Many of us had lost friends there. Some of the dorm residents were even veterans of the war, attending Pitt on the GI Bill. We had all heard their stories, about the horrors of war, about the fear and the courage, and most of us were not at all interested in going there to see it for ourselves. Luckily, of course, we had student deferments and were excused from the draft because we were in college. That deferment, however, only lasted as long as we were in college. Once we graduated, or flunked out, it ended, and we were dumped into the uncertainty of potentially receiving an Order to Report for Induction, commonly referred to as a "draft notice."

On this cold night, however, this uncertainty was going to change. Tonight was the first-ever draft lottery, and the bunch of us crowded in the common area were about to witness the first drawing that would rank order who would go first and who would likely not ever get picked. Nonetheless, we were scared. Well, most of us anyway. The veterans among us seemed to enjoy our anxiety. They had been there and weren't at risk anymore. It was their stories, however, that stoked our anxiety. None of us wanted to see or experience the things they had told us. We didn't want to get drafted. We wanted to graduate from Pitt and get on with our lives. But some of us would likely flunk out, and what would happen tonight, could seal the fate of those who did.

Except for the crackle of the fire, the room was dead silent. All eyes were glued to the TV as Congressman Alexander Pirnie, R-N.Y., reached into a large glass bowl and selected the first blue plastic ball. The ball was broken open. All eyes were wide open and there was a collective gasp of breath. Each hoping it wasn't them.



Photo: Maxwell Maloney ('08)

An official read the little slip of paper, announcing clearly "14 September!" Then the hush was shattered by one trembling voice from behind the crowd, "Oh no, I'm gonna die!" As one, we all turned, and there, sinking to the floor, we found one of our friends, terrified about his future only because he was unlucky enough to be born on the 14th of September, and now, number one for the draft.

On that night, lives changed. We all stayed until our birthdays were announced, then retreated to our respective rooms. Those with low numbers pouted in misery, some called their parents for support, and some took comfort among their closest friends. Those with high numbers breathed easily, some even gloated, but not many. They understood the gravity of the moment and what it meant to their less fortunate friends.

**"We didn't want to get drafted.
We wanted to graduate from Pitt and
get on with our lives."**

So how did I do? I drew number 145. I was at risk since the government predicted that they would induct those with numbers as high as 190. But my grades were good, and I was planning to transfer to main campus at the end of my sophomore year to enter into the Air Force ROTC. But that night made a difference to all of us. We endured a collective traumatic experience and grew from it. The next day it was back to class, and, of course, the unpredictable diversions of dorm life.

Do you have a memory you'd like to share?

E-mail hgolubic@pitt.edu or write Institutional Advancement, 272 Blackington Hall, UPJ, 450 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904.

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Roxanne Blough, Andrea Leibfreid, and Pamela Sabol ('97) have been named the recipients of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's President's Staff Awards.

Excellence in Service to Community



Roxanne Blough

Ms. Blough, administrative assistant, Conference Center, was the recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Service to the Community. She was recognized for her volunteerism. Ms. Blough has been involved with the annual Crop Walk in Windber; the Windber Football Boosters; serves as president of the United Churches of Windber,

where she was instrumental in developing an annual scholarship for high school seniors; collects toys for needy children during the holidays; and is a member of the UPJ Staff Activities and Concerns Committee's Project Bundle-Up.

The President's Staff Award for Excellence in Service to the Community was created by Dr. Etheridge in 2005 to recognize the increasing involvement of employees in the community. Eighty percent of all UPJ employees contribute to more than \$720,000 of annual in-kind services.

Excellence in Service



Andrea Leibfreid

Mrs. Leibfreid and Mrs. Sabol were both recipients of the President's Staff Award for Excellence in Service. This award, created in 1999, is given to staff members who have demonstrated dedication to the University beyond the responsibilities of their job.

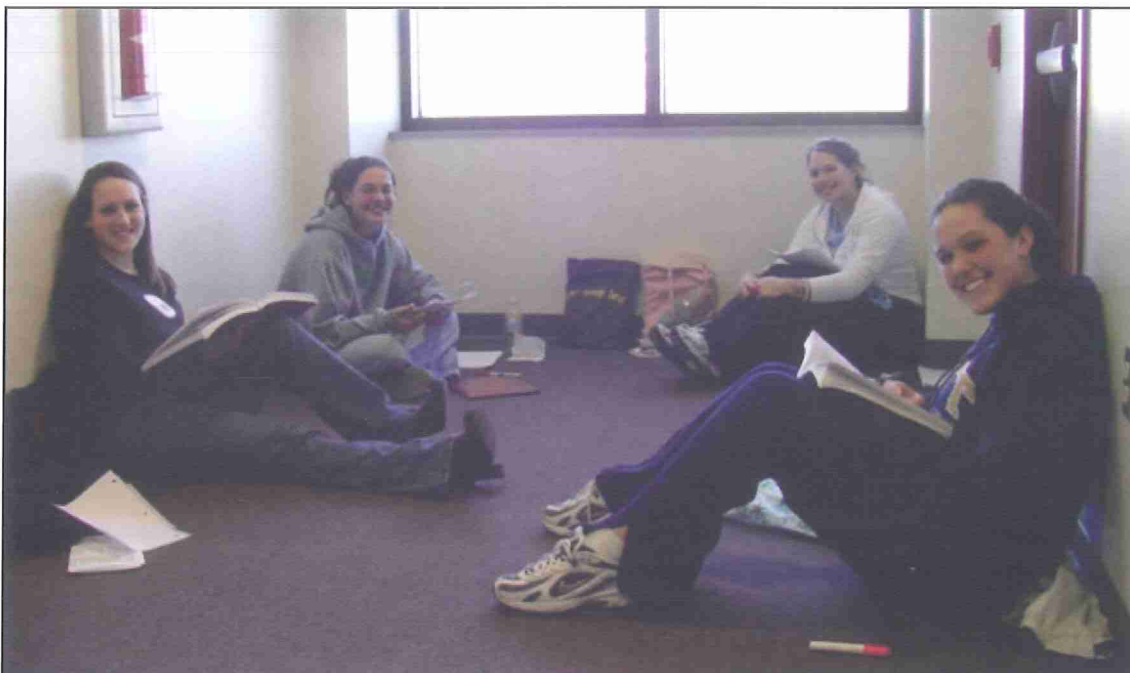
Mrs. Leibfreid, Social Sciences secretary, president of the UPJ Staff Activities and Concerns Association, where she has organized the staff picnic; the holiday dinner; the holiday fundraiser; The Rose Reese Student Award; the Healthy Lunchtime Series; the Salvation Army's Project Bundle-Up; as well as volunteering each year for Freshman Move-In Day.




Pamela Sabol

Mrs. Sabol, director of Human Resources, is an active member of the UPJ Staff Activities and Concerns Association; coordinator of the UPJ United Way Campaign; and a past team captain for the American Heart Walk and Walk America.

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Studying are elementary education seniors: (left to right) Heather Polonkey, Bilkiz Kercishta, Molly Rocker, and Jessica Hutsky

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