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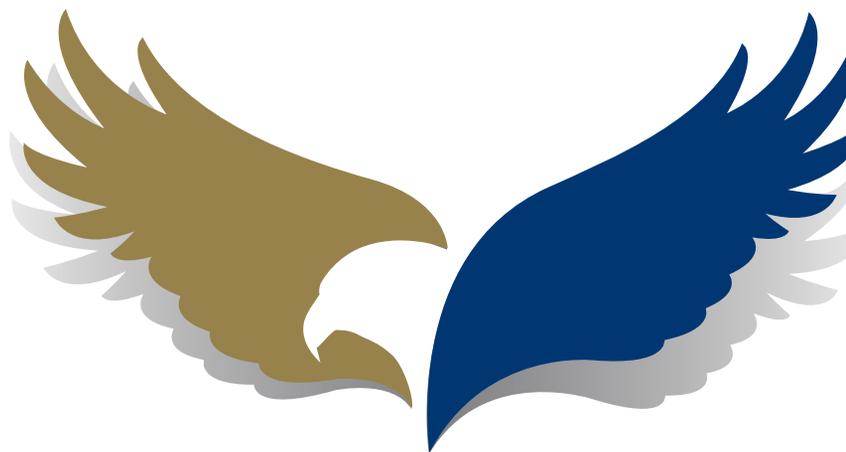
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Interim President of Clarion University

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Clarion family,

Last fall, I was given the opportunity to serve as interim president of Clarion University while a search is conducted for the university's 17th president. I'm honored to serve in this capacity.

It's a fantastic time to be here, as we mark Clarion's sesquicentennial. This magazine issue takes a look at the first 50 years, from our founding as a Methodist seminary in 1867 to our transition to a normal school. Celebrations of the past are an ideal time to plan for the future, and that is where my efforts will lie during my presidency.

My focus during this nine-month period is to set the table, as best I can, for the incoming president. That work includes continuing the positive momentum in Clarion's recruitment, retention and graduation rates, and introducing new academic programs that are relevant and in demand. It will also involve balancing the budget for the current fiscal year and to develop the budget for 2018-19.

The values that built and shaped our university are in evidence through you, our alumni. For 150 years, we have been Courageous. Confident. Clarion. Let's carry on in that proud tradition.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter C. Fackler".

Peter C. Fackler
Interim president
Clarion University



Thomas ('68) Wilkinson (center, with other volunteers) helped with the cleanup of Houston houses decimated by the flooding from Hurricane Harvey. Thomas donned his Clarion University gear as he worked to restore the houses to living condition. His wife Tana ('69) was also part of the work crew.

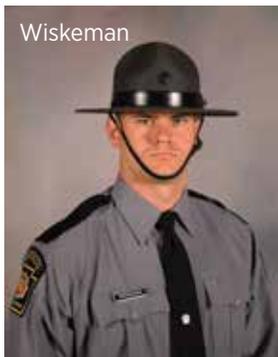
Student shadows PennDOT communications team



Alexis White, a senior strategic communications major with a minor in women and gender studies, spent a day with transportation secretary Leslie Richards in the PennDOT communications office in Harrisburg. White is the student representative for Clarion's Presidential Commission on the Status of Women and recently was promoted to specialist in the Army National Guard where she serves as a military police officer. She hopes to continue her education at law school to become an attorney.

Clarion students complete State Trooper Academy, are assigned to barracks

Clarion University students Josh Wiskeman, Nick Schmader and Jacob Beers were among 90 cadets to graduate from the State Trooper Academy Sept. 8.



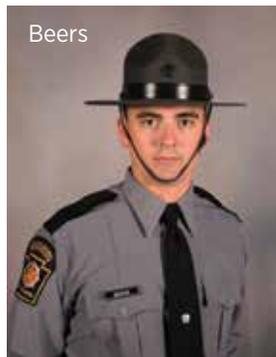
Wiskeman

Wiskeman, of Leechburg, graduated from Clarion in December with a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice administration. He received two awards during graduation from the State Trooper Academy: the American Legion Award for integrity, discipline and ethics, and the Colonel Ronald L. Sharpe Award for leadership. It is rare for one student to receive both awards. He has been assigned to Troop B, Uniontown.



Schmader

Schmader, of Leeper, graduated in 2014 with an Associate of Science in criminal justice. He has been assigned to Troop E, Franklin.



Beers

Beers, of DuBois, graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Education in secondary education/history. He has been assigned to Troop D, Kittanning.

The ceremony marked the culmination of 27 weeks of classroom and physical training and brings to 21 the number of Clarion students who have become state troopers.

GIRLS ROCK SCIENCE

Science faculty members Dr. Jessica Thomas and Dr. Craig Scott participated in KDKA's Girls Rock Science: An Exploration of Stem Sept. 23 and 24 at Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh. Thomas and Scott, along with biology students Naaila Ali, Cody Little and Marissa Paredes, hosted an interactive anatomy and physiology booth that was a favorite among the event's 4,000 visitors. The event was held to promote STEM to girls ages 6 to 18.





CHRISTOPHER ALBRECHT

(M.Ed. '95) has been named the 2018 New York State Teacher of the Year. He has taught at Fred W. Hill School, Brockport, N.Y., for 20 years, the last 14 teaching fourth grade.

“Christopher Albrecht not only teaches academics, but helps build character, humor and a positive attitude in every student,” said MaryEllen Elia, state education commissioner for New York.

“Chris is an outstanding practitioner and creates one of the best classroom environments you could ever hope to experience,” said Fred W. Hill School Principal Brandon Broughton. “Where he really separates himself, even among exemplary educators, is his dedication to the whole child and to building a deep relationship with both his students and their families. Being in his classroom can be a life-changing experience for a child. I have witnessed him dedicate a great deal of his own time to helping students reach their personal goals both in the classroom and beyond.”

In 2015, Albrecht began an afterschool running program for

fourth- and fifth-grade students with a focus on building self-confidence in special needs children. This team has grown from five to 19 students with all students completing a 5K road race. He started an annual spelling bee at the school and a yearbook committee, which he continues to advise. Albrecht has also coached high school baseball and soccer.

In the community, Albrecht sits on the Board of Trustees for the Western Monroe Historical Society and is a trustee on the Board of the Clarkson Historical Society.

He will serve as an ambassador for teachers throughout the state over the next year and will have the opportunity to travel to the White House to meet President Trump.

Albrecht, a native of upstate New York, earned his bachelor’s degree in elementary education from St. Bonaventure University.

Albrecht

Education alumni ALBRECHT and SPOOR recognized for excellence

DR. STANLEY SPOOR ('00), principal of Howard High School of Technology in Wilmington, Del., was named 2017 Delaware Secondary Principal of the Year by the Delaware Association of School Principals. Spoor has been the principal of Howard since 2012.

During his tenure, the school has received prestigious national and statewide recognitions:

- 2013-15, 2017: Recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a Bronze Medal School
- 2015: Named a School of Continued Excellence by Delaware Department of Education
- 2014: Named Reward and Recognition School by Delaware Department of Education
- 2013: Recognized by Verizon as an Innovative Learning School (one of 12 in the U.S.)
- 2013: Recognized by Apple as an Apple Distinguished Program for innovation, leadership and educational excellence

Among the initiatives Spoor has developed at Howard High School of Technology are the 1:1 iPad initiative which provides access, through technology, to opportunities for teachers and students, and the iLead Program, which is designed to enhance leadership skills in students.



Prior to becoming principal, Spoor was assistant principal at Howard for five years. He earned his bachelor’s degree in education from Clarion University and two master’s degrees and a Doctor of Education degree from Wilmington University.

Spoor

MAKING STRIDES



The ASN Nursing Club hosted its fourth annual Breast Cancer 5K Run Oct. 12 on the Samuel Justus trail, near the Clarion University – Venango campus.

Club advisor and ASN nursing instructor Chris Weidle said this year's turnout was the best so far, and they raised \$2,000 for "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" – American Cancer Society.

This year's 5K was in memory of Liz Stephenson, a tenured member of the ASN nursing faculty for 25 years. She retired last fall and passed away Sept. 26. In addition to community members, Stephenson's son, two sisters-in-law, a niece and several cousins participated in the walk. Former students also returned to honor her.

PETE FACKLER SELECTED AS INTERIM PRESIDENT



The Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education in October selected Peter C. Fackler to serve as interim president of Clarion University.

"It is important that we maintain strong leadership during the search for a new, permanent president for Clarion University; someone who can keep the university moving forward during this period of transition," said Board of Governors Chairwoman Cynthia D. Shapira. "Mr. Fackler has demonstrated

his leadership throughout his career, including during his previous tenure at Clarion. His familiarity with the university and the State System should be of further benefit as he assumes this new role."

Fackler previously served as the university's interim vice president for finance and administration from 2012 to 2015. In that role, he worked with the president and others to align staffing with the university's strategic direction and to address a significant structural budget deficit. He also worked with the provost on strategic changes to the university's financial aid program to utilize it as a means of helping to grow enrollment in targeted ways, and with the vice president for student affairs to put in place a plan to expand athletics offerings and athletics scholarships for women.

"Peter already has provided enormous contributions to Clarion University," said State System interim Chancellor Karen M. Whitney, who, prior to being selected by the board earlier this year to serve

in her current position, was Clarion's president for seven years. "As a member of the administrative team, he worked closely with the university's top leadership in developing key initiatives. That experience will be important as he takes on this new role and guides the university during this time of transition."

Fackler, a native of Unionville, Chester County, holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Duke University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan. He also studied at both Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management and Columbia University's Teachers College.

He has more than 30 years' experience in higher education, after beginning his career as an accountant with Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) in New York. He most recently served as interim vice president of finance and administration at Misericordia University.

"I am looking forward to reuniting with friends and colleagues at Clarion University during the transition to a new president and to working with faculty and staff in service to the university's students and the local Clarion and wider Pennsylvania communities," Fackler said.

Fackler will serve as interim president at Clarion until the successful conclusion of a national search for a permanent president.

The Board of Governors is responsible for hiring university presidents within the State System. When the need for temporary leadership at a university occurs, the chancellor – in consultation with the chair of the Council of Trustees – makes a recommendation to the Board of Governors, which then meets to ratify the selection. An interim president serves as the university's chief executive officer, with the same responsibilities and authority as a permanent president.

Follow the search at WWW.CLARION.EDU/PRESIDENTIALSEARCH.

CYMBAL OF APPRECIATION

Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, interim provost, took a break from his administrative duties and gave the Golden Eagles Marching Band some assistance. He played suspended cymbal in the pit section during the homecoming game Oct. 15. With him is freshman band member Zachary Zalewski.

Pfannestiel said he joined the band to show the university's continued support for their amazing effort.

"As I have helped (band director) Dr. Teske to grow the marching band over the previous three years, the students have accepted me

(and my wife Aimee and unofficial band mascot, our dog Rocky) as one of them," Pfannestiel said. "I felt it would be best to show my appreciation for all their hard work by taking it on myself."



DEBRA SOBINA APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF CLARION UNIVERSITY - VENANGO

Debra D. Sobina ('83, MBA '91) of Oil City has been appointed director of Clarion University - Venango. In this role, she will oversee administrative functions for Venango campus and West Penn School of Nursing in Pittsburgh.

"I look forward to this new opportunity to provide leadership for the Venango and Pittsburgh campuses and to work with the faculty and staff who have a tremendous amount of vision and energy for providing high quality educational opportunities," Sobina said. "This new model allows for great synergy as enrollments continue to grow in Clarion University's professional preparation programs and on all of Clarion's sites and in all learning modalities."

Sobina will work with the academic deans of the College of Health and Human Services, the College of Business Administration and Information Sciences, and the College of Arts, Education and Sciences, who maintain office hours at Venango campus. Together, they will create and place in-demand programs and degrees at the Venango and Pittsburgh sites.

Sobina, previously director of finance and administration for Venango campus, earned her Master of Business Administration and bachelor's degree in economics from Clarion University. She sits on the Oil Region Alliance of Business Industry & Tourism Board and serves as the treasurer. Additionally, she is a member of the Venango Catholic High School Board and chairs the organizational committee as part of Oil City Main Street.

STEELERS CONNECTIONS

Charlie Batch discusses leadership at Venango campus

Charlie Batch, who earned two Super Bowl rings during his time as backup quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers, presented "Expect Your Best" Sept. 13 at Clarion University - Venango.

Batch shared stories about his personal successes and failures in the NFL and in life that taught him how to become a leader. For Batch, it all comes down to expecting the very best from yourself and those around you. He shared three keys to leadership: Be ready, be resilient, be the pro.



Steelers' Griggs shares secrets to success

Anthony Griggs, former Pittsburgh Steelers player development director, presented "Life's a Sport. Win It!" Sept. 19 in Gemell Student Complex. The event launched Clarion's 2017-18 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

Griggs used his skills to maximize the potential of the Steelers players off the field, so they could be their best on the field. He served as assistant strength and conditioning coach and was responsible for overseeing the progress of each player's fitness development and administering the players' programs (continued education, career development, financial/business management seminars and family assistance).

Blue and gold shoots black and gold

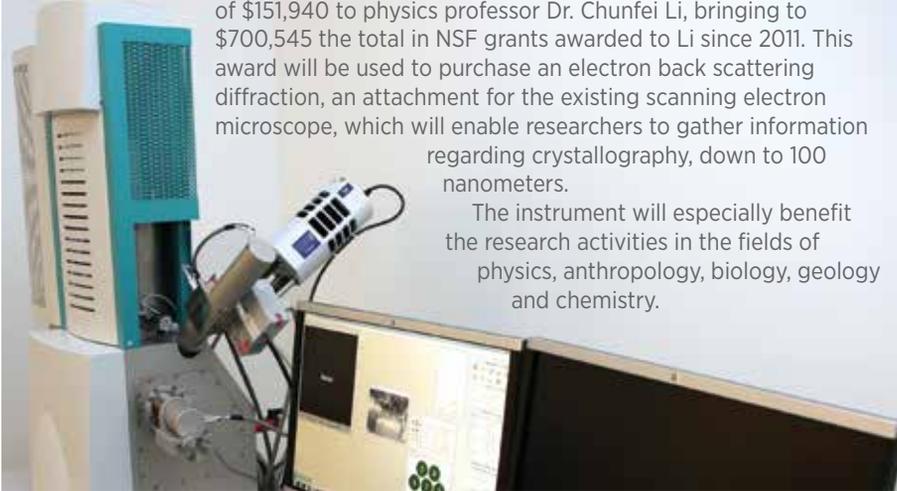
Brian Cook has been covering the NFL since graduating with a communication degree in 2003. He previously worked for other broadcasters and covered the Steelers for Pittsburgh-area media, but now he has his own production company, Golden Sky Media Company, LLC, for which he shoots, edits and reports. Cook is often seen on the Pittsburgh sidelines during games and conducting post-game locker room interviews. He has covered seven Super Bowls.



CLARION SCORES NSF GRANT TO EXPAND NANOSCALE RESEARCH

The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant of \$151,940 to physics professor Dr. Chunfei Li, bringing to \$700,545 the total in NSF grants awarded to Li since 2011. This award will be used to purchase an electron back scattering diffraction, an attachment for the existing scanning electron microscope, which will enable researchers to gather information regarding crystallography, down to 100 nanometers.

The instrument will especially benefit the research activities in the fields of physics, anthropology, biology, geology and chemistry.



STATE SYSTEM ADDRESSES REDESIGN

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education continues to move forward with its effort to redesign itself to better serve students and the commonwealth.

More than half a dozen task groups will be deployed to provide expertise and perspective on specific objectives related to the three System priorities previously identified by the Board of Governors: ensuring student success, leveraging university strengths, and transforming governance and leadership structures. Regular progress reports on the task groups will be provided at www.passhe.edu/SystemRedesign.

ENROLLMENT UP FOR 2017-18 YEAR

As Clarion University celebrates its sesquicentennial, overall student enrollment numbers are up for the first time since 2009. After the first day of classes, enrollment stood at 5,256. The number of new students (undergraduates, transfers and graduate students) is up by nearly 100, the second year in a row that number has grown.

"More than simply turning the corner, Clarion University is accelerating toward a vibrant future in which students are choosing Clarion first for professional preparation," said Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, interim provost. "Students increasingly recognize that our programs in education, business, the health sciences and liberal arts continue to keep pace with new employment opportunities in the region."

Improvements in student activities and programs such as living learning communities are contributing to a robust campus community, which attracts students.



Clarion earns top five ranking

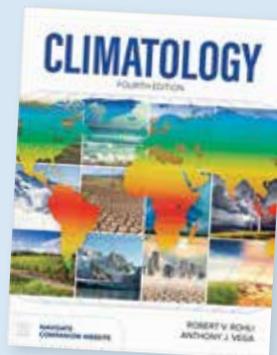
Military Times has named Clarion University one of the top five, four-year universities in Pennsylvania for military students. The "Military Times Best: Colleges 2018" list includes 218 colleges.

The rankings were more competitive than ever this year, according to militarytimes.com. A record number of schools participated in the annual survey, and less than half made the cut. Colleges were evaluated in five categories – university culture; academic quality and outcomes; policies; student support; and cost and financial aid.

Vega releases fourth edition of 'CLIMATOLOGY' textbook

Dr. Anthony Vega, professor of biology and geosciences, recently published the fourth edition of his textbook, "Climatology," co-written with Robert V. Rohli.

The fourth edition features a completely revised, full-color art program that enhances clarity and gradation of all maps, climographs and images to help readers better understand the diversity of climate within varying climate types. The text covers the basics of atmospheric science in the early chapters and provides the breadth and depth of topics to challenge the more experienced reader.





HOMECOMING 2017

ALUMNI from the CLASSES of
1954-2017
attended HOMECOMING

24 FORMER
HOMECOMING KINGS AND QUEENS
PARTICIPATED IN THE PARADE

EIGHT
affinity groups celebrated
alumni gatherings

18 ALUMNI presented
at the **SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM**

162 ALUMNI UPDATED THEIR INFORMATION
WITH THE ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

500+
attended the
PARADE RECEPTION
at Hart Chapel

500



150th T-Shirts were
given out at the
Parade Reception

22 ALUMNI
VOLUNTEERED
TO SERVE AS CAREER
MENTORS FOR
CURRENT STUDENTS

The alumni baseball team
beat the current student
team at the
Alumni Baseball Game
60
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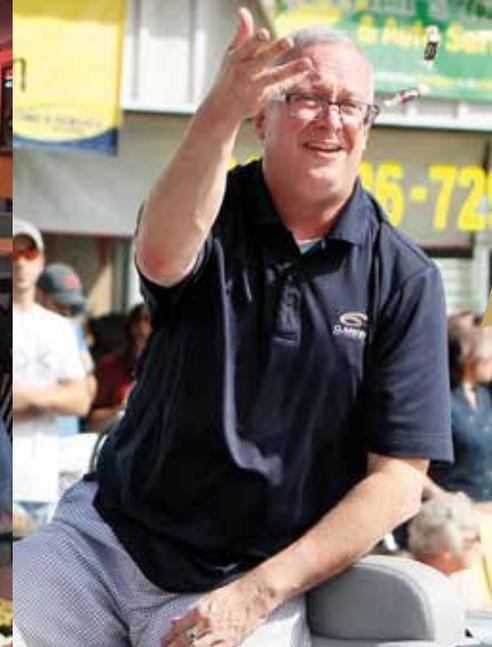
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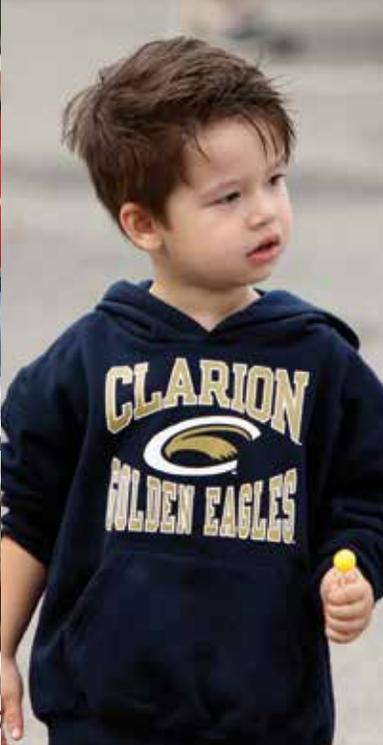
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to serve as regional contacts

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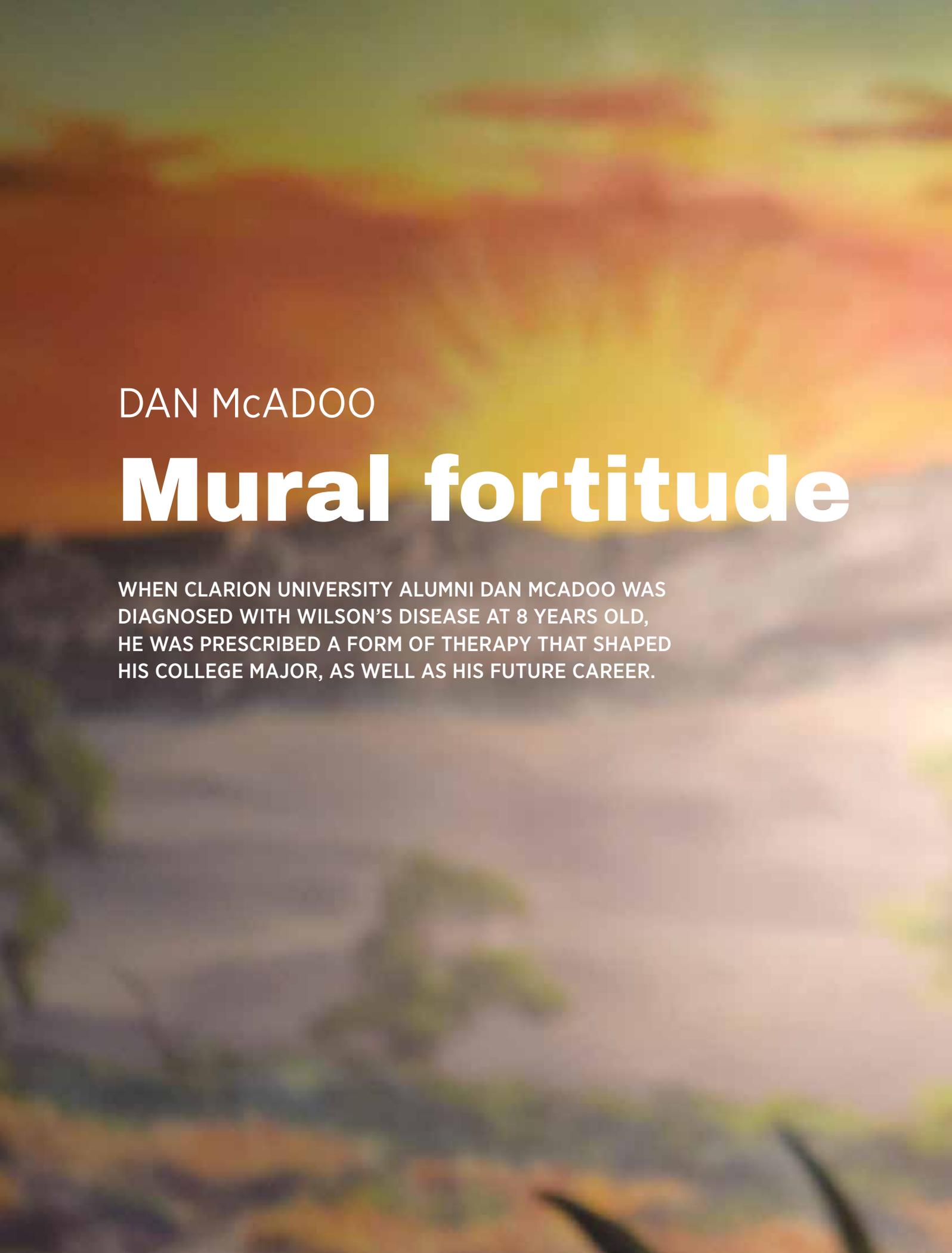


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- New York
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- South Carolina
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- Colorado
- California
- Florida
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DAN McADOO

Mural fortitude

WHEN CLARION UNIVERSITY ALUMNI DAN MCADOO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH WILSON'S DISEASE AT 8 YEARS OLD, HE WAS PRESCRIBED A FORM OF THERAPY THAT SHAPED HIS COLLEGE MAJOR, AS WELL AS HIS FUTURE CAREER.



According to the Mayo Clinic, Wilson's disease is a rare, inherited disorder that causes copper to build up in a person's liver, brain and other vital organs. When copper isn't eliminated

properly, it can be life threatening and bring on a host of other symptoms such as liver complications, neurological problems, psychiatric concerns and other health issues.

McAdoo struggles with chronic headaches, some movement fluidity and speech issues as a result of his diagnosis. He takes medication and avoids copper-rich foods to control his



ART HAS NOT
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Wilson's symptoms and does the one thing he was prescribed as a boy: art therapy. Only now, McAdoo makes his living as an artist.

"When they found out (about his diagnosis) they put him in art classes as therapy," McAdoo's wife, Erin, said.

Art, he says, has not only given him an occupation, but a way of communicating with the world. And if his art is any indication, he has a lot to say.



Mural fortitude

One spring day, McAdoo sat down for an interview in a place where he painted a large mural on four walls – or 1,220 square feet of painted space.

The mural is in Vincent Dougherty's taxidermy display in Fairmount City. It complements the mounts that Dougherty has; each mount connects to a full, painted body of accurate dimensions, which McAdoo created. He also painted the backgrounds, which beckon the locations of where the animals originated – places like the African Savannah or the mountains in Alaska.

Dougherty was afraid to trust anyone with the mural, fearing the piece would end up being “cartoony,” so he asked McAdoo to paint just one wall at first, Dougherty's daughter, Sharon Shreckengost, said.

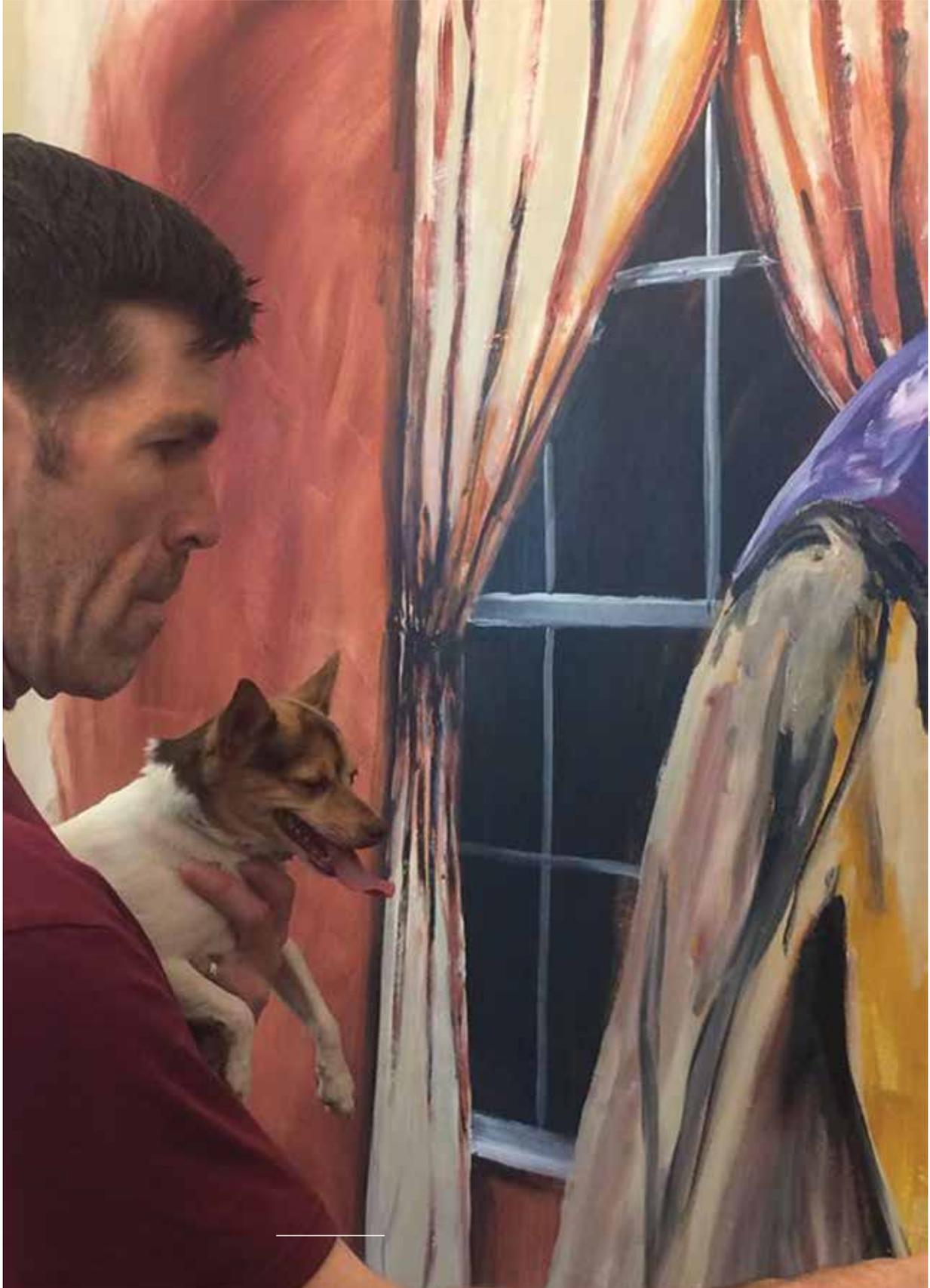
“Then this happened,” McAdoo quipped of the large four-wall mural.



McAdoo paints in layers, and one day the piece started to become something more than just layers, Shreckengost said. Dougherty liked what he saw and decided to let him paint the remaining three walls.

The mural took five months to complete, with McAdoo painting Monday through Friday.

“It just grew, because Dan just did such an amazing job,” Shreckengost said.



A closer walk with thee

McAdoo describes his painting as impressionistic in nature with Van Gogh-style hash marks. As he's gotten older, however, he has started to paint exactly what he sees. No matter how he chooses to paint, there is no shortage of customers who want a Dan McAdoo original painting or mural.

McAdoo's work can be found all over Clarion County in restaurants like the RRR Roadhouse, churches of every denomination, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Moose Lodge 101 and the VFW Post 2612.

McAdoo, a Limestone native, has since moved to the Cleveland area but continues to paint for people in western Pennsylvania.

When he paints, he said he thinks about "the Lord. Just the Lord."

McAdoo, a Christian, shares his message of hope through paintings created during church services. He paints a Christian-themed painting in roughly one hour while people watch him.

He recalls that one time he didn't think a particular painting – of mother Mary and Jesus as a child – was going so well. Then, he stepped back and the painting just popped.

"When I stepped back, I said, 'Wow,'" McAdoo said.

It's that change in perspective that is common in McAdoo's life. McAdoo doesn't consider his diagnosis a disability.

"It can be a lonely life because you are looking at the wall," Erin McAdoo said Dan once told her of being an artist.

The loneliness could also be said of Wilson's disease complications and how it affects communication.

"That's why I talk to Jesus while I paint," McAdoo said.



Sculpting happiness

McAdoo seems to look at his Wilson's disease and his art as equal gifts.

"Don't let it stop you," is his message to others who have been diagnosed with disabilities or illnesses. "I want to inspire others," McAdoo said.

McAdoo, who is in steady demand to paint murals and paintings, said his education at Clarion helped him learn to paint quickly.

He also refurbishes furniture and sculpts.

"I found a love for sculpture while attending (Clarion University). I added sculpture as a second concentration. I have combined painting and sculpture in my furniture making," he said.

His love of sculpting was found, in part, because of his favorite professor, Kaersten Woodruff.

"She really challenged her students. Her ideas of sculpting challenged our abilities and minds," he said. "She made sculpting exciting to where I fell in love with it."

His artistry also enabled him to meet people when he was a student.

"I was blessed to gain a lot of friends at Clarion who encouraged me as an artist," McAdoo said. "I loved the long studio hours – being with other art majors, staying up all night, painting or sketching at Eat 'n Park. I loved being in the sculpture studio, building furniture or creating three dimensional sculptures from clay."



THE FIRST 50 YEARS

During Clarion's year-long sesquicentennial celebration, this magazine will take a look – 50 years at a time – at how a Methodist seminary developed into the Clarion of today. The next pages take a walk through the first 50 years of the university, from its founding as a seminary to its transition to and early years as a normal school. Take a walk through history, meet the presidents who have guided the institution and see the buildings where the first Courageous. Confident. Clarion. students learned and grew.

CARRIER SEMINARY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

In 1859, local citizens generated a proposal for the creation of a seminary in Clarion. The proposal was forwarded to the Erie Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but Civil War engulfed the nation before any action could be taken. The proposal lay dormant, eventually revived by the end of the war and the upcoming centennial celebration of American Methodism.

Preachers and laymen convened March 13, 1866, in Clarion to initiate the establishment of a seminary. It is the earliest recorded evidence of an institution of higher education for Clarion, according to Caldwell's Illustrated Historical Combination Atlas of Clarion County.

Lacking facilities of its own, classes were held in the old academy building. The Seminary was a coeducational institution with the Rev. James G. Townsend as principal and Miss A.E. Rinehart as preceptress.

Carrier Seminary offered a normal program as early as 1871. The courses of study included ancient and modern classics, mathematics, natural sciences, commercial calculation, painting, drawing, penmanship, music and normal science. Carrier's calendar called for three, 13-week terms with tuition as follows: Common English branches: \$6, Higher English branches: \$7, and Languages: \$8. Carrier was described as "the only Normal College for the perfection of teachers under the supervision of the M.E. Church."

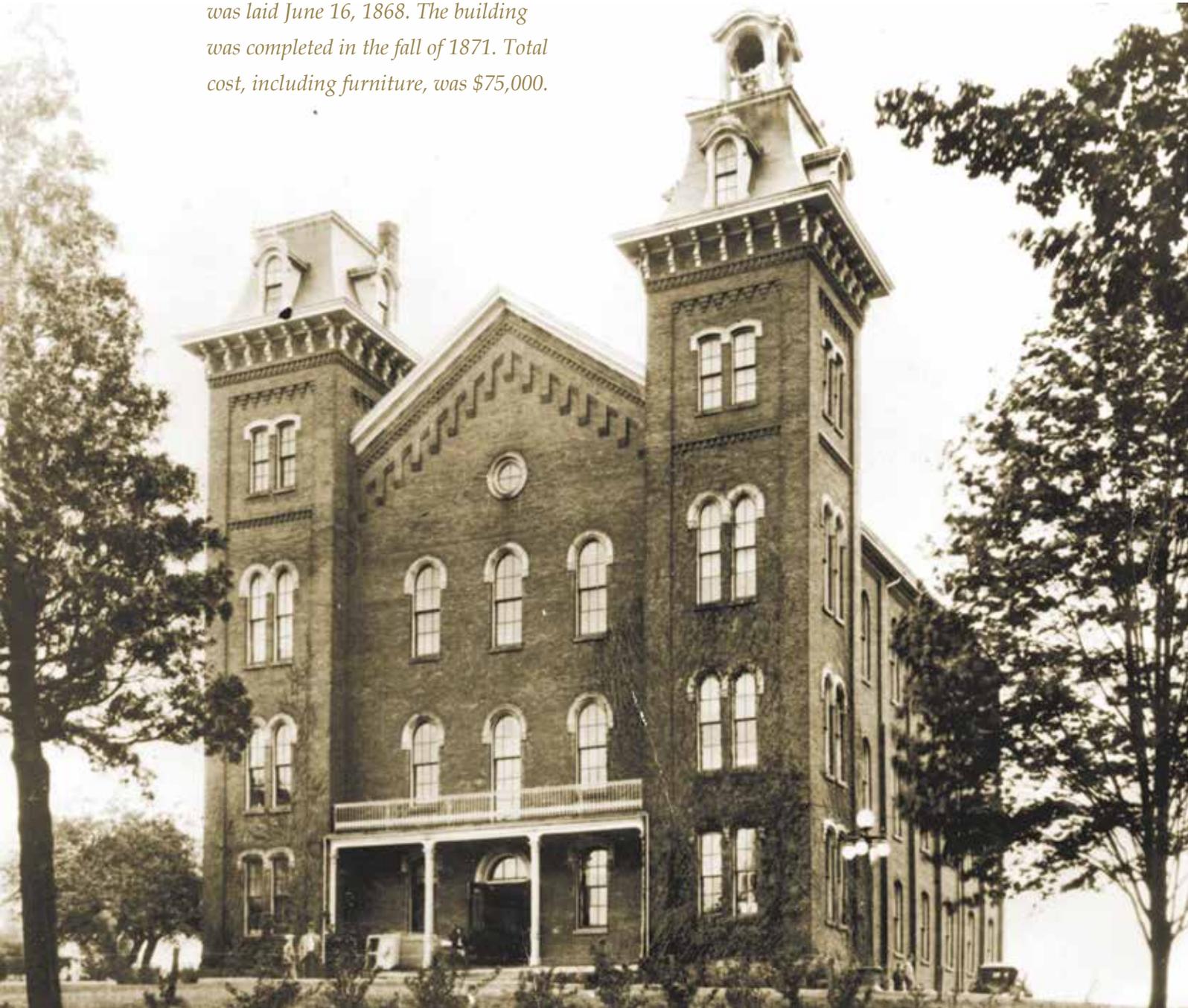
Financial woes, competition for students, and lack of support – both financial and administrative – led to the demise of Carrier. On Sept. 10, 1886, exactly 19 years from the day classes first met, the buildings and grounds were sold.

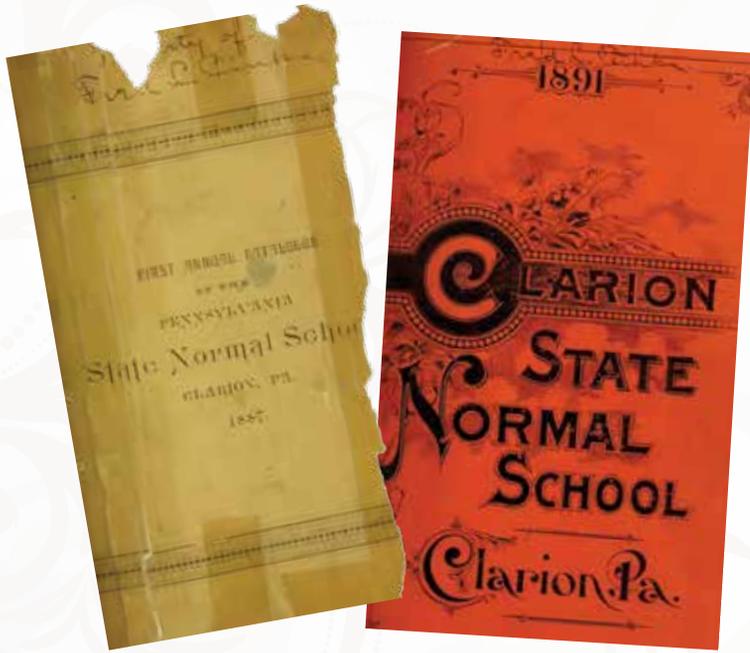


1867-1918

SEMINARY HALL

The cornerstone for Seminary Hall was laid June 16, 1868. The building was completed in the fall of 1871. Total cost, including furniture, was \$75,000.





**A.J. Davis
(1887-1902)**

Aaron J. Davis became the first principal of the Clarion State Normal School when it opened its doors April 12, 1887.

Davis' era of principalship was one of growth, expansion, development and partial maturation. Between his first and last years at the helm, enrollment grew from 149 to 509. As early as 1890, Clarion was outdrawing more heavily populated normal school districts and by 1895 was sixth in enrollment among the 13 state normal schools.

A student cadet corps was formed in 1891. During the Spanish-American War, Davis, a major, and a number of his cadets served with the National Guard from April 1898 to January 1899.

Davis left the institution under problematic circumstances involving the construction of Hart Chapel.

He was involved in a scandal that accused him and a group of other founders and educators of receiving 10 percent (\$2,750) of the \$27,500 special appropriation bill for the construction of the building.

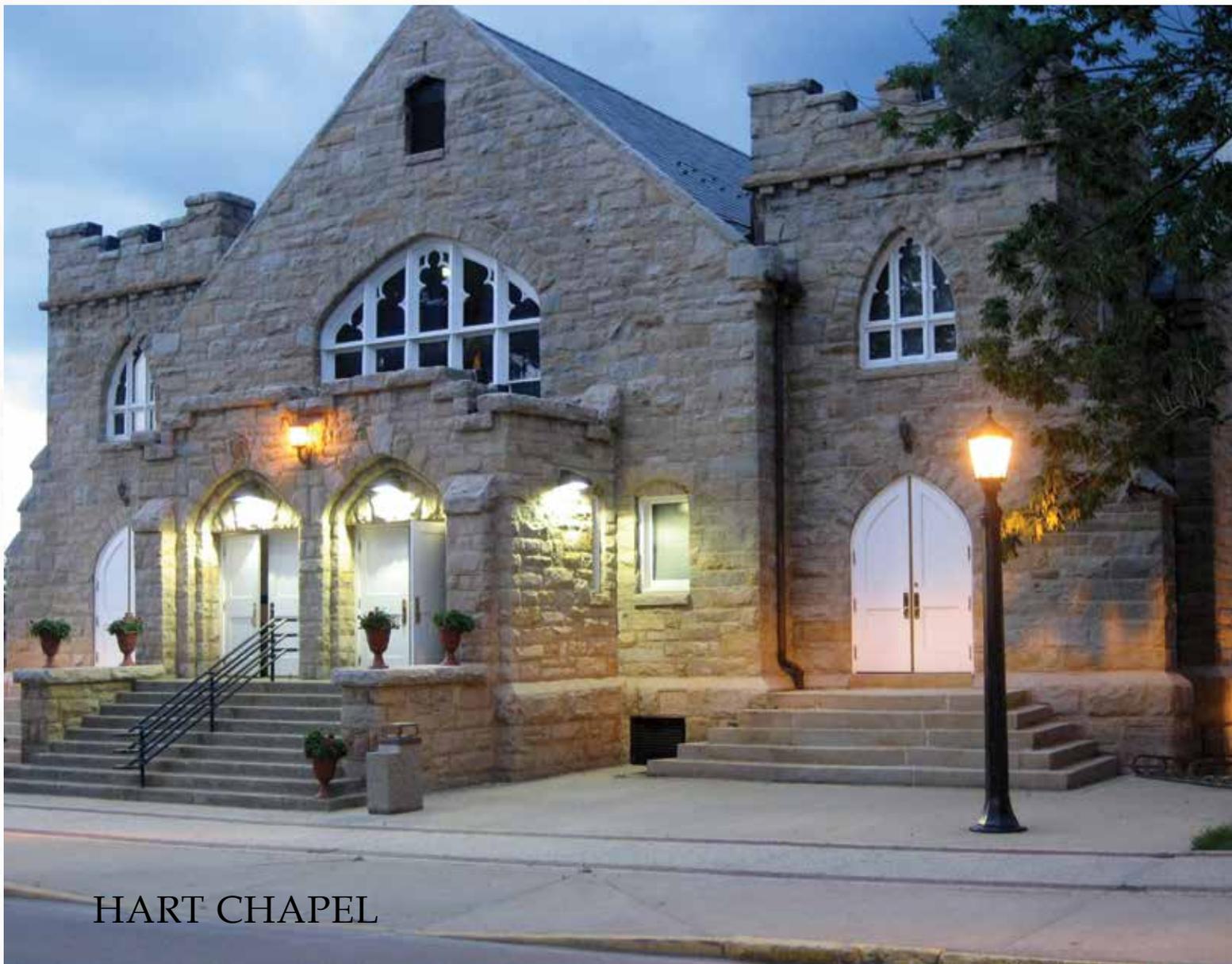


The first faculty of Clarion State Normal School consisted of 11 members.

FOUNDERS HALL



Founders Hall, originally Science Hall, completed in 1894, featured busts of Clarion University's founders above the exterior archway. Students who were upset over a scandal involving university officials receiving kickbacks from the construction of Hart Chapel defaced the busts with red paint. Because the red paint could not be removed, the busts were chiseled off. The building is still used today for classes and offices without the busts.



HART CHAPEL



MOORE HALL (FORMERLY MUSIC HALL)

Moore Hall, completed in 1890, once the official residence of the university president, is now used for special gatherings. Hart Chapel, completed in 1902, is used today for classes, lectures and performances.



**Samuel Weir
(1902-1904)**

Dr. Samuel Weir was born in Canada and received a doctorate from the University of Jena in Austria. Before coming to Clarion, he taught in the public school system, up to the university level.

When Weir entered his term as principal in 1902, he found himself trying to repair the damage of the Davis scandal and turn around an enrollment decline. The entire class of 1903 transferred to Indiana State Normal School, leaving no graduating class that year.

Weir made some academic changes while he was in charge, including lengthening the curriculum to a three-year program. This was adopted to meet the standards set during a meeting of the normal school principals in Harrisburg.

An extensive program of girls' calisthenics and physical activities was in operation by 1892. Baseball was part of the interscholastic program as early as 1890, and football was introduced in 1901.



Basketball for both men and women was added the following spring. The first competition with another normal school appears to have been a baseball game with Slippery Rock in May 1905.



**J. George Becht
(1904-1912)**

J. George Becht was born in Lycoming County in 1865. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Lafayette College and honorary degrees from his alma mater, as well as Bucknell University. Before making his way to Clarion, he was an administrator for multiple schools.

Becht completely changed Clarion's curriculum. In 1910, normal schools were changed to four-year programs, which caused a dramatic enrollment increase. In 1904-1905, enrollment totaled 392. By 1911-1912, enrollment rose to 650.

In 1908, Navarre Hall, the first structure to be built in a non-traditional style, was completed. Known today as Becht Hall, the cream-colored building with a red tiled roof was built on the site of the men's wooden dormitory. The women's dormitory was remodeled to be a men's dormitory and renamed Stevens Hall.

Becht left Clarion in 1912 to become secretary of the State Board of Education. He held this position until he died in 1925.

BECHT HALL



Becht Hall, originally called Navarre Hall, was completed in 1908 during the administration of J. George Becht. Utilizing a Spanish/French style, the building is a striking contrast to the buildings surrounding it. When it opened, Navarre Hall housed 160 women on the third and fourth floors, a student infirmary and teacher's rooms on the other floors, and a dining hall. It was renamed following the Becht's death in 1925. Becht Hall has been completely renovated, reopening in 2015 as a student services center.



**H.M. Shaffer
(1912-1913)**

Born in the Midwest, Shaffer received degrees from Eureka College and Harvard University. He was head of the normal schools in California, Washington and Oregon.

Shaffer's greatest concern as principal revolved around Clarion's athletic policy. He felt too much emphasis was placed on competition, overpaying coaches, and recruiting student athletes solely for the purpose of increasing the school's athletic prowess. According to Shaffer, such practices should "be opposed by all educators who have at heart the real welfare of the student body as a whole."

During his brief tenure at Clarion, Shaffer worked to introduce more "intergroup and intraclass" contests within the school as a way to increase physical activity among all students, not just athletes.



**Andrew T. Smith
(1914)**

Having one of the shortest terms as principal, Dr. Andrew T. Smith came to Clarion after serving as principal of Mansfield State School for almost 15 years. He received degrees from West Chester State Normal School, Lafayette College and New York University.

Smith left Clarion quite suddenly when he was offered a higher salary to be the principal of the Thomas Normal Training School of Detroit.



**Amos P. Reese
(1914-1918)**

Dr. Amos P. Reese, who was Dr. Smith's vice principal at Mansfield, became principal following Smith's departure. He was educated at Mansfield State Normal School, Lafayette College and Columbia University and worked in the administrations of various schools.

His tenure, along with Smith's, was dubbed the "Mansfield Era."

It is characterized by a movement toward state control and a drastic decline in enrollment. Even though World War I limited funds that were available to the state, Reese

and his administration pushed plans to fully acquire operational control of the normal school. With many corrupt actions happening among stockholders in all of the state schools, the state agreed to purchase them. The first to be purchased was West Chester in 1913. Clarion was later purchased in 1915 for \$20,000 to satisfy stockholders and \$49,653 to satisfy indebtedness.

Enrollment fell dramatically under Reese, from a record high of 650 under Becht to 287.



Seminary Hall no longer stands, but these early students from the first 50 years serve as a reminder how students have changed in style, but not in eagerness to learn.

Special thanks to Dr. Samuel Farmerie, author of “A 125th Anniversary History of Clarion University of Pennsylvania,” for his efforts in compiling Clarion’s history. Farmerie’s work was an invaluable resource in sharing Clarion’s first 50 years. Farmerie, professor emeritus of education at Westminster College, is a 1954 graduate of Clarion University.

SpeechEasy



Carly Simon, Mel Tillis,
Bill Withers, Elvis Presley.
These four American
singers have more in
common than being able
to carry a tune: Each of
them stuttered when they
spoke. When they sang,
though, the words were
emitted fluently.

Why? According to Dr. Michael Rastatter, these people and others whose stutters disappear when they sing are experiencing the choral effect.

The choral effect occurs when people who stutter speak or sing in unison with others and their stutter is dramatically reduced or even eliminated.

Knowing this, Rastatter ('72) and two East Carolina University colleagues and research partners, Dr. Joseph Kalinowski and Dr. Andrew Stuart, posed the question: How can we make the choral effect happen in the brain?

The answer is life-altering: the SpeechEasy.

“When someone wears a SpeechEasy device and speaks, their words are digitally replayed in their ear with a very slight delay and frequency modification,” Rastatter said. “As a result, the brain perceives that it is speaking in unison with another person. This perception of speaking in unison creates the choral effect, thus becoming a stuttering treatment that can reduce or even eliminate stuttering.”

One SpeechEasy user, whose name Rastatter can't divulge, is “the lead singer of one of the most dynamic bands ever. ... He told me he never gave an interview for 45 years due to his stuttering. Now he speaks freely, without any sign of stuttering.”

Rastatter and his colleagues applied for a patent on the device, which was granted in 1999. The first SpeechEasy was sold in 2001 and is now sold throughout the United States and in 30 other countries. Janus Development Group has the rights to the SpeechEasy, and Rastatter, Kalinowski and Stuart receive royalties. Rastatter isn't sure how many devices have been sold, but he said the royalties are healthy.

Reading Scholar

Rastatter graduated from Clarion University in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology. He continued his education, earning a master's degree, then a PhD in neuroscience.

After research and development of SpeechEasy concluded, Rastatter directed his research interests toward the neurodynamics underlying reading and reading disorders.

"Over a period of nearly 10 years ... I developed a model of reading from a neurolinguistics perspective," Rastatter said. "I found an auditory signal that shifts the speaker's voice, which stimulates a dormant area of the brain in poor readers, specifically the operculum."

"Under conditions of stimulation, children and adults with reading disorders read nearly at a normal level. A person has to read out loud at first, or there's no signal. The signal turns that system on."

The result of his findings is a software program called Reading Scholar, on which he holds additional patents. Its users comprehend what they're reading more accurately and efficiently.

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– Michael Rastatter

Below (L-R), Stuart, Kalinowski and Rastatter.





The betterment of humanity

Now, retired, Rastatter, formerly of Erie, was honored at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston, for his lifetime efforts in translational research and the development of United States patents, all directed toward the betterment of humanity.

This year, he was inducted into the National Academy of Inventors. Election to NAI Fellow status is the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors who have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society.

He is the recipient of East Carolina University's Lifetime Achievement Award for Research and Creative Activity.

"My colleagues and I never set out to develop a patent portfolio," Rastatter said. "Rather, our efforts in this area materialize because of our work, not because of some personal directive."

Rastatter said he has come full circle "from a young, shy boy who came to Clarion so many years ago to play basketball."

He is proud to have come from a densely blue-collar school and family and to have made his way from undergraduate studies at Clarion to a PhD, all fully funded because of his credentials.

Rastatter (center) at his induction into the National Academy of Inventors.



Focus on a winning culture helps soccer program reach goals

WHEN A COACH COMES IN TO rebuild a sports program, that person will often say that the most important factor toward future success is getting players, old and new, to buy into the program's ideals and methods. Even when times are tough and positive results are rare, getting the players to believe in the process usually portends good things down the road.

For Sean Esterhuizen, the fourth-year head coach of the Clarion women's soccer team, four years of building a winning culture and earning the trust of his players is paying dividends on the pitch. According to him, the players that have been with him the longest are the ones taking charge.

"We've got nine seniors on this team. Seven of them start, and all nine

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play a significant role," Esterhuizen said. "The intensity they've brought to every single game, the leadership, the example they set ... it's all been extraordinary."

Those who spend a lot of time around Esterhuizen know that "extraordinary" might be the favorite adjective in his lexicon. It seems apt in 2017, especially when considering the leap the Golden Eagles made from

the previous season. Clarion won just two total games in 2016 but flipped the script this past year. Before the calendar reached October, the Golden Eagles had already won six games, tying a program record, and their five PSAC wins by that point was already a team record. On Oct. 3, the United Soccer Coaches' Association ranked them 10th in the Atlantic Region, the first time Clarion had ever earned such a recognition.

Esterhuizen says that he first got the inkling that the 2017 team would turn heads at the conclusion of the 2016 season, during one-on-one interviews with players before the beginning of their offseason. Without exception, he says, the rising seniors were not interested in taking an extended break.

“They were ready to get back on the field and for the season to start back up,” Esterhuizen said. “There was no bitterness about the fact we had only two wins that year. They were focused on putting in the work needed to improve from the team we were to the team we wanted to become. When they came back in the spring, they were more conditioned and more fit than ever before.”

One of those senior leaders has been defender Marina Kelly, a converted midfielder that led the Golden Eagles in scoring a year ago. Along with transfer senior Jessica Kenny and sophomore Andie Hill, Kelly solidified a defense that frustrated opponents all season long. At one point in the season, Clarion went four straight games without allowing a goal. Through 13 games, they had allowed just one opponent to score more than two goals in a game.

Offensively the Golden Eagles benefited from the return of McKenzie Sheesley, who did not play during the 2016 season. Never one to turn down a shot, Sheesley notched three goals in the early part of PSAC play, including game winners against IUP and Mansfield. That led to her being named the PSAC West Athlete of the Week Sept. 25. Senior classmate Aaliyah Odom had three goals and two assists through 13 games, while freshman Dani McNally sat just behind her with seven points.

The net has been manned by a number of capable keepers, but the

player taking the tightest grip of the reins is junior Krista Mosi. One of the top goalkeepers in the conference, Mosi posted three straight shutouts and shared another with Brigid Stermel during the Golden Eagles’ unprecedented conference undefeated streak in the middle of the year.

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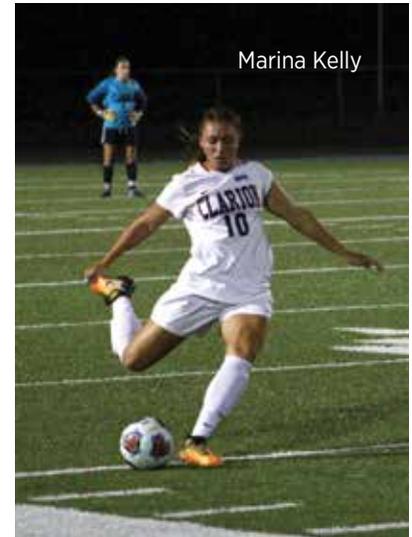
One of the reasons the bigger picture has improved, according to Esterhuizen, is that the Golden Eagles have focused on the smaller one. This year’s team mantra has been “one by one,” with the team placing an extra emphasis on not looking too far ahead.

“We don’t talk about the future, we don’t talk about the playoffs, nothing of that nature,” Esterhuizen said. “We focus on the next game, and that’s it. Whether we win or lose on any given night, we try not to dwell on it. Once we reach the next day, it’s all about focusing on that next opponent.”

The other buzzword around the team this year is “control.” Like their

“one by one” mantra, the team’s conversations about control are all about facing what is front of them and not worrying about the things that are out of their hands. The process, Esterhuizen believes, will take care of the outcome.

“As a team we need to focus on controlling what is actually in our control,” Esterhuizen said. “We can’t always control the result, but we can



Marina Kelly

control how hard we work. We can control how hard we play defense. We can control making the correct decisions and being mentally tough. I tell the players, ‘Don’t focus on winning. Focus on being in control,’ and it’s exciting to see how we have adopted and embraced that philosophy.”

The nine seniors leading the way in 2017 will all be gone at the conclusion of the year, but Esterhuizen believes the culture shift of the team portends good things from his underclassmen in the future.

“From last year to this year there has already been a huge shift in mentality,” Esterhuizen said. “Despite what the records say, when we walk on the field, we expect to win. When next year’s returners see the way our seniors approach the game, they’re learning how to prepare themselves for success as well.”



Aaliyah Odom

NEW LEADERS EMERGE ON MEN'S GOLF TEAM

MEN'S GOLF CONTINUES to improve steadily under head coach Marty Rinker, with a veteran crop of golfers showing well during the 2017 fall season.

With the graduation of two-time NCAA Atlantic Regional qualifier Sean Edgar, the challenge for Clarion this year has been to find the individual player ready to step into that role. To date, that player has been junior Nathan Sandberg, who leads the team with an average

score of 75.9 per round and has a low round of 71 this year. That latter number also ranks as the best on the team this year. Sophomore Mitch Faulkner remains hot on his heel with an average round of 76.7. Freshman newcomer Jake Smithco is tight with the pack at the top, though.

The best result of the year came at the Mercyhurst Invitational, when the Golden Eagles took second place at Lake

View Country Club. Sandberg took second place with a two-day score of 145, just two strokes behind the leader, while Faulkner came in fourth place with rounds of 73 and 74. Clarion shot the lowest first round of the teams in attendance with a 297 on day 1, and ended up just one stroke behind eventual champion West Chester.



Nathan Sandberg



3.547

Men's golf honored with PSAC Team GPA Award

The Clarion men's golf team has long been about academic and athletic achievement, and earlier this year they were honored as the winners of the PSAC Team GPA Award.

The 2016-17 Golden Eagles boasted a team GPA of 3.547, the best among the eight PSAC institutions that compete in the sport. That mark was the best among all men's sports at Clarion and second overall only to the cross country team GPA of 3.639.

Now in their sixth year of existence, the awards are issued across 21 sports. With eight different institutions claiming an award, it ties the most in league history (2013-14).

The awards, released at the conclusion of the academic year, honor the teams with the top cumulative team grade point average in each of the sponsored sports within the PSAC. The league hosts 23 championships; however, for the award purposes, indoor and outdoor track & field are counted as a single sport.

UNDER NEW HEAD COACH WOMEN'S GOLF PROGRESS TANGIBLE

Christan Bowshier

THE WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM

welcomed new head coach Gregg Fritz to Clarion earlier this year, and one need only look at the scorecards from this year to see the progress the Golden Eagles are making on the course in 2017-18.

Fritz is no stranger to the local golf scene, having served as the head golf professional at Pinecrest Country Club in Brookville for 28 years before landing at Clarion. In addition, he served as the head girls' golf coach at Brookville High

School, and his years of instruction and experience have helped the Golden Eagles make progress throughout the year.

The most obvious place to see the team's cumulative progress, though, is on their team scores. Last year the Golden Eagles broke 400 in just three total rounds, spring or fall. This year they have already done it four times, with a full spring slate still on the way. In short, the progress is tangible, and it is real.

Junior Elisabeth Papa has taken charge for the Golden Eagles, slicing an average of two strokes off her play from a year ago through four events in the fall. Sophomore Christan Bowshier, last year's top performer, sits little more than a stroke behind Papa on the team leaderboard, while newcomer Morgan Johnson has also shown ability this early in her college career.

Rich in veteran players, volleyball makes ***BEST START*** SINCE 2014

MUCH LIKE A YEAR AGO, the Golden Eagle volleyball team entered the 2017 season with plenty of experience but very few firm answers. After missing the PSAC Tournament for the first time since 2008, head coach Jennifer Herron was faced with the question of how to get the team back to its usual place near the top of the conference. So far, she seems to have found the winning formula.

One of the things in her favor? The experience of the returning roster. Clarion lost just one starter and three total seniors from a year ago, providing the Golden Eagles the opportunity to bring along their cadre of freshmen slowly while the veterans jumped right back in. The team leapt out to a 9-3 record in non-conference play, their best start to a season since winning 13 straight to open the 2014 season. Confidence gained from that run led to a 3-1 start to PSAC play, including a 3-1 victory over West Chester in the home opener Sept. 29.





That's not to say the early portion of the schedule did not have its share of challenges. One of the biggest facing the coaching staff was an injury to junior outside hitter Marissa Robertson, a six-rotation player with considerable responsibilities on offense and defense. To that end, two-time All-PSAC outside hitter Taylor Braunagel picked up the slack, relishing the new role as a two-way contributor and ranking second on the team in digs.

Braunagel's offense didn't dip at all, either, as she still leads the team in kills.

The revelation of the early part of the season was the ability for a pair of players to learn new positions. Sophomore Julia Holden came to Clarion as a middle hitter but settled nicely into her role as an outside hitter, ranking second on the team in kills. Possessing a potent swing, she took the lion's share of attempts on the offense. Lauryn Driscoll is another converted middle learning a new position, with the junior having had her best season to date on the right side. Setter Leah Vensel also vastly improved over a year ago, ranking among the conference leaders in assists.

That is to say nothing of the defense, which pulled ahead of last year's pace in blocks, digs and opponent hitting percentage. Senior libero Catherine Ferragonio enjoyed the best season of her career and accumulated nearly as many digs through 17 matches as she did in 30 matches in 2016. Olivia Olson led the defense at the net, ranking at or near the top in the PSAC in blocks per set throughout the season. She also developed a strong offensive game, earning PSAC Southwest Player of the Week honors Sept. 19 after averaging 3.50 kills and 1.12 blocks per set and hitting .364 at the WJU/WLU Invitational.



Allison Gates and Haley Schaller arrived at Clarion in August and immediately jumped out to the front of the pack.



CORE STRENGTHENING HOISTS HARRIERS

The cross country team, under the direction of third-year head coach Eric Laughlin, continues to grow into a formidable unit in the PSAC. With the addition of two talented freshmen to this year's squad, the Golden Eagles are beginning to form a core that will move up the ranks in conference championship and NCAA Regional meets.

Allison Gates and Haley Schaller arrived at Clarion in August and immediately jumped out to the front of the pack, with the two harriers posting the fastest finish on the team in two races apiece to start the year. Schaller was the first Golden Eagle to cross the finish line at their season-opening meet at Westminster and again at the D-II/D-III Challenge

at Kutztown, while Gates claimed supremacy at the Lock Haven XC Open/Invite and the Washington & Jefferson Invitational.

Junior Kayce Bobnar continues to impress, having claimed a top-10 finish at Washington & Jefferson. Seniors Megan Schwerzler, Maria Snyder and Danielle Stoner have all contributed as well.

Optimism tempers frustration as football program rebuilds



Layne Skundrich

The youth movement continued for Clarion football in 2017, and, as is often the case, the growing pains were frustrating. At the start of the season, 31 of the 44 players on the team's depth chart were a sophomore or younger in eligibility, to say nothing of the players manning special teams positions.

When those young players began to show signs of maturation and growth, though, it was easy to become optimistic about the future of the Golden Eagle football program.

The offense was the area hit hardest by attrition from a year ago, with new starters at eight of the 11 positions on that side of the ball. Nowhere was the change more apparent than at the wide receiver position, where receivers Kevin Genevro and Matt Lehman finished off in 2016 some of the best careers in Clarion history. Stepping up in their absence were players like sophomore Greg Leonard, a contributor on last year's squad but a major factor in the passing game in 2017. Leonard's ability to break big plays was among the best in the conference, with the slot receiver averaging better than 22.0 yards per reception early in the season.

The running game was also challenged to pick up the slack left from Delrece



Greg Leonard

Williams from a year ago, and after a rocky start they began to pick up steam. The duo of junior Kyle Evans and freshman Mylique McGriff rounded into form at the start of PSAC West play, totaling 270 combined yards through two divisional games. Like Leonard, McGriff displayed his big play ability by ripping off the two longest runs of the season in each of those games. The improvement in the running game coincided with the improved play of a young offensive line, one bolstered by returning All-Super Region 1 center Zack Morris, but also including a number of underclassmen taking on increased roles.

Comparatively speaking, the defense welcomed back a wealth of experience, and, through the early part of the year, it shined through. The Golden Eagles forced nine turnovers in the first five games, with senior cornerback Myles Edmonds picked off passes in each of the first two games and the defense as a whole forced five fumbles. The defensive line of Alec Heldreth, Tyrone Archie, Saif Khan and Brandon Vocco were disruptive from the get-go, while junior linebacker Layne Skundrich topped 10 tackles in four of the first five games and ranked among the PSAC leaders in the category.

The challenges remain for the coaching staff, under the direction of third-year head coach Chris Weibel, as they continue to rebuild the program in their image. Though the road has not been easy, the signs of progress point to further maturation ahead.



Mylique McGriff

A look back...

1912 Mandolin Club



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ALUMNI NOTES

SUMMER 2017

1975

Lynn Watson is president of Watson Excavating, Inc., Turbotville. He resides in Watsontown, Pa., with his wife, Susie. They have two children, Eric and Brandy.

1977

Larry McLouth retired from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He and his wife, Premwadee, reside in Benicia, Calif. They have two sons, Joel and Tait.

1980

Ken Hannold recently received a Master of Science degree in organizational development and leadership from the University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas. He is a vice president of professional development manager for SunTrust Bank, Richmond, Va. He resides in Glen Allen, Va., with his wife, Janice. They have a daughter, Kathleen.

1981

David King is employed by JP Morgan Chase, Columbus, Ohio. He resides in Columbus. He has two sons, David and Dan.

1991

Jodi (Pezek) Burns completed her doctorate in sports management with focus on sport leadership through the United States Sports Academy, Daphne, Ala. She earned a master's degree in student leadership from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1998. Jodi lives in Shippenville. She and her husband, Joe, have five children: Karly, Ellie, Olivia, Jacob and Korrin.

Christopher Thompson is a national director of site acquisition, EBI Consulting, Burlington, Mass. He resides in York, Pa., with his wife, Rachel Bush, and sons: Tyler, Colby and Gunnar.

1992

Dr. Lori (Welch) Murtha recently received a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a supervisor of special classes for early intervention for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 27, Monaca, Pa. Lori resides in Rochester, Pa., with her husband, Mark, and children, Lauren and Austin.

1995

Bill Germuga is a general manager for St. Louis Screw & Bolt, Madison, Ill. He resides in O'Fallon, Ill., with his wife, Lucy, and daughters, Stephanie and Amber.

Karen (Callahan) Archambault is a special education teacher for Hartford Public Schools, Hartford, Conn. She received her master's degree in early childhood special education from The University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, Conn., in May 2016. Karen resides in Unionville, Conn., with her husband, Kris, and sons, Jacob and Luke.

1996

Leslie Croston is a digital media specialist for Discovery Communications, Silver Spring, Md. She resides in Silver Spring.

1999

Sara (Miller, M.S. '02) Hoffman is a supervisor of special education for Clairton City School District, Clairton, Pa. She resides in McDonald, Pa., with her husband, Paul.

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2000

Shawn Morrow is a mortgage specialist for Equity Resources Inc., Beaver, Pa. He resides in Beaver with his wife, Stacia, and daughter, Whitley.

2004

Kimberly Blanchard is a special education teacher for Great Meadows Board of Education, Great Meadows, N.J. She resides in Califon, N.J., with her husband, Timothy, and children, Lillian and Oliver.

2006

Lance and Victoria (Lucas) Astorino reside in Inwood, W.Va. Lance was recently named assistant principal at an elementary school in the Jefferson County School System.

Tom Stumme is employed by Vanguard, Malvern, Pa. He resides in Conshohocken, Pa.

2010

Rich Eckert is a vice president for Beardstown Savings Bank. He resides in Beardstown, Ill, with his wife, Ashley, and daughter, Reese.

2011

Alexander and Hannah (Arnett '15) Campbell reside in Pittsburgh. Alexander is a lead business analyst of client technology solutions for BNY Mellon, Pittsburgh.

2012

Ashlee Swales-Frambes and Brandon Frambes ('13) reside in Palm Coast, Fla.

2014

Sara Mancine is an account analyst for Crown Castle, Canonsburg, Pa. She resides in Pittsburgh with her son, Jace.

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MARRIAGES



- Matthew Lucotch ('88)** and Debra Moore, Oct. 15, 2016
- Kris Archambault and **Karen Callahan ('95)**, June 14, 2017
- Kyle Vickers and **Rebecca Hoover ('11)**, June 24, 2017
- Adam Deiter ('13)** and **Brittany Miller ('13)**, Aug. 5, 2017
- Alexander Campbell ('11)** and **Hannah Arnett ('15)**, Aug. 26, 2017



Nathan Hundertmark
May 30, 1996 – Sept. 18, 2017

Nathan Hundertmark, 21, of Clintonville passed away unexpectedly Sept. 18, 2017.

Born May 30, 1996, in Grove City, he was the son of Gary and Linda McIlvain Hundertmark.

Nathan was a 2014 graduate of Franklin High School. He continued his education at Clarion University, majoring in computers and information systems. He was a senior and had worked in computer maintenance.

He enjoyed music, especially playing guitar and writing his own songs. His love of music began at an early age and increased as time went on. He was a member of the Franklin High School Black Knight Band and Jazz Band. He was also a member of the Academic Games team, going to nationals in 2008. He enjoyed playing vintage computer games.

Surviving are: his parents, Gary and Linda Hundertmark of Clintonville; his sister Megan Hundertmark of Clintonville; his maternal grandmother Janet McIlvain of Franklin; his aunts, Pamela Hoover and husband Todd of Franklin, Kimberly Warwick and husband Ronald of Chesapeake, Va., and Beth Kellner and husband Robert of Harrisville; his uncles, Jeff McIlvain of Ravenna, Ohio, and Eric Hundertmark and wife Mary of Collegeville, and many cousins.

IN MEMORIAM

1930s
Dorothy Pearson ('37), March 19, 2017

1940s
William Crissman ('48), April 27, 2017

1950s
E. Helmintoller ('52), June 20, 2017
Nancy George ('58), March 16, 2017
James Graziano ('59), March 15, 2017

1960s
Karlene Molinaro ('60), March 20, 2017
Lee Rouse ('60), April 16, 2017
Herbert Burns ('61), May 18, 2017
William Powell ('65), May 8, 2017
Adele Gammieri ('66), May 11, 2017

1970s
Elaine Schreiber ('70), March 15, 2017
Deborah A. (Turcheck '71) Chislock, Feb. 7, 2016
Roberta Couch ('72), May 7, 2017
Martha Kline ('73), April 5, 2017
Sara Steffee ('73), May 15, 2017
Earl H. McDaniel Jr. ('73), June 19, 2017
Mary Reese ('74), March 16, 2017
Joyce Rowland ('75), April 2, 2017
Joan Ellis ('78), April 24, 2017
Maxine King ('78), June 9, 2017
Deborah Fleming ('79), Dec. 12, 2016

1980s
James Caldwell ('81), April 1, 2017
Susan Almes ('82), April 12, 2017

1990s
Roberta Wielandt ('91), June 20, 2017
Christine Slippy ('95), May 22, 2017

2000s
Eric O'Neil ('05), May 12, 2017

2010s
Frederick Clark ('10), April 13, 2017

Friends
Don McCormac, March 25, 2017 (former staff)
Roger Horn, June 6, 2017 (retired faculty)
Ernie Goble, June 23, 2017 (retired staff)

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BABY EAGLES



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- Parents' names
- Full address
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- Date of birth

Once you receive your bib, take a picture of your Eaglet putting the bib to use, and email a high-resolution photo to us for inclusion in Clarion University Magazine.



Lucille James Mealy, daughter of **Jonathan ('10)** and **Wendyl (Haws '15) Mealy**, born Feb. 27, 2017



Calvin Daniel Whitney, son of **Ryan ('05)** and Lindsay (Barringer) **Whitney**, born Sept. 7, 2016



Charles "CJ" Kirby, son of Charles and **Ashley (Carter '06)**, born Aug. 22, 2017.



Allison Grace Kooser, daughter of **Jason ('06)** and Christine **Kooser**, born Aug. 25, 2017.



Jett Aaron Goodman, son of Jesse and **Andrea (Evans '99) Goodman**, born March 16, 2017.



August Benjamin Little, son of Philip and **Tara (Roberts '06, '07)**, born May 17, 2017.



Violet May Anderson, daughter of **Madeline (Baldizar, '05)** and **Daniel ('04) Anderson**, born April 2, 2017.



Nathaniel Allan Fox, son of Michael and **Kelli (Straw '05) Fox**, born July 8, 2016.



Jensen Tyler Duffola, son of Brad and **Jessica (Hummel '05) Duffola**, born May 9, 2017.



Jessica Juanita Hill, daughter of **Kári King-Hill ('95)** and Warren Hill, born April 20, 2017.



Kaceson Jesse Boyles, son of Charles and **Kelsi (Wilcox, '07, '13) Boyles**, born July 6, 2017.

Jones-Stofan

Amanda Jones and Eric Stofan were married June 24, and multiple generations of Clarion alumni were with them to celebrate, including Amanda's father, Gary Jones ('89). Amanda teaches first grade in the Moon Area School District.



Jim Dieterle ('88), Gary Jones, ('89), Peter McMillen, ('90), Kathy McMillen ('92), Greg Dibiase ('90), Brittnei Nassan ('14), Cierra Schneider ('15), Andrew Fragale ('15), Brynne Buchner ('15), Cameron Derr ('15), Katie Burns ('17) and Hanna Smiley ('17).

Schopperth-Dauber

Erik Dauber and Kristin Schopperth met at Clarion University and married Aug. 5, 2017, in Stroudsburg. Kristin is a speech-language pathologist, and Erik is a high school history teacher.



Front row: Greg Snelick ('75), Shealin Mulcahy ('13), groom Erik Dauber ('14), bride Kristin (Schopperth '14, '16) Dauber, Jenn Zdarko ('14, '16), Megan Sutton ('14, '16), Trinity Letteri ('14, '15) Jamie (Dauber '01, '04), Cassie (Kriegel '10) Carnovale, Dan Carnovale ('09). Second row: Alyssa (Katz '14, '15) Domitrovich, Josh Domitrovich ('13, '15), Alicia Young ('14, '15), Drew Morici ('13), Emily Morgan ('13), Rebecca (Schlimm '14, '15) Cowan, Wyatt Zacchero ('15), Kelin (Linnan '01) Dauber. (Not pictured by in attendance were Susan (Mann) Kelly and David Herbstritt ('12).

DISTINGUISHED *Awards* 2018



The Clarion University Alumni Association Distinguished Awards were established by the alumni association in 1966 to recognize exceptional alumni and university friends.

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- **Distinguished Alumni:**

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- **Distinguished Venango Alumni:**

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- **Distinguished Faculty:**

Recognizes Clarion University faculty members for their excellence in teaching, scholarship and leadership. Recipients are dedicated to their profession, have a record of professional development and growth, and demonstrate care for and are an inspiration to their students.

- **Distinguished Service:**

Presented to any individual who has given time, talent and/or resources to the university. Recipients have made contributions that have significantly influenced the university community and/or have a record of extraordinary volunteer service and active involvement with Clarion University.



2017 Distinguished Faculty

DR. BRUCE SMITH '84
Science education, retired

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COURAGEOUS endeavors

JESSICA KENNY

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Last summer, Clarion University ROTC Cadet Jessica Kenny spent a month in Estonia as part of the ROTC Cultural Understanding Language Proficiency program, then later attended Army Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga. Kenny has summed up these Courageous Endeavors in her own words.

“Traveling is something that I have always loved to do. Having this incredible opportunity to travel to Estonia for a month with 29 other cadets and four cadre members was a very eye-opening experience. I never expected to learn so much about myself and another culture in just one month. I was able to expand my knowledge, get out of my comfort zone and experience things from a different perspective.

“I embraced the Estonian culture and learned so many new things

ranging from customs, different foods, military tactics and differences between physical training in a training environment. I am beyond blessed to have had this opportunity and really enjoyed my time in Estonia.

“Airborne school is an experience I will never forget. The first two weeks consisted of ground week and then tower week. For these two weeks we trained consistently in the terrible heat and humidity.

“We ran many miles each day to stay in shape, jumped out of the 34-foot tower, practiced mass exits on mock doors, used the swing landing apparatus and, most importantly, learned our parachute landing falls. Each day was long and tiring, with much repetition.

“We constantly jumped and fell, leaving each soldier very sore the next morning. We practiced over and



over again so that each parachute landing fall became second nature. At the end of tower week, 322 soldiers/Air Force/Marines/Navy personnel were ready to become paratroopers.

“Five jumps later, I can now say that I am a paratrooper. Airborne leads the way.”

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