

THE TOWER

WINTER 2010

SERVING ALUMNI, PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY



**STEVENS FINISHES SECOND
IN EASTERN PA COLLEGIATE
CONFERENCE! (SEE PAGE 7)**



President William E. Griscom

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Alumni and Friends:

The greatest challenge we face at Stevens is finding financially disadvantaged students who are qualified to enter our programs. Technology relentlessly becomes more complex, in turn requiring higher levels of competency in mathematics, science and computers. In addition, it is necessary to read proficiently at higher and higher levels in order to understand manuals, technical updates and professional journals required to remain current in the field. Concurrently, students who are significantly financially disadvantaged frequently come from schools which have not prepared them adequately in these areas. This under-preparedness is evidenced in their State and National test scores.

The combination of these factors has created a major challenge for the College over the last decade. Simply stated, how do we fulfill our mission of providing an opportunity through a technical education, so that financially disadvantaged students can change the circumstances of their lives? If we lower the standards and the content in our courses, then the education and degree they earn will not have value with employers in the marketplace. If we raise the standards so high that only a small number of financially disadvantaged students can enroll, we have failed to fulfill our mission.

The solution employed has been remedial or developmental education. This has been a process in which many different approaches have been tested. These approaches have included: single courses; summer school; lock-step full-year programs called T-Step and APEX. After many years of testing different approaches, the current model described below seems to be the most effective means for dealing with this problem at Stevens.

The current model still utilizes summer school prior to entrance in the fall semester, for students who are very close to meeting the regular program entrance requirements. Data indicates the summer school approach works well for students who are qualified. All other applicants who do not meet the entrance requirements are tested and if the gap between where they test and the level required for admission can be remediated within one year, they are admitted as a full-time "developmental" student for one year. A significant number of these students are financially disadvantaged and attend at no cost. All Developmental students take at least one course in Success Strategies and a developmental computer course. The rest of their curriculum is individualized based on their needs. They may take as little as one developmental course, with the rest of their course load consisting of credit courses, or they may have a full load of developmental courses for the entire year. In this process each student's records and transcripts are evaluated and an individual program of study developed.

The current approach to developmental education has been in place one and one-half years, with the initial data showing significant progress over previous approaches. Research is ongoing and modifications are being evaluated to further improve the program.

While it is unfortunate that resources have to be expended on remediating students rather than totally focused on our core programs, there is no alternative if we are to fulfill our mission and be true to the legacy of Thaddeus Stevens.

Best Regards,



L-R: - Tedd Williams, Patricia Hopson-Shelton & Stephen Powell

COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES

Three new members have been appointed to the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology Board of Trustees. Receiving a special welcome at the January meeting were: Patricia Hopson-Shelton, Assistant to the President for Social Equity at Millersville University; Stephen Powell, CEO of Powell Steel; and Theodore Williams '00, Marketing Director for Charter Homes and graduate of the Stevens Architectural Technology program. The College sincerely thanks Ms. Camilla Collova and Mr. Mark Aho for their years of leadership and service on the Board of Trustees.

WEATHERIZATION TRAINING

By MICHAEL GERFIN, ED. D
DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



The administration of Governor Ed Rendell has rolled out a plan to spend \$252.8M in federal stimulus money on the statewide Weatherization Assistance Program. This program is designed to help low-income households decrease energy consumption and costs.

The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology has been named as one of the six regional training centers in Pennsylvania, to provide training to weatherization workers to do home inspections and make repairs and improvements to the selected homes.

The College has transformed the Collision Repair Shop into a Weatherization Center where training and demonstrations will be scheduled, in order to train approximately 95 new workers.

Stevens College is the designated training center for a seven county area from Chester to Adams counties. There are three positions that will be certified through this training, and they are the following: Installer, Crew Chief and Home Energy Auditor. The training time ranges from 35 hours to 60 hours, to be certified for one of these

positions. The Weatherization Assistance Program is a team effort with the Departments of Community and Economic Development and Labor and Industry, The Career Links in each of the seven counties, the Workforce Investment Boards that service the seven counties involved and the Weatherization providers and contractors. Stevens College is responsible for providing the Physical Assessment Tests to the participants and providing all of the training.

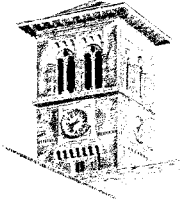
Presently there are three instructors in the Program: Corey Andrew; retired carpentry instructor Ed Althouse; and current HVAC instructor Matt Gote. Mr. Andrew, who is the wrestling coach at Stevens, has been named the Director of Weatherization. All three of these instructors have gone through training at Penn College of Technology in Williamsport, and are certified as Weatherization instructors.

The training began on January 25th with a class of 15 participants, which is the maximum for each class. Training is scheduled throughout the first year, which ends on September 30, 2010. The funds for this program are scheduled to be appropriated through the year 2012. The next time you get on campus, feel free to stop by the Weatherization Center. I think you'll like the new "kid" on the block.



Students at work in the new Weatherization Training Center





FROM THE TOWER

1965



Ray Cherico (Electric) recently stopped by to say hello and tour the campus. He was very impressed with all the changes that have come about since he graduated. Ray has fond memories of the rented

house where he resided on King Street, which gave him the extra freedom he would not have experienced by living on campus. Ray is now happily retired and living in Ohio.

1981

John Zuzu, Jr. (Architectural Drafting) was recently named Senior Director of the Facilities Department at Southwest Airlines in Dallas Texas, supervising a staff of 20-30 employees. He has been with Southwest since 1991.

2006

Joseph Wysock (Carpentry) was recently named by Benchmark Construction Co. of West Earl Township as an assistant project manager. He will assist project executives and managers, manage smaller jobs and help negotiate facility-management contracts.

2009

High Industries provides an Essence of Humanity award each year, and this year's recipient is **Dustin Lee '09** (Electronic Technology). Dustin was formerly homeless having experienced a challenging home life. He came to Stevens as an early enroller. He is currently enrolled at Temple University. Dustin had a great academic record here at Stevens and continues to perform well academically at Temple.

SPECIAL REUNIONS

The following classes are celebrating special reunions this year. If you are a member of one of these classes, we'd love to see you at the reunion! (see page 14 for details). Below is contact information for each reunion chairman:

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DID YOU KNOW?

Sing a round of Happy Birthday to Thaddeus Stevens. He was born on April 4, 1792. His memory is now immortalized at the Lancaster Convention Center and the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square in downtown Lancaster, PA which opened on June 19, 2009. The center and hotel are located right on Penn Square, the center of downtown Lancaster City, incorporating part of the 19th-Century Beaux Arts façade of the former Watt & Shand Department Store. The complex is a stone's throw from the Central Market, the nation's oldest continually operating farmers market dating back to the 1730's. *The complex is also adjacent to the Stevens & Smith Historic Site, a (to be completed) museum in the former residence and law office of the former U.S. Congressman and abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens. Stevens is considered by many to be the father of public education.*

100 YEARS AGO

An article in the Strasburg Weekly News of February 4, 2010 highlighted this interesting item from their files:

February 5, 1910: William H. Weaver, son of Laura H. Weaver of North Jackson St. has been admitted as a pupil at the new Thaddeus Stevens Memorial School at Lancaster, and will enter for the term of three years. In addition to the academical studies, he will learn the carpenter trade.

FOUNDATION

WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Brad Zimmerman '05 (Printing) and **Paul Stamm '81** (Brick) were recently elected to the Thaddeus Stevens Foundation Board of Directors and Alumni Association Board of Governors. We are pleased to have these new faces join us.

NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORY IS IN THE WORKS

Thaddeus Stevens Alumni Association is working with Harris Connect to produce an updated alumni directory scheduled for publication in 2010. Over the next several months, you may receive postcards, e-mails or phone calls from Harris asking for updated contact information. We would appreciate your cooperation in updating your contact information. All updates are returned to Thaddeus Stevens Alumni Association so that our database remains current. Harris Connect is only collecting information for purposes of the directory. Your information will not be released to any third parties. You decide whether or not your personal information is published in the directory – just make your wishes clear to the representative with whom you speak.

The new directory is a great way to stay connected to the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology alumni community!



STEVENS PARTICIPATES IN MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST



*Original Photo Courtesy: (Source)
2010 Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast*

This year's Martin Luther King Breakfast was held on Monday, January 18, 2010 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. Dr. Griscom was an honorary co-chair along with Dr. Francine McNairy, President of Millersville, University. Co-Chairs for the event were Ron Ford, Trustee and Darryl Gordon of High Industries. The breakfast program cover and billboard (at Hershey and Manor Avenues) were designed by two Stevens alumni from the Class of '09. This year's graphic designer of the program, Danielle (Bird) DeGroft of High Industries, is a 2006 graduate of Graphic Communications & Printing Technology.

SPECIAL THANKS TO INTELLIGENCER PRINTING

We sincerely thank Intelligencer Printing, Lancaster, for their generous commitment to printing our Alumni Newsletter. Their ongoing service, professionalism and philanthropic spirit is much appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

Harold Grannas
Class of 1940 - Automotive
and Former Faculty
June 23, 2009

Ralph S. "Dutch" Snyder
Class of 1955 - Brick
November 16, 2009

Thomas M. Murphy
Class of 1963 - Carpentry
January 5, 2010

David Herb
Class of 1954 - Electrical
January 31, 2010

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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Alex Munro

Dear Alumni:

Welcome to the new year of 2010. We sincerely hope you all had happy holidays and are now looking forward to seeing daffodils and the popping up of little green sprigs of grass. That will be the official announcement that spring has arrived.

It doesn't take long to get the inclination by the hustle bustle of the students that they're coming down the home stretch to graduation. I always wonder when I study their faces and listen to them talk, what lies before them and how they'll take their places in the work world. From past experience, I know that in a few years I'll start receiving letters and visits from our newest alumni. They'll share their experiences, stories about their jobs, promotions, opportunities and accomplishments. I'll have the privilege to meet the latest entrepreneurs as they burst with enthusiasm and tell me how Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology made a profound difference in their lives.

It's really exciting to see a young man or woman come to Stevens without any evidence of existing skills; and within a two-year period they are ready to graduate with an Associate Degree, as a highly skilled tradesman or technician. To be able to view this transition from one as an incoming student to a contributor to America's skilled workforce is not only amazing, it produces pride and exhilaration for the achievement attained, both for the student and the College at-large.

When you see young people reach the maturity of self-sustainability and they start to exercise authority over themselves, that's when you know they've arrived. The mental images and challenges of what a person faces in the workplace are no longer conceptual to them, they're reality. The work ethics they learned at Stevens and the abilities gained will forever be the driving forces to their successes.

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology isn't the ordinary college; it is the extraordinary college. It's a college of learning and training. It's the institutional gene pool for the demand for excellence. The history of Stevens' sterling educational performance exemplifies the remarkable and continuous success of our graduates over the past 105 years. I'm always telling others, if you want your son or daughter to have a job after graduation, then you want them to come to Stevens.

Perhaps we should take the time for a little self examination. How did Stevens change your life? Did they prepare you to enter the competitive workforce and to be a responsible taxpaying citizen? Were your perfected skills valued as an asset to your industry? Were you given the encouragement, knowledge and motivation to be a success? Did you form lifetime relationships with fellow classmates that you're still enjoying today?

Our uniqueness as a trade and technical school was born in the mind of our benefactor, Thaddeus Stevens, most likely in the latter part of his life. Undoubtedly the birth of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology began as a hidden dream deep within the thoughts and desires of Thaddeus Stevens. He was truly a man with exceptional social and legislative vision for the betterment of his fellow man, showing empathy for the impoverished and for those caught in the bondage of slavery.

He was not only a brilliant attorney, he was known as the father and champion of free schooling for everyone and as a rescuer of humanity. Wouldn't it be refreshing to the heart of Thaddeus Stevens if he could visit our campus today? He would be in awe to see the manifestation of his bequest and to see how Stevens College has evolved into the beautiful technical training college it is today. Surely, he would be so delighted to see the fulfillment of his written request that "all students barring race, creed or color shall be fed at the same table" to be the norm of everyday student life at Stevens.

As a one time owner of a foundry, Stevens had first-hand exposure to all valued skills needed by his workers in producing the finished castings. Somehow I wholly believe that the industrial environment around him helped to play a dramatic and influencing role in Stevens' life, as he penned his last will and testament. He emphatically stated that upon the establishment of his designated school for the orphaned and indigent all students shall be trained in the industrial trades

Although I write these next few paragraphs with much supposition, I'm led to feel that in living in the midst of the Industrial Revolution, Thaddeus Stevens, no doubt, had a tremendous respect for skilled tradesmen, which was clearly reflected in the early curriculum of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

I believe in the latter-year dreams of Thaddeus Stevens he wanted to make provisions that trade and technical training would be offered free to the disadvantaged youth of our Commonwealth. In affirmation of the fulfillment of his dreams, he set aside a portion of his estate to establish what is now known as Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

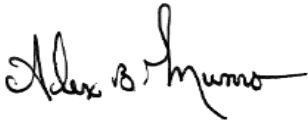
The ways of poverty are persistent, and the desires of young people are to flee the past and start anew. Pennsylvania is so fortunate to have a resident college like Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. We have the proven means to change lives through technical education. Stevens develops skillful students who steadily move forward in business and industry, even under the most difficult times, and they never look back.

I am proud to say Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is alive and well, as we advance into the 21st century. We're reaching goals and posting new benchmarks for technical excellence. It's a monumental job; it's continuous and a costly educational undertaking. With State appropriations and your advocacy of support, there is no stopping the train and the Stevens legacy lives on.

Please remember how Stevens helped you as a young person. Perhaps you would consider sharing a portion of your prosperity, as Thaddeus Stevens College continues to move forward yielding even greater opportunities of occupational career success to deserving young men and women, just like you and I were offered in the prime of our youth.

I think we all know that you have a wonderful alma mater. Let's support her, showing our lasting gratitude and appreciation. Our alumni are 7,000 strong in Pennsylvania; your participation in all we do can make a significant difference in shaping our future. Thank you and we're hopeful we will see you at the Alumni Banquet on April 24th.

Respectfully,



Alex B. Munro

COVER STORY: STEVENS MEN'S BASKETBALL PLACES 2ND IN EPCC

At the start of the season the consensus around the league was that Stevens would finish near the bottom, but the Bulldogs, led by Antwine Tucker and Maurice Jackson, fought to an 8-2 first half record. The Bulldogs started the season with two goals in mind: to win the Championship, and to host our first school playoff game in the beautiful confines of the MAC Center. During the first half of the season we received great contributions from our sophomores Richard Craighead (who controlled the middle), Ryan Bleecher (a tough hard nose guard who never backed down), and Antoine Woodard (a pesky defensive machine off the bench).

The sophomores provided much needed leadership over a team dominated by an outstanding freshman class headed by Daryl Baltimore Jr., Daulton Derr, Antonio Troutman, Kristian Morgan, Keyon Staples, Michael Morales, Mark McGuire and Miguel Linares. In addition, we received great contributions during the first half of the season from standout freshman Ronmale Hutt, who didn't finish the season with us but will return for his sophomore campaign.

The sophomores, with Coach Curtis Cannon's help, set a standard of hard work, accountability, integrity and teamwork. The Bulldogs ended the first half winning five straight games. The winning streak continued reaching 10 games. The Bulldogs hit a rough patch in the season, in which they played 11 games in 24 days. Fighting through fatigue the Bulldogs went 8-3 the second half of the season earning them the third seed in the EPCC (Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference) playoffs.

In the first round the Bulldogs accomplished one of the two goals set at the start of the season by hosting a playoff game. In addition, the Bulldogs hosted Lehigh Carbon Community College and their coach – former Philadelphia '76er Darryl Dawkins - in the first round. The Bulldogs put together a strong performance to close out Lehigh's season. The second round posed a much rougher test when the Bulldogs faced a tough hardnosed defensive team in the Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). The Bulldogs pulled the victory, thanks to late game heroics by Maurice Jackson and Antoine Tucker. The Bulldogs found themselves in the Championship game down in Philadelphia against historically talented Philadelphia Community College. The Bulldogs are champions in their own right. It took a 41 point effort by Philadelphia's Rasheed Slappy to end Stevens' season 72-78 giving them a storybook ending season. The season is marked by 3 All-Star Students earning appearances in the Sam Cozen Small College All-Star Basketball Game to be played Saturday March 20, 2010 at the Community College of Philadelphia at 3:00 p.m.; students participating are: Maurice Jackson, Antoine Woodard and Antwine Tucker. We would like to extend congratulations to the Thaddeus Stevens' Bulldogs Basketball Team for their second place finish in the EPCC. *(Thanks to Paul Cameron, VP of Student Services, for submitting this article.)*

WAY TO GO BULLDOGS!!



Allen E. Tate

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

A GIFT OF MANY SIZES

BY ALLEN E. TATE, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

As we approach the halfway point of the 2010 Annual Fund Campaign, we are very encouraged by the initial response and continued support from our alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, and businesses who have responded to either the alumni appeal or the President's Fund appeal. We have reached 60% of the goal and are still growing, but it takes gifts of all sizes. None are too small.

What does the money given to the Annual Fund support? An undesignated gift to the Annual Fund will be used to support the greatest need. Each of the major departments was asked to identify their needs at the beginning of the school year. These needs included facility improvements, computer technology replacements and software, laboratory equipment and machinery, furniture for dorms and student lounges, library resources and equipment to support the technology programs, student service and tutoring needs, and much more. No matter what the size of your gift to the Annual Fund Campaign - \$25 or \$25,000 - your gift is important to us and provides support in many areas.

Although many departments provided a list of needs at various cost levels, the list is too long to include in this article. However, below is a sample of *some* of the needs from various departments.

- A **\$50 gift** would purchase a resource book or DVD for the **Learning Resource Center** or one of the major programs.
- A **\$100 gift** would purchase a small tool or power tool replacement in **Cabinetry Technology**.
- A **\$250 gift** would provide a student a laptop adaptor to access on-board scan-data for cars in the **AutoTech Department**; an acetylene turbotorch outfit for **Plumbing Tech**; or tools for students participating in a **Skills USA** contest.
- A **\$500 gift** would support drafting equipment kits for students in **CAD Technology** or a replacement computer/laptop in numerous technology and general academic departments.
- A **\$1,000 gift** would purchase a mixed mode oscilloscope, or solar photovoltaic components in the **Electronics Lab** or similar small components for other departments.
- A **\$2,500 gift** would assist **Student Services** in purchasing furniture for one student dorm room or lounge; or implement new software upgrades for many of the **technology departments**; or purchase new workstations for the **Business Administration Program**.
- A **gift of over \$5,000** would assist the **Respiratory Care Program** in securing a neonatal ventilator; provide new SawStop table saws for **Cabinetry Technology**; or the materials and supplies needed for various departments during the school year.

There are many needs and your gift to the Annual Fund will help! If you are an alumnus, your gift will not only be credited to you but also in your class representation. And if you work for a matching gift company, they will double the value of the gift given to the College.

Website Revisions:

Please visit www.stevenscollege.edu/giving. There are many opportunities to assist the College on a short-term or long-term basis; and at the same time you too can benefit. You can also give to the College electronically from our Website, by pressing the "MAKE a GIFT" notation on the page. This is a safe and secure webpage, and the monies are directly deposited and a receipt generated.

Your gift of any size makes a difference. Thank you.

LAPP ELECTRIC CONTRIBUTES GIFT-IN-KIND



L-R: Betty Tompos, Vice-President for Finance & Administration; Tim Lapp, CEO, Lapp Electric; Greg Lapp, CFO, Lapp Electric and William Griscom, President.

A Gift-In-Kind was made by Lapp Electric (Tim Lapp, CEO and Greg Lapp, CFO) to the College, to repair and replace the electric servicing the parking and street lights on the west side of the Mellor Building. This includes the underground cable needed to supply the electricity to these lights. Tim and Greg's father, Manny Lapp, started Lapp Electric, now owned by his two sons. Manny, who attended Stevens, passed away recently, but we're sure he would be proud of this partnership with Stevens and the generosity of his sons.

FOUNDATION HOLDS FUNDRAISER

On January 14th, the Thaddeus Stevens Foundation held a Fundraiser at Trio's Grill in Columbia, PA. It was sponsored by Syllirama Entertainment and WQIC. Amaryllis Santiago, wife of Warren Taylor '79, coordinated the event, and we thank her for a job well done. Music was provided by *Not Quite Einstein*, a classic rock band. Over \$500 was raised and a fun time was had by all. We look forward to future events and hope you will join us.



Judy and Bill Silverstein, Sophie Weibel, Steve Hower, Scott Weibel '04, John Yurchak '60 and Amy and Brian Landvater enjoy great food, outstanding music and some fun camaraderie.



Amaryllis Santiago (center) of Syllirama Entertainment presents check to (L-R): John Yurchak, Jr. (Foundation President); Alex Munro (Executive Director); Scott Trower and Wade Groff, (Board Members).



Foundation President John Yurchak entertains with his outstanding singing voice. Go Johnny Rock!!

**WE'LL BE DOING THIS AGAIN!
WATCH FOR MORE INFO
COMING SOON!**

HAPPENINGS IN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

DR. WILLIAM THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT



Dr. William Thompson

It seems that there is always something new going on in Academic Affairs at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. This month is no exception.

Several technical disciplines have moved to new locations around the College. Graphic Communications and Printing Technology will be moving into a new lab on the main floor at the Branch Campus this summer. In the space vacated by Graphics, the Plumbing faculty will create a commercial lab in some of that floor space, while the Metals Fabrication and Welding Technology faculty will create a welding lab in the remaining space. Masonry Construction Technology moved to the Branch Campus during the fall semester, and Collision Repair Technology moved into their vacated floor space over the holiday break. The Weatherization program is now located in the area vacated by Collision Repair. Finally, Carpentry/Masonry is moving into the Naval Reserve building so they can train workers in the latest construction technology. The entire process has been called “musical chairs.”

Plans have already begun for the creation of the fall schedule of classes. This fall, something will happen that hasn’t happened for several years at the College. Thaddeus Stevens will begin offering evening classes in the technical disciplines for continuing and part-time students. We are planning to deliver training in Electrical Technology, HVAC, Machine Tool, Welding, Graphics, and several

other fields. Each of these courses have the potential to apply toward the achievement of a degree if students wish to graduate. Of course, the General Education courses, which compliment the technical fields, will also continue to be offered in the evening.

The College had been approached by two companies which are interested in a partnership. Hurco Corporation was interested in placing one or two CNC machines in the Machine Tool lab for use by our students. These machines would also serve as demonstration units for local machine shops that are looking to purchase such equipment. At the same time, Gosiger Corporation visited the campus for the purpose of identifying a site for their Sales Department in the Lancaster area. Gosiger is a design-for-manufacturing group that represents such product lines as Ocum, Hardinge, Bridgeport, and others. With Central Pennsylvania as a primary hub of their market, Gosinger was considering a relocation to Lancaster, and thought a partnership with Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology might be an advantage. Time will tell if these corporations become partners with the College, but it is reassuring that major companies are noticing what we do here.

The College is always looking for individuals from industry to serve on our craft advisory committees. If you, or someone you know, is interested in working with the technical faculty in the improvement of education, contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs at (717) 299-7793.

ANDY TOMPOS RETIRES



Andy Tompos

Andy Tompos, who started teaching at Stevens in the fall of 1973, ended his career in the fall semester of 2009. Andy taught all math courses from *Math for Bricklayers* to Calculus, concentrating the last 20 years on College Algebra and Trigonometry. He was an active committee member and chair over the years, as well as serving as Faculty President. He was also the recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award in 2003 and received the Presidential Star from Dr. Griscom.

Andy tells us he has seen many changes over the years at Stevens, recalling these facts from 1973: no degrees were issued; there were no female students or instructors, nor were there computers; all dorms had live-in house-mothers; the Mellor Auditorium was the Architectural Lab; and all food served in the dining hall (which was located in the current Business Office) was homemade by a number of women who thought they were everybody’s mom.

“The most important part of my life at Stevens was the students. I saw so many success stories, and I was grateful to be a part of helping many students reach their goals.” Future plans for Andy include continuing to work with the Jenzabar program at Stevens, playing golf, having fun with his grandkids and travelling with his wife, Betty.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Sophia Weibel

Wow! Is it really almost spring already? It seems that the holidays were just yesterday.... but suddenly spring is just around the corner! The Foundation and Alumni Office has been buzzing with spring event planning: three special class reunions, a newly-instituted Alumni Awards Brunch, the Alumni Banquet, a Thaddeus Stevens essay contest for Lancaster City 5th graders, and the Stevens Scramble golf outing! We're really excited about all these events and the opportunities they give for our alumni and friends to connect with Stevens – and we hope to see you on campus this spring!

We now have a new part-time staff member in the Alumni office; Judy Silverstein joined us last spring and has seamlessly transitioned into our operations. In addition to managing the College Store and handling a lot of the general office duties, she is now a major assist in preparing "The Tower" for publication. We're glad she's on board!

Another exciting addition to our office, in conjunction with the College's Development Office, is a new, state-of-the-art software application that will be the central database for our 8,000-plus alumni, friends and corporate partners. As I write this, we're still in the implementation and training process but, once up and running fully, this web-based technology will launch our operations into higher productivity and more effective relationship building. Data management and good communication are key components to our success and this is a giant leap in the right direction. Be sure to check our website: www.stevenscollege.edu for updates and information and we hope to see you soon!



1772 FOUNDATION AWARDS \$40,000 PRESERVATION TRADE GRANT

The 1772 Foundation, based in Connecticut, has awarded a \$40,000 grant to the Preservation Trades Technology Program at Thaddeus Stevens College. The grant provides funding for the development of the final three courses of the Preservation Trades Technology curriculum. This curriculum includes 13 total courses. The final three courses to be developed by this grant are: Painting Historic Buildings, Dealing with Environmental Concerns in Historic Buildings and Thermal Retrofitting Historic Buildings. Currently the ten existing courses include Fundamentals of Historic Preservation, History of Pennsylvania Architecture, Pennsylvania Building Technology, Wood Repair, Wood Window Repair, Complex Moldings, Preservation and Repair of Porches, Mortars in Preservation, Masonry Repair and Repointing, and Masonry Cleaning.

These Preservation courses are offered at various times throughout the academic calendar year; usually September through April. Courses are generally offered in the evening or on an occasional Saturday, to accommodate incumbent workers and full time students. Course schedules are posted on the college website at www.stevenscollege.edu/preservationtrades.

Students in this program take three core courses to give them a common basis of understanding of preservation and historic architecture. From there, students can specialize by taking a series of courses in a trade area concentration in either carpentry or masonry. The core courses are primarily lecture format, but include field trips or tours of historic properties. The trade specialization courses include both lecture and hands-on laboratory/workshop experiences.

At the successful completion of each course, students receive a certificate of completion in that course; or upon completion of the entire program in carpentry or masonry a certification in Preservation Trades Technology is given for that area. Preservationists interested in just one of the courses may also enroll in the program of their choice.

In the State of Pennsylvania, the Preservation Trade Technology Programs are only offered at Thaddeus Stevens College. "Representatives from the Foundation visited the Thaddeus Stevens College campus for a site evaluation and were extremely impressed with the College, the enthusiasm and the support we receive from our partners," noted Dr. Michael Gerfin, the College's Director of Workforce Development Continuing Education.

Funds from the 1772 Foundation grant are also provided for instructor training and development, course materials, library materials, scholarships and marketing.

"We are very excited to now have the resources to complete the build-out of this program," stated Barry Loveland, Chief of the Division of Architecture and Preservation for Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission and Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Preservation Trades Technology Program. "This is also strong validation from a national preservation-oriented foundation that this program is worthwhile investing in."

THE ULTIMATE MAKEOVER!

Have you ever watched the TV show “Extreme Home Makeover” with Ty Pennington on ABC- TV? It has become the format for many programs both on TV and in other real life settings like education.

The I-Car Foundation last summer adopted a similar theme. They established a contest for schools and colleges entitled “The Ultimate Collision Education Makeover Grant.” The goal of the grant competition was to honor a school that has been doing an outstanding job in educating students in collision repair, but needs some financial assistance to improve their program in the way of teaching materials and equipment. Over 1,300 collision repair schools across North America were eligible. The prize was a \$50,000 grant to be used in program improvement or curriculum development.

Stevens College of Technology submitted an entry based on our need for a “waterborne” auto paint booth. This is the newest auto painting technology in the auto industry and is part of the industry’s and Thaddeus Stevens College’s commitment to a “greener” environment. The grant would have almost covered our cost of purchasing and implementing this new system. Thaddeus Stevens College would have been the first college in Pennsylvania to offer this new auto painting technology as part of our training, and have the system installed in our newly renovated Collision Repair department.

In preparing the grant application, a video was produced on the Stevens College Collision Repair program. You can access this video through our website www.stevenscollege.edu by going to the Collision Repair program page and activating the U-Tube video.

The winner of the Ultimate Collision Makeover was Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School, a high school in the Pittsburgh area. Thaddeus Stevens College’s Collision Technology program placed 2nd in the grant competition, an outstanding recognition for our instructors – Frank Petrole and Dennis Antosy - and our students. The I-Car Foundation and *FinishMaster* awarded Stevens College a *FinishMaster* Auto Kit of supplies and materials worth over \$12,500. Thank you I-Car Foundation and *FinishMaster*! We are very appreciative of both organizations for their commitment to the industry and supporting Thaddeus Stevens College’s Collision Repair program.



SOPHOMORE CARPENTRY CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING

BY CHARLES BYERS, CARPENTRY INSTRUCTOR

Starting in the fall semester of 2010, students from across the State who have graduated from approved programs of study in carpentry will be eligible to apply for transfer credit consideration.

Through the Carl Perkins Grant legislation, students in the secondary programs that have graduated with an 85% or better grade can apply to Stevens College and be considered for transfer credits in Building Materials, Hand and Power Tools and Blueprint Reading & Drafting.

Upon successfully completing the Stevens College exam encompassing these three courses, freshmen students can receive up to nine credits that will register on their transcripts in the first semester.

This new program initiative is being offered through the Bureau of Career and Technical Education in the Pennsylvania Department of Education, to provide eligible students with a seamless transition from high school to post-secondary educational institutions. In doing so, students that are proficient in these areas will have credit for their skills.

For further detailed information visit www.college transfer.net and follow the link to Stevens College of Technology Carpentry Courses.

MACHINE TECH CHALLENGE GRANT

The **Tyco Foundation** has awarded the College’s Machine Tool & Computer-Aided Manufacturing program a \$20,000 challenge grant to be used toward the purchase of a new Wire EDM machine for the department’s lab. The award is contingent on the College’s ability to secure an additional \$80,000 for the purchase of the machine.

Already, another donor has stepped forward to match and exceed **Tyco**’s \$20,000. However, the remaining \$50,000 remains to be secured.

“We are very appreciative of the **Tyco Foundation**’s commitment to the College’s Machine Technology Department and its encouragement to secure the needed funds,” commented Department Instructor, Tom Dennes. “Many of our graduates find the need to have experience on a Wire EDM machine. We currently do not have one in our lab, and this will help us tremendously in preparing our graduates.”

If you are interested in assisting in meeting the **Tyco Foundation Challenge**, you can designate a gift or contact Allen Tate in the Development Office at 717-391-7285.



Ben Witter, PGA Professional will perform his Long Drive & Trick Shot Show!

You are invited to the 6th Annual STEVENS SCRAMBLE

Friday, June 18, 2010
Overlook Golf Course
2040 Lititz Pike, Lancaster

11:00 am
11:45 am
12:30 pm
5:00 pm
6:00 pm

Registration Opens
Ben Witter's Power Golf Show
Shotgun Start
19th Hole Social *
Cookout & Silent Auction *

Social and Dinner will be held at
Armstrong Manor
2025 Lititz Pike (across from Overlook)



REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Register a Foursome and Save Dollars!

- Individual Golfer \$ 90 Includes greens fee & cart, brown bag lunch and cookout
 Foursome \$320 Includes greens fee & cart, brown bag lunch and cookout for four
 Dinner Only \$ 25

Sponsor Packages: Call (717) 295-9666 for additional sponsorship packages!

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 Maroon & Steel \$250 Includes 2 greens fees & cart, bag lunch, cookout, 1 hole sign
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Please make checks payable to Thaddeus Stevens Foundation

Or charge to: _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover

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_____ Signature

Mail form to: Thaddeus Stevens Foundation, 740 East End Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17602 (717) 295-9666

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 11, 2010

ALUMNI WEEKEND

APRIL 23-24, 2010

Friday, April 23

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Class Reunions at the Fireside Tavern, Strasburg

The classes of 1995, 1985 and 1960 will gather for an evening of heavy hors d’oeuvres, live music and “reunion-ing!”

(Spouses & guests welcome)

\$10 per person plus cash bar

*** Reservations only!** (Deadline: April 16, 2010)

Saturday, April 24

8:30 am – 10:00 am.

Coffee and Pastry at the Alumni House

8:30 – 10:00 am

College Store Open

9:00 am

Campus Tour

10:00 am

Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting

Jones Conference Room (no cost)

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Alumni Awards Presentation Brunch

Jones Dining Hall

Hot Brunch Buffet - \$12 per person

*** Reservations only!** (Deadline: April 16, 2010)



5:00 pm

Alumni Banquet: “Bridging the Past to the Future”

Reception

6:30 pm

Dinner

*** Reservations only!** (see form on next page)

***EVENT REGISTRATION FORM**

Cost/Person _____

Number/Amount

Reunions at the Fireside Tavern \$10.00/per person

____ / \$ ____

Alumni Awards Brunch \$12.00/per person
(Award recipients and spouses are guests of the Alumni Association)

____ / \$ ____

Name _____ Guest Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Send check payable to Stevens Alumni Association, 740 East End Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17602

For more information, contact the Stevens Alumni Office: (717) 295-9666 or seweibel@stevenscollege.edu

**Thaddeus Stevens Alumni Association
invites you to attend**

Bridging the Past to the Future



The 2010 Alumni Banquet

Saturday, April 24, 2010

5:00-6:00 pm Social Hour—MAC Lobby

6:30-9:00 pm Buffet Dinner & Program—MAC

Name _____ Class Year _____
Address _____ Phone _____
E-Mail Address _____

___ I would like to purchase ___ reservations at \$35/each for:

We are now offering special group pricing for tables of 8 only (not applicable to less than 8):

___ I would like to purchase a table of 8 for \$240 (names of those to be seated at the table):

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
(5) _____ (6) _____ (7) _____ (8) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

*Make checks payable to: Thaddeus Stevens Alumni Association
Mail this form to: 740 East End Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17602*

Also payable by: () Visa () Mastercard () Discover
Account # _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature _____

Deadline for Reservations is April 16, 2010



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Upcoming Events

2010:

February 18	Thaddeus Stevens Job Fair - MAC
March 8-12	Spring Break
March 27	Admissions Open House
April 20	Sports Banquet
April 23-24	Alumni Reunions/Alumni Banquet
May 4	Student Awards Banquet
May 15	Commencement
June 18	Stevens Scramble Golf Outing