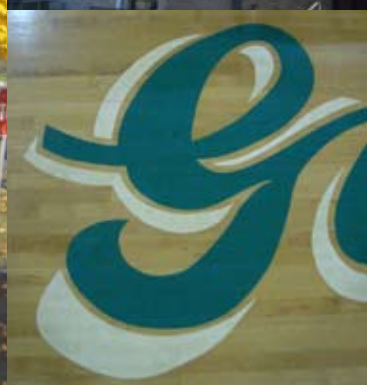
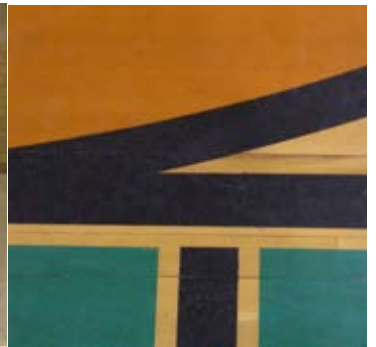




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Alumni News

Joseph Klocek '72 was recently named director of the Scholarship Partners Foundation and director of advancement for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Greensburg. The Scholarship Partners Foundation raises funds through the EITC program (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) and awards need-based financial assistance to families of students attending Catholic schools.

Joe has 32 years experience in the banking industry, including positions as senior vice president for retail banking for Centra Bank, Inc. and vice president at First National Bank of Pennsylvania in Irwin and Herminie, Promistar Bank, and National City Bank in Greensburg.

He has also served in a variety of positions at his parish and has been on the Diocesan Finance Council for 23 years.

Joe will also assist in fundraising and development efforts at the 15 diocesan elementary schools as well as at Greensburg Central and Geibel.

Joe and his wife Paula (Rudnik '72) reside in Mt Pleasant. They have two children, Jeff '99 and Kristin '02.

Lori (Staines '80) Omatick is the development director of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus. Her responsibilities include developing annual goals and fundraising plans for the campus. Lori previously worked as business development manager at Advanced Acoustic Concepts Inc. and at Fay-Penn Economic Development Council in Uniontown, where she helped secure state funding for development projects throughout Fayette County.

Carol Gelet '81, a 1985 graduate of Seton Hill University, was named to the 2008 class of the Seton Hill University Hall of Fame. Carol earned recognition for leading the Clairton boys basketball team to the WPIAL Class A championship in 1996-97 and 1997-98. She is only the second woman in WPIAL history to coach a boys team, and the first to win a championship. Carol took over as the coach of women's basketball at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. She works as a special education teacher in the Clairton, PA school district.

Jack Ruane '84 writes that he still has the Atari that he brought for "show-and-tell" in Mr. O's class and it still works. He says he was offered \$5000 for it by Atari, but he is holding on to it for now. He started in software, but is now on the sales side of things. He sells for SAS to state and local government. SAS has developed solutions to help governments operate more intelligently.

Jack lives in Atlanta, married a girl from Fairchance, PA and has 2 boys, Jack (9) and Brett (6) a.k.a. "Fire and Gasoline".

Arnie Burchianti '89 is president and CEO of Celtic Healthcare, Inc., a Butler County-based company that he founded in 1997. Celtic Healthcare was named number one large company in the 2007 "Best Places to Work in Western Pennsylvania" and was ranked fifth out of Pittsburgh's 100 fastest growing companies by the Pittsburgh Business Times. In 2008, Celtic Healthcare was recognized by internationally-renowned PeopleKeys Inc. for receiving unprecedented benchmark-setting results in the healthcare industry through an employee quality and satisfaction survey.

Adam Korona '92 graduated in 1997 from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering and mechanical engineering. In 2002 he earned a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Maryland. He and his wife Sarah were married on July 7, 2007 by Adam's cousin, **Rev. William Lechner '82**.

The day after they were married they traveled to Amsterdam and then to Tanzania, where they climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and spent a few days on safari in the Serengeti.

Since that time, Adam has traveled on business to Singapore and Australia for 6 weeks in 2008. Adam and Sarah also joined more than 20 family members for a trip to Poland in 2008, where they visited Adam's family roots and traveled in the country.

The Koronas live in League City, TX and work at the Johnson Space Center. Sarah trains astronauts and works in Mission Control, while Adam is working on the next generation of space suits for the Constellation program.

Shelly (Bortz '92) Ligashesky was named "Mrs. Pennsylvania" in August 2008 and vied for the national title of Mrs. America. She worked for several years as a news reporter and television anchor and now works as the public address announcer for the University of Pittsburgh womens basketball team.

Jennifer (Odroneic '92) Blout, a registered nurse, is co-owner of Tiny Seeds Learning Center in Uniontown.

Michael A. Wright '94 and his wife Laurie celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary on May 20. Their daughter Evie is three years old. Mike writes "I've been with the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) since July of 2006. The SEI is a Federally Funded Research and Development Center sponsored by the United States Department of Defense (DoD) and operated by Carnegie Mellon University. My primary responsibility is the management of the SEI's Intellectual Property, which is dominated by copyrighted material and a small Trademark portfolio. I am also frequently called upon to come up with creative solutions to stalemated negotiations and to be a liaison between our technical folks, government contracting officers, and defense contractors."

Tony Galluzzo '94 is employed by Advance Auto Parts. He was named Division Commercial Sales Manager for the Williamsport, PA area. Tony oversees all the commercial accounts associated with 15 retail stores.

Len Kolencik '94 is a graduate of the Duquesne University School of Pharmacy. He is an executive pharmacist with Target Corporation. He and his wife Lindsay reside in Streetsboro, OH with their two children, Samantha and Ian.

Brent Fedorko '95 earned his PhD in exercise physiology from the University of Pittsburgh in 2007. He received his master's degree in kinesiology from Penn State University where he was head student athletic trainer for several men's and women's teams. Brent is a certified athletic trainer and an assistant professor

of exercise science at Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD.

Margo (Orlando '95) Littell is a freelance writer living in Sacramento, California.

Dan Clara '96 is junior high principal in the Southmoreland School District. He previously taught at Mt. Pleasant Area Junior/Senior High School and served as assistant principal at Gateway High School in Monroeville, PA. Dan received his master's degree and administration certificate from Gannon University.

Rebecca (Kozel '96) Richter resides in Connellsville with her husband, Tim, her cat, Dakota, and her Lab, Algebra (Allie). She has been teaching mathematics at Mt. Pleasant Area High School for seven years. She has been an adjunct faculty member at the Community College of Allegheny County for the past eight years, teaching Fundamentals of Algebra and Calculus 3. During football season, Rebecca, and 4 other Geibel alumni work for the Pittsburgh Steelers, keeping live statistics for NFL.com. In her "free" time, Rebecca is a coach for the Mt. Pleasant Area High School cheerleading squad.

Dr. Angela (Steve '96) Moore graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WV and completed her pediatric residency at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus, OH where she was chief resident. She is currently employed in private practice at Helping Hands Pediatrics in South Bloomfield, OH. Angela and her husband Steve have one son, Mason, born May 5, 2005.

Bernard C. John '97 practices law at John & John, a general practice law firm in Uniontown. He received his undergraduate degree from Denison University and earned his law degree in June 2004 from Duquesne University School of Law.

Molly (Orlando '97) Palmiero has opened a music studio specializing in piano instruction in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.



Patrick (Skip) Stevenson '97 has served two tours in the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During the four years he served on active duty in Savannah, Georgia, Stevenson was a

platoon leader for a logistics unit that supported the liberation of Iraq in 2003. He was then recalled and mobilized from the Army's Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) in October 2007 to fill a vacant infantry officer slot in the 1-179th Infantry Battalion of the Oklahoma National Guard. During his nine months in southeast Iraq, Stevenson and his unit were responsible for securing Iraq's third largest base camp, patrolling the towns and road network surrounding it, and assisting with Iraqi infrastructure development. He returned from his second tour in October of 2008. Captain Stevenson received two Bronze Star Medals for his meritorious service, one for each combat tour.

Pat earned his B.A. in History from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 2001, and he earned an M.A. in Education from Villanova University in 2007. He is currently a marketing executive within Keystone Automotive Operations, the nation's largest warehouse-distributor of aftermarket auto parts. He resides with his wife Kristie, who is employed as a medical physicist in Scranton, and their son Paul (age 3) in Duryea, Pennsylvania.

Gerious T. (GT) George '99 received the Sol Siegel Award and the Shane Joseph Johnson Memorial Award given to students with the highest grade point average at the Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

Randi (Kessler '00) Chapman graduated from the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education in 2007 with a Master of Teaching degree in secondary English education. She currently teaches English at Nelson County High School in Lovingston, Virginia. Her husband Michael, a computer and electrical engineer, works for Meddius, LLC. They reside in Charlottesville, VA.

K. Arden Renze '03 received the Robert M. Naddour Award at Marietta College's Spring '08 Honors Convocation. Arden was a petroleum engineering major.

Kristin (Hozak '04) Consuegra is the assistant volleyball coach at Indiana University of PA where she is working towards her masters degree in sports management. Kristin and her husband have begun a videography business, KCDC Studios, which covers sporting events, school dances and weddings.

A LEGACY OF LEARNING

Geibel celebrates 45 years of academic excellence

The Geibel Community is proud to be celebrating this milestone in our history. For these many years, all who taught and those who learned formed a welcoming community that gets stronger with each passing year. Every graduate and each current student has made a commitment to the importance of an excellent education. Geibel continues to thrive and grow through the efforts of its alumni, parents, grandparents and friends.



A Call for Class Correspondents!

We are currently launching a call for Class Correspondents. This will be a wonderful way to keep all of us connected with classmates through news published in these newsletters. Class Correspondents will work to collect news and updated information via e-mail, snail mail, internet or phone. Then the correspondents can be tapped for information as deadlines for the newsletter approach. Consider becoming a Correspondent. If you are interested, contact Mrs. Marian (Gasbarro '72) Cadwallader at mcadwallader@geibelcatholic.org.

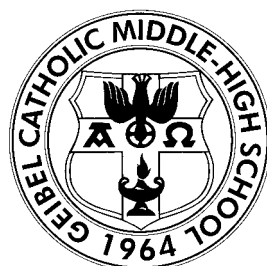
Katie Betler '06 is a senior English major with a minor in Secondary Education at Washington and Jefferson College. In January '09 Katie traveled to London, England with 33 other W&J students. As part of the 3-week adventure, Katie took the Eurostar train to Paris where she spent three days sightseeing. Katie has an internship this semester at a school in the Trinity School District in Washington, PA, and she enjoys spending time with her sorority sisters at the Delta Gamma sorority house on campus.

Jana Valenti '06 is a senior Sociology major at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. She is currently circumnavigating the globe on the Semester-at-Sea program (see accompanying article in this issue).

Jerome Nypaver '06 of Uniontown, was recently inducted as a member in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He is a senior at Michigan State University. He was honored during an induction convocation on the campus. Jerome is a member of the class of 2006 of Geibel and plans to be a veterinarian.

Gators Play at PNC Park

The Geibel baseball team took a break from its postseason schedule to play an exhibition game against the Connellsville Falcons on April 23rd at PNC Park, the home of the Pittsburgh Pirates. During the game, several Pirates were signing autographs along the third-base line. The big thrill for the players, though, was getting to play in a major-league field. Although the Falcons won 6-4, the Gators and their fans enjoyed every minute of the game. Through the generous donations of several benefactors to cover the cost of busing, the entire student body and faculty attended the game. Shown here chatting with David Shinsky '84, who is employed in Public Relations by the Pirate organization, are teachers Marian (Gasbarro '72) Cadwallader and Thomasine (Laskaris '69) Rose.



PROJECT LEAD THE WAY Gives Students Technology Edge



based course designed to give students an insight into the field of engineering and to encourage students to pursue careers in that field. Under the direction of science teacher Mrs. Toni Henderson, students participated in two 9-week units entitled "Design and Modeling" and "AutoDesk Inventor." PLTW is designed to complement students' math and science curriculum and to establish a solid background in engineering and technology at their level.

Geibel Catholic's seventh and eighth grade students were part of an exciting new pre-engineering curriculum that was offered for the first time at the school this year. "Project Lead the Way" is a hands-on project-

Mrs. Henderson is excited about the future possibilities of this program and hopes that "boys and girls alike will think of themselves as the 'little engineer that could!'"



Digital Keyboard Donated By Anonymous Alum

Mr. Nick Bell, our esteemed music teacher, was overjoyed that an anonymous alum donated the money needed for a new keyboard. The new keyboard is used at assemblies, Masses and of course in the music room. Maestro Bell is already busy planning for spring musical 2010, certain to be another Broadway extravaganza. Make plans to attend.

Floating Campus Home to '06 Grad Where in the world is Jana Valenti?



Jana Valenti, a senior at Seton Hall University, spent the spring semester of her junior year at sea circumnavigating the globe and studying world cultures. This is an article she wrote about her adventures:

Semester at Sea is a program that allows students to study abroad around the world—literally. I am currently one of 725 students on the spring voyage and from January 19 to May 6, 2009 we are traveling on a ship known as the MV Explorer to more than twelve countries. We departed from Nassau in the Bahamas in January

and since then have visited Spain, Morocco, Namibia, and South Africa. From here we will make stops in Mauritius, India, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Japan, Hawaii, and Guatemala before returning to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in May.

As we circumnavigate the globe, we take courses on the Explorer that range from biology and English, to art and photography, to international marketing and world religions and we are required to participate in faculty directed practica in each port that relate to the courses we take. Most students on Semester at Sea take twelve credits, or four classes, but the option is available to take five classes, which I am doing. My classes are Introductory Psychology, Demography Sociology, Zoology, Religion and Politics in Islam, and Global Studies. The faculty members here have extensive experience in their respective fields and come from universities from all over the United States.

When we reach a port, we are free to travel independently within the country or with a Semester at Sea sponsored trip. In Spain I traveled to Seville, Cordoba, and Granada after exploring the port city of Cadiz. In Morocco I traveled to Marrakech and had the chance to shop in the souk markets there and ride a camel in the palm groves outside of the city. In Namibia I went to Etosha National Park and did a safari where we camped in the park and went on game drives to see giraffes, zebras, ostriches, lions, cheetahs, springbok and gemsbok in their natural habitat (which was absolutely amazing!). In South Africa, I spent the majority of our time there within Cape Town, our port city. I went on a trip to meet local jazz musicians and talk with them about their music and culture, visited Robben Island and saw the prison cell where Nelson Mandela spent 27 years of his life during the Apartheid, hiked Table Mountain, went to Boulder's Bay where hundreds of African penguins live, and went Great White shark diving off the southern-most coast of Africa.

My experience with Semester at Sea thus far has been life-changing. I never imagined that I would have such an amazing opportunity in my college career and even though I have been living on the Explorer and sailing for more than a month, I still find myself in awe of the astonishing places we visit and all of the incredible friends I've made. It is hard to imagine the amount of diversity I have experienced in such a short amount

of time and we haven't even made it to half of the countries! I'm looking forward to the rest of the semester here on the sea and I will forever look at the world and its people with a completely open mind thanks to this wonderful experience.



In Memoriam

We offer our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to the families of these deceased alumni.

Mary Antoinette (Molinaro '66) Keffer, June 27, 2007

Charles S. Rosendale '68, January 27, 2009.

Stephen Konetsko '69, December 29, 2007

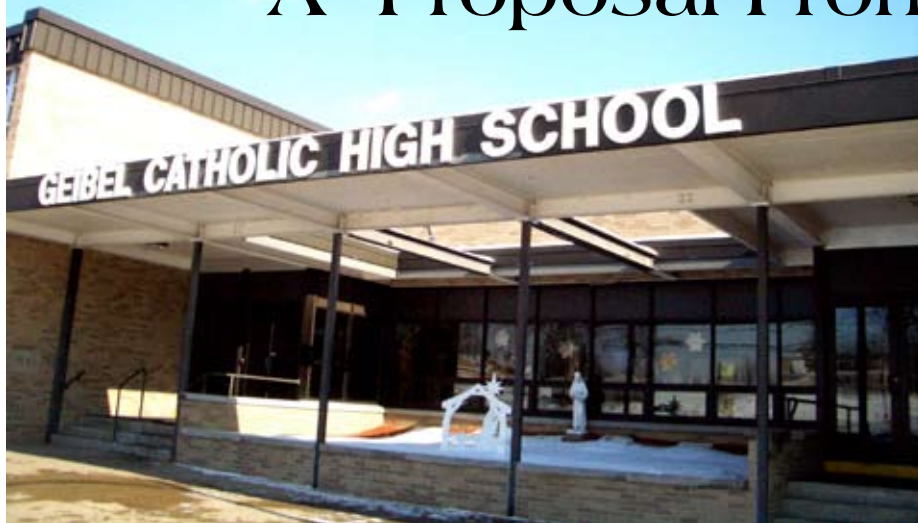
Frances (DeLeon) Kimberlin '70, September 12, 2008

Donald R. Baluch '82, July 2, 2007

Harry Burnsworth '77, July 5, 2007

John M. Pisula, Sr. '83, April 12, 2008

Submitted for Your Approval, A Proposal From Mr. O



Here is a chance to join the past and the present



What do I hear a lot lately? "Are you still teaching at Geibel?" I know they mean no harm, but do they ask their doctor if he is still a doctor; or a lawyer if she is still a lawyer? Well, you get the idea. Of course I'm still here ... it's what I do, and still enjoying every day. Of course with rapidly advancing old age (which I deny at every possible chance), I do start thinking about past grads. Where are you? What are you doing? Me? Well, both of my daughters are married and I have one liv-

ing in Sacramento and one in DC. I have been married for thirty-six years, life is good and my classroom still looks like an imaginarium. (Cluttered? It's on the far side of cluttered!) But here is my proposal: I would love to hear back from as many of you as possible. If you send in an update form, your news can appear in the next newsletter. When I read these newsletters, I always wish there was more alumni news. It seems that just about every week I get a surprise email from a past student. That really makes my day! (Lots of emails at Christmas time mentioned Suzy Snowflake.) But I want to hear from more... lots more. Naturally, I immediately share your stories in the faculty dining room, and we all take a trip down memory lane. Your story is the starting point for lots of "Remember when" stories. (Mrs. Hillen is the undisputed queen of Geibel trivia. No matter who you are, when I bring up your name at lunch, Mrs. Hillen always has a story about you or your class.)

This will also be a great way to update our alumni records. (Mrs. Rose and I would love to create a list of all the math teachers who have graduated from Geibel ... and probably still using the Pythagorean Theorem Song). Fill out the update form, tell us what you have been doing and maybe include a comment about your Geibel days. A Thank You letter from me will be our way of showing appreciation for your gift. This is going to be a fun project. And the next newsletter will be overflowing with news and updates.

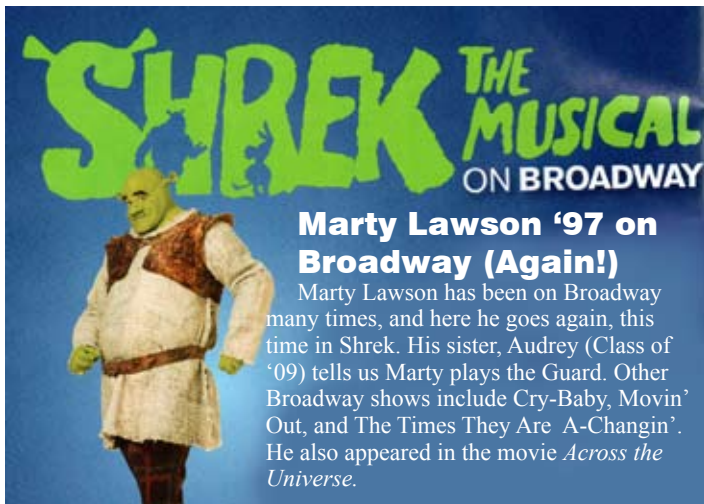
The square of the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the two adjacent sides.

The dynamic duo of Misiak and Fedorko Retire in June 2008

Longtime Geibel Ambassadors and Beloved Teachers plan for a well-deserved retirement after many years of service.

Geibel history is full of stories of these two men. They were a part of Geibel for so many years, and were our unofficial goodwill ambassadors. Bob and Ken (you always say their name together) will be missed. They gave so many years of service that this tribute cannot capture the spirit and professionalism they brought to their jobs. Good luck, guys, we will always remember you. You are always welcome at Geibel. No matter what, you will always be a Geibel Gator.





Marty Lawson '97 on Broadway (Again!)

Marty Lawson has been on Broadway many times, and here he goes again, this time in *Shrek*. His sister, Audrey (Class of '09) tells us Marty plays the Guard. Other Broadway shows include *Cry-Baby*, *Movin' Out*, and *The Times They Are A-Changin'*. He also appeared in the movie *Across the Universe*.

Geibel Looks to the Future With eAcademy Online Coursework Offerings

Do You Moodle? The virtual classroom has arrived at Geibel!

Four Geibel teachers have received over 30 hours of intense training at Westmoreland Intermediate Unit's "eAcademy" where they learned how to develop online educational programs. Through eAcademy, teachers utilized a software package called "Moodle", short for "modular concept online distant learning environment". Moodle software is designed to help educators create quality online courses. It can be used entirely as an online class, or it can supplement work taught in a traditional classroom.

At Geibel, Mr. Nick Bell, Mrs. Marian (Gasbarro '72) Cadwallader, Mr. Scott Procko and Mrs. Thomasine (Laskaris '69) Rose have all received or are currently undergoing eAcademy training. Mrs. Cadwallader incorporated parts of her Moodle course into her 7th grade Introduction to French class last semester. Students had the opportunity to hear her lessons re-taught on the diocesan eAcademy website. They could review material presented in class and view supplemental videos that enhanced each lesson. Mrs. Cadwallader feels that "today's students are accustomed to learning by using the computer. It's really exciting to see them use the Moodle course to master what is presented in class. It really helps their French pronunciation."

Mrs. Rose, who is currently designing an Algebra II class, noted that "it will be great for students who are out for an extended illness and need to catch up to their classmates." Mr. Procko is optimistic that students in his elective Literature course "will use Moodle to supplement their course material with audio and visual clips that enrich the literature experience in a way that 'traditional' classroom teaching cannot." Mr. Bell is designing an Introduction to Music class which will focus on various periods of music, instruments, music notation, musical theatre and the History of Rock and Roll from the 1950's to present. Mr. Bell acknowledges that much work goes into designing a Moodle course, but that the students will benefit in the long run. "They're going to love Moodle!"

More Alumni News

Christy (Fedorko) Moore '91 and husband, Michael, of Gibsonia, PA welcomed their second child, Evan Scott, on May 20, 2009. Evan has an older brother, Nathaniel. The boys are the proud grandsons of Carol and Robert Fedorko, long-time social studies teacher and coach at Geibel.

Ben Chambers '06, a senior political science major and theology minor at St. Vincent College, is spending this semester studying in Rome, Italy, at John Cabot University. At St. Vincent he is active in student government and has served as a residence hall assistant. He recently completed an internship with federal judge William Baughman of the Ohio Northern district.

Seventh Consecutive WPIAL Qualification for Girls Basketball

Under the direction of head coach Patrick Klocek '80 and assistant coach Tammy Erdely, the Lady Gators qualified for the WPIAL Basketball tournament for the 7th consecutive season. Their record for the season was 11 wins and 10 losses.

The roster for this year's team included three seniors: Melissa Martin, daughter of Rita (Novak '76) and Dennis Martin '76; Ashley Rulli, daughter of LeAnn and David Rulli, and Julianne Speeney, daughter of Mary Jane (Kosisko '78) and Mike Speeney '77.

With a solid core of players returning, including 4 starters and 5 letter winners, the Lady Gators and their coaches are already anticipating next year's season.

Geibel Catholic Welcomes New Principal John Lipchik



John Lipchik, former principal of St. Bernard School in Indiana, PA, was named principal of Geibel at the end of July. He succeeds Vincent Mascia '75, who retired from Geibel after 24 years of service, eight of which he served as principal.

"I am deeply honored to be appointed to this position," Lipchik said. "Geibel Catholic has a long and distinguished history of providing an excellent Catholic education to the young people of this community."

Mr. Lipchik graduated from Bishop Canevin High School in Pittsburgh and taught social studies at Avonworth High School for 10 years. He has a master's degree in educational leadership from Carnegie Mellon University and a master's of education from the University of Pittsburgh. He understands the importance of Catholic education and is happy to return to a high school setting.

"The moral and spiritual guidance which I received at a Catholic high school has been a key factor in many of the important decisions I have made throughout my life. The academic foundation I was given is the cornerstone on which I have built my advanced education and career. I want no less for each and every student at Geibel Catholic."



Dr. Evan Braun '97 has recently opened Braun Chiropractic office in Uniontown. Evan completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Utah and graduated summa cum laude from New York Chiropractic College in 2008 where he was a member of the Phi Chi Omega honor society. During his clinical rotations he was an intern at Buffalo Veterans Hospital, the Depew Health Center and the Buffalo Salvation Army. Dr. Braun is a certified provider of the Graston technique, which helps remove scar tissue and adhesion formed by traumatic injury or repetitive stress trauma.

Dr. Rosemary Bertocci '79 and her husband Dr. Francis Rohlf traveled to Jamaica and Haiti this year for service-learning programs at Saint Francis University, Loretto PA and Mount Aloysius College in Cresson PA. Rosemary is the Chair of the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department at Saint Francis University in Loretto.

From the Archives.....



Geibel Class of 1979 enjoys a tour of the school led by Mr. O

Front row, from left: Karen (Sparks) Nedley, Lori (Ambrisco) Stefan, Mary (Mickey Ruggieri) Dreliszak, and Rosemary Bertocci.
Back row, from left: Kelly (Seese) Alio, AnnaMarie (Kiliany) Rosky, Jim Hood, George Lieb, Mr. Larry Orlando and John Malone.

To spend four years in a place like Geibel is to see what a young person can be when encouraged by committed teachers and by engaged parents who can give them wide-ranging opportunities.

Original Copy of the Alma Mater found in Mrs. Severin's files

Mrs. Severin always had a trick up her sleeve. And in this case she also had a secret in her filing cabinet. Mrs. Cadwallader and Mr. Orlando unearthed the original manuscript of the Geibel Alma Mater while sorting through some of the "intellectual clutter" of their beloved co-worker and longtime Geibel English teacher, Mrs. Arlene Severin ('66). This handwritten composition will become part of our permanent collection in the halls at Geibel.



No one is sure why this picture has mysteriously surfaced recently, but it got Mr. Orlando to thinking. In a quick glance he saw it was a candid taken in his AP Calculus class back in 1995. But upon closer inspection, memories started flooding back. What a class it was. And more thoughts about what these students were doing since they left Geibel. Beth (Zelenak) Thomas, front seat, is a doctor in Sacramento, and the mother of twins Henry and Elena. Behind her is Margo (Orlando) Littell, living in Sacramento and using her MFA from Columbia as a free-lance writer. Rachel Kenney, the valedictorian of the class of '95 sits behind Margo, and just got her Doctorate in Mathematics from North Carolina State. She is now a professor at Purdue in Indiana. Bobby Duke is next, a graduate of Grove City College and now an electrical engineer for Lockheed Martin in New York. Across the aisle is Joe Galluzzo, a University of Dayton graduate, who is now an electrical engineer for IBM in Raleigh-Durham, NC. Almost out of sight is Laura (Kissinger) Smith, a Franklin and Marshal College graduate, recently married (see "Marriages") and is working in New York City as a corporate lawyer.

It would be fun to guess what information a picture taken this week in Mr. O's class will yield in ten years.

Marriages

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| '93 Carolyn Ford '93 and Robert BeHanna Jr., July 21, 2007 | Robert Ross, June 8, 2007 |
| '94 Kelly Checton '94 and Gary Demski, June 14, 2008 | '98 Jason Bandemer '98 and Brianna Strickler, June 16, 2007 |
| '95 Laura Kissinger '95 and Michael Keslosky, June 16, 2007 | '00 Lianne Bartock '00 and Christopher Lewis, October 20, 2007 |
| '95 Margo Orlando '95 and Andrew Littell, November 3, 2007 | '00 Randi Kessler '00 and Michael Chapman, April 26, 2008 |
| '96 Katrina Kozel '96 and Jeffrey Hughes, November 8, 2009 | '01 Lori Zatlakovicz '01 and Patrick Sopko '01, August 2, 2008 |
| '96 Shannon Litman '96 and Michael Tajc, December 30, 2006 | '04 Jenna Gratchic '04 and Jeremy Hoover, August 16, 2008 |
| '97 John Kissinger '97 and Autumn Foster (former Geibel Spanish teacher), August 16, 2008 | '04 Kristin Hozak '04 and Daniel Evan Consuegra, December 6, 2008 |
| '97 Molly Orlando '97 and Ian Palmiero, May 31, 2008 | '04 Katie McDowell '04 and Derrick Weir |
| '97 Jolaine Savarino '97 and | '04 Jessica Vilella '04 and Brian Fike, July 4, 2008 |



The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,
came at the evening, cold and gray,
to a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
through which was flowing a sullen tide,
the old man crossed in the twilight dim –
that sullen stream had no fears for him;
but he turned, when he reached
the other side,
and built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting strength in building here,
Your journey will end with the ending day;
you never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
why build you the bridge at the eventide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head.
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,
“There followeth after me today
a youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
to that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
good friend, I am building the bridge for him.”

Will Allen Dromgoole

REMEMBER

the place that gave you a start in life?

share the opportunity

MANY GRADUATES SAY THAT GEIBEL – WITH ITS DISTINGUISHED FACULTY, EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS AND TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE – TRANSFORMED THEM INTO WHO THEY ARE TODAY. WHY NOT CONSIDER GIVING SOMETHING BACK TO YOUR LIFE-CHANGING ALMA MATER? PRINT OUT THIS FORM AND SEND IT WITH OUR GIFT AND ALSO TAKE THIS CHANCE TO UPDATE YOUR ALUMNI FILES.

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Highlights from the Forty-Sixth Commencement Exercises



For the first time in 29 years, the prestigious Geibel Alumni Award was shared by two graduates, Mick Betler and Julianne Speeney.



'09 Grads And Their Alumni Parents

Seven members of the Class of 2009 are pictured with their parents after the Baccalaureate Mass on May 26, 2009. Front row left to right are: Julianne Speeney, Jerrod Goretsky, Steven Hensel, Melissa Martin, Rita (Novak '76) Martin, Rachael Rysz, Erwin Rysz '71, Joseph Laurion, Jane (Novak '73) Laurion. Back row left to right are: Michael Speeney '76, Mary Jane (Kosisko '79) Speeney, Lawrence Goretsky '75, Mary Ann (Shal '85) Hensel, Dennis Martin '76, James Andursky '76 and James Andursky Jr.



The speaker at Commencement was Arnold E. Burchianti II (Geibel Class of 1989).

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