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ways cared for them and I don't like to see them in pain."

Hard work dominates life on a farm. And the Bartels dairy farm is not unlike countless others that dot America's rural landscape. Early risers let the cows out to pasture and sweep up floors and mangers so they can lay down fresh bedding for the animals. In the fields, Bartels picks stones, plants crops or gathers hay to store in the barn depending upon the season. She also feeds the cows and calves and milks them before ending a routine day.

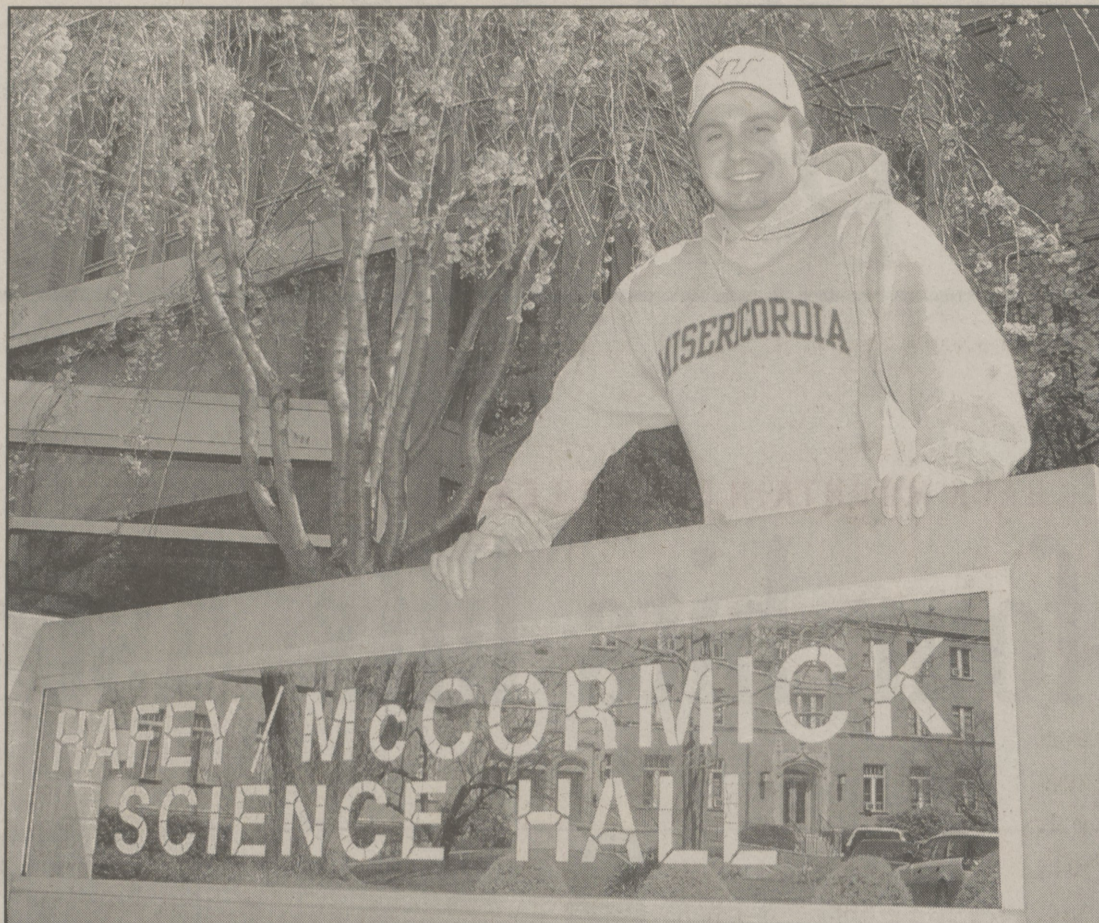
A foundation for success

Farm life and her rigorous classroom instruction at Misericordia laid the foundation for her success as an undergraduate and supplied the determination and confidence necessary for veterinarian school.

"I think the small classrooms and one-on-one relationships you have with your professors are helpful," Bartels said. "They are so approachable. You can go to them for anything. They make you feel like their doors are always open whether it is class related or future related. They are always there and always willing to help you out."

"I wouldn't go anywhere else. Misericordia is a great experience. I think a lot of it is the small classroom sizes. The biology major is small, but yet you are close—you have this close-knit community. It's a great program. It's challenging; it is everything that I had hoped. I got a great education and built great lifelong friendships."

Professional and service-related experiences outside the classroom were also a major component of her education at Misericordia. Bartels was a member of the Pre-Med Club and participated in the Adopt-A-Friend program as part of the immediate school community. She also served a summer internship at the non-profit Indra Loka Animal Sanctuary Inc. in Mehoopany and shadowed veterinarian Dr. Michele Zajac at Bunker Hill Veterinarian Hospital.



Philip Paul Pack III poses outside Hafey-McCormick Science Hall. The 2006 graduate of College Misericordia will enroll in the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in the fall.

"The work has helped me build a strong work ethic, which is definitely important in school" Bartels said about her farm work and internships. "You have to know you have to do this. There is a time for work and a time for play. It helps you build strong relationships with people that you meet, whether it's roommates, faculty or anyone."

The realities of medicine

Pack's inspirational journey to Misericordia and medical school began out of necessity at Keystone National High School, a cyber school based in Bloomsburg, Pa. The son of Philip Paul II and Betsy Pack was forced to withdraw from conventional schooling in third grade due to chronic migraine headaches.

Through his lengthy ordeal, Pack's love and curiosity for science grew naturally through his parents.

"I was exposed to the sciences," said Pack, whose father is a biology teacher and his mother's a nurse. "I just really enjoy learning. I thought the medical profession pulled everything together. It is the culmination of all

the sciences."

His philosophical approach to medicine, though, is fueled by his past condition and associated environmental factors. The countless doctors' office and hospital visits aside, the faces and expressions of ill children motivated him to seek a career in medicine and more precisely, osteopathic medicine.

"I went through every test, every scan, anything and everything to rule it out," Pack said. "It also allowed me to see the other side - the patient side of medicine. The one thing I did know was that migraines were not life threatening. I saw horrible things (in the hospitals) and that furthered my desire to help others."

Osteopathic medicine is a distinctive form of medical practice. It provides all the benefits of modern medicine, while offering the added benefit of hands-on diagnosis and treatment through a system of therapy. Overall, osteopathic medicine emphasizes helping each person achieve a level of wellness by focusing on health education, and injury and disease prevention, according to

the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

That's the same philosophic approach Pack wants to take when he is studying and applying his medical background in the field. One of the main reasons he chose VCOM is the myriad opportunities it presents for service to others. The school offers outreach through mission-style programs in countries where medical professionals are in short supply.

"I just felt the D.O. (osteopathic) philosophy fit me better," Pack said, matter-of-factly. "I want to do a lot of volunteer work, whether it's overseas or in rural areas. I want to be out there. In order to make the biggest difference, you have to be out there in the everyday lives of people. What's the point of having a whole bunch of knowledge if you can't help people?"

Experience makes the doctor

Pack's classroom and service accomplishments at Misericordia speak for themselves. He graduated with a 3.65 grade point average and was awarded the 2006 Robert Anderson Award



Jan Bartels graduated from College Misericordia in May. She will spend a few more playful moments with the animals on her family's farm before embarking on her graduate school work at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine.

for academic excellence in pre-medicine curriculum. He also participated in the Pre-Med Club for three years, serving as its president and vice-president during his tenure.

In 2005, Pack was one of three pre-med majors at Misericordia who participated in a prestigious nine-week surgical mentor scholarship program at Emory University School of Medicine and Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. The program provided the students with direct access to physicians in academic settings and included clinical rotations, research projects and a series of medical conferences.

"That was something that is unheard of," Pack said about the Emory experience. "I was able to scrub in on surgeries, interact with patients, spend whole nights in the ER and participate

in a research project.

It's opportunities inside and outside the classroom that set Misericordia apart, according to Pack. "Everything here (is wonderful)," he said. "The professors, the classes I've taken and the faculty in the biology department is wonderful. I loved all the philosophy classes. They really opened my mind. I developed all over. I became strong in my sciences and I'm also able to discuss philosophy, history, art — all the humanities effectively."

"These are all things you need to relate with patients. If someone can understand where you're coming from it can help develop that special doctor-patient bond."

For more information about the Pre-Med Program at College Misericordia, log on to www.misericordia.edu.

DANCE

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routines staged to tunes from some of the most unforgettable movies of all time. This talented group of performers promises to offer something for everyone who treasures show tunes.

Elaborate costuming, colorful scenery and professional lighting will complement the challenging choreography as dancers ages 4 through adult run through a litany of memorable songs. Fun toe-tapping dances from "Happy Feet" will be a counterpoint to the more stirring movements from "Purple Rain."

Good old fashion rock-n-roll from the likes of "The Blues Brothers" and "Dirty

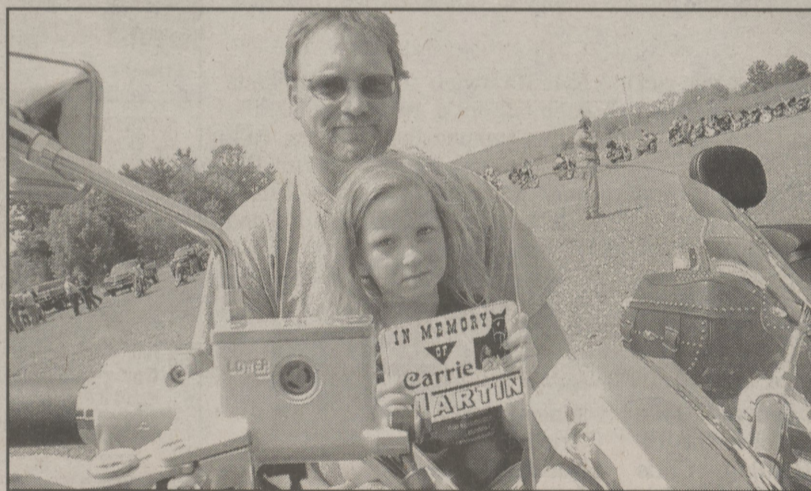
Dancing" will be joined by urban numbers from "Stomp the Yard" and "Take It to the Floor." Highlighting the production will be the 30-minute set to "High School Musical" directed by instructor Sean T. Harris.

The production is slated for three performances — 6:30 p.m. on Friday June 8; 1 and 6 p.m. on Saturday June 9.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15 at either of the Joan Harris Centre's schools, at the Twin Stacks Complex in Dallas or at the Harris Conservatory for the Arts in Luzerne. They will also be available the days of the performances at the Kirby Centre.

For more information, call 287-7977.

FRIENDS, FAMILY RALLY TO REMEMBER CARRIE MARTIN



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Six year old Katie-Jo Cadwalader sits on her uncle John Grey's motorcycle before the start of a 50 mile benefit race to honor her sister, Carrie Martin, who was murdered three years ago in a drug-related robbery. At right, Wendy Cadwalader waves and videotapes a motorcycle parade in honor of her murdered daughter, Carrie Martin, as it leaves the Luzerne County Fairgrounds.



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