Robert Shields ’55 – Students, scholarships, Science and Technology Center are this scientist’s lasting legacy

‘Red & Black, Take Me Back!’

HOMECOMING 2007
Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who helped make Homecoming 2007 the highlight of the Alumni Association year. If you were not able to return to campus for the activities this fall, then I invite you to spend some time enjoying the photo coverage in this issue of the Alumni Herald. You will find many smiles.

As you know, the athletic tradition is strong at ESU, and you will find evidence of that in this issue of the Herald. A football reunion, Super Soccer Saturday and the annual inductions into the Athletic Hall of Fame are all featured here, as well as photos from Warrior Fan Zone activities and alumni gatherings at professional sporting events. There is something for every sports fan in this issue.

Other highlights inside include:

■ The report on our Legacy Luncheon, where we welcome incoming freshman who are the children of ESU alumni. It is a special day when we see the university’s traditions continuing in a new class of students.

■ Our cover story spotlight on Dr. Robert Shields ’55, whose interesting life as an urban college science professor has led him to leave an important legacy at ESU.

■ An update on the progress of our exciting new Science and Technology Center. If you haven’t been to Normal Street for a while, you will be amazed at how the campus “skyline” has changed.

In fact, “Today’s Dream, Tomorrow’s Reality” is starting to seem like “Today’s Reality,” as the Science and Technology Center takes its final form. Our Comprehensive Campaign is continuing – we could not do it without you.

You will read more about ESU’s largest building project inside, and you can view the progress of the construction online through the campus webcam.

As always, I thank you for the continued support you provide your alma mater. Most of you received the university’s Annual Report, a 16-month calendar which features photographs and other highlights of the past year at ESU. In it, along with the calendar, you will find pages of names on our list of honored donors.

I wish you all the best as we head into the new year, one that I know will be rewarding and exciting at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Dillman
President
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Legacy of a science professor

Dr. Robert Shields ’55 makes lasting impression with generous gift and scholarships

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Dr. Betty Collins Henrie ’44
Bryan L. Hill ’71
James “Pat” Hyde ’63
Phyllis M. Kirschner ’63
Dr. Frank Michael Pullo ’73
John E. Woodling ’68
THE CLASS OF ’62 celebrated its 45th anniversary at Homecoming 2007. The weekend featured a dinner on Saturday night at the home of Patricia Alberts Hibschman, where this photograph was taken, and a farewell brunch at the Alumni Center on Sunday.

Front row, from left: Alice Henniger Bromer, Louisa Connell, Lynn Dambach Walton, Fannie Greene Schisler, Mary Kirka, Ann Louise Fabio Carroll, Barry Slemmer, Patricia Alberts Hibschman and Arthur Schisler.

Second row: Diana Martlew, Nancy Mitchell Estrada, Mary Carol Mason, Ruthellen Ross Riffe, Diane Miller Freed, David Luning and Carol Ronco Luning.

Third row: Ted Laurenson, Bette Helt Laurenson, Ken Benner, Joe Venturi, Joe Stezelberger and Joe Petraglia.

Back row: Jim Wilde, Rick Carroll, Harry Powlus and Jim Gehman.
ROYALTY AND R&B

FAR LEFT:
No Homecoming is complete without royalty. King David Howze from Philadelphia represented the Student Senate, which raised money for the Jenna T. Vatalaro Memorial Fund. Queen Anna Leigh Rowlands from Jim Thorpe represented Laurel Hall, which raised money for the United Way of Monroe County.

LEFT: Alumni who returned to the Fan Zone in the Alumni Center were treated to a concert by Klymaxx, an R&B/Funk band from Los Angeles which has had several Top 20 hits. The women donned ESU jerseys for the occasion.

FUN AND GAMES

Alumni weren’t the only ones who had a grand time at Homecoming 2007. Children enjoyed face painting, balloon making and a magic show. Popcorn and cotton candy completed the carnival atmosphere.

RIGHT: Homecoming got started with alumni trying their luck at Casino Night. There were many different games and even an oxygen bar. Pinky O’Neil ’57, member of the Alumni Board, goes head to head at the poker table with Darren Hargrove, residence director of Hawthorn Hall.

MUSIC AND MARCHING

What is Homecoming without a marching band? The ESU band has more than 50 members and is under the direction of Dr. Otis French. Thousands of alumni returning to their alma mater for Homecoming 2007 were treated to wonderful weather and fantastic festivities.
THE RED & THE BLACK ... AND THE PINK: Many sported school colors and Homecoming 2007 regalia at the football game. Below, women of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority reunite on campus wearing T-shirts proclaiming ‘Don’t Make ‘Em Like This Anymore.’

NO ESCAPING IT
Festivities popped out all over campus during Homecoming 2007. Groups of students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends gathered informally and otherwise over the weekend to celebrate their connections to East Stroudsburg University.

TOP TAILGATERS
Alumni from 3rd Floor Shawnee (1971-1976), left, celebrate winning the Homecoming “Best Tailgate” contest for the second consecutive year.

Their ESSC T-shirts and the caps on the alumni on the right hark back to their days on campus, when ESU was called East Stroudsburg State College.
Homecoming 2007

Warrior Spirit . . . Everywhere!

. . . Everywhere!
Seven Warrior alumni and men’s basketball team of 1989–90

- **Pete Nevins M’84**, lead the list of inductees, and was honored posthumously as ESU’s sports information director for 33 years.

  Between 1969 and 2002, Nevins covered the careers of nearly half of the previous 231 ESU athletes and coaches who were inducted into the Hall of Fame and was a committee member since its inception in 1978.

  Nevins was inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Hall of Fame in 1987 and was a recipient of the Warren Berg Award as the outstanding college division SID. He wrote articles on more than 12,000 events and covered more than 5,000 athletes during his career at ESU.

  Nevins died in January after a brief battle with cancer, and was posthumously inducted. His wife, Gail, accepted the Athletic Hall of Fame honor on his behalf.

- **David “Kelly” MacLaughlin ’57** was the first All-Conference basketball player in school history in 1956 and 1957, his only two seasons at East Stroudsburg.

  He was on the Associated Press All-State team as a senior and averaged 28.7 points per game over his two years. MacLaughlin set the school record with 3 points in a game against Trenton in December 1955.

- **Willard Stem ’76** was a first team All-America football selection as a defensive back in 1975 and was the school’s Male Athlete of the Year in 1976.

  He was captain of the Warriors undefeated team in 1975 and was first team All-PSAC East and an ECAC All-East selection. Stem was a four-year starter and played on a unit that led the nation in pass defense in 1973.

- **Julie Hubbard Hoin ’92** was a three-time first team All-PSAC East volleyball player for the Warriors from 1988-91.

  She set school records with a .379 hitting percentage as a junior and 4.1 kills per game as a senior, and was the team’s outstanding player both seasons.

- **Michelle Cole Reed ’93** was a PSAC track and field champion in the 200 and 400 meters in 1992, and also won the ECAC indoor title in the 300 meter dash.

  She set seven (four indoors and three outdoors) school records, was also a member of record-setting relay teams, and named Outstanding Track and Field athlete in 1992.

- **Gaye Chapman ’95** was both the PSAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Year and the ESU Female Athlete of the Year in 1994.

  She averaged 15.6 points per game and led the team to the PSAC East championship and the first NCAA Tournament berth in school history. Chapman scored 1,224 career points, was first team All-PSAC East as a junior and senior, and recorded the first triple double in school history against West Chester.

- **The 1989-90 men’s basketball team** is the only ESU men’s basketball team to be crowned PSAC champions. The team, coached by Sal Mentesana and led by ESU Athletic Hall of Fame member Jonathan Roberts ’91, finished the season with a 21-13 record, winning 13 of its last 18 games.

  The Warriors won two overtime games in the PSAC Tournament, beating Slippery Rock, ranked No. 2 in the nation, in the semifinals and Millersville in double overtime in the finals. They won their first round NCAA Tournament game against Slippery Rock in overtime before losing in the regional finals.
Fall 2007

2007 ESU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

From left:
- Willard Stem ’76, football
- Jake Piatt ’61, football
- Gaye Chapman ’95, basketball
- Michelle Cole Reed ’93, track
- Gail Nevins
  (for Pete Nevins M’84, sports information director, 1969-2002)
- Bob Sweeney ’62
  (for Julie Hubbard Hoin ’92, volleyball)
- Dave “Kelly” MacLaughin ’57, basketball

The 1989-90 men’s basketball team was inducted into the ESU Athletic Hall of Fame.

This was the only ESU men’s basketball team to win the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship.

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1989-90 MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM:
Seated: Lonnie White, Todd Pain ton ’93, Rick Morgan ’93, Jaques Armand ’90, Brian Byrne ’93, and Jonathan Roberts ’91.
Alumni honor swim coach as 2007 athletic achiever

Richard Carroll ’62 was awarded the Alumni Association’s Athletic Achievement Award, presented Oct. 6 in memory of Jim Barniak ’64 for athletic accomplishment after graduation.

Carroll, a swimming coach known around the state, is founder of the North Penn School District aquatics program and has served as its director for 26 years. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame, as well as the North Penn-Souderton Area Sports Hall of Fame.

He has coached 19 All-Americans, and more than 50 All-State swimmers. His record is 213 wins, 14 losses, with two state championships to his credit. The natatorium at North Penn High School was named in his honor.

He served as president of the Pennsylvania State Aquatics Council from 1980-1988 and was the PIAA District I Chairman for 12 years.

Carroll earned a bachelor’s degree in health, physical education, and recreation. As an ESU student he was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and served as secretary and treasurer. He was vice president of his senior class and was a member of the Heath Education Club, Student Education Association, Sigma Pi social fraternity, and Men’s Recreation Association. Rick was also a very athletic individual as evidenced by his membership in the Intramural Council and the Varsity “S” Club as a result of playing baseball and basketball.

He and his wife, Ann Louise Fabio Carroll ’62, live in Colmar, and have three children.

How the Athletics Department has improved in 3 years:

- Grade point average increase in all ESU teams
- Improved Dixon Cup standings
- Improved winning percentages in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
- 40 percent increase in the dollars raised
- Track renovated at Eiler-Martin Stadium
- Lights put up at Eiler-Martin Stadium
- Dug outs installed at baseball field
- More volleyball standards installed
- Diversity Plan created
- “Best practices” Training and Mentoring Program created for new coaches
Alumni gathered for the first “Early 1990s ESU Football Reunion” on April 21 during the ESU Spring Football Game.

- Front row, from left: Dennis McWhite ’02, Joe Stellato ’96, Derrick Deburow ’99, Roger Straub ’94, Curtis Bunch ’91, Jake Hlavac ’94, Mark Jackson ’92, and Ed Myers ’94.
- Second row: John Apicella ’91, Bob Swift ’95, Mark Cefalo ’94, Steve Stuttle ’96, Bret Comp ’93, Matt Giarretta ’95, Justin Dettore ’91, Dave Hahn ’95, Ron Hannis ’94, Mike Kuhns ’95, Larry Helwig ’90, and Greg Garzio ’94.

SUPER SOCCER SATURDAY: Many alumni returned to the pitch at Eiler-Martin Stadium for Super Soccer Saturday on Oct. 13. The guys laced up their boots for another friendly match against one another on a beautiful fall day. Alumni from across the decades played and were coached by Jerry Sheska ’68, current men’s coach, and showed that they still had the moves that brought 12 PSAC championships to ESU in the last 16 years.
In the Zone

Before every home football game, the real Warrior fans get the party started with food and fun in the Warrior Fan Zone.

There’s tailgate picnicking, of course... but also games such as a fan egg-toss contest.

Fans in the Fan Zone heard live entertainment by the rock band Smokin’ before this year’s first game of the season.

Little ones weren’t forgotten: Face painting, popcorn and cotton candy were available in the Fan Zone, too.

Visit http://advancement.esu.edu and click on ALUMNI for upcoming events and next season’s home game schedule.
Gatherings and Events

Good Sports

A lively group of alumni and friends quickly snatched all 50 Alumni Association tickets for the Philadelphia Flyers-Pittsburgh Penguins game in Philadelphia on Nov. 10. The group was treated to a pre-game tour of the Wachovia Center by Jon Kelley ’05. The Flyers beat their cross-state rivals 5-2, and those who were lucky enough to attend look forward to another game.

Good Day for Baseball

Forty alumni and friends gathered on the perfect summer evening of Aug. 4 to see the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees. In addition to the camaraderie during the pre-game tailgating, the group enjoyed seeing slugger Jason Giambi, who was playing three games for the local Yankees before rejoining the major league in New York. Some of those in attendance were, from left, Mark Mecca ’97, Alumni Association vice president; Meredith Mecca, Juliann Daramola, Connie Daramola, and Cornelius Daramola M’03.

Capitol Game

Alumni living in the Washington, D.C., area enjoyed another perfect gathering around a Nationals baseball game. They joined thousands of fans tailgating in the parking lot before the first pitch. Although the sun was hot, they were shaded by their ESU caps.
Gatherings and Events

The Alumni Association sponsored an ice cream social for more than 1,000 new students during the Freshman Convocation ceremony this fall.

Alumni Association board members (including Jean Eden ’72 in the photo on the left), faculty, administrators and staff enjoyed meeting and greeting new students at this event.

This was a great way to introduce ESU’s newest students to the Alumni Association and to get them started right on their college careers.

EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY
Alumni Association
More than 25 alumni returned to campus on “move in” day with their freshman “legacy” students this year. The Alumni Association hosted an afternoon reception for these alumni who were on campus passing the ESU torch to their children. During the reception, the students enjoyed the “back in the day” stories of their parents while looking forward to creating their own memories at ESU.

Please let us know if you have a “legacy” on campus, so you can be informed about this and other events focused on alumni and their ESU undergraduate students. 

Sandra Pederson Wiggins ’76 with son William  
Daniel Snyder ’73 with daughter Erin  
Yvonne Hall ’78 with son Brandon  
Jeffrey Detzi ’79 with daughter Alexa  
Caren Connolly Yost ’79 with daughter Jaime  
David Novitisky ’78 with son Ryan  
Renee Loprete Evans ’78 with her husband and daughter Nicole  
Geraldine Stofko Ameri ’77 with daughter Layli  
Marian Baker Hargrove ’71 with daughter Kathleen
Alumni in the Metro D.C. area spent Oct. 21 at Mount Vernon, the northern Virginia estate of George Washington that had been in his family for a couple generations before he expanded and enhanced it.

The sunny and warm afternoon was perfect for learning all about the man and woman who played a critical part in the founding of the United States. History came alive for the alumni group with a personally guided tour of the restored gardens, grounds, and buildings.

Stained glass panels depicting scenes from Washington’s life are on display in the Ford Orientation Center at Mount Vernon.
Every summer ESU alumni have a beach party at Lake Como, N.J., and this year it was like no other, with the ESU team winning several beach competitions against alumni of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

The Beach Bash was a blast, as alumni saw old ESU friends and met some new ones. Next year's Beach Bash will be in July, so alumni may start the summer right.

Look for the announcements in the next Alumni Herald or visit the Alumni Association website so you won't miss this fun summer reunion at the beach.

Christopher Smith '06 and Ian Young '06 bashing it up at the beach.
Students, scholarships, Science and Technology
A scientist’s lasting legacy

Years back, Dr. Robert Shields ’55 loved to stop cocktail party conversation cold by mentioning he got his college diploma through the mail. He wasn’t lying — he was just leaving out some details for fun.

The fact is, all members of the August Class of ’55 got their diplomas from the post office when Hurricane Diane pre-empted their commencement ceremony with a massive flood. The graduates did get a little pomp and circumstance eventually when they, as alumni, had a procession with another graduating class, but that was 40 years later. At least, Robert says, they got a good running joke out of the deal, and that inauspicious end didn’t change the fact that his mentors at East Stroudsburg State Teachers College shaped him into the inspiring professor he was for nearly 30 years.

As evidence of his gratitude, the retired Newtown resident has committed gifts to the university of nearly $1 million to support the construction of the new Science and Technology Center and to fortify endowed scholarships he and his wife of 46 years created before her death in 2004.

The Robert Shields Scholarship assists students interested in biology, and the Peggy Errico Shields ’55 Scholarship supports those following Peggy’s footsteps into elementary education. Currently, each scholarship awards $1,000 annually.

It’s a far cry from the financial assistance available when Robert attended college. Back then, students appreciated $100 state scholarships for a full year of studies. Of course, semester fees, which covered tuition, room, board and laundry, were under $300. That bill seems a pittance now, but it wasn’t then for a young man from the Philadelphia neighborhood of Kensington, a place of row houses and working-class families.

Robert’s father was in the canvas business and, after supplying materials for troop knapsacks during World War II, he found a clientele among Philadelphia’s most affluent.

“If you had enough money,” Robert recalls, “when you threw a party, you didn’t have it inside your house; you held it on the grounds of your estate in a tent decorated like a ballroom.”

“We knew we weren’t rich because we knew what rich was,” Robert says. “It wasn’t until I went to college and took sociology that I realized we probably would have been considered lower middle class.”

Robert needed to work as well as study. He found plenty of opportunities at Fred’s Coffee Shop. “Fred loved me because I had two qualities he appreciated: I worked cheaply and no job was beneath my dignity.”

Professors at East Stroudsburg opened his eyes to the larger world, and set a high bar for achievement.

“I flunked my first exam, and it scared the hell out of me. It was a message: ‘You’re not as bright as you think you are.’”

Robert Shields ’55

‘I came along in science at one of the most interesting periods. Sputnik had just gone up; the DNA story was unfolding.’

Dr. Robert Shields ’55
of New York (CCNY).

That Harlem institution became a second home for Robert for 29 years. An expert in parasitology, invertebrate zoology, and general biology, he was also witness to one of the most tumultuous periods in American higher education: the late '60s.

“I had a Volkswagen and I looked up at the underbellies of more police horses than I ever wanted to see,” he says. “It was a time of Vietnam protests and the civil rights movement. Martin Luther King Jr. was an inspiring figure, and the black community was becoming more of an outspoken force.”

Though Robert was frustrated by the upheaval of classes during protests, “I knew where they were coming from. I was sympathetic to them.”

During the pivotal 1969 takeover of the CCNY campus by the black and Puerto Rican student community, Robert maintained a rapport with one of the protesters while other faculty members were held at arm’s length. Protesters had occupied several buildings and chained the college gates, demanding that the
Robert Shields '55

- East Stroudsburg State Teachers College, majored in biology, minored in history
- Ohio State University, master's and doctorate in zoology
- Biology professor, City College of New York
- $125,000 donor to ESU's new Science and Technology Center
- Robert Shields Scholarship in biology
- Peggy Errico Shields Scholarship in elementary education

Legacy

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The ethnic composition of CCNY reflect that of the city's high schools.

“One of the protesters would still come down and have coffee in my lab with me,” Robert says, recalling how he gently pleaded the case of a colleague who hadn’t been able to get his car out of the occupied territory. “He told me to have him pick it up in the morning when the trash trucks were coming in. That’s the kind of strange relationship we had.”

Still, the open admissions policy that those protests ushered in was disappointing to Robert, who thought it was bad practice to enroll students without regard to their academic qualifications. During that “big social experiment,” as he calls it, “students were still teachable, but it was a sharp change from my early years when they were outstanding, a number of them borderline geniuses.”

The professor persevered. In fact, he thrived over the next 20 years, chairing the biology department for several years and receiving the school’s Outstanding Teacher Award in 1989.

“I stayed because it was very special time to be in science,” says the former National Science Foundation research fellow. “I was in a position to interact with a sometimes frustrating but extremely creative, frequently brilliant, and always exciting group of colleagues.”

As technology progressed, Robert has been a consummate learner. He purchased his first computer, an Apple Macintosh, in 1988 to assist with teaching and is on his fifth Mac, which he believes are the most user-friendly. He uses it for digital photography and converting his vinyl records to mp3 files, as well as emailing friends across the country. Robert finds the Internet “the most impressive resource for information” and uses it to continue educating people.

These days, his teaching has taken a different turn. Having paid tribute to former ESU professor Grady Moore in his choice of career, Robert is now dabbling in Leroy Koehler’s territory: history. He’s a volunteer at the Pennsbury Manor, once the country home of William Penn, and sometimes leads tours in 17th century period dress. He does a lot of background reading “so I can mouth off with authority,” he says, laughing.

That’s not to say science has taken a backseat. It still “wows me,” he says. “I came along in science in one of the most interesting periods. Sputnik had just gone up; the DNA story was unfolding. Every month Scientific American would have a new article, and we would follow it like a novel. But today, scientists are able to answer questions we only speculated about.”

With endless possibilities ahead, he believes the new Science and Technology Center is especially important. “If some students at ESU develop the same interest and enthusiasm I came away with, they’ll be critical to scientific discovery in the future.”

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“Who’s Doing What”

1960s

Thomas Barrow '62 played baseball in the “Over 60 Tucson Tournament” for the Tucson Golden Aces in Arizona.

Anthony Vellela ’67 wrote and produced the first one-hour PBS television special for Character Studies Productions, which he founded in 200. The program, “Living and Dying in Our Town,” premiered around the country this summer with an all-star cast including Eli Wallach, Frances Conroy, Eric Stoltz, Cynthia Nixon and Paul Newman.

Jerry Sheska ’68 was featured in the Pocono Record for being named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference coach of the year seven times. His soccer team delivered another championship for ESU in November.

Jorene Jameson ’69 was named vice president and chief development officer of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County, Fla. From 1985-89, she was a Kellogg Foundation national fellow, where she studied children’s issues internationally with a focus on programs for working families.
Susan Kidder ’69 was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. A member of the first U.S. World Cup team, she has also been inducted into the East Stroudsburg Athletic Hall of Fame and the U.S. Lacrosse Philadelphia Chapter Hall of Fame.

Linda Lara ’70 received the Somerset County (N.J.) Cultural and Heritage Commission’s “Excellence in the Arts Award” for 2006. Linda has worked on the commission’s Teen Arts Festival for nine years, and her special needs chorus has been invited several times to participate at the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival.

Donald Mathis ’70 was named chief executive and president of Community Action Partnership, a national association that represents the interests of 1,000 affiliated agencies working to fight poverty at the local level.

Earl Hulihan ’71 received the pharmaceutical industry’s highest honor, the DIA Founders Service Award. Only a few have been so honored in the last 30 years. The award reads, in part, “This Award is in recognition of your many significant contributions to medicine, regulatory science, and people throughout the world during your distinguished career.” Hulihan has also worked with the U.S. Olympic Committee and as a co-creator of the Special Olympics program.

Greg Engroff ’72 was named head of the spiritual renewal and leadership programs at the Nashville-based General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. They are high school and college-age programs.

Michael Steen ’73 retired after 34 years as a Stroudsburg High School English teacher. His favorite part of the job was talking about literature, and he hopes those discussions made a difference to the students he taught over the years.

Jeff McCubbin ’76, associate dean for graduate studies and research of the College of Health and Human Services at Oregon State University, was named “Distinguished Professor” for 2005. He has co-authored two books and published dozens of research papers.

Tim Joens ’80 owns and operates Raccoon Ridge Vineyards in Snydersville. His wines have received gold, silver and bronze medals in U.S. and Canadian amateur competitions.

James Grube ’82 was named the new superintendent of the Lincoln Park School District in N.J. The K-8 district has two schools with a total of 930 students.

Hazel Fisher ’83 was appointed the new associate dean of Northampton Community College’s Monroe Campus. Her higher education experience includes teaching children’s literature, composition, and creative writing.

Annette Miller ’85 was named the new principal of Birches Elementary School in Turnersville, N.J. She has been a teacher-in-charge there, overseeing the development and implementation of district curricula, the organization of schedules, and the creation of special-education databases and professional development.

Dan Mykovich ’86 was at the Flamingo Casino in Las Vegas for a benefit concert and met Vince Neil from the rock band Motley Crue. Mykovich, at right in photo, was joined by colleagues John Knudson and Shawn Patten. He has been in the casino industry since 1988, and has a wife and three children.

Kim Mecca ’87 organized the Eastern Amputee Golf Association tournament at Woodloch Springs, Hawley. She was featured by the Pocono Record for her contributions to the group and the tournaments.

Christopher Gerhard ’88 was inducted into McDonald’s Lehigh Valley All-Star Football Classic Hall of Fame. He has been a head coach at Nazareth, Northampton and Catasaqua high schools.

Christopher Lommerin ’88, principal of Jefferson Elementary School in Plainfield, N.J. received a J.W. Fulbright Commission in the Czech Republic for U.S. high school administrators.
Sandy Miller ’88 won the women’s division of the RE/Max Long Driver qualifier at Snydersville Golf Range this summer. She loves her job as a field hockey coach at ESU, but someday would like to compete as a professional golfer.

Gary Mills ’88 was featured in The Star Ledger (N.J.) newspaper for his volunteer work and for being named the High Bridge, N.J., “Citizen of the Year” for 2005. Gary works in the operations and services division of the Chubb and Son Insurance Co.

Keith Reed ’88 is the founder of TixSave.com (parent company PTW Net Properties, Inc.) which sells hard-to-find tickets for less and shares profits with customers.

Robert Speicher ’89 was named the athletic director of Lakeland High School in Jermyn. He is a former student athlete at the school, and won four gold medals and was named Lackawanna County’s Athlete of the Year during his career as a Lakeland High Chief.

David De Notaris ’92 was appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell as director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation’s Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services.

James Dolan ’92 turned his love of skydiving into a business called Extreme Aerial Media, located in Las Vegas, which promotes businesses using skydivers.

Dawn Duncan ’92 was named vice president of development and university relations for Polytechnic University in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Michael LaPorta, Jr. ’92 was named principal of Freedom High School in Bethlehem by a unanimous appointment in May.

Kari Sandberg ’92 was promoted to account manager at Caesars Paradise Stream Resort in Mount Pocono.

David Seamans ’93 is an instructor of health and physical education at Lock Haven University.

Jill Moyer ’94 is a new special education teacher at the Paris Elementary School in Paris, Maine.

Timothy Morgan ’95 was promoted to vice principal of Honesdale High School.

Michael Black ’98 was named the acting assistant principal of 10th grade at Carlisle High School. He has been with the district for 10 years and taught health at Wilson Middle School.

Neil Burti ’98 was named the principal of the Cherry Hill (N.J.) School District’s Alternative High School. He is pursuing a doctorate in innovation and leadership at Wilmington College.

Megan Schwefel ’98 was promoted to girl’s basketball varsity coach at the Normal Community High School in Normal, Ill.

Karen Owens Thomson ’98 was named principal of Stroudsburg Middle School, which has 1,400 students in grades five, six and seven.

Lori Zecchino ’99 has joined the Bushkill office of Wilkins and Associates Real Estate. She is a graduate of Pocono Real Estate Academy.

Michael Cerino ’00 was awarded the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. His internship will be followed by a residency in internal medicine at Mercy Suburban Hospital, in Norristown, Pa.

Dan LaMagna ’00, a former Scranton Eagles head coach, is the owner and head coach of the North East Pennsylvania Miners – an expansion team in the North American Football League. The Miners play in the six-team Pennsylvania Division.

Mark Cosgrove ’01 was honored last spring at the New Jersey Middle School Association Conference in Princeton with the J. Thomas Kane Presidential Award recognizing his enthusiastic leadership in promoting middle school education.

Sean Bielefeldt ’02 was named the director of recreation therapy at the Matheny Medical and Educational Center, a special hospital and special education school in Peapack, N.J., for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities.

Mary Bigham ’02 is the force behind WC Dish – an online guide to food and dining in the West Chester area. She was recently asked by the borough’s Parks and Recreation Department to lend her expertise to the West Chester Restaurant Festival.
Kathryn Davis ’02 was awarded a doctor of psychology degree from Widener University. She is a post doctoral fellow in neurophysiology at the Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Nicole Georghalli ’02, M’07, was named the vice principal of Newton High School in Newton, N.J.

Sarah Haage ’02 has joined the Broward County (Fla.) Public Schools as a sixth-grade science teacher at the Silver Lakes Middle School.

Lindsay Ann Foster ’03 was awarded a master of science degree in counseling and clinical health psychology from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine’s graduate degree program.

Blaec Saeger ’03, assistant coach at East Stroudsburg High School North, was an assistant coach at the McDonald’s Lehigh Valley All-Star Football Classic in June.

David Dean ’04, a lineman with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers arena football team, scored a touchdown in a league championship game.

Barry Krammes ’04 competed in the javelin finals at the U.S. Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis. He earned a fifth-place medal for the second consecutive year in the competition. He is a teacher and an assistant track coach at East Stroudsburg High School South.

Bradford McEvilly ’04 has joined JK Design, a Web development and print media firm. He is responsible for the front-end programming and implementation of Web site interface designs.

Wendy O’Malley ’04 piloted a new program at the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The “Home Alone” program teaches children 11 to 15 what to do when a disaster strikes and their parents are not home.

Kaitlyn Cerco M’05 was named assistant director of athletics for compliance at Lafayette College in Easton.

Thomas Enders ’05 was named the chairman of the ITT Technical Institute in Dunmore.

Margaret Omwenga ’05, M’07 was appointed assistant director of admissions/web content manager in the Admissions Office at ESU.

John Carr ’06, a standout in football and wrestling, was inducted into the athletic hall of fame at Blue Mountain High School in Schuylkill Haven.

Murvin English ’06 wrote a guest editorial in the July 2 edition of NCAA News. The column highlighted his decision to attend ESU and play Division II basketball.

Kacy Parry ’06 was named coach of Keystone College’s first field hockey team in nearly 20 years. Kacy is recruiting to fill the team and work on the school’s facilities.

Cara Senese ’06 was named the head field hockey coach of East Stroudsburg High School South.

Roger Tita ’06 has been placed into a full-time inside sale positions with the New York Red Bulls Major League Soccer team. His role includes marketing and selling season, mini-season and group tickets for the team.

Jason Zimmer ’06 was one of the local “Three Tenors” who performed at the Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg for a benefit concert.

Ken Parrish ’07 made his National Football League debut as a punter with the San Francisco 49ers in a pre-season game against the Denver Broncos.

Evan Prall ’07 was hired by the Pocono Mountain School District to teach health and physical education. He is currently on the roster for the New York Jets.


Jimmy Terwilliger ’07 has joined the coaching staff at East Stroudsburg High School South. He hopes to teach health and physical education.

Don Trentham M’07 entered his sixth year as head women’s soccer coach at Montana State University in Billings in 2007-08. He is the winningest coach in the history of the program.
Donna Sproule ’88 and Kevin Owens announce their engagement. Donna is employed with Kulp Foundry, Inc. Her fiance is employed with IBEW Local 102. A wedding is planned for June 7, 2008.

Cara Donati ’00, M’01 and Brent Schirg are engaged. Cara teaches fifth grade at the Pocono Mountain School District. Her fiance is an electrical contractor in the Scranton area. A wedding is planned for July 12, 2008, at Skytop Lodge.

Margaret Conforti ’01, M’04 and Orion Vitale will be married June 21, 2008. Margaret is a first-grade teacher at Smithfield Elementary School in the East Stroudsburg Area School District. Her fiance is a production coordinator with the Air Force.

Terri Gallagher ’01 and William Weidner are engaged. She is a registered medical technologist for Geisinger Health System in Wilkes-Barre. Her fiance is a certified public accountant with Victor A. Decker CPA Accounting in Wilkes Barre. A wedding is planned for September 2008.

Meghan Wilson ’01 and Benjamin Brenneman ’01, M’06 plan to be married in fall 2009. Meghan is pursing a doctorate in higher education. She is a professor at La Salle University. Benjamin is assistant principal at Altoona High School.

Summer Corrie ’02 and Sara Kaplan ’04 plan a fall 2008 wedding. Summer is a massage therapist at Monhonk Mountain House in New Paltz, N.Y. Sara is a pre-clinical laboratory surgeon for Charles River Laboratories in Stone Ridge, N.Y.

Amanda Isenberg ’03 and Scott Signorello announce their engagement. Amanda is an English teacher at the East Stroudsburg High School South. Her fiance is an executive chef with the Bethlehem Area School District. A wedding is planned for Oct. 23, 2009.

Matthew Roth ’03 and Tracy Hofmann were to be married in November. Matt is a marketing assistant with Tru-Green ChemLawn in Randolph, N.J. His fiancee is a training and quality manager for SaaS.com in Bridgewater, N.J.

Melissa Sharp ’03 and Jerry Beaver ’89 are engaged. Melissa is employed with Bally’s in Atlantic City, N.J., and Jerry is the director of food and beverage there.

Janice Steever ’03 and Steve Green plan to be married July 12, 2008. Janice is a teacher with IU20 in the Stroudsburg School District. Her fiance is the manager of Gamestop.

Megan Adams ’04 and Jason Turner announce their engagement. Megan is a naturalist with the Morris County (N.J.) Park Commission. Her fiance is employed with Abington Memorial Hospital as the supervisor in the business department. They plan to be married on Oct. 19, 2008.

Rita DeRiancho ’05 and Blake Martin ’03 are planning to be wed on Aug. 23, 2008. Rita is a research technician at Sanofi Pasteur. Blake is a financial consultant with AXA Advisors.

Nicholas Ambrosius ’06 and Mary Kate McFarland are engaged. Nick is a health and physical education teacher with the Bangor Area School District. His fiancee is a pharmacy technician with CVS Pharmacy in East Stroudsburg. They are planning a June 21, 2008 wedding.

Colin McEvoy ’06 and Lynn Olanoff announce their engagement. Colin is a reporter at the New Jersey Herald in Newton, N.J. His fiancee is a reporter at the Express-Times in Easton.

Michael Moynihan ’06 and Michele Smallacombe are planning a wedding for July 4, 2008. Michael is pursing his master’s at ESU. Michele is employed with the East Stroudsburg Area School District.

Roy Thompson ’06 and Lauren Mann ’06 announce their engagement.

Drew Nesbitt ’07 and Amanda Bradbury plan to be married in January 2009. Drew is pursuing a doctorate degree in physical therapy at Arcadia University. His fiancee is a sergeant in the National Guard and a senior at East Stroudsburg University.
Krysia Niemoczynski ’77 and Troy Caldwell were married April 2 at the Venetian in Las Vegas, and live in Milford. Krysia is a reading specialist at Dingman-Delaware Valley Middle School, and Troy works for Altec Lansing Technologies in Milford.

Audrey Ervin ’97 and Philip Sloper got married on June 23. Patrick Shevlin ’98 was a groomsman. ESU classmates who attended included Michelle Stahl ’97, Rob Williams ’97 and Mark Stalbird ’08. The couple live in Warrington. Audrey is an assistant professor of psychology at Delaware County Community College, and Philip is a construction foreman.

Erin Kelly ’98 and Anthony Garaguso were wed on Aug. 12, 2006 at St. Denis Church in Manasquan, N.J. Included in the bridal party were ESU alumni Rachel Law Belville ’99 and Shannon Healy Midlarsky ’99. Also attending were Rosann Luchansky ’99 and Christine Arty ’99. Erin is a special education teacher at Crossroads North Middle School in South Brunswick, N.J. and Anthony is a manager of package development for Revlon in New York City. The couple live in Matawan, N.J.

Jeanine Lewis ’99 and Kyle Planner were united in marriage on June 15, at High Acres Park in Canadensis, and are living in Cresco. Jeanine is pursuing a master’s degree in education. Kyle is employed with J.A. Reinhardt and Company and is also a volunteer firefighter with Barrett Township Fire Department.

Amy Gomes ’99 and Alfred Petersen had a wedding on April 22, 2006 at Beach Club Estates in Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. Beth Sobodacha Comeau ’99 was in the bridal party. Helping them celebrate were James Weaver Jr. ’97, Heather Distler Cerrone ’99, Karen Hammerer Devine ’00, Patricia Edinger ’99, Janet Brauer Mylan ’09, Tiffany Edwards Nesheiwat ’99, and Heather Schenkel ’00. Amy is a third-grade teacher for the New York City Board of Education in Brooklyn, N.Y. Alfred is an air conditioning mechanic in New York City. The couple live in Brooklyn.

Lisa Ernst ’02 and Chad Moynihan exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 5, 2006 at the Conewago Chapel in Hanover.

Stephanie Paige ’03 and James Hardy, Jr. were united in marriage on May 19 at the Cherry Lane United Methodist Church in Tannersville, the village where they live. Stephanie is a graduate student at Walden University and James is employed with LTS Builders in East Stroudsburg.

Annmarie Krothe M’03 and Jeffrey Petroff were wed on Oct. 7, 2006, and are living in Wilmington, N.C. Attending were Jessica Moose Tucker ’03, and Deborah Mann ’03.

Thea Abel ’05 and Barry Sommers, Jr. were married on May 5 at the Parkside Chapel in Henryville. They live in Canadensis and both work for Barry’s company, Barry Sommers Transmission in Mountainhome.

Becki Fidler ’05 and Bryan Slotten exchanged wedding vows on July 14 and are living in East Stroudsburg. Becki is a teacher at the Middle Smithfield Elementary School. Bryan is a real estate agent and production coordinator with H&S Homes, Inc.

Matthew Borger ’05 and Rachel Stinson were wed on July 7 in an outdoor ceremony at the Delaware Water Gap Country Club. The couples live in Kunkletown. Matt is a trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police, and Rachel works for Holiday Hair in Brodheadsville.

Ashley Rutt ’06 and Stan Breidinger were married July 7 at Packer Memorial Chapel in Bethlehem. Alumni Vanessa Savoia ’06, Kathryn Andrews ’06, Melissa Medel ’05 and Sherry Cuthbert Breidinger ’03 were in the wedding party. Ashley and Stan are 6th grade special education teachers with the Easton Area School District and live in Pen Argyl.

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Births

Dina Priovolos Colonias ’89 and James Colonias, Mountainside, N.J., announce the birth of their daughter, Melina Georgia Colonias, born June 14.

Amy Eisenhauer Craig ’92 and John Craig, Billings, Mont., now have a son, Luke McKinney Craig, born Aug. 2. He joins big sister Katie.

Mary Barry Simmons ’92 and Michael Simmons, Seaford, N.Y., added to their family Sept. 24, 2006, with the birth of daughter, Kiera Maeve Simmons. She joins big sisters Kerry, age 4 and Katelyn, age 3.

Christine Schifano Paroby ’92 and Stephen Paroby, Duryea, have a son, Jacob Stephen Paroby, born Feb. 27.

Cheryl Weikel Hauck ’94 and Michael Hauck, Hawthorne, Calif., announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Presley Hauck, born June 5.

Heather Distler Cerrone ’99 and Chad Cerrone, Saylorsburg, have a son, Brady Michael Cerrone, born July 31.

Jaime Oster Chicaelese ’00 and Michael Chicaelese ’01, Ebervale, have a baby daughter, Milena Elizabeth Chicaelese, born March 8.

Amber Holloway Berg ’03 and Stephen Austin Berg ’04, Whitehall, announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Leigh Berg, born on July 12.

Gary Schubert M’04 and Flora Schubert, Delaware Water Gap, have a baby boy, Andrew Louis Schubert, born April 28.

Jessica Tombs Howard ’05 and Jarrod Howard ’04, Fort Rucker, Ala., have a daughter, Lilly Jeanne Howard, born May 21.

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The campus is mourning the loss of Dr. Ralph M. Vitello, longtime chairman of the Foreign Languages Department.

His enthusiasm for teaching, his belief in the importance of helping students from working-class backgrounds and his natural charisma made him one of the most popular teachers on campus.

Dr. Vitello died on Sept. 11 in his hometown of Buffalo, N.Y., of complications from pneumonia. He was 77.

The university and the local community remembered Dr. Vitello at a memorial service and reception on campus. Many stories about Dr. Vitello’s unique relationship with students were recalled in a story written about his passing in the Pocono Record.

He was known for booming out *Bonjour*! to start every French class, which students often offered back in return when passing him in the halls.

He was a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Buffalo. He earned his doctorate in French language and literature from Yale University, and received a fellowship to the prestigious Sorbonne University in Paris.

His command of French and grasp of French Renaissance literature led to his appointment as an assistant professor at Yale as soon as he graduated in 1980.

Dr. Vitello was at Yale until 1987, then taught at UCLA, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Puget Sound before he became an associate professor of French at ESU in 1989.

During his time leading ESU’s Foreign Languages Department, the number of languages taught tripled. In addition to Spanish, French and German, Dr. Vitello pushed to add Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Latin to the catalog.

Memorial contributions for a scholarship in memory of Prof. Ralph Vitello can be made payable and sent to the East Stroudsburg University Foundation, 200 Prospect Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

In Memoriam

Hilda Brownlee ’34
Elsie Hoffman Heinsohn ’40
Lois Rhodes Ermler ’50

Edward Belet ’51
Celia Colaiaco Leonard ’51
Gerald “Jerry” Murray ’53
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Robert Wilson ’62

Gillum King ’63
Merle Pedrick ’75
Theresa Rogerwick Kling ’90
Leah Gumpper ’01

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Want to find an old classmate? Need all the details about an upcoming alumni event or reunion? Want to update your contact information? Other exciting services are available on the ESU alumni on-line community including up-to-date information on all regional events, career assistance, alumni benefits including discount car and homeowners’ insurance, book store items and ESU license plates. You can find all of this and more when you log on to www.esualumni.org.

Use your ID#, printed above your name on the address label on this issue, to get started!
University honors its faculty authors

Fourteen ESU faculty members and an administrator were honored at the third annual University Authors Reception Nov. 6. All the honorees authored and published one or more books during 2006:

- Dr. Susan Amirian, assistant professor of media communication and technology, “Create Your Digital Portfolio: The Fast Track to Career Success.”
- Dr. Domenico Cavaiuolo, associate professor of special education and rehabilitation, and Dr. Daniel Steere, professor of special education and rehabilitation, “Growing up: Transition to Adult Life for Students with Disabilities.”
- Dr. Barbara Collins, professor of sociology, “Crisis and Trauma: Developmental-ecological Intervention.”
- Dr. John Dublanica (pen name: John Stephens), adjunct professor of professional and secondary education, “Rude Promenade.”
- Dr. Gregory Dwyer, assistant professor of movement studies and exercise science, “ACSM’s Metabolic Calculations Handbook.”
- Dr. T. Storm Heter, assistant professor of philosophy, “Sartre’s Ethics of Engagement: Authenticity and Civic Virtue.”
- Dr. Kenneth Mash, associate professor of political science, “A Novel Approach to Politics: Introducing Political Science through Media and Popular Culture.”
- Dr. Robert McKenzie, professor of communication studies, “Comparing Media from Around the World.”

It pays to be ESU alumni!

Have you visited the East Stroudsburg University Alumni Services Web site lately? Check out some of the great benefits offered to ESU grads:

- Liberty Mutual Insurance offers graduates up to 30 percent off their automobile, home or renters insurance.
- Bank of America (formerly MBNA) Master Card - Call your Alumni Office at (800) 775-8975 or visit your Alumni Services Web site at www.advancement.esu.edu and click on Alumni Relations for more information on the great benefits that are available to ESU grads.

Dr. Robert J. Dillman, front row center, hosted the third annual University Authors Reception on Nov. 6. Honored for their work were:

First row: Dr. Michael Gray, left, and Dr. Fred Misurella, right.
Second row, from left: Dr. Daniel Steere, Dr. Peter Hawkes, Dr. Gregory Dwyer, and Dr. Barbara Collins.
Third row, center: Dr. Robert McKenzie.
Fourth row, from left: Dr. Kenneth Mash, Dr. Domenico Cavaiuolo and Dr. Susan Amirian.
Fifth row, from left: Dr. Stephanie Romano, Dr. Julianne Albiero-Walton; Distinguished Professor Dr. Edith Miller M’85, and Dr. T. Storm Heter.

- Dr. Fred Misurella, professor of English, “Lies to Live By: Stories.”
- Dr. Stephanie Romano, assistant professor of reading, a co-editor with Dick Heyler, Linda Reilly, and Diane Skiffington Dickson, “The Oral History Project: Connecting Students to Their Community, Grades 4-8.”
- Dr. Edith Miller M’85, professor, academic enrichment and learning, and coordinator of disability services, and Dr. Julianne Albiero-Walton, assistant professor, academic enrichment and learning, “UDL: Universal Design in Learning for Educators.”
- Dr. Peter Hawkes, dean of the school of arts and sciences, was this year’s administrative honoree for his book with John Desmund titled “Adaptation: Studying Film and Literature.”

A display of the authors’ books and their biographies are on display in the foyer of the Kemp Library.
Distinguished professors honored for 2007

ESU presented its 2007 Distinguished Professor Awards to Dr. Edith Miller M’85, professor of academic enrichment and learning and director of disability services, and Dr. Jane E. Huffman, professor of biological sciences.

The awards are the highest faculty honor and recognize outstanding contributions in teaching, scholarship, creative endeavor, and service to the university or community. Twenty professors have received ESU’s Distinguished Professor honor since the award was established in 2000.

Dr. Miller established the Office of Disability Services at ESU. She came to the university in 1987 as the part-time learning skills coordinator in the department of academic enrichment and learning, when ESU had 27 students identified as having disabilities. In 1990, Dr. Miller became the full-time faculty director of disability services.

The Office of Disability Services now serves nearly 400 undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities. The increase in students reflects both a national trend and the growing reputation of ESU’s Office of Disability Services.

In addition to recommending accommodations for students with disabilities, Dr. Miller has been an advocate for disabilities awareness at ESU. She has spearheaded the development of three programs to foster academic success and social development on campus:

- College Achievement Training Seminars, offered to first-year students with identifiable disabilities
- Delta Alpha Pi, founded as the first honors society in the nation established specifically to recognize the academic accomplishments of university students with disabilities.
- “Project Eye-to-Eye,” a national service-learning project that pairs university students who have disabilities as mentors to elementary or middle school students with similar disabilities.

Dr. Miller earned her bachelor of arts degree in English at Gettysburg College, a masters degree in education (reading) at ESU, and her doctorate in the psychology of reading from Temple University.

She teaches courses in reading, special education, and media communications at ESU. She is an active scholar in disabilities education and assessment, with multiple publications, and presents frequently at national and international conferences.

Dr. Huffman has been a member of the ESU faculty since 1986, and has been a major influence on students in the biological sciences.

As director of the Applied DNA Sciences Center—Northeast Wildlife DNA Laboratory, Dr. Huffman models the active role of the scientist for all her research students.

The work done in the lab has been invaluable to local physicians, a number of state wildlife agencies, and pharmaceutical and bio-tech companies.

One of the recent projects involves the study of New Jersey black bears, which provides another opportunity for ESU students to gain field experience.

She has also dedicated her expertise to the State of Pennsylvania’s scientific community as an active member of the Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences since 1993, and served as president for two years.

A prolific scholar, Dr. Huffman has edited the book, Wildlife Diseases, published more than 50 articles in peer-reviewed journals, and written a laboratory manual, Microbiology.

Since joining ESU’s faculty, Dr. Huffman has continued her own medical education, and this year she expects to complete a master’s degree in public health at ESU.

Dr. Huffman earned a bachelor of arts degree and a master of science degree from the University of Connecticut, and her doctorate from Rutgers University.

She teaches courses in applied microbiology, pathogenic microbiology, virology, and wildlife diseases among others.
Two alumni join ESU Foundation board

The ESU Foundation has named two alumni to its board of directors.

The ESU Foundation solicits contributions for ambitious fund-raising programs that augment the university’s financial resources in order to fund strategic projects and initiatives, including the $35 million Science and Technology Center now under construction.

The ESU Foundation was incorporated in 1986 to provide the university with a mechanism to raise and manage private contributions and endowments.

During the past five years it has distributed more than $4 million of support for scholarships, student activities, faculty grants, building renovation projects and other programs that have enhanced ESU’s ability to fulfill its mission. The Foundation also manages a $14.7 million endowment that helps future generations of students.

David Dunning ’74 of Charlotte, N.C., has been in the global power industry for 32 years and is a senior vice president of sales, marketing, and strategic planning for the Fluor Power Business Group, a division of the Fortune 500 Company, Fluor Corporation.

The Fluor Corporation is an international engineering, procurement, construction and maintenance company. He serves, with Power’s president, on the executive management team for Fluor’s Power Business Group and in the past seven years has closed, both personally and through management oversight, some $15 billion of new energy projects built globally.

Dunning has also closed contracts with values exceeding $3.1 billion in revenue and has managed the Power sales group in the successful closure of more than $13 billion of new award revenue.

He also serves on Fluor’s corporate sales board, chairman of the Sales People Development Forum, is a member of the Eastern Region People Development Forum, and sits on the board of directors for Powerspan, a nation firm which develops and markets innovative, clean energy technologies for the electric power industry.

A native of Nescopeck, Dunning has completed graduate executive education programs at Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School. He is married to the former Christina Wright and has three daughters Brooke, Lauren and Abby.

Timothy J. White ’83 of Atlanta, Ga., is a senior vice president of Bank of America Leasing, where he is responsible for middle market leasing and equipment financing sales and marketing activities on the east coast.

He joined Bank of America in 1989 as a regional sales manager in the Northeast. Before that, he was area manager for GE Capital in the Philadelphia market.

After many assignments managing sales teams across the United States, White was recognized as a top producing sales manager in his group and was named to his current position in 2005, managing a sales team of 30 and responsible for annual production of over $1.3 billion.

He is responsible for revenue generation, P&L, and balance sheet management. Additionally, White is tasked with the development of new market and products for Bank of America. Current markets covered are general industries, healthcare and institutions.

White received his bachelor’s degree from ESU in economics with a minor in computer science and has attended graduate school at the University of Baltimore and St. Joseph’s University. White has contributed articles to various journals and is a member of the King’s Ridge Christian School Finance Board. He is also an active participant in various civic and charitable organizations.
The new Science and Technology Center:
Tomorrow’s reality keeps getting closer

ESU’s new Science and Technology Center is 60 percent complete. Work has begun on the new dome observatory that will have a 360-degree view. Stairs and handicapped-accessible ramps to the telescope mount are installed. The windowscaping to the observatory’s south façade is complete and the glass curtain walls around the monumental stairs will be complete soon.

The framework for a glass-walled walking bridge connecting the second floor of the new building to the second floor of the Moore Biology building is also scheduled to be put in place soon.

The new 124,000-square-foot Science and Technology Center, the largest academic building on campus, will be open for the fall 2008 semester.

The building will include: 17 teaching laboratories, nine research laboratories, 5,000 square feet of other laboratory space, nine classrooms, a planetarium, a multi-use, 200-seat auditorium, a rooftop observatory, a large reception area, and faculty offices.

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Go online and watch the Science and Technology Center construction LIVE on the campus webcam, trained on the building site from the top of the Moore Biology Building next door.
Good food, great people, and one fantastic night! East Stroudsburg University thanked members of the President’s Circle (annual donors of $1,500 and more) at the President’s Gala ’07 on Sept. 14. Alumni and friends came from near and far to participate in this magical evening that featured friendship and dancing.

President Robert Dillman and Dr. Victoria Sanders, associate vice president for special projects, diversity and equity.

Above, from left: Calvin Douglas, friend of ESU; Dr. Patricia Graham, chair of the Department of Intercultural and Interdisciplinary Studies, and Wayne Bolt, chair of the Prince Hall Educational Scholarship Golf Classic.

Sam Niedbala ’82 and Linda-Lee Troiani-Niedbala ’83, chairs of the Comprehensive Campaign.

Joe Heverin ’63, chair of the ESU Foundation, and his wife, Joanne Montague Heverin ’64.
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In return for a gift of $10,000 or more, ESU can offer you (and someone else if you wish) fixed income for life.

The annuity rate the ESU Foundation can offer is determined by your age(s) and current IRS interest rates.

**Sample Annuity Rates**
*Based on gift of $100,000*

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Annuity rates available are subject to change, but once your charitable gift annuity is set up, the annuity rate remains fixed.

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Charitable Remainder Trust: Flexible life-income plan helps you as it helps ESU

This is the third in a series of articles that Doug Lockwood ’88 has been asked to write for the ESU Office of Advancement, illustrating some effective estate planning and gifting techniques that are available to all ESU alumni and donors. This article addresses Charitable Remainder Trusts.

In 1969, the U.S. Congress created a new type of trust that helped charities and not-for-profit organizations generate more revenue for their causes.

In the past decade, this trust has been steadily gaining in popularity. This vehicle allows taxpayers to reduce estate taxes, eliminate capital gains, claim an income tax deduction, and benefit charities instead of the IRS. This type of trust is technically a Charitable Uni-Trust, but is more commonly known as a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT).

This is the “premier” life-income plan because of its flexibility. Under this plan, you are free to choose:

- The amount of income you need,
- Whether your payment is to be fixed or variable,
- The beneficiaries you want to receive the income (including yourself),
- How long your trust will last,
- From cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or marketable real estate for funding your trust.

Features of this gift plan include:

- **Income for life.** You receive a payment, either monthly, quarterly, or annually, in an amount equal to either a fixed percentage of your initial contribution to your trust, or a fixed percentage of the annual value of your trust, at the rate you need (most donors have been choosing from 5 to 7 percent), paid to you for the rest of your life, or for a term of years if that’s what you want.

- **Multiple beneficiaries.** You may choose one, two, or three or more income beneficiaries under this plan – you; or you and your spouse; or you, your spouse, and your children; and so on.

- **Income tax savings.** You receive a sizeable income tax charitable deduction which you can use in the year you make your gift to your trust, and for five more years until it’s used up.

- **No reduction for capital gains tax.** As a tax-exempt organization, the ESU Foundation will pay no capital gains tax if it sells the assets gifted, so the assets you use to fund your trust are valued at full market value.

- **Tax-favored payments.** If you gift appreciated assets to your trust, a significant portion of the trust payments made to you will be taxable at the lower capital gains rate.

- **Funding options.** Fund your trust with cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or marketable real estate, having a value of $25,000 or more.

PLANNING NOTE: If your investments have a concentration in, let’s say, one particular highly appreciated common stock, then this gift plan is a great way to achieve diversification and receive more income – without taking a “hit” from capital gains taxes.

Doug Lockwood ’88 is a partner at Harbor Lights Financial Group, Inc., a wealth management firm in Manasquan, N.J.

If you are interested in creating a Charitable Remainder Trust or have any questions about giving to ESU, please contact ESU’s experts in the Office of University Advancement, Vincent Dent at (570) 422-3936 or Robert Kelley ’71 at (570) 422-3531.
East Stroudsburg University has a unique opportunity to install synthetic turf on the Eiler-Martin and Whitenight athletic fields. Our goal is to raise the final $400,000 to complete this project. ESU football and soccer teams use the Eiler-Martin athletic field; women’s lacrosse and field hockey teams use Whitenight athletic field, often throughout the same season. Most PSAC institutions already have artificial turf or are planning to install it soon.

**BENEFITS:**

**Lower maintenance cost**
Artificial turf requires no mowing, watering, or fertilizing, and it never needs reseeding.

**Environmentally friendly**
Lower water use, plus the removal of significant amounts of fertilizer and pesticides means safer field conditions. Also, synthetic turf is made of recycled materials.

**Fields usable any time**
Synthetic turf is available to use 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the year and it does not become muddy.

**Fewer injuries**
The new synthetic fields have a superior quality playing surface. The flatness and uniformity of the new synthetic fields will provide better and safer opportunities for ground sports.
For the latest information on these and other events, visit www.esualumni.org or call the Alumni Office at (570) 422-3533.

December 15
Holiday Dinner Dance at Skytop
Nothing in the Poconos is as nice during the holiday season as Skytop Lodge and Resort. You’ll have a chance to attend holiday workshops and then enjoy a scrumptious meal prepared by a guest chef and cap the evening off with dancing! Tickets can be purchased for only $50 per person.

January TBD
Warrior Invasion — Las Vegas
ESU is coming to a backyard near you! More details on a fun filled weekend in the “Entertainment Capital of the World” will be announced shortly. Call the Alumni Office for more information or visit the website.

February 1
Washington D.C. Area Happy Hour
Share some stories and some cheer at this Happy Hour at the Fairview Marriott Hotel at 3111 Fairview Park Drive in Falls Church, Va. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided, cash bar beginning at 6:30 p.m.

February 29
Florida Alumni Events
The annual events in Florida will start in Englewood and continue across the state. More details will be mailed to alumni in the “Sunshine State” and will be announced shortly. Call the Alumni Office for more information or visit the website.

March 30
Washington, DC Area Brunch

May 30-31
Alumni Weekend
If your class ends in a “3” or an “8,” plan to reunite with classmates for a memorable weekend. Each class needs volunteers. If you can help, please contact the Alumni Office.

October 4
Homecoming 2008
Everyone’s favorite event! Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

Other events in the making:
- Third Annual Couples’ Night
- Warrior Invasion: Montgomery County, Pa.
- Bucks County, Pa.
- Atlanta
- North Carolina

Upcoming Events

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