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W&J Up Close



GREETINGS!

It was a pleasure to see so many alumni and families on campus for Homecoming/Family Weekend 2003 in October. We enjoyed a banner turn out. While our Homecoming celebrations have always offered enjoyment for the entire family, this year's combination of Homecoming with Family Weekend certainly emphasized the closeness of the W&J family. I hope you enjoy the highlights from the weekend that are included in this issue.

For the first time in recent memory, the College's Honor Roll of Donors is included in an issue of the magazine. What better way to acknowledge our benefactors than in a publication brimming with evidence that your support is being put to good use. Our goal of being among the leading liberal arts colleges in the nation has been supported by several new programs including the Gender and Women's Studies Program, by the recent completion of a state-of-the-art technology center, and by the impressive fact that increased selectivity has resulted this year in one of the brightest ever freshman classes. The College is grateful for the philanthropic spirit that our benefactors share toward W&J. Indeed, your support is being put to good use!

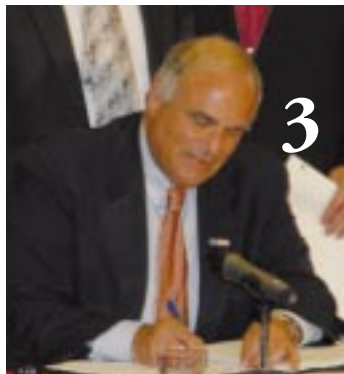
Our winter issue also includes an "up close" look at some lesser-known W&J history—as a historian, I find this particularly interesting. Washington & Jefferson College offers an abundance of history with more being uncovered every day as our Library staff explores and catalogs the College's extensive archive collection. In fact, the supporting information for this issue's cover story comes almost entirely from the archives. We have all probably seen or heard of most of the items and locations in our "up close" article but are unaware of the stories behind them. It is an adventure worth reading. And as always, we hope that you enjoy our topic and we welcome your feedback. It was great fun to produce this issue of *W&J*. Tell us what you think.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Mitchell

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CAMPUS NEWS

Support for *Blueprint* grows, gains national attention

Washington & Jefferson College and President Brian C. Mitchell have taken center stage in the national discussion about the relationships between institutions of higher learning and their host communities.

President Mitchell was recently interviewed for a national article on the town-gown topic after he was recommended to Associated Press education correspondent, Steve Giegerich, by the Knight Foundation—a non-profit group studying community-college relationships. The resulting story ran in more than 200 newspapers across the country, including the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Atlanta Constitution Journal*, as well as news-related Web sites throughout cyberspace, including CNN.com, NYTimes.com, and ABCNews.com.

In the story, President Mitchell talks about his first visits with Washington, Pennsylvania, town fathers, and the evolution of that relationship into the celebrated *Blueprint for Collaboration*. Soon after the article ran, the College was contacted by student journalists from Northwestern University, which is facing its own town-gown crisis, to discuss how W&J was able to overcome its once adversarial relationship with the City.

President Mitchell, Washington Mayor Ken Wescott, and Lynn Barger '81, executive director of external relations presented the *Blueprint* during the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities, and answered questions about its inception and implementation from local government leaders from around the state. President Mitchell has also toured other institutions of higher education, including Yale

University, to study best practices in town-gown relationships.

The renewed relationship between W&J and the City was featured in the October issue of *Pittsburgh Magazine*. Writer Rich Lord explored revitalization happening in the “other downtowns” surrounding Pittsburgh.

Washington was featured prominently, with the *Blueprint* named as a key factor behind the city's current momentum. As Lord noted, “Washington & Jefferson intends to boost enrollment from 1,200 to 1,500, and City officials hope many of those students will shop, go out, and even live in downtown Washington. The College, meanwhile, hopes a livelier downtown will help it attract more students and faculty. That developing symbiosis marks a dramatic shift from the mid-1990s, when the City of Washington sued W&J, challenging its tax-exempt status.”

Back home in Washington, momentum continues to build for the *Blueprint* and relationships with local government, citizens, and organizations continue to warm. “It's exciting to see the ideals set forth in the *Blueprint* taking hold,” Mitchell said. “I'm very pleased to see that the College and the City have recognized one another's value, and are moving forward together in a fashion that has captured the interest of the entire community.”

• In his State of the College address during Homecoming/Family Weekend, President Mitchell announced to Washington Mayor Ken Wescott that the College will donate a



A view of the City of Washington from campus

police cruiser to the city in a one-time gift of support and friendship.

- President Mitchell recently accepted the Alvin Janovich Award for Community Service from the United Way in recognition of the College's dedication to encouraging its students to perform community service.
- The College received accolades from local press for opening its Homecoming Parade to the City of Washington Fire Department in celebration of its 100th Anniversary. The College also helped to sponsor the Department's 100th Anniversary Firemen's Ball.

Construction plans for the City of Washington jumped forward when local developer Lucas Piatt unveiled his *Crossroads* plan for city development this fall. Piatt has pointed to W&J in his proposals citing the thriving campus as a clear sign that Washington needs amenities it currently lacks, including additional hotel rooms, restaurants, and retail opportunities. Construction on the first phase of *The Crossroads* project is slated to begin in January 2004.

Office of Admission delivers another record year

The Washington & Jefferson College Office of Admission just keeps outdoing itself—in 2003, W&J increased the number of applications it received for enrollment while attracting some of the most academically promising students in the country. Again.

Last year, W&J reported with great enthusiasm that it had received 1,874 applications for 325 freshman seats. The class of 2007—the freshman class of the 2003 Fall Term was chosen from a pool of 3,134 applications for 347 seats. The celebrated acceptance rate for the class of 2006 was 51 percent. This year, with the class of 2007, that number has dropped again—this time to 40 percent. Historically, acceptance rates at W&J were in the low to mid 80 percentile.

Al Newell, who was recently promoted to vice president for enrollment from his position as dean of enrollment, attributes W&J's recent admission success to four factors.

First, communities outside of the College have realized its investment in people, programs, and facilities. “Everyone talks about growth and development with prospective students and their parents—W&J has delivered on that talk,” Newell said. “Parents and students can actually see a commitment to continuous improvement with the Burnett Center, the Vilar Technology Center, and a new residence hall at W&J.”

Second, the W&J community has rallied around enrollment and recruiting efforts. “The Office of Admission can bring students to the campus, but when they get here, they need to see something that interests them,” Newell said. “Our faculty, administration, and staff provide that spark every time.”

Next, the Office of Admission has developed new strategies aimed at attracting the attention of the kind of students who are interested in what W&J has to offer. “What we’re doing in terms of admission marketing is based

on solid research,” Newell said. “We’re interested in how we come across to 17 and 18 year olds. We want to communicate with them in a way that offers them what they’re looking for while it respects their time and personal needs.”

Newell attributes the gains in enrollment to the Office of Admission staff. “Their workloads may have doubled, almost tripled, in fact, but the admission staff has responded gracefully, with dedication to the College and a sense of excitement for the future.” Newell also credits new efforts by the Athletic Department for enrollment gains.

Geographic diversity is increasing at W&J as well. In fall 2003, 24 percent of freshmen hailed from outside of Pennsylvania, compared with 15 to 20 percent in past years. Newell says he’s encouraged with how the current admission season is progressing, and while it’s too soon to call, he wouldn’t mind seeing the W&J trend in admission continue.

Governor Rendell visits W&J while on state tour



Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell

Washington & Jefferson College recently played host to Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell as he toured the state to discuss economic development with regional leaders. While at the College, Rendell welcomed representatives from Westmoreland and Washington Counties during two separate sessions with key local and state officials.

Following his economic development meetings, Rendell joined W&J alumnus Senator J. Barry Stout '64 for a press conference on campus, during which Rendell signed a bill that turned control of the Western Center property in Cecil Township over to Washington County for redevelopment. Joining Rendell and Stout, was another W&J alumnus, Representative Victor

Lescovitz '75, who co-sponsored the bill in the Pennsylvania House. Also on hand to celebrate the bill's passage were Representatives Tim Solobay, David Levdansky, John Maher, and Ted Harhai. County Commissioners J. Bracken Burns, Diana Irely, and John Bevec, City of Washington Mayor Ken Wescott, and nearly 100 of Washington County's most influential citizens joined in the festivities.

Stout presented Governor Rendell with a W&J jacket, cap, and golf umbrella. Upon welcoming Governor Rendell to the W&J campus, President Brian Mitchell remarked that he hoped to see Pennsylvania's highest official back very soon, and extended an invitation for Rendell to join the College for its commencement celebration in May.

W&J IN THE NEWS

Washington & Jefferson College faculty and staff members continue to weigh in on a variety of issues around the country, showcasing a breadth of knowledge and expertise.

■ W&J's resident stress expert Michael Crabtree, professor of psychology, appears in the cover story of November's *Family Circle* magazine, where he shares ways to beat stress during the holidays.

■ Joseph DiSarro, professor of political science, was featured in radio interviews in Fargo, North Dakota, and Kalamazoo, Michigan, for his views on the California recall election.



■ James Dlugos, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, and Charles Hannon, associate professor and founding chair of the Information Technology Leadership (ITL) Program, were featured in a *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* story that outlined the College's current contract to provide information technology distance learning to members of the National Guard, and discussed how the ITL major incorporates the values of a liberal arts education. Two additional stories on the National Guard contract and W&J's new technology center also ran in the *Observer-Reporter*.

■ James Gormly, professor of history, shared his thoughts on the legacy of the Clinton Library with David Hammer of

the Associated Press. Gormly's views were carried in papers across the country, including the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Las Vegas Sun*, *The Tampa Tribune*, and *The Journal News* in White Plains, New York. The story was also featured on Yahoo! News.

■ Mark Lesako, assistant athletic trainer, discussed how efforts towards physical fitness can be enhanced with the help of a friend in a story from the Scripps Howard News Service. The story appeared in newspapers in Boulder, Colorado; Wichita, Kansas; San Angelo, Texas; Bremerton, Washington; Memphis, Tennessee; and Knoxville, Tennessee. The article was also featured on CNN/Money.com.

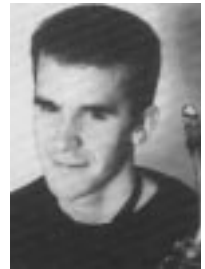
■ The "ghosts of W&J" took center stage in the *Observer-Reporter's* October story on campus spirits. The article featured tales by Jim Longo, associate professor of education and longtime collector and author of "ghostly" stories. In addition, Mike Timko, senior systems analyst/programmer, provided the reporter a look at where he encountered the mysterious ghost "Abigail" in McMillan Hall. Also featured was College founder John McMillan—his ghost was once rumored to watch over students in Mellon Hall.

■ Lauryn Mayer, assistant professor of English, explained the basis of her course, Tough Women in Detective Fiction, to college students at the University of North Carolina through an article on unique course offerings in the University's *The Daily Tar Heel*. Subject matter for Mayer's course considers

how representations of women in popular fiction and literature have changed over time.

■ Michael Petterson, associate professor of physics and chair of the Physics Department, explained the lunar eclipse phenomenon in the *Observer-Reporter*.

■ Michael Sakash, assistant professor of music and noted jazz musician recently found his photo on the cover of the *Observer-Reporter*. The newspaper profiled Sakash after a reporter visited his Freshman Forum class. The Associated Press took an interest and the story began to show up in other regional newspapers.



■ While traveling on sabbatical, David Schrader, professor of philosophy, discussed corruption in business in the story, "Hidden Niches" in *Gazeta Prawna (Legal Gazette)* of Warsaw.

■ Schrader and Tim Murphy, director of Entrepreneurial Studies Program, teamed up to talk to the *Observer-Reporter* about incorporating ethics into the entrepreneurship curriculum. Murphy also welcomed the reporters to visit his Entrepreneurship and the Arts course, which he co-teaches with Dan Dye, owner of Washington's newly restored Uptown Theatre. The visit resulted in a story about the business of the arts and tips on business public relations.

■ Patrick Schmidt, assistant professor of art, showed off his recent gallery exhibit “Wallpaper Pop!” and shared some thoughts on how wallpaper offers a form of expression in cookie cutter houses in a feature in the *Observer-Reporter*.



■ James Sloat, director for the Center for Learning & Teaching, appeared in the *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Boston Herald* as well as newspapers in Corpus Christi, Texas; Alexandria, Virginia; Knoxville, Tennessee; Baltimore, Maryland; and Fort Wayne, Indiana, to discuss how non-traditional students can enhance classroom settings.

Trustee honored for pioneering work



Dr. John A. Swanson, member of the W&J Board of Trustees and benefactor of the College, was recently honored by The American Society of Mechanical Engineers

(ASME) International for his pioneering work in the application of finite-element methods to engineering. He received an honorary membership in the Society, which recognizes a lifetime of service to engineering or related fields. The award was conferred on Swanson during the ASME’s 2003 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition held in Washington, DC, in November.

Swanson founded ANSYS, Inc. in 1970, and developed the ANSYS computer code used widely in the computer-aided engineering industry. He served as president of ANSYS until 1994, and was most recently chief technologist until his retirement in 1999. He is currently president of Swanson Analysis Services, Inc., a finite-element consulting firm.

W&J celebrates the brilliant colors of Hispanic Heritage Month



A painting by artist Alejandro Cabrera

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Washington & Jefferson College hosted a visit from Nicaraguan artist Alejandro Cabrera, a master of Primitivista Painting, in Olin Fine Arts Gallery.

Primitivista painting was born in a Nicaraguan artist community on the islands of Solentiname in Lake Nicaragua in the 1970s. Cabrera studied at the School of Primitivista Painting in Solentiname, established by poet, sculptor, and Trappist Monk, Ernesto Cardenal.

The community lived the principles of liberation theology, and sponsored workshops in poetry, theatre, and music in addition to painting. Primitivista paintings are known for scenes of community life, including specific Nicaraguan festivals and locales, and lush landscapes—all depicted in bright hues and rich detail.

The utopian themes of the Primitivista movement were at odds with the regime of Anastasio Somoza, and, with the bombing of their community, the painters were forced into exile by the government. Following the Sandinista revolution, the art form again found its way into Nicaraguan culture.

During a demonstration of his painting, Cabrera spoke with students through an interpreter about how many Nicaraguans learned the Primitivista technique after the Sandinista revolution in order to develop a sustainable source of income. Cabrera also discussed his use of color and the trademarks of his paintings, including his “lollipop” trees.

Cabrera’s paintings can be viewed at www.indigoarts.com/gallery_nicaragua_cabrera.html. Cabrera’s painting “El Lenador y su Universo Marino” was purchased by the College’s Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Duo treks Germany to expand understanding of German language

CAPL Culturally Authentic Pictorial Lexicon ●●●

Naturally, different languages have different words for similar objects and ideas. However, according to Michael Shaughnessy, assistant professor of German, cultures may also visualize a comparable object much differently. So, what does a loaf of bread look like in German? Or a fire hydrant? Or a cemetery? Or an outdoor market?

Shaughnessy and Jason Parkhill, associate director for academic technology, created the Culturally Authentic Pictorial Lexicon (CAPL) Web site based on the premise that the same object can look different within various cultures and countries. Shaughnessy and Parkhill found a need for the site after noting that, in most cases, objects are visually defined by American “clip-art” representations, particularly on the World Wide Web. The CAPL site provides an online opportunity to see the



This image is logged under the “City Life” category and the “Street Signs” subcategory. German word: die Vorfahrt; English word: right of way

world through the eyes of another culture.

Shaughnessy and Parkhill initiated the pilot CAPL project this fall. The two traveled to Germany and created an original collection of more than 1,000 culturally-correct images that have been cataloged alongside their English and German word translations and definitions. The site captures not only what a word means in German, but what a German person may realistically picture in their minds when thinking of that word.

Shaughnessy and Parkhill encourage others to view, download, display, manipulate, copy, and redistribute the photos on the CAPL site free of charge for all educational, non-commercial uses in order to expand understanding of other languages and cultures. “A primary reason for developing the CAPL site was to provide the educational community with access to images that are culturally authentic to use in their teaching,” Shaughnessy said. “We hope language teachers will view the site as a resource for their students.”

Images placed on the CAPL site meet a distinct set of principles:

Authenticity – All images on the site are authentic primary sources, captured in a language-specific context. None are staged or manipulated to suit the definition of the word they represent visually.

Language Specific Source – Each image on the site represents a dictionary entry, and must originate in the source language.

Objective Depiction – Each object represented is easily understood without a caption. Because of this, the site shows mostly nouns,



This image is logged under the “City Life” category and the “Buildings and Places” subcategory. German word: der Rathausurm; English word: city hall tower

as visual representations of words like “beautiful” create issues related to personal interpretation.

Shaughnessy and Parkhill do not suggest that the depiction of an object on the CAPL site is the only correct representation. Each image is provided simply to assist in the understanding of language and culture.

The CAPL Web site was recently recognized by the National Capital Language Resource Center (NCLRC) in its November newsletter. One newsletter contributor commented, “It has been difficult to tear myself away—this site makes me want to learn German!” Shaughnessy has also received calls from German newspaper *Der Spiegel* in reference to the site. Shaughnessy and Parkhill hope to expand the site to include additional German images, as well as images from other languages and cultures.

To view the CAPL Web site, visit www.washjeff.edu/capl.

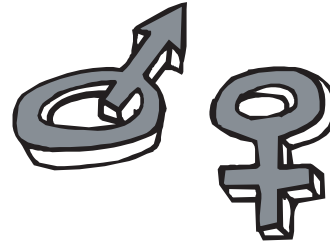
Easton receives accolades for novel

For Richard Easton, professor of English, the hard work is starting to pay off. Easton's novel for the younger set, *A Real American*, continues to collect accolades and bring acclaim.

In August, the first edition of the novel, originally published in early 2002, sold out and went into reprint at Clarion/Houghton Mifflin publishers. The Society of School Librarians International designated *A Real American* as an Honor Book for 2002, placing it among the top ten novels for younger readers. Also, Nancy Pollete, professor at Lindenwood University and director of library media and gifted programs for St. Louis County Schools, recently listed *A Real American* as a top junior novel for 2002–2003. Easton has also been invited to address several audiences, including the Pennsylvania Library Association at its annual convention.

A Real American is the fictional tale of an 11-year-old boy's struggle to understand the difficulties surrounding his friendship with an Italian-American immigrant boy. Set in the fictitious Pennsylvania town of Manorville, the novel brings alive the industrial realities of turn-of-the-century coal mining communities. *A Real American* is a touching and timeless story about the perseverance of two children who remain friends despite the pressures and prejudices of adults.

New program explores gender and sexuality



If, as the title of the popular book suggests, women are from Venus and men are from Mars, we all have something to learn from Washington & Jefferson College's Gender and Women's Studies Program, new for the 2003–2004 academic year.

Focused on the examination of the ways gender and sexuality have shaped human experience through history and across culture, the Gender and Women's Studies Program aims to enhance the overall W&J education by connecting theories and practices of the liberal arts education across the curriculum. Developed under the leadership of Carolyn Kyler, associate professor of English, the new program encompasses contributions from nearly all W&J academic departments, including art, biology, chemistry, business and economics, education, English, history, information technology leadership, mathematics, modern languages, music, philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, religion, and theatre and communications.

"Developing our gender and women's studies curriculum when we did offer us the benefit of reviewing similar programs across the country and learning from them," Kyler said. "We wanted to create a program that examined women, men, and the concept of gender itself. Gender issues affect both men and women, so we need to consider issues related to both 'maleness' and 'femaleness' and to consider what we mean by those terms."

With guidance from the Program's steering committee, which includes James Benze, professor of political science; Dana Shiller, associate professor of English; Sharon Taylor, assistant professor of French; and Lynn Wilson, associate professor of psychology, students can now gain credit toward a minor in Gender and Women's Studies. Three courses offered in the 2003 Fall Term carried credit for the minor, as do an Intersession course in the Development of Relationships, and four courses offered in the Spring Term of 2004. Current courses approved for credit include offerings in English, psychology, theatre, political science, and Spanish. The Program's marquee course, Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies, taught by Professor Taylor, will debut in the spring.

"Student response to this program so far has been wonderful," Kyler said. "Underclass students are already planning their schedules to accommodate the minor, and students graduating this spring are signing up for classes, even though there is not time for them to complete a minor."

The Gender and Women's Studies minor requires the Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies course, and a Theories of Gender course that will be unveiled next year. Students must also complete four other courses from across the curriculum that are approved by the Program.

McCracken '04 leads his “armada” one “century” at a time

By Patrick Grimm '04

Summer break is usually a time for many students to relax, fulfill internships, or earn extra money. However, for W&J physics and mathematics double major Mike McCracken '04, this past summer was filled with numbers, the largest of which was 3699.4—the number of miles he and three other cyclists biked across the United States. Over a 40-day stretch with almost 40 pounds of gear on their backs, the “armada” (as the group refers to themselves) biked their way from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine.

On June 18, McCracken, Jon Zahler '02, and two other cyclists, stepped off an Amtrak train with only their bikes and light travel gear, including clothes, books, sleeping bags, and one three-man tent. After staying the night with the family of W&J alum Audrey Taylor '03, the four began their journey in picturesque Astoria, Oregon, and crossed the bridge over the Columbia River into the state of Washington on their first day.

The group followed many rural routes as they traveled into the potato country of Idaho and through Montana. Averaging 115

miles a day, the four young men slept in the same rugged country they traveled through during the day, often making camp in state parks, fields, or in the yards of kind strangers. “One night in Idaho, we slept in the end zone of a high school football field and the coach was nice enough to let us use the locker rooms to shower,” McCracken said.

McCracken and his companions spent the Fourth of July in Miles City, Montana, taking in the fireworks before heading into the Dakotas. It was in South Dakota where the group had their most harrowing experience. While sleeping in a national park, a heavy storm moved in. A tornado had swept upon the area. They quickly stowed their gear in the tent to weigh it down and took shelter in the park's restroom facilities. After drying under the electric hand dryers, the group slept huddled on the restroom floor. “It (the tornado) was pretty intense, with the wind and all; the next day riding through the nearby town we saw a house blown apart,” McCracken recalled.

Cutting across the top of the United States into Michigan, McCracken and his compan-

ions continued the trek toward New England. They passed through suburban Detroit on their way to Ohio and Lake Erie. “People in (that part of) Michigan really love to drive,” said McCracken. “They would yell things like, ‘Learn to drive! Get a car!’” But for the most part, the group experienced positive interactions with people along the way.

After arriving in Erie, the group stayed at the home of Zahler's parents. The armada then continued into upstate New York. There, they broke from cycling to work an organic farm of one of the cyclist's uncle, picking garlic and peppers. According to McCracken, the group made excellent time through New York and soon headed into Massachusetts before finishing in Portland, Maine. With 3,699.4 miles behind them, McCracken and his companions rested and reflected on their journey.

It was a trip that took the four riders through two mountain ranges—the Rockies and Appalachians. They often traveled 30- to 35-mile stretches without stopping, not even for a drink of water. Many days, the group traveled what cyclists refer to as “centuries”—cycling





The “Armada”

100 miles in a single day. McCracken noted that the physical nature of the ride was “the least challenging [part] of the journey, the real challenge instead was emotional—staying motivated.”

Considering what he has accomplished, McCracken, and his armada have undoubtedly

demonstrated an ability to achieve goals. Whatever challenges lie ahead on his path, McCracken, should have no problem riding through them.

W&J ranks among the best liberal arts colleges in the nation

Once again, Washington & Jefferson College made national rankings.

- Earlier this fall, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked W&J in the top half of all U.S. Liberal Arts Colleges—Bachelor’s, based on statistics and information from the 2002 academic year.
- Additionally, W&J was again listed in *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*, which is named by *USA Today* as “The best college guide you can buy.”
- Finally, W&J appears in *The Best Mid-Atlantic Colleges*, a first edition guide compiled by the prestigious Princeton Review organization. Princeton Review ranks schools based on quality of life, academics, admissions, and financial aid. *The Best Mid-Atlantic Colleges* features 98 schools in six states.

The College anticipates it will gain ground in 2004 rankings. Next year’s rankings will include information from a watershed recruiting year at W&J—2003’s record number of applicants and the impressive 40-point jump in average SAT scores.

Seven new full-time faculty appointed

W&J welcomed seven new full-time faculty members for the 2003–2004 academic year:

- Samuel Fee, assistant professor information technology leadership. M.A., Ph.D., The Ohio State University.
- Anthony Fleury, assistant professor of communications. B.A., University of Minnesota; M.A., Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University.
- Stacie Friend, assistant professor of philosophy. B.A., University of Miami; Ph.D., Stanford University.
- Richard Kinder, assistant professor of accounting. B.S., U.S. Military Academy West Point; M.B.A., The Wharton School University of Pennsylvania.
- John P. Lambertson, associate professor of art and chair of the art department. B.A., Mary Washington College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- Michael Leonard, assistant professor of chemistry. B.A., Goucher College; Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania.
- Karin Maresh, assistant professor of theatre. B.A., Viterbo University; M.A., Illinois State University; Ph.D., The Ohio State University.

SPORTS NEWS

by Scott McGuinness

Star athlete wins in political arena too



Luke Ravenstahl '03

Those who know former Washington & Jefferson College placekicker Luke Ravenstahl '03 say he is a born leader. As captain of the special teams unit during his playing days

on the W&J football team, he showed his leadership on the field and in the locker room. Many of his teammates and friends expected great things from Ravenstahl; however, not too many thought it would come this quickly.

Just four months after graduating last December, Ravenstahl pulled off the unexpected by defeating incumbent Barbara Burns in the April 2003 primary for the North Side's District 1 seat on the Pittsburgh City Council. Burns had served on the council for three years and also spent ten years on the Pittsburgh Public School Board. Ravenstahl, a Democratic committeeman, ran unopposed for the November 4 election. "I had a good feeling going into the primary," he said. "It's a sign there has to be some change."

The 23-year-old beat Burns, who was the first incumbent to lose a Democratic primary since 1997, by ten percentage points in the primary. He attributed his quick success to door-knocking and other grass-roots campaigning, a voter registration drive aimed at 18- to 25-year-olds

and voters who seemed tired of the status quo. Ravenstahl will play an important role in city government upon his appointment. The city council controls the budget in Pittsburgh, which is facing an estimated \$60-million shortfall.

Ravenstahl is no stranger to the political scene. He is the son of District Justice Robert Ravenstahl and the grandson of former legislator Robert Ravenstahl, Sr. His recent success should be no real surprise after fans witnessed what he could do on the field with the red and black. A three-time First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honoree, Ravenstahl set a school record for consecutive extra points made with 43 straight during the 2001 season. He made over 71 percent (17-of-28) of his field goal attempts during his career and also knocked home 93 percent of his extra points (133-of-143). Following the 2000 season, he was named a USA Football Sophomore Second Team All-American.

He graduated as an honor student with a major in business administration. He was also nominated for Academic All-America laurels thanks in part

to his 3.48 grade-point average. "Luke achieved excellence in the classroom and on the football field at Washington & Jefferson College," noted Director of Athletics Rick Creehan. "He brought a sense of volunteerism to the campus and valued citizenship. It is no surprise to me that he has chosen to give back to his own community through public service."

"The best way to describe Luke is he is a stand-up guy," said former teammate and current W&J long snapper senior Marc McKillop. "He is a hard worker, who is completely honest in everything he does. On the field, he is as much a competitor as anyone I have ever played with, and I think that will only help him in his future in government."



Ravenstahl on the football field

Graduate intern coaches bring energy and enthusiasm to W&J sports teams



W&J Intern Coach, Emmalisa Brown, was a six-time NCAA qualifier in track and field at Hiram College.



W&J Intern Coach, Matthew LaVerde, won the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship after finishing his career at Mount Union College.

Before winning six NFL titles with the Green Bay Packers, Vince Lombardi was a coach at St. Cecilia High School in Englewood, New Jersey. And long before she won her 800th game as head basketball coach at the University of Tennessee, Pat Summitt was a 22-year-old graduate teaching assistant who took up coaching for the first time in 1974.

Will Matthew LaVerde turn into the next Vince Lombardi? Will Emmalisa Brown set the standard for college coaching success in track and field? It is possible, and if they do, they will certainly look back at W&J as the place where it all began.

This fall, a dozen hungry young intern coaches like LaVerde and Brown are working to turn W&J's 23 Division III athletic programs into models of success and consistency. W&J's athletic department staff now includes 12 graduate interns who help W&J's coaches in all facets of their sports: training, teaching techniques, running practices, conditioning, and recruiting.

In addition to their energy and enthusiasm, these 12 coaches have brought well-stocked

résumés with them to W&J. For example, Gary Smeck (football intern coach) was one of the top quarterbacks in Division III history at Mount Union College where he won three national championships and finished with a record of 40-1 as a starter. Michelle Marks (field hockey intern coach) was a standout field hockey player at Syracuse University and was honored as a First Team All-Big East selection.

"We are all accustomed to hearing the phrase 'win-win situation', but I like to refer to our graduate intern program as a 'win-win-win situation,'" said Creehan. "Everyone at the College benefits from the hard work and expertise these individuals bring to the campus."

"The graduate intern program provides

benefits in three ways," added Creehan. "First, our student-athletes have coaches who are from the same generation with whom they can identify. Secondly, the College benefits in the recruiting process because we can put additional personnel into high schools around the region. Finally, the interns—fresh out of college—are getting a chance to start their dreams of becoming collegiate coaches."

Creehan first saw the benefits of graduate interns while serving as director of athletics at Allegheny College, a position he held for ten years. He decided to bring this model to W&J—moving away from a series of part-time coaches.

In addition to providing student-athletes with day-to-day teaching and training, the young coaches will also assist with bringing the best student-athletes to W&J. The interns will get a first-hand look at how the recruiting process works and what needs to be done to bring top-notch student-athletes to W&J.

As recruiters, the interns help W&J in its



enrollment efforts. With more people dedicated to recruiting, more W&J representatives can contact top-notch student-athletes and tell them of the unique benefits of the W&J experience.

“We are in a position now to have more W&J representatives in local and regional high schools,” noted Creehan. “We are going to be able to cover a greater number of high schools locally, while also getting a chance to reach out to a larger territory that we may not have been able to cover with part-time assistant coaches.”

The graduate intern program will give the young coaches a starting point to help build their résumés in higher education, something that the NCAA is promoting in an effort to get more qualified young men and women into the coaching ranks at an earlier age.

“One area where this program is really going to make strides is that it promotes and encourages young women to become involved,” said Creehan. “NCAA research has shown that colleges and universities need to do a better job

in hiring ethnic and minority athletic personnel. This program gives us that opportunity to make a difference.”

The intern coaches are asked to give a two-year commitment in order to be properly trained in the day-to-day operations and unique challenges of college coaching. As several of the interns begin their second year of the program, it is evident that the coaches all seem to make a dramatic difference in the second year—they are typically more confident, assertive, and aggressive in the recruiting arena.

“Now that we are in midst of a structural change in staffing, our primary change agent, President Brian C. Mitchell, has thoroughly enjoyed the addition of the coaching interns and the help and support they have brought not only to our student-athletes, but also to our enrollment office,” concluded Creehan.

W&J welcomes graduate intern coaches

There are currently 12 graduate intern coaches within the W&J athletic department, including Derrick Ayers (men’s soccer), Emmalisa Brown (cross country/track and field), Eugene Crosby (football), Phillip Dick (lacrosse), Jarrod Essey (baseball), Patrick Etherton (football), Matthew LaVerde (football), Michelle Marks (field hockey), Jaime Retersdorf (women’s soccer), Alan Seretti (men’s basketball), Gary Smeck (football), and Emmy Lou Steinfeldt (volleyball).

Two players named Academic All-District

Washington & Jefferson College landed two players on the 2003 CoSIDA Academic All-America College Division Football District II teams. The team is selected by members of CoSIDA.

Sophomore quarterback Chris Edwards (Uniontown, Ohio/Green) was named the first team’s quarterback, while junior linebacker Eric Field (Erie/Erie Cathedral Prep) earned second-team laurels.

Edwards started the first seven contests for the Presidents and completed 88 of 172 passes for 1,479 yards and 13 touchdowns. As a first-time starter, he threw for a career high 292 yards at

Franklin & Marshall and tossed three touchdowns in wins at Westminster and versus Bethany. A biology major, Edwards holds a 3.82 grade-point average.

Field earned his first-ever selection to the team after posting a team-high 94 tackles partway through the season. He made ten or more stops in each of the first five games this season, including a career-high 15 tackles at Franklin & Marshall and versus Thiel. He has made nine tackles for a loss and is third on the team with four sacks. Field also recovered one fumble in the Presidents’ 42–28 victory over Hanover. Field has amassed

226 career tackles and can move into fifth place in the school’s career tackle list with 32 more stops. He holds a 3.39 grade-point average as an accounting major.

The District II region includes all NCAA Division II, Division III, and NAIA colleges and universities in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

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Plante named vice president for development and alumni relations



Word is getting out—W&J is a place where the best and the brightest want to be. Just ask John Plante, recently named vice president for development and alumni relations. Originally from Southern California, John believes in the W&J mission and was so impressed with the College's current positive momentum that he developed a desire to move to Southwestern Pennsylvania. In his new role, Plante oversees W&J campaigns, fund raising, and alumni relations.

Plante came to W&J after serving as vice president of institutional advancement at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he guided the advancement staff to a record year of fund raising in fiscal 2002, increasing contributions to the college by 24 percent. Plante expanded the school's donor base and implemented new solicitation strategies to raise annual giving above \$2 million for the first time. He has spent the past 14 years in senior-level development positions, contributing to successful campaigns at the University of Cincinnati and the Lasallian Schools of Southern California.

"We're excited that someone with John's talent will manage the completion of our *Revolutionary!* Campaign, and we're eager to see where he will lead our development efforts in the coming years," said President Brian C. Mitchell. "John has real enthusiasm for the momentum we're building at W&J. I have no doubt he'll play a key role in the College's growth."

The W&J community has already felt the impact of Plante's appointment. Soon after arriving on campus, he launched the employee contribution program for *Revolutionary!* The program, which ended October 10, saw 70 percent of employees give in support of the College. Plante also made two key development hires—Christine Church, director of the annual fund, and Mary Beth Ford, director of corporate relations.

Plante received a master of arts in philanthropy and development from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and a bachelor of science in accounting from The California State University at Los Angeles.

Campus Community Campaign a success

For four weeks in the fall, a group of 27 leaders, chosen from among W&J faculty and staff, encouraged their colleagues to take part in the 2003 Campus Community Campaign. As a result, 70 percent of the W&J faculty and staff contributed to this Campaign, representing an overwhelming increase over last year's giving by the same constituency.

"The great response of our faculty and staff is, in reality, a reflection of how they feel about our students," commented Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations John Plante. "Our faculty and staff see the day-to-day growth of the College and the impact external support has on the experience of our students. Their support of the Campus Community Campaign underscores the powerful work they do everyday to fulfill the College's mission in undergraduate education."

This special four-week campaign was led by Nicholas Cavoti, professor of psychology, and Billie Eaves, director of student activities. The 2003 Campus Community Campaign provided members of the W&J community with the opportunity to participate in the *Revolutionary!* Campaign and pledge their support for the development of the College. The Campaign has been very successful in generating support and interest of alumni, foundations, corporations, and friends of the College. The Campus Community Campaign reflects another critical dimension of support for W&J.

A close-up photograph of a wooden box with a magnifying glass resting on it. The magnifying glass is positioned over a piece of aged, yellowed paper with handwritten text in brown ink. The text is centered and reads: "LOCK IS FROM 'TARA' FAMOUS HOMESTEAD", "IN THE PHOTO PLAY", "GONE WITH THE WIND", "IT WAS GIVEN TO", "WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE", "BY", "DAVID O SELZNICK THE PRODUCER", "FOR USE IN THE", "LABORATORY CHEMISTRY ROOM". The magnifying glass has a silver frame and a dark handle. The wooden box has a brass handle and a circular opening with a brass cap labeled "SCHLAGE".

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W&J U

By Melissa Jablonowski

When deciding to take a closer look at some of the lesser-seen locales on campus, we knew we would need assistance from Aramark, the managers of the College's Physical Plant, to unlock some of the doors that we've all likely seen closed and wondered what was on the other side. We knew we'd need assistance from W&J archivists (Beckie Keenan and her assistant Anna Mae Moore) to uncover the stories surrounding these milieus. But, who would have guessed that along the way, we'd discover an incunabulum in the archives, that there is a chapel in Dieter-Porter, and that food services makes enough pizza each academic year to cover a football field?

Sometimes “up close” is too close...

To get to the bell tower in Old Main, we endured the climb to the building's fourth floor, only to climb to the north tower by way of a narrow spiral staircase laden with what appeared to be a lot of evidence that pigeons were often there. We then jumped to the rooftop and crossed over to the south tower (the bell tower), where we were told not to touch the bell that the College stopped ringing years ago because of some instability—we quickly descended. The heat pouring from the open doorway of the boiler room immediately turned us away. The small enchanting door in the lobby of the Old Gym, much to our disappointment, now leads to nothing...darn. The surprises were aplenty. It was an adventure indeed to provide you this up close look at what's behind some of the closed doors on campus. Enjoy.



Up Close



The **Tiffany lamp** located in the Walker Room of U. Grant Miller Library is showcasing the **incunabulum** that is on the table. The Tiffany is one of several located in the Walker Room on the lower level of the Library. The Walker Room is a re-creation of Pittsburgh Attorney John Walker's private library as it existed in his Western Avenue Mansion in Pittsburgh. The furniture, Tiffany lamps and chandeliers, pictures, and many of the books were from Walker's library. When he died in 1932, his family offered his library to the College. The room, then located on the bottom floor of Thompson Memorial Library, was dedicated on March 15, 1932.

The College has one incunabulum—that is, a book that was printed before the year 1500. The book, *Plutarch's Lives*, was printed in Medieval Latin in August 1499. Plutarch (46 A.D. to 120 A.D.) was a Greek biographer and essayist. The book measures approximately 10 by 18 inches with a thickness of several inches. The manuscript is fine parchment (vellum) that was made from specially prepared animal skins of lambs, kids, and calves. Those handling the book must wear gloves to help preserve its great beauty. It is housed in the archive room.



There is a bell in the **south tower** of Old Main. Referred to as the twin towers, the north and south towers were built in 1865 with a gift of \$50,000 from the town of Washington to symbolize the union of Washington College and Jefferson College. According to the September 30, 1926 edition of the *Red & Black*, the bell was cast in 1874 and installed in 1875. There is no record of how the bell was used until a half a century later in 1926 when the clocks in each classroom were wired to the bell, which was then used to assemble and dismiss classes.

The **Boiler Room**, located in the catacombs of the Old Gym, is the largest boiler room on campus, according to Larry Mankey, assistant director of physical plant. The four-million BTU, low-pressure, steam boiler generates the heat for the Old Gym, Old Main, and the Information Technology Services Building (formerly the Student Center). The boiler, which runs on five pounds of pressure, is fired up in early October and will run well into April. Approximately 16,000 gallons of fuel are used each month, during this time, to heat those buildings.





W&J's supernatural side: meet the campus ghosts

With buildings dating back to the 1700s, the creaks and cracks, bumps and thumps that have been heard echoing through their halls at night have some interesting stories connected to them. Some of these “ghost” stories have circulated for years. Those who have experienced the super-

natural side of W&J share their sightings of these ghosts.

W&J founding father John McMillan was serious about education—and he wanted his students to be serious about studying. McMillan, who died in 1833, was so serious in fact, that following World War II, he may have decided to check up on the study habits of students in Mellon Hall. The story, as told to Jim Longo, chairman of W&J's Education Department and author of several books of ghostly stories, recounts the experience of two young men, who, while studying in the wood-paneled study rooms in Mellon Hall, were visited by a peculiarly dressed older gentleman. Neither took much notice and the man did not speak. One of the students wondered why this person, who was obviously not a student, was in Mellon Hall, so he attempted to follow him. He thought this strange man had entered an adjacent study room, but the man was not there—at least not physically. The student was shocked to look up and see the man's portrait hanging above the fireplace, marked “John McMillan.” McMillan, as the story goes, continued watching over W&J students studying in Mellon Hall until a fire in 1984 destroyed the portrait.

Not all of W&J's ghosts are as well known as John McMillan's. Just ask Mike Timko, senior systems analyst and programmer. In the early 1990s, Timko encountered an apparition of a well-to-do, yet chronologically misplaced woman in McMillan Hall. Working one evening with W&J's “phone-a-thon,” Mike went to the upper floor of the building only to find a woman in a light-colored dress with hair severely pulled away from her face standing outside a door to the President's Office. He thought she “conveyed” the name Abigail, though her lips never moved. Students and fellow staffers told Timko he was working too hard when he shared the story, but they were soon convinced. Some heard footsteps in the building. Soon after the sighting, others told of a trash can that had been mysteriously moved and its contents scattered on the floor of a locked office.

Of course, just knowing that the Admission House was once a funeral home lends itself to some eerie visions and imaginings. And legend has it that a confederate corporal has been known to visit the President's House—perhaps a former student of Jefferson College, which lost many students to the southern army when the Civil War began.

Longo, who has used McMillan Hall to pen his ghostly books, has experienced a presence in its upper hallways as well. In discussions about what knowledge he has gained collecting ghost stories around the country, Longo said he feels that ghosts often seem to be deceased people who want to be remembered. And it certainly seems as though they are remembered at W&J.





The **kitchen** in The Commons buzzes with activity all day. And it's no wonder. Parkhurst pastry chefs produce 900 cookies five times a week or 135,000 cookies each academic year for general consumption. That number excludes the College's many special events. In The Commons, it's 1,600 meals a day. And each academic year—14,000 pizzas (that is a whopping 1.4 acres of pizza), and 4,328 heads of lettuce. On Wing Night, it's at least one pound of wings per person.

Bob Marx, general manager of dining services, says that they use as much locally-grown produce as possible. And Sous Chef Jerry Rogers is proud of the herb garden on the terrace off of the Faculty Dining Room that he tends to. He says that when possible, fresh herbs are used in all Parkhurst fare. The herb garden photos were taken just following homecoming weekend and so the pickings are slim, but he assures us that just days before the photo shoot, the rosemary was overflowing.



The **greenhouse** located on the third floor of Dieter-Porter is, for most, another lesser-seen location on campus, unless you have taken a class in botany. From the hallway, it is not obvious that a plant haven exists behind what appears to be a typical classroom door. Complete with a potting room, there's a lot of growing happening in the greenhouse with the help of Assistant Professor of Biology A. Christina Longbrake and her students. The greenhouse was constructed with the rest of building in 1980.



The chime room, located at the foot of the staircase on the first floor of McIlvaine, houses the chimes of the 26-note Stephen Collins Foster Carillon that was given to College at its Founders Day ceremony in 1937 by the Women's Auxiliary of Allegheny County.

Foster was an American composer whose songs are among the most popular ever written. He was born in Lawrenceville on July 4, 1826, and was educated briefly at Jefferson College before being asked to leave. From an early age, Foster detested formal education and was almost entirely self-educated musically. Some of his songs include: *Oh! Susanna*, *Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair*, *My Old Kentucky Home*, *Good Night!*, and *Beautiful Dreamer Serenade*. Many of his early songs, written for various minstrel show troupes, became widely popular.

The sounds of the carillon were heard throughout campus until the early eighties when the system was replaced with a cassette system that the College plays during commencement and other special occasions.



The door of the **Pastor's Study** in Old Main opens to a delightful room filled with books and furnishings that appear to have been unchanged for years. Professor of Religion and College Pastor Robert Vande Kappelle has been the lucky occupant since 1980. Mrs. Frances Chapman Ashbrook established the faculty position of student pastor in 1924. The Ashbrook Foundation still supports the position today. The office is so large that Vande Kappelle has, in the past, held classes in it. It even houses a wash closet—sink and all. The office was used in the 1990 filming of *The Dark Half*, a movie based on the Stephen King novel. Vande Kappelle's desk still holds a few of the *Black Beauty* pencils that were significant to the plot of the movie. But he assures us that they are mere props and have not taken to writing on their own...yet.

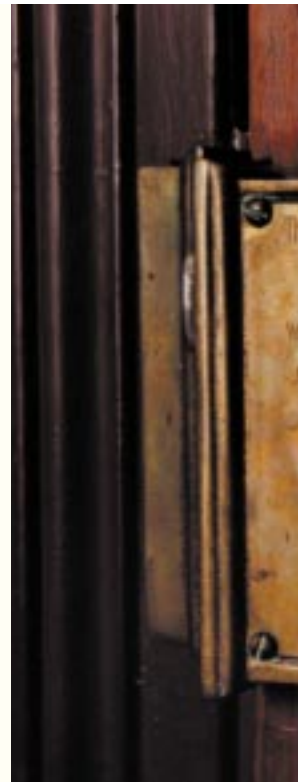


The **Meditation Room** on the second floor of the Dieter-Porter Life Sciences Building houses a small altar and limited seating. The room, it is said, was a request by the benefactor(s) who provided the funds for the building back in 1980. College Pastor Robert Vande Kappelle was asked by former College President Howard J. Burnett to furnish the meditation room. He did so with funds provided by the Women's Auxiliary. The room is dedicated in memory of Helen Turnbull Waite Coleman, author of the book about the early years of W&J, *Banners in the Wilderness*.

The **interior box lock** on the door of Troutman Library located on the first floor of Jesse W. Lazear Chemistry Hall is from the homestead “Tara” on the original set of *Gone with the Wind*. It was given to the College in May 1940 by David O. Selznick, the film’s producer. Selznick was born in Pittsburgh in 1902, the son of silent movie director Lewis J. Selznick, and is considered a forerunner of the modern independent producer. His numerous films include *Spellbound*, *Since You Went Away*, *A Tale of Two Cities* (1937), *A Star is Born*, and *Rebecca*. His collaborations with Alfred Hitchcock received much acclaim. Selznick received an Oscar for his work on *Gone with the Wind*.

No official documentation exists on the acquiring of this box lock, but according to an English paper written by Mark Koltash ’83 in 1979, Selznick’s connection to the College was his aunt, Jessie Sachs, who lived in Washington and felt much affinity toward W&J. According to Koltash’s research, Ms. Sachs asked her nephew to give this to the College.

But, the *Red & Black* reported in 1940, that the College’s Building Committee, at that time, wanted to use an old box lock on the door of Troutman Library because at that time, the room was being treated architecturally as a colonial-styled room and a box lock would be most appropriate. It seems likely that how the box lock was acquired involved bits and pieces from both reports.



The Chapel in Old Main is located on the main floor directly opposite of the main entrance. The 48' by 70' room seats 400. During its early years, the College held mandatory chapel for all students every morning. The numerous lighted portraits hanging on the walls are of former members of faculty and noted alumni. We know that the chapel was used for the College’s 1836 Commencement ceremony, but that Old Main was probably not yet in use for classes.

In 1926, the Chapel was renovated to include chandeliers, portrait lighting, a platform with a railing, a pulpit, and a grand piano. According to the December 1946 *Alumni Bulletin*, post-World War II demands forced the expansion of all College operations. The Chapel was converted to a dining room to handle the meals of more than 1,300 veteran students on campus at the end of the war. By 1952, the enrollment returned to normal (550 students) and the Chapel was no longer used for dining purposes.

In more recent years, the College has granted permission, on occasion, for the Chapel to be used for a few alumni weddings. It has been used occasionally for some memorial services, student activities, and sorority and fraternity meetings. The Chapel was also used to film some of the scenes in the film, *The Dark Half*. We have heard that Professor Stelvio Zanolli ’43, who taught on campus in the mid-eighties adored the room so much that he requested his business classes meet in the Chapel.



The mysterious **door** in the lobby of the Old Gym was the entrance to a ticket booth used during the many basketball games played in the Old Gym up until the completion of Henry Memorial Center in 1970. The booth is now home to various janitorial supplies. But, the door is no less alluring in its retirement. The Old Gym has accommodated many special events through the years and is now home to the Swanson Wellness Center.



W&J hits the silver screen

Hollywood came to W&J...twice. To date, two big screen movies were filmed on campus—*The Dark Half* and *Roommates*.



The Dark Half, based on the Stephen King novel, was filmed here in October 1990. The horror/thriller flick starred Timothy Hutton and was produced and directed by George Romero. According to an interview with former college president Howard J. Burnett that appeared in the *Red & Black* November 2, 1990, edition, W&J was chosen because of its buildings and because of the locale. Timothy Hutton starred as English professor/writer Thad Beaumont. Professor of Religion Vande Kappelle's office in Old Main was Professor Beaumont's office in the film. A series of murders occur as Beaumont tries to kill off his crime novel pseudonym George Stark. There are still some props in Vande Kappelle's office.

Bill Cameron, associate professor of theatre and communications, had a role in the film. His scene was filmed a few miles from campus in a used car lot in Eighty-Four. Many W&J students were extras and Professor of English Linda Troost had a walk-on role. Much of the filming occurred in Vande Kappelle's office and in the Chapel in Old Main, but other parts of campus were used as well. The film was released in 1993.

Roommates was filmed on campus in 1994. According to the Winter 1995 issue of *W&J Magazine*, the crew did a one-day filming stop on campus. Locations included Strawberry Avenue between the Admission House and Dieter-Porter and the lawn and sidewalks in front of Old Main. The comedy/drama stars Peter Falk with D.B. Sweeney, Julianne Moore, and Ellen Burstyn. It was directed by Peter Yates.

Falk stars as Rocky Holzcek, a cantankerous 76-year-old Polish-American baker who insists, despite relatives' protests, upon adopting his young grandson Michael (D.B. Sweeney) when the boy's parents pass away. Twenty years later, Michael is a medical student who is forced to take in his still-spry grandfather when the old man is evicted from his apartment building.

Test Your W&J Knowledge

-W&J History Quiz-

By Patrick Grimm '04 and David Foreman

How well do you know W&J? Try your hand at the following quiz. The answers are provided on *page 31*.

1. What colonial statesman gifted 50 pounds to start the library in 1789?



a. Thomas Jefferson



c. George Washington



b. Ben Franklin



d. James Madison

2. Which sport fielded the College's first women's intercollegiate team?

a. Basketball

c. Swimming

b. Volleyball

d. Field Hockey

3. Match the following accomplishment with the correct alum:

a. This alumnus was a member of the Class of 1942 and chief pilot for NASA before dying tragically in a test flight.

William McGuffey

b. This Jefferson College graduate revolutionized military hospital care with his innovations during the Civil War.

Joseph Walker

c. This 1826 graduate, and later professor, of Washington College authored one of the most popular and influential grammar readers of the nineteenth century.

Jonathan Letterman

d. This 1847 graduate of Washington College served as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and as Secretary of State for two United States Presidents, Benjamin Harrison and Chester A. Arthur.


James Blaine

4. True or False: In 1922, W&J featured the first African-American quarterback to ever play in the Rose Bowl.

5. What year did Washington College and Jefferson College merge to form Washington & Jefferson College?

- a. 1855
- b. 1860
- c. 1865
- d. 1875

6. Match the building with the year it was built:

	The Old Gym		U. Grant Miller Library	1793
				1940
	McMillan Hall		Lazear Chemistry Building	1894
				1903
	Mellon Hall		Thompson Memorial	1948
				1965

7. What institution did McIlvaine Hall house prior to W&J's acquisition of the building?

- a. Trinity Academy
- b. Washington County Crematory
- c. Washington County Town Hall
- d. Washington Female Seminary

8. In what year did the College become a co-educational institution?

- a. 1969
- b. 1970
- c. 1971
- d. 1972

9. Dr. Jesse Lazear, for whom the chemistry building is dedicated, died as a result of testing and researching a cure for what disease?

- a. yellow fever
- b. smallpox
- c. polio
- d. West Nile virus

10. A member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, this fierce and beloved W&J lineman was so feared on the gridiron that the University of Pittsburgh refused to take the field against him in a 1919 game.

- a. "Deacon" Dan Towler
- b. Charles "Pruner" West
- c. Earle "Greasy" Neale
- d. Wilbur "Pete" Henry

ALUMNI NEWS

NYSE appoints Reed '60 its chairman and CEO



John Reed '60 was appointed interim chairman and CEO of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in a board shakeup earlier this year. In response to anger over the compensation package received by former chairman and CEO Richard Grasso, Reed, former head of Citibank, agreed to do the job for \$1.

Andy Serwer, Fortune.com and CNN/Money columnist, provided his readers with some of Reed's lesser known background including information on Reed's W&J education, followed by the comment, "Who's ever heard anything about this place?"

Assistant Professor of Accounting, Rick Kinder shared the column with W&J's Office of External Relations. The Office responded by sending Serwer a collection of W&J facts laced with some fun facts to appeal to his irreverent tone. And in his next column, Serwer included all of the information sent to him by the Office of External Relations, including the Presidents' 1922 trip to the Rose Bowl.

As a W&J student, Reed participated in a five-year BA/BS engineering program that resulted in his receiving bachelor's degrees from both W&J and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

January

17 Washington, D.C. (Penguins vs. Capitals)
29 Dallas, Texas (Hosted by Jim Elliott '68)
30 San Antonio, Texas
31 Houston, Texas
30–Feb. 1 Florida (East Coast)

April

23–25 Detroit/Chicago
23–25 Phoenix/Tucson

February

5–8 Florida (West Coast)
28 Alumni Executive Council

May

22 Commencement/Class of 1954 Reunion
28–June 6 Greece (Alumni Travel Experience)

March

13 Seattle
18–21 Atlanta, Jacksonville, and Hilton Head
25–29 California (LA, San Francisco, San Diego)

June

TBD Pirates and/or Wild Things
18–19 Norfolk/Charlotte
24–27 Niagara-on-the-Lake (Alumni Travel Experience)
28 Pete Henry Golf Outing

Five inducted into Hall of Fame

Washington & Jefferson College welcomed its fifth class into its Eaton/Gentile Athletic Hall of Fame in a September ceremony held at the Rossin Campus Center Allen Ballroom. Five new members were inducted into the Hall of Fame, including three basketball players, one football player, and the first-ever soccer athlete.

Dave Branchen '91 was a four-year letterwinner and starter for the men's basketball team. He finished his career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,552 points, a record which stood for 12 years before it was broken by Nolan Larry '03 last season. Branchen was a three-time All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honoree and a two-time league MVP. He also was a two-year selection to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America All-District team as a double major in business and psychology.

Cindy Kelly '86 finished her four-year career with the W&J women's basketball team as one of the most accomplished basketball players in school history. She became the first women's basketball player in school history to earn All-America laurels after being named to the American Women's Sports Federation Second Team National All-America squad. Kelly was a four-time First Team All-PAC honoree and a two-time conference MVP. Her 1,517 points is second all-time at the College and her 833 rebounds is the third-highest total in school history. Kelly also led her teams to three consecutive Pennwood Athletic Conference championships.

Chris Rihn '96 became the first soccer player to be inducted in the Athletic Hall of Fame's five-year history. Rihn, a four-year letterwinner for the men's soccer program, rewrote the school record books. He was W&J's all-time leader in goals (33), assists (22), and points (88) for seven years before his totals were topped by current W&J junior forward Mike Chiodo. Rihn was a

four-time All-PAC selection, earning first-team honors three times and second-team laurels as a junior. He was also named the conference's MVP as a senior. Rihn was a three-time Mid-Atlantic Region Adidas Scholar-Athlete and a two-time GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American.

Larry Romboski '59 was a four-year letterwinner for the men's basketball team. Considered one of the top players in the east during his career, Romboski set the school career scoring mark with 1,294 points which stood for 30 years. He still holds the single-game scoring record after pouring in 43 points in 1956 versus Bethany College. Romboski averaged 17.9 points per game for the Presidents in his four years and appeared in 73 straight games, which also broke a W&J record.

Bob Alessio '66 was honored with the prestigious Robert M. Murphy Award. Alessio played for the W&J football team in 1962 and 1963 under W&J Hall of Fame Head Coach Chuck Ream. Just recently, Alessio completed an inspiring and dramatic "Run Across America" in which he ran 5,282 miles in a 324-day period with only 36 rest days. After first considering running across the country as a personal challenge, Alessio decided to dedicate his journey to the victims and families of the terrorist attacks on the United States following the events of 9/11.

New this year, the E. Ronald Salvitti, M.D., Senior Scholar-Athlete Award goes to a male and female senior from the previous academic year who made outstanding contributions on the field and in the classroom. The Walter C. Cooper Senior Athlete



Left to right are Dave Branchen '91, Bob Alessio '66, Larry Romboski '59, President Mitchell, Cindy Kelly '86, and Chris Rihn '96.

Award is given to the top male and female athletes from the previous academic year as voted by the head coaches in the Athletic Department.

This year's recipients of the E. Ronald Salvitti, M.D., Senior Scholar-Athlete Award were men's water polo and swimming standout **Nemanja Kuzmanovic '03** and women's basketball player **Amy Strosnider '03**. Football and track and field athlete **Todd Fry '03** and women's water polo player and swimmer **Audrey Taylor '03** were each honored with a Walter C. Cooper Senior Athlete Award.

"The College is proud to honor these five former student-athletes who made their marks on the athletic fields at W&J. We are also equally excited about the new tradition of honoring our senior athletes through the E. Ronald Salvitti, M.D., Senior Scholar-Athlete Award and the Walter C. Cooper Senior Athlete Award," said Director of Athletics Rick Creehan.

SUMMER SEND-OFFS AND GATHERINGS



Incoming students from Westmoreland County and their parents were hosted by members of the Westmoreland County Alumni chapter at the Greensburg Country Club on Thursday, August 14.



Alumni, parents, friends, and students enjoyed a reception in October during the first annual Yale Water Polo Tournament. Over 50 people, including President Mitchell and Maryjane Mitchell were in attendance to watch W&J win the tournament. David White '77 hosted the reception at a New Haven country club.

Visit www.washjeff.edu/alumni.html for more photographs.



This summer, alumni from Allegheny County assembled at the Hard Rock Café at Station Square in Pittsburgh to send off members of the Class of 2007 who are from the Pittsburgh area.

Alums recognized for service and achievements

Alumni play a key role in the overall success of Washington & Jefferson College. They are, through their commitment to the College, as well as in their own successes and achievements, direct reflections of the W&J mission and philosophy. Each year during homecoming celebrations, the Alumni Association recognizes particularly loyal and successful alumni with the Distinguished Service and Alumni Achievement Awards. During this year's alumni dinner, the Alumni Association presented John Brewer '41 and Kenneth Melani '75 with the Distinguished Service Award and Alumni Achievement Award respectively.

John Brewer '41

Reserved for those who demonstrate great loyalty to the College, the Distinguished Service Award also recognizes a lifelong commitment to service that is a primary goal of the W&J education. This year's recipient, John Brewer, fuels the College's San Francisco Alumni Club, serving as a direct connection between San Francisco and W&J. He is retired after 43 years of service with the telephone company that became AT&T. Brewer is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served as chief weather officer in the Aleutian Islands and in Santa Ana, California. Brewer's desire to serve his community of Carmel, California, is inspiring. He has served as a board member of the San Gabriel Council of Boy Scouts



President Mitchell (center) with distinguished alums, John Brewer '41 (left) and Ken Melani '75 (right).

and Pasadena Child Guidance, and also established a group called PIRATES—Persons Involved in Restoring Abilities to the Emotionally Scarred. Brewer volunteers with Community Hospital, the Carmel Foundation, the Tournament of Roses, and Carmel High School.

Ken Melani '75

The annual Alumni Achievement Award recognizes a W&J graduate whose professional and personal success not only embodies the values of the College, but sets a standard of excellence to which current students can aspire. This year, the Alumni Association honored Ken Melani '75, president and CEO of Highmark, Inc.

After graduating from W&J with a bachelor's in chemistry and biology, Melani, studied at Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Board certified in Internal Medicine (ABIM), he is a member of

the Allegheny County Medical Society, Pennsylvania Medical Society, American Medical Association, Pennsylvania Society of Internal Medicine, American Society of Internal Medicine, and the American College of Physician Executives.

As president and CEO of Highmark, Inc., Melani is one of the most influential and respected leaders in the regional medical community—he was instrumental in establishing the funding mechanisms that will allow Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh to expand its services to the regional area from a larger headquarters location in

Lawrenceville. Melani is also active in community service, particularly in the area of children's services, and devotes time to the boards of Holy Family Institute and the Variety Club of Pittsburgh.

President Brian Mitchell joined Alumni Association President Lauren Schwerha Farrell '83 in presenting the awards. Earlier in the ceremony, Farrell was introduced as Frank Botta's '81 successor as the president of the Alumni Executive Council.

"There are those who set the example for loyalty and service—whose passion for the College inspires others and helps W&J carry its goals and values forward in the world," Dr. Mitchell said of the recipients. "We are proud to have John and Ken among the W&J family."

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The College is offering two unforgettable experiences for alumni, parents, and friends of the College. Register for one or both travel experiences, both led by beloved W&J faculty, and continue to explore, dream, and discover!

Greece 2004

May 28–June 6, 2004

Join retired Professor of Art Hugh Taylor on an unforgettable tour of Greece. Professor Taylor led the first W&J Intersession trip to Greece in 1971 and has traveled abroad over 40 times. Let him help you discover the wonderful traditions of Greece.

INCLUDES:

- Round Trip transportation from Pittsburgh
- Four-night accommodations in first-class hotel in Athens (Four meals included).
- Four-day cruise on Royal Olympic ship based on inside cabin with two lower beds, full board.
- All transfers and transportation by private, deluxe, air-conditioned motor coaches.
- All excursions as per itinerary.
- Professional English-speaking guide
- Luggage and airport portage assistance. (One piece of checked-in luggage per person.)

COSTS:

Total Cost: \$2989 per person in a double room (single room supplement is an additional \$585)

Immediate Deposit: \$500

For more information on this exciting opportunity, visit www.washjeff.edu, contact Hugh Taylor at htaylor@washjeff.edu or the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-W-AND-JAY.



Niagara-on-the-Lake

June 24–June 27, 2004

Professor of English Richard Easton and his wife, Patricia Harrison Easton '74, invite you to spend a weekend with them and W&J friends, parents, and alumni at Niagara-on-the-Lake, the prettiest town in Canada. Located 15 minutes north of Niagara Falls where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario, Niagara-on-the-Lake is an unforgettable experience.



INCLUDES:

- Three nights in the prize-winning Pillar and Post Inn, one of the renowned Vintage Inn properties, which has exercise facilities and a pool
- Three full breakfasts at the Inn
- Gourmet dinner at Pillar and Post's award-winning dining room
- Two Shaw Festival Plays
- Local guide to lead group through the historic sites, including Ft. George
- Tour and lunch at the Hillebrand Winery, famous for its ice wine
- Round-trip on deluxe, air-conditioned bus

COSTS:

\$675 per adult
\$350 for a child (age 10–14) in room with parents
\$500 for a child (over age 14) in room with parents
Single supplement is an additional \$450

Deposit due immediately: \$335
Final payment due February 15, 2004: \$348
Cancellation insurance: \$48

Prices may alter in response to extreme currency exchange fluctuation

For more information on this unforgettable experience, visit www.washjeff.edu, or contact Richard Easton at reaston@washjeff.edu or the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-W-AND-JAY.

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Spain/Portugal Trip a Success!

They explored, they dreamed, and they discovered! Alumni, parents, and friends of the College had an amazing adventure as they toured Spain and Portugal with members of the congenial W&J family, including Professor of English Richard Easton and his wife Patricia Harrison Easton '74. Visit www.washjeff.edu/alumni.html to see more photographs from this trip.



2004 Nominations Welcome

If you wish to nominate an alum for the College's 2004 Distinguished Service Award, the Alumni Award for Achievement, or to nominate an alum to be appointed an Alumni Trustee or a member of the Alumni Association Executive Council, see the nomination form at www.washjeff.edu or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 724-223-6079.

W&J History Quiz

ANSWER KEY:

1. b. Benjamin Franklin gave 50 pounds to Washington College to start its library in 1789.
2. d. Though women participated in some club sports, such as rifle, the College's first intercollegiate team was women's field hockey in 1974.
3. a. Joseph Walker
b. Jonathan Letterman
c. William McGuffey
d. James Blaine
4. True. Charles "Pruner" West quarterbacked W&J's 1921 Rose Bowl squad, leading them to a scoreless 0-0 tie with California on January 22, 1922.
5. c. The two colleges merged to form their present day union in 1865.
6. 1894 Old Gym
1793 McMillan Hall
1948 Mellon Hall
1965 U. Grant Miller Library
1940 Lazear Chemistry Building
1903 Thompson Memorial
7. d. Named for the former leader of the Board of Trustees, Judge John Addison McIlvaine (Jefferson '65), McIlvaine Hall once housed the Washington Female Seminary until acquired by the College in 1940.
8. b. The College became a co-educational institution in 1970, accepting 75 freshmen women in a class of 317.
9. a. While an Army surgeon stationed in Cuba, Dr. Lazear (1888) infected himself with yellow fever and documented its effects upon him until he succumbed to the disease on September 25, 1900. He was posthumously awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor for his sacrifice in 1929.
10. d. Pitt, the reigning 1918 national champions, refused to take the field against Wilbur "Pete" Henry in a 1919 contest, claiming that Henry was allegedly in his fifth year of eligibility.

CLASS NOTES

1932

Alfred Tuttle, M.D., writes that he has authored a new book, *Nostalgic Memories of Family and Friends*, published this year.

1947

John M. Swick writes, "I was sent to Romania as a volunteer under the aegis of the International Executive Service Corps at the request of the Romanian government to appraise the prospects of divesting a military aircraft factory and a grenade factory under planned privatization. My report and recommendations were presented to the Secretary of State of Romania."

1951

Joseph Kurash writes that he loves to cruise since his retirement and has fond memories of his W&J football teammates.

1952

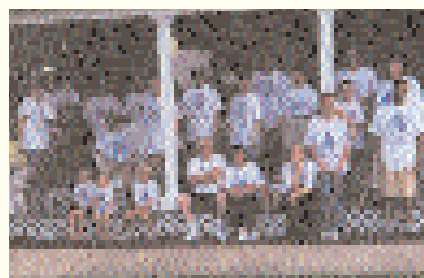
Theodore A. Beadle won the 2002 National Fraternal Organization's Writing Award for his article, "Words to Live By," a reflection on the first anniversary memorial service of 9/11, published in the September 2002 issue of *Mutual Magazine*.

1953

Alan M. Barnett writes, "I retired from business in 1994, relocating with my bride of 43 years to balmy San Diego County. We greatly enjoy the wonderful climate and the social, cultural, and educational opportunities. We travel extensively, having recently visited Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks, the United Kingdom, and France. Our grandson, Jake (2 months), lives in the San Francisco area with our son and daughter-in-law—a most enjoyable 500-mile commute."

1953

Clyde A. Keefer submits this picture (right) of "our family taken at our 50th anniversary celebration."



George E. Lantz, Esq., writes, "I am still practicing law on a very limited basis between golf and card games, and enjoying 11 grandchildren."

Norman A. Posner, M.D., writes, "I am still retired with more time to do less, but that's okay considering the alternative."

Sanford Roeser has served as owner, director, and teacher at August House Programs in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, since 1988. He also held the position of assistant director of admission at W&J from 1956–1959. Roeser's other career highlights include having served as director of admission at The Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey, and as director of independent school programs at Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey.

Murray Sachs, M.D., writes that he graduated from The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1957 and has been in private practice since 1962. Most recently he was the director of the pulmonary division at Shadyside Hospital.

1955

John O. Hanna, Jr. was honored for his contributions to the success of Northwest Savings Bank and the enrichment of Warren County, Pennsylvania. He received a plaque and a citation from State Representative Jim Lynch for his work in expanding Northwest Savings Bank into the seventh largest bank in Pennsylvania. Hanna is stepping down as chairman of Northwest's board of directors but plans to remain active in community affairs, including the comprehensive downtown revitalization project, Impact Warren.

1962

James W. Clarke, Ph.D., writes that he is serving as professor of political science at The University of Arizona and has been selected as a University Distinguished Professor. Clarke recently taught in Ireland as a Fulbright Scholar.

Norman J. Weinberger, M.D., announces that he is celebrating 32 years as senior partner of a pediatric practice. He has two children, five grandchildren, and is a passionate rower and founder of Norwalk River Rowing Club. He and his wife of 41 years, Susan, enjoy a second home in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

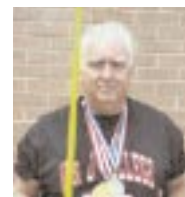
1963

Jerry A. Dorsch, M.D., writes, "I retired from the practice of medicine on June 30, 2003, after 16 years in anesthesia at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, 14 years of private practice, and two years in the navy." He is currently working on the fifth edition of a textbook, *Understanding Anesthesia Equipment*.

1965

Edwin J. Tomko, a member of the firm, McManemin & Smith P.C., was selected as one of "The Best Lawyers in Dallas 2003" in the May 2003 issue of *D Magazine*.

Woody D. Wollesen won three gold medals at the 2003 Maryland Tae Kwon Do Championships in Essex, Maryland. He also represented



Maryland at the United States Tae Kwon Do Championships in New Orleans, Louisiana, in May 2003—his third consecutive national competition—winning the silver medal in full contact sparring and a bronze medal in competitive forms. In addition, Wollesen expanded his athletic prowess and skills into a completely different sports venue. Also, he swept all of the field events at the Maryland State Track & Field Championships at Towson University on September 2003, winning the gold medal in discus, and silver medals in both shot put and javelin (ages 60–64). His discus throw was the longest of the day by all age competitors.

1968

Gary G. Gentile, Esq., a partner in the Pittsburgh law firm of Goldberg, Gruener, Gentile, Horoho & Avalli, P.C., has been appointed for a three-year term to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board. Gentile began his law career in 1971. He was selected for Woodward/White Inc.'s 1997–98 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

1971

James C. Denny writes that with over 30 years experience in banking, insurance, and stockbrokerage, both domestically and internationally, he has co-founded and is a managing partner for Cygnet Strategies, LLC. The firm provides financial literacy programs and investment services for owners and employees of small and medium businesses. Denny and wife, Mary Lu, reside in Upper St. Clair.



1973

Peter S. Shek, Esq., writes that he has been practicing law for 22 years and that he is also a licensed real estate agent. He is currently working with two other partners in a mall development plan, but still finds time to enjoy his second home on Higgins Lake, Michigan, with his three children Millicent (14), John Walter (12), and Peter Leonard (10) along with his “wonderful and supporting” wife, Debby.

1975

Alan L. DiGiovanni has been promoted to director of operations for the Instrument Division by Mine Safety Appliances Company (MSA) of Pittsburgh. DiGiovanni is responsible for the operations team of the division.



Wayne J. Forrest, Esq., was appointed to his second term as Somerset County prosecutor in June 2003.

Thomas Squitieri, an award-winning foreign correspondent and Pentagon reporter for *USA Today*, delivered the commencement address at Indiana University of Pennsylvania's May 2003 commencement ceremony. He shared the following words about his experience at W&J: “Four years at Washington & Jefferson College prepared me to deal with people and soar with the marvels the world can offer. Stephen Crouse and Allan Lee taught me how to understand history and government and how things are SUPPOSED to work. Richard Easton and James Gargano taught me how words on a page can flow together like music in a symphony. Peter Skutches and Hugh Taylor showed me how to travel abroad—how the entire world is indeed a stage—and learn different perspectives and voices. Classmates and administrators and townies taught me about trust and betrayal, fun and sympathy, and how to offer a helping hand.”

1977

Scott Keffer, president and founder of WEALTH Transfer Solutions, Inc., a Pittsburgh-based wealth planning firm, co-authored *Giving: Philanthropy for Everyone*. Keffer is a nationally renowned educator and specialist in the field of advanced tax and wealth preservation planning.



Timothy P. Schieffelin was recently appointed senior vice president in the Greenwich, Connecticut, office of the Private Bank at Bank of America. Schieffelin joins Bank of America from Citigroup where his career spanned more than 20 years. He is a Certified Investment Management Consultant.

1978

F. Noel Parent III, M.D., writes that he was elected president of the Virginia Vascular Society in 2003.

1979

Daniel Sweitzer Gillette announces that he was inducted into the Candy Hall of Fame sponsored by the National Confectionery Sales Association in June 2003, in Philadelphia. The award is the candy industry's highest accolade and it recognizes individuals for their commitment to the confectionery industry.



1980

MAJ. Bernard Bercik, a United States Army Reserve lawyer based with the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade in Philadelphia, is assigned to a judge advocate general team for the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines in Karbala, Iraq. According to an August 12 story featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, Bercik has the authority to order prisoners jailed or released, but he uses Iraq's 1969 criminal code in the hope of setting an example for the local judiciary to follow.

Frank Cotter, M.D., made the front page of the May 11, 2003, issue of *The Roanoke Times* in recognition of his surgical abilities and philanthropy. Dr. Cotter performed sight-saving eye surgery for glaucoma, at no cost, on a 10-year-old African girl. After helping to secure her visa to come to the United States, he performed the surgery and then invited the girl and her aunt to stay at his home to recover.

1981

A. Michael Pratt, Esq., has rejoined the firm of Pepper Hamilton LLP as a partner and overseer of Pepper's Health Effects Litigation Practice Group. He is extremely active among the legal community of Philadelphia, and a member of numerous organizations. Pratt is also a member of the



Pennsylvania Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the National Bar Association. He is a recipient of the Community Legal Services' Equal Justice Award and has received recognition as a "40 Under 40" business leader by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*.

1982

MAJ. Michael Fediaczko, son of Nancy and **Gordon Fediaczko '59**, and brother of **D. Scott Fediaczko '84**, was recalled to active duty to serve in America's war on terrorism. He is assigned to the United States Army's Southern Command Liaison Officer to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Major Fediaczko has served for 20 years in the armed forces, both on active duty in Germany and in the Army Reserves. Prior to his call-up, he resided in Fairfax, Virginia, and worked for the Northrop Grumman Corporation.



Fediaczko has received recognition from both the Assistant Secretary of the Army and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations because of the role he played in the continued operations of the Department of the Army's Headquarters during the hours, days, and months after the attack on the Pentagon. He writes, "The W&J flag is taking a beating but continues to fly over Gitmo. Sorry I will miss this year's reunion."

Thomas W. Mowrer joined Reinhart Food Service in 1994 and served as director of purchasing until he was recently promoted to division manager for the Pittsburgh division.

1983

ZeeAnn (Valenti) Poerio, a third grade teacher from St. Louise de Marillac School, was awarded the Arthur Patch McKinlay Scholarship from the American Classical League (ACL) and was invited to present her ideas on teaching Latin at the elementary level at the ACL Summer Institute at the University at Buffalo in New York in June. Poerio organized a workshop in Pittsburgh for teachers entitled "Rome Built Day By Day: A Workshop for Integrating Latin Across the Curriculum K-8" with grants from the Pennsylvania Classical Association, Dickinson College department of classics, and the National Committee for Latin and Greek. At the ACL Institute, she also served on the Bounty of Books

panel and holds a position on the National Excellence Through Classics Board.

Kenneth A. Rager, Jr., writes, "I am currently living in Laguna Niquel, California, and I'm employed by IBM as a sales representative. My wife and I have two children, Alex (6) and Jack (4)."

1985

Matthew M. Shaffer, president and CEO of Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa, Inc., has been recognized for his professional success and community involvement by the Des Moines *Business Record* in its fourth annual 2003 "40 under 40" class of up-and-coming leaders in greater Des Moines. Shaffer previously served



as director of business development for Aetna, Inc. and Aetna US Healthcare. In addition, he has served as a United States Army captain and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot.

1986

Susan (Mondik) Key, Esq., has joined the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc. Membership in the Academy is open to licensed attorneys who are practicing in the area of elder law or who are interested in legal issues pertaining to the elderly. She practices for the law office of Peacock, Keller, & Ecker, LLP.

John D. Koch has returned from Tunis, Tunisia, and Jaworze, Poland, where he was observing and participating in military training exercises with the Tunisian Defense Force and the 6th Polish Airborne Brigade. He is currently with

Northrop Grumman Information Technology working for the ODCSOPS (G-3), Headquarters, US Army Europe as a database administrator and analyst. Koch and his wife, Dee Dee, reside in Markt Painten, Bavaria, with their children, Caroline and Michael, where he normally works as an analyst at the Combat Maneuver Training Center-Hohenfels.

"The fest season is beginning later this month, and Dee and I are looking forward to visiting the Mosel Valley and southern Bavaria to enjoy the festivities. Regensburg, Munich, and Nuremberg are all within one hour's drive, so we get the advantages of living in the countryside, but not miss the 'big city' life," writes Koch via E-mail. He can be reached at john.koch@hq.hqsareur.army.mil.

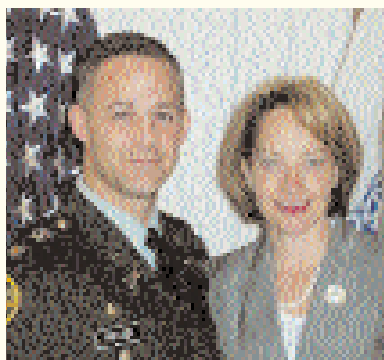
1990

Margaret (Heubert) Swanberg, D.O., writes that she is assistant program director for the National Capital Consortium Neurology Residency Program and chief of the Cognitive Neurology Service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Swanberg has two daughters, Caitlin (6) and Erin (3).

1992

Robert Throckmorton was promoted from human resource and staffing consultant to human resource manager at MARC USA.

1985



LTC **Brian J. Preler** E-mails that he "assumed command of 4th Squadron, 7th United States Cavalry Regiment at Camp Garyowen, Republic of Korea (along the DMZ) in August 2003." Lieutenant Colonel Preler was commissioned in the United States Army in 1985 from the W&J ROTC program. He and his wife, Laurel, reside in Alexandria, Virginia. Laurel works as a lobbyist for a prominent Washington, D.C., law firm.

1993

Natalie Corsello Frazier is the Pittsburgh chair for the Angelman Syndrome Foundation National Walk-a-thon. Initially presumed to be rare, Angelman Syndrome is a genetic disorder now believed to affect thousands of children who have gone undiagnosed or misdiagnosed as suffering from cerebral palsy, autism, or other disorders. Natalie and her husband, Billy, have a son, Cole (3), who was diagnosed last year with Angelman Syndrome. The Pittsburgh walk-a-thon will take place on May 15, 2004, in North Park.

Mike Mikus E-mails that he "recently returned to Washington, D.C., after five years on the campaign trail. In April, I began a new job as southern political director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee where I am responsible for recruiting congressional candidates and advising campaigns in eight southern states. I spent the last two election cycles managing campaigns in Atlanta, Georgia."

1994

Shelli (Decarlo) Brooks is founder and president of a non-profit, charitable organization, Furbabies Animal Rescue and Aid, Inc. The organization works to prevent euthanasia of healthy, sociable animals due to overcrowding in government shelters through adopting at-risk animals and actively seeking loving, responsible homes via the Internet, advertising, and off-site adoption events. Furbabies adopts and provides care for injured animals in the shelter system that would otherwise be subject to euthanasia. The organization then finds permanent placement for the animal in a responsible, loving home or places the animal with another rescue organization that will do the same. For more information, Brooks encourages you to visit www.furbabies.petfinder.com.

Becky (Gall) Piorek writes via E-mail that she and **Michelle Leonard '96** visited **Shauna**

Darby, Ph.D. '95 at her home in Virginia. Piorek is a teacher in New Hampshire and is currently a stay-at-home mom with her daughter, Meghan. Leonard is an art teacher in Atlanta, Georgia, and Darby is working as a research scientist in Virginia.



1995

Brian David Roos, Ph.D., recently completed his doctoral studies in chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Delaware in May 2003. His dissertation was titled *Development of T-Jump/Raman Spectroscopy as a Complement to T-Jump/FTIR Spectroscopy for the Pyrolysis in Energetic Materials*.

1996

Dominick A. DeFrances, Jr., D.O., announces that he finished his internal medicine residency at West Penn Hospital in June 2003 and joined Associates in Internal Medicine in Tarentum.

1999

Two 1999 alums graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June 2003.



Staci Mazurek
Sheba, D.O.



Wendy Mikulski, D.O.

2000

Joel McClosky E-mails, "I just finished an elementary education master's program at Duquesne University. I am currently student teaching in Dublin, Ireland, for a ten-week period. Then, I'll be back in the states to finish my certification by student teaching in the Steel Valley School District for another ten weeks. After that, I am off to find that golden teaching opportunity."

2001

Justin Moccaldi is currently serving his country in Iraq as a sergeant in the Army Reserves Petroleum Supply Unit. His military address is: 544 Mainst Bn., 457th Qm Co., Unit 92665, APO-AE 09323-2665.

Joanne V. Stanley is in her second year of law school at the University of Richmond. She was recently elected manuscripts editor of the *Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business*.

2002

Lori Zychowski is a second-year student in the clinical psychology doctoral program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She recently received the university's Graduate Student Poster Award for her paper, "Personality and Self-Presentation in Municipal Police Academy Applicants."

MARRIAGES

1995

Proud mom, **Diana Berry '87** announces the marriage of her son, **Scott Berry '95** to **Jodi Britton '95** on June 8, 2002. The reception was held at the Candlelight Room, where W&J graduates joined in congratulating the couple. The newlyweds went to Hawaii on their honeymoon and now reside in Washington.



Front Row Left to Right – **Becky (O'Brien) Spence '76**, **Erin McKean '99**, **Jodi (Britton) Berry '95**, **Scott Berry '95**, **Janice Lee '96**, **Diane Carlisle '94**, maid of honor.

Back Row Left to Right – **Joshua Clark '00**, **Kara Berry '00** (bridesmaid and Scott's sister), **Diana Berry '87**, **Nancy (Killen) Bryant '95** (bridesmaid), **Ryan Walters '97**, **Becky Foley '96**.

2000

James G. Bittner and Jamie Bittner were married on August 24, 2002, at Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Alumnus in attendance included best man, **Joshua Courtney '01**. Jamie is employed by Integrated Fund Services, Inc. and expects her Masters of English from Xavier University in fall 2003. "JB" will graduate from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in spring 2004, and pursue a career in orthopedic surgery.

Kara L. (Berry) Clark and **Joshua M. Clark** were married September 27, 2003, in Washington. W&J alumni **Patrick Edwards '01**, **Mike Juskowich '00**, **Scott Berry '95**, and **Jodi (Britton) Berry '95** were in the wedding party. Many other W&J alumni also attended. The couple went to Aruba on their honeymoon and now resides in Washington where Kara works in Institutional Research at W&J.



Amanda (Niebauer) Dunn and **Greg Dunn, Jr.** announce their marriage on May 31, 2003, in Meadville. They write, "There were several W&J grads in attendance. We had a great time!"

2002

Nicole (Helfer) Dunn and Jeffrey Dunn were married on June 21, 2003, at the First Lutheran Church in Washington, followed by a reception at Valley Brook Country Club. The newlyweds honeymooned in Bermuda, and then returned to their newly built home in Canonsburg. Nicole is the accountant for Patent Construction and her husband is a sales representative for Consolidated Electric.

Members of the bridal party include W&J graduates: **Brooke Helfer '04**, **Mandy Phillippi '02**, **Matt Brandstetter '02**, **Melissa Piacenza '02**, and **Marcy Dunn '06**.



BIRTHS

1988

Cathy (Scanga) Ribaldo E-mails, "My husband, Randy, and I are doing well, staying employed and keeping (relatively) fit! We are pleased to also announce the birth of our fourth child, Lucas Benjamin, in March 2003. That brings our total to two sons and two daughters, and four college savings plans. Any thoughts as to a bulk rate discount? Ha! We reside in Rockville, Maryland, only a four-hour drive from Washington, Pennsylvania."

Brett Rosenberg Harris, Esq., and her husband, Mitch, announce the birth of their son, Cooper James on January 30, 2003. He joins his two-year-old sister, Alicia Rose.

1990

Scott Learn, D.M.D., and his wife, Jen, announce the birth of their first child, Brandon Scott Learn on September 10, 2003.



Mark Walczyk writes, "My wife, Jennifer, and I are pleased to announce the birth of our first child, Ashley Morgan, on March 31, 2003."



1992

Dawn (Traverso) Larson writes that she and her husband, Jay Philip Larson, announce the birth of their first child, Max Ernest, on May 22, 2003. The family resides in Florida, where Jay is an agent for the United States Department of Homeland Security and



Kari (DeCarlo) Strathern, Esq., writes, "My husband, David, and I are pleased to announce the birth of our second daughter, Luciana DeCarlo Strathern. She was born on June 18, 2002. She is pictured with her big sister, Francesca."



Dawn is the managing attorney for her law firm's Miami office. The couple was married on the beach at Captiva Island, Florida, in 1999.

Vanessa (Anthony) Costanzo '93 was a bridal attendant.

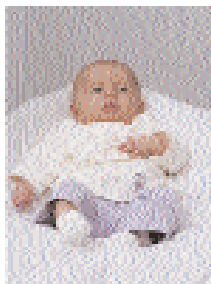
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Julie (Balestrieri) Cornelius and her husband, Randy, announce the birth of their first child, Thomas Randall, on July 17, 2003.



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Nancy (Killen) Bryant and her husband, Rick, are pleased to announce the birth of a healthy daughter, Meredith Jane,



born on August 15, 2003, at The Washington Hospital. Bryant E-mails, "She was welcomed home by her big brother, Patrick, who turned 2 years old in September. Her godparents are **Scott Berry '95** and **Jodi (Britton) Berry '95**, **Diane Carlisle '94**, and James Strother." Bryant works in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at W&J.

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Robin L. (Raupp) Plank, D.O., and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Elizabeth Plank, on June 19, 2003. Plank E-mails, "I am currently in private practice as a family physician in Slippery Rock. My husband, Jason, and I celebrated our third wedding anniversary on May 6, 2003."



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Brenda (Buckley) Williamson writes, "On January 23, 2003, we welcomed our first child, Marin Elizabeth. We are all doing great. Michael is part owner of Solomon's Seafood Restaurant located in Washington and I am a community development director for the Washington County Redevelopment Authority."



1997

Heidi (Raupp) Beahm and her husband, Davin, announce the birth of their daughter, Kierstin Taylor Beahm, on July 30, 2003.



Amy (Cline) Frazee writes, "My husband, Jerry, and I welcomed our first child, Madyson Elizabeth, on February 4, 2003.

1998

Michael Lowman and Amanda (Brenlove) Lowman announce the birth of their daughter, Eliza Loch, on July 20, 2003. Michael is currently a provider relations representative with Automated Health Systems and Amanda is an assistant director of admissions at Carnegie Mellon University.



I N M E M O R I A M

James W. Hornbeck, Ed.D. '31, August 20, 2003. Dr. Hornbeck worked in the educational field as a teacher, administrator, and college professor for 47 years. He was a teacher, high school principal, and supervising principal for the Plum School District for 29 years. He served as assistant superintendent for the Gateway School District in Monroeville and after retirement, he joined the faculty at Duquesne University Graduate School of Education. Dr. Hornbeck was also a member of various professional organizations including the American Association of School Administrators, Pennsylvania Association of Chief School Administrators, and a member of the planning committee for classroom television for WQED-TV.

Donald H. Sortore '32, February 28, 2003. Mr. Sortore retired from his position as an industrial engineer from Westinghouse Electrical Corporation in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1975.

James Edward Mitchell, Esq. '33, September 2, 2003. Prior to his retirement in January 2002, Mr. Mitchell had been a partner in Harrington, Hoppe and Mitchell Ltd., where he practiced law for 66 years. He interrupted his practice immediately after Pearl Harbor to serve in the United States Navy's various amphibious units. Mr. Mitchell also served on the boards of a number of businesses and charitable organizations.

Clarence Edward Stewart, Esq. '33, May 5, 2003. Mr. Stewart served in World War II with the War Department. He retired as senior general attorney from United States Steel Corporation in 1973.

William T. Allison '36, August 9, 2003. Mr. Allison served as a lieutenant lower grade with the office of Navy Inspection in Detroit, Michigan. He worked in sales with Universal Cyclops Steel, Tygart Valley Glass Company, and Fairmont Supply Company.

Robert W. Kline, M.D. '37, June 30, 2003.

Charles L. Lambing '39, October 5, 2003. Captain Lambing, of Sun City Center, Florida, was retired from the United States Navy. An interment with military honors was held in early December at Arlington National Cemetery.

William H. Hamilton '40, June 15, 2003. Mr. Hamilton served in the United States Navy as a radar operator during World War II. Following the war, he worked for Westinghouse Corporation at Research Laboratories and later at Bettis Atomic Laboratory where he helped to develop naval nuclear propulsion systems. He received the Westinghouse Order of Merit Award, became a Fellow in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, was YMCA's Man of the Year, and served on several community boards and projects.

Robert Cronberg '42, May 23, 2003. After serving as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II, Mr. Cronberg began his sales career in the corrugated packing industry in Illinois with Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation before joining The Royal Group.

Rev. Frank McClure Caughey, Jr. '43, January 30, 2003. Reverend Caughey served in World War II with the Army Air Corps in Egypt, Persia, and Palestine. After receiving his master of divinity degree, he served as pastor for churches in New York and North Carolina. Reverend Caughey also served as headmaster of Prince Royal's College and the Padung Rasdr School in Thailand and as pastor at First Congregational Church in Westbrook, Connecticut. In 1960, Reverend Caughey re-entered the military where he served as a chaplain who helped resettle Vietnam War refugees until his retirement in 1977. He held numerous senior leadership positions in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, was an Eagle Scout, and was an active adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America.

Charles Carney '44, September 14, 2003. Mr. Carney was in the insurance business in Akron, Ohio, and later employed by Tower Tool in Twinsburg, Ohio.

Brady Blackford Gilleland, Ph.D. '45, February 15, 2003. Dr. Gilleland retired in 1993 as chair of the classical languages department after 36 years at the University of Vermont. A former grid-iron standout at W&J, his undergraduate career was interrupted for three years while he served in the Marine Corps during World War II.

A. William Lowe '49, March 1, 2003. Mr. Lowe served in the United States Navy during World War II as an electronics technician. He worked as a CPA and retired from the Internal Revenue Service after 35 years. He also served as the coordinator of Penn State's Continuing Education Program for CPAs.

Pasquale W. Rubino '49, May 5, 2003.

John Solomon '49, February 24, 2003. Before attending W&J, Mr. Solomon enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and served as a radio operator and machine gunner in the European, African, and Eastern fronts. He received the Overseas Service Bar, the Air Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, and Silver Star. Mr. Solomon went on to become a prominent lawyer in Washington County for 49 years.

Donald J. Rodis '50, April 10, 2003. Mr. Rodis retired from his position as vice president of Hot Shoppes operations for the Marriott Corporation in 1987. Prior to that, he was district manager for Roy Rogers Restaurants in Northern Virginia and Pittsburgh and then regional vice president in metropolitan New York.

James R. Marshall, M.D. '51, February 10, 2003.

Frederick A. Hetzel '52, September 13, 2003. Prior to his retirement in 1994, Mr. Hetzel was the editor of the University of Pittsburgh Press for 31 years. He launched the Drue Heinz Literature Prize and cooperatively established the International Poetry Forum Award, which created the basis for the Pitt Poetry Series.

Henry E. Seidel, M.D. '52, January 20, 2003. Dr. Seidel retired from Shore Memorial Hospital on January 1, 2000, where he held several positions, including director of clinical laboratories and staff pathologist. He was also a United States army veteran.

Joseph Gene Lipovich '54, August 30, 2003. Mr. Lipovich served in the United States Army during peacetime. He was a CPA and co-owner of Pittsburgh Contractors Equipment Company. While attending W&J, he was a member of the football team.

David MacIntyre Doremus '56, July 22, 2003. Mr. Doremus retired in 2000 from his consulting firm, Doremus and Associates. Through his youth and adulthood, he was active with the Ocean Gate Yacht Club, both as a competitor and race coordinator. He was also an army veteran and a prominent member of the business community.

Byron W. Hoover '56, August 14, 2003.

Kenneth J. Prescott, M.D. '60, April 5, 2003. Dr. Prescott was board certified in both internal medicine and hematology and started a private practice in 1969. He served as chief of the internal

medicine department at the former St. Joseph's Hospital in Lowell, Massachusetts, was an instructor for Tufts Medical School, and a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society and Cancer Society.

Edward F. Miller '61, May 30, 2003. After serving in the United States Army, Mr. Miller became the owner of Layette Electronics. He later worked as a longshoreman and retired as an active member of the ILWU Local #7 in Bellingham, Washington.

E. Frederick Barrick, M.D. '62, April 15, 2003. Dr. Barrick retired from his private practice and Inova Fairfax Hospital as a respected orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Barrick was an authority on pelvic surgery, published in numerous medical journals, held two patents, and served as an associate professor of orthopedic surgery at Georgetown University. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and a founding member of the support program, Rebuild, which helps those recovering from physically and emotionally traumatic injuries.

Van H. Wilshire '63, August 6, 2003. Mr. Wilshire was a real estate broker with Douglas Elliman Pickering Associates in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Paul M. Perdew, Ph.D. '64, July 30, 2003. Dr. Perdew taught mathematics at the University of Guam, Waynesburg College, and The University of Scranton.

Willoughby I. Stuart, Jr. '66, December 19, 2002. Mr. Stuart had a varied professional career as an editor in the medical textbooks division of Little, Brown & Company, a producer at WPIX in New York City, a freelance photographer in Austria, and a self-employed investor.

Dawn Renea Moore Law '92, June 6, 2003. Ms. Law received her B.A. in sociology from W&J and worked as a certified surgical technician at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown.

Jennifer Lynn Oliver '00, May 12, 2003. Ms. Oliver enjoyed an enriching theatre career, appearing in a number of shows within the Pittsburgh region. Carrying on a tradition that began during her theatre experience at W&J, she appeared as a cast member for the Little Lake Theater and the Center Stage Players. Ms. Oliver was employed as a payroll specialist for Paychex Inc. of Pittsburgh.

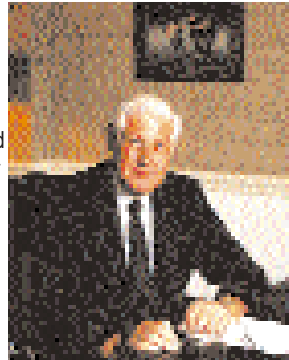
James Robert Gross-Carricato '04, October 21, 2003, was a psychology major at W&J. He was a graduate honor student of Kiski Prep School and was an All American Jr. Olympic swimmer who received merits and awards for saving a young boy from drowning in 1994.



F R I E N D S

Marge Rekai, August 11, 2003. Ms. Rekai worked at Washington & Jefferson College for more than 20 years in the Athletic Department before retiring in 2002. She also volunteered at the Adult Literacy Program, often foregoing her lunch hour to do her work there.

Peter C. Rossin, August 12, 2003. Trustee Emeritus of the College's Board of Trustees, Dr. Rossin helped to make possible the College's Rossin Campus Center. Also, the College's Howard J. Burnett Center was made possible through a generous lead gift from Dr. and Mrs. Rossin. After earning degrees from Lehigh and Yale, Dr. Rossin was a research engineer holding several key positions in the years before he founded Dynamet Corporation in Washington in 1967. Under his leadership, the com-



pany became one of the world's leading producers of titanium- and nickel-based alloys for the aerospace and medical industries.

A prominent philanthropist, Dr. Rossin devoted much of his time and resources to community and civic organizations. He was named the 1989 Small Business Person of the Year for Western Pennsylvania and the recipient of the 1994 American Society for Metals' Medal for the Advancement of Research. Dr. Rossin received an honorary doctorate of laws from Washington & Jefferson College and an honorary doctorate of engineering from Lehigh University. In 1999, Lehigh's College of Engineering and Applied Science was renamed the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science in his honor.

George Douglas Warner, Ph.D., May 4, 2003. Dr. Warner taught psychology at W&J from 1956 to 1960. He later established a private practice as a psychologist and continued his work in training other mental health professionals in psychodrama. He was the founder of the Maryland Psychodrama Institute. Dr. Warner retired as a staff psychologist from Thomas B. Finan Center in Cumberland, Maryland.

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The archive room in the Library is W&J “through the years.” It is a room packed with W&J history. Shelves are brimming with books and documents dating as far back as 1500. Under the direction of Allen Benson, director of library services, the staff attends to the archives to sort, organize, and preserve W&J history—an important job considering W&J’s significant history.



One of the artifact drawers in the Library’s archive room contains old slates, shoulder epaulets from the Civil War, the pewter mush spoon of Dr. John McMillan (dated 1776), the silver spectacles of Dr. McMillan, a W&J beanie, and childhood photographs of Mr. and Mrs. U. Grant Miller.

Also in the archives—a letter dated April 6, 1790, to the King of France regarding Jefferson’s recall from the Court of France when he was Ambassador to France signed by both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. →



HIGHLIGHTS OF HOMECOMING/FAMILY WEEKEND 2003



A. This year's parade was bigger than ever—a community celebration that included the City's fire department celebrating 100 years of service! **B.** A full house assembled for President Mitchell's annual State of the College address. **C.** Kari Sievers '04 (Kappa Alpha Theta) was crowned homecoming queen during halftime. **D.** The Presidents beat Bethany 38-3 at the big game. **E.** Fifth Quarter drew a full house—as always. **F.** Reuniting with friends—what Homecoming is all about.

More...W&J Up Close



The stained glass windows and the fireplace in the **Eaton/Gentile Hall of Fame** at Cameron Stadium are from Wilbur “Pete” Henry’s house on Wheeling Street. Henry was an acclaimed and much loved W&J lineman who went on to play with the pros and is a member the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



There are two stories regarding the **southwest Indian pottery** on display in the Library. One is that it was discovered on a 1920s U.S. archeological dig on property that the College owned in the southwest. The other possible story, according to the September 1952 issue of the *Alumni Bulletin*, is that John Enman, W&J geology and geography instructor, visited the College’s archeological site near Grand Quivira National Monument, New Mexico that summer. He brought back samples of pottery (which may or may not be the pottery in the Library) from the ruins of a Pueblo Indian Village destroyed between 1660 and 1670.



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