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ALUMNI WEEKEND

Alumni Weekend was a great success, with 400 alumni returning to The Valley to reminisce and visit campus. To see web pages for the reunion classes and to view photos from the weekend, log on to www.lvc.edu/alumni.

OKTOBERFEST

LVC's Oktoberfest Weekend, a combination of Homecoming and Parents Weekend, will be here soon! The festivities are planned for October 4-5, 2002. On Friday, October 4, the annual golf tournament will take place at Fairview Golf Course, with lunch and 19th-hole refreshments included. LVC's own Chef Ralph Landi will offer a cooking demonstration on Friday afternoon, Oct. 4. Feast your eyes and reward your palate with an asparagus and wild rice pancake with homemade Macintosh applesauce as an appetizer, penne a la vodka with chicken as an entrée, and blackberry cobbler with vanilla ice cream for dessert. Chef Ralph offers tips and secrets as he prepares the food before you; samples of each course can be tasted and recipes will be available to take home. With wonderful food, a fantastic chef and a professional atmosphere, you're guaranteed to enjoy yourself! The Lebanon Valley College Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony is scheduled for later that evening. Five former LVC athletes (Jennifer Deardorff Atkinson '86, Cindy Sladek Chimino '90, P. Brooks Slatcher '62, Tom Nussbaum '80 and Robert Johnston '84) will be inducted into the Hall of Fame, along with the 1953-1955 championship men's basketball team. An exciting pep rally at Arnold Field and the ever-popular hypnotist Keith Karkut round out the evening.

On Saturday, October 5, join President Pollick and members of the staff for an informal reception in the morning. Women's volleyball takes on York College and women's tennis goes up against Messiah College. An informational session on the College's study abroad program, "The Classroom Overseas," will be held in Leedy Theater. Interested students and parents are encouraged to attend and talk with the program's director and students who have recently returned from abroad. The Oktoberfest Luncheon offers a delicious menu and is conveniently located under a tent at the south end of Arnold Field. Women's field hockey and the football team battle Moravian College in the early afternoon. At the start of the football game, the LVC Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced, and halftime activities include the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen.

An alumni post-game tent party and reunion celebration will begin at the conclusion of the football game. The Classes of '87, '92 and '97 will be celebrating reunions; reunion web pages may be viewed by logging on to www.lvc.edu/alumni. Once the alumni office receives notice from those classes, attendance lists will be posted on the web pages. Until then, this is a great time for you to contact your classmates and make plans to attend the reunion tent party! Pre-registration is required and proper ID is necessary for admission.

Round out the weekend with more delicious food: alumni, parents and students may enjoy a relaxing served meal at the Candlelight and Roses dinner on Saturday evening.

An Oktoberfest brochure including a complete schedule and extra details will be mailed to all alumni and current parents in late August. Hope to see you on Oktoberfest weekend!

AFRICA COLLOQUIUM PROGRAM SET

Africa, the College's 2002-2003 colloquium, will feature a film series, lectures, panel discussions and an art exhibition. A fall colloquium highlight will be a lecture based on the book "In Search of Africa" by author Dr. Manthia Diawara. He is a professor of comparative literature and director of the Program in Africana Studies at New York University. Diawara is an expert on black film in Africa and Europe, as well as on literary and cultural issues. He will speak Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in Leedy Theater in the Mund College Center. In the spring, June Carter Perry, a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow and career diplomat, will be on campus for a week to lecture, visit classes and take part in panel discussions. She has served in several African countries, most recently as Deputy Chief of Mission in the U.S. embassy in Antananarivo, Madagascar. She is presently Diplomat-in-Residence at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where one of her principal tasks is recruiting African-American students for the foreign service. Her visit is scheduled for April 7-11. For more details, stay posted throughout the year to the Calendar of Events on the College web site at www.lvc.edu.

DR. CARMEAN FETED ON 98TH BIRTHDAY

Dr. D. Clark Carmean, emeritus dean of admissions, celebrated his 98th birthday May 22 with staff, faculty and alumni at Hill Farm Estate, the Annville retirement home where he lives. He and his friends enjoyed cake and ice cream. Log on to www.lvc.edu/alumni to see a picture of Dr. Carmean taken at the birthday party.

His long association with the College began in 1933 when he became an instructor of music education and string instruments. He went on to serve as dean of men from 1935 to 1940 and as director of admissions for nearly 25 years, from 1949 to 1973. Carmean, an Ohio Wesleyan graduate, received his master's degree in music education in 1932 from Columbia Teachers College in New York City.

In association with his wife, Edna, who died in June, 2001, he is a member of the College's Laureate Society, which includes those who have given in excess of \$1 million to the College. The Carmeans were the benefactors for Cuewe-Pehelle, a statue created

for the College by New York sculptor Audrey Flack. The statue is located on Carmean Plaza between Garber Science Center and Lynch Memorial Hall. The area was named in the couple's honor. As honorary co-chairs of Lebanon Valley College's TOWARD 2001 campaign, the Carmeans assisted in a major fundraising venture which exceeded its goal to raise over \$23.9 million. In 1977 they endowed the Carmean Distinguished Chair in Music and in 1982 established the Carmean String Ensemble Scholarship. Dr. Carmean received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the College in 1985. His wife was a long-time staff assistant in various departments, including music, admissions, public relations and the president's office. She also served as a writer/editor for Alumni Review, as executive secretary for the College's Centennial celebration, was the College historian and received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the College in 1985.

ATHLETICS

The fall '02 schedules of your favorite LVC teams are now available by logging on to www.lvc.edu/athletics.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM ON CAMPUS

LVC was outfitted with a new telephone system over the weekend of July 12-14. 350 new phones were installed and tested continuously over a 30-hour period, thanks to the hard work and dedication of personnel from both D&E Communications and the College. (And we thought pulling an all-nighter was just for college students!) All faculty and administrative office phones are now equipped with voice mail. This will help us maintain the level of professional service we strive to provide for all alumni, students, parents and friends of the College.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Work continues on the latest campus construction projects. The residence hall opposite Marquette Hall will be officially dedicated and named Dellinger Hall in memory of Dr. Woodrow Dellinger '33 and Curvin Dellinger '38, both trustees of the College, and to honor members of the Dellinger family, especially Ella Dellinger and Mary Dellinger, on October 19, 2002. The new student social center that will connect Dellinger and Marquette has a late September completion date. For a look at the construction drawings and more information, log on to <http://www.lvc.edu/progress/>.

DO YOU KNOW?

What is the name of the area between Garber and Lynch that contains a statue?

Every correct answer will receive a recognition gift. (Note: LVC employees are welcome to participate but are not eligible for a prize.) Everyone who answers the trivia question correctly will receive a small token of appreciation for participating in the trivia challenge. As always, all answers will receive a personal response and confirmation of the correct answer. Please submit one answer only, and include your name and class year in your message.

Last month's question was... Describe the folklore of LVC's Lenny the Leopard.

This answer was contributed by Michael Reidy '70:

"Habitat: The biology lab (now student apartments)

Description: Glassy eyed African prowler of indeterminate age who had suffered a reversal of fortune in that while he used to be the 'eater' he was (in the late 1960s) the 'eaten' (primarily by moths).

Habits: Though quiet and still by day, he was known to go on the prowl at night - sometimes for extended periods, but would always re-appear on some corner of campus: the chapel steps, the ledge of Engle Hall, a table in the dining hall. Rumor had it that someone had once taken him for a live big cat and taken a pot-shot at it with a shot gun, accounting for some of the 'moth' holes.

The veracity of this was never established, nor, to my knowledge was the exact time of Lenny's arrival at LVC, but it was judged to be in the 1930s. Doc Wilson was rumored to talk to him in his later years (Doc's not Lenny's). Where is Lenny now?"

The Legend of Lenny the Leopard (as reported in "Lebanon Valley College: A Centennial History" by Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace, 1966)

Lenny, a stuffed leopard from Sierra Leone, West Africa, was the prized gift given to LVC by missionary William M. Martin '18, who shot the leopard, had it stuffed and then presented it to the College. Believed to be the largest specimen of its type on display in America, Lenny was stored in a glass case in the Tyrone Biological Museum on the third floor of the Administration Building.

One day, Lenny was stolen with only a letter signed by "The Agitators" remaining as a clue. The stuffed leopard turned up in Lebanon, deposited by its abductors during the night on the steps of the old Post Office at the corner of Eighth and Chestnut Streets. In the dim light of the morning, a police officer driving up Eighth Street saw a strange object on the steps. The officer stopped the car, sprang out and pulled a revolver. For one split second, he had the animal at bay, and for the rest of his life, he enjoyed the joke on himself.

Once again, Lenny the leopard is missing. If you have any information as to his whereabouts, please contact the alumni office at 1-800-ALUM-LVC.

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