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To: All Lehigh Valley Athletic Club Contributors

July 1, 2009

We owe you our sincere congratulations ! Despite the national and global recession, your generous support for the 2008-09 LVAC Annual Fund has once again allowed us to set two new records: for **most gifts (195)** and also **funds raised of over \$140,000**, including last Summer's golf outing. This is terrific news and about \$10,000 higher than last year's prior all-time high. Although this was shy of our preferred goal of about \$175,000, we feel justifiably proud of your ability to help achieve significant results during extraordinary economic times. Our total for the past two years is nearly as much as our first five Annual Fund years combined (2001-05).

Our cash reserves throughout the 2008-09 fiscal year remain sufficient to maintain our current operations for much of the coming year, for a budget which will soon approach \$200,000/year. We've already received key gifts to help launch our 2009-10 campaign, as we re-focus our aim to surpass \$200k/year in revenue. We have full faith that we can meet Pat's near term goals for the Club, with his ultimate goals requesting that we raise upwards of \$250,000 to \$275,000 per year.

As you know, Pat was very pleased to announce in late June that nationally ranked freestyler, Keith Gavin -- who turned down an option to go to Iowa State -- left Pittsburgh's full-time staff to join the LVAC staff. His full-time role will complement our ongoing part-time working relationships with former All-Americans Jon Trengre, Mario Stuart and Pat Cummins, among other Club candidates.

Jason Kutz remains our full-time LVAC head coach and Lehigh bench coach and has made significant contributions toward improving our golf outing and website. To help spruce up our website, we've welcomed the services of a website designer, Brian Paul, plus a top-flight wrestling photographer, Brooke Zumas, LU '07, while she pursues a PhD degree in psychology.

As you know, your contributions support two of Pat's top priorities: attracting a quality staff of coaches and training partners, plus an indirect boost to high school recruiting. We'll continue to work year-round with great excitement and enthusiasm to help raise funds to help Pat improve his coaches' chances to win these two particular recruiting battles.

As always, assistance in helping find and encourage new donors is greatly welcomed.

Warm regards,

Denny

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