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Letters to the Editor

We will print a representative selection of the letters we receive that refer to the most recent edition of the magazine. Letters should be signed and include contact information. Submissions may be edited for length, style, and clarity.

The following letter addresses a letter to the editor from Roger B. Rollin, Ph.D., '52, which was published in the Winter 2005 issue.

Professor Rollin takes exception to the idea expressed in the magazine's previous issue that "high social standards based in academic excellence were hallmarks of *W&J* Greek life" in the 1940s, 1950s, and early 1960s. What we have here, according to Rollin, is "at worst, a whitewash of fraternity life;" "fraternity social standards were far from 'high' and were often marked by superficiality and, occasionally, prejudice;" and "frats were essentially anti-academic and certainly anti-intellectual." If Rollins is right about the situation at *W&J* over that 25-year period, it changed remarkably quickly. From 1965 to 1969, when I was on campus, it was very different. From my experience, fraternities were a slightly positive influence on a student's academic performance. An independent who failed, failed only himself. A fraternity member who failed also was responsible for bring down the "house average," thereby endangering the social privileges of all the fraternity's members. Contrary to Rollin's statement that "no one I knew went uninitiated because of mediocre grades," students had to achieve a certain grade point average in order to pledge and maintain at least that minimum GPA in order to activate.

Rollin is correct when he says that fraternities continued to exist because they filled a social void on campus, although I would not agree with him in castigating the College for that void. Fraternities then provided and continue to provide a way of creating friendships over three- or four-year age differences that other extracurricular activities have difficulty achieving. During Homecoming 2004, I visited with a fraternity brother who was a senior

when I was a freshman, who had a different major, and was from a different part of the country. We were unlikely to have formed a 35-year friendship had we not been in the same fraternity, regardless of what the College had done to provide us opportunities to socialize.

Robert G. Walker, Ph.D., '69

*The following letter addresses the articles "Five Inducted Into Hall of Fame," "Three Recognized for Service and Achievement," and "Bica-Ross Hall Opens at *W&J*."*

A recent issue of the *W&J* magazine stirred some memories in this aging mind, a grad in '48.

The induction of Adam Sanders into the *W&J* Hall of Fame is well deserved. Always nattily dressed, always "in control," and seldom smiling, this lawyer-coach was great. Two of his stalwarts, the Knoche brothers, sat with me in the last row of Dr. Sweet's history class and they never missed a class. I suspect Coach Sanders had a strict rule—missing class was as bad as missing practice!

Another item caught my attention—Dr. Tom Tredici, recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award and a graduate of Hank Bennet's dance classes. Tom and I were among the many veterans at *W&J* after WWII. The honor conferred on Tom is also well deserved.

When I see the wonderful new dorms now on campus, I remember well the rows of old Army barracks in which we lived, known as "Splinter Village." These were not exactly luxury accommodations, but they did have an ice box, a space heater, and very thin "walls." They were hot in the summer and cold in the winter, but the rent was cheap and the collegiality lingered long after graduation.

Thanks, folks, for stirring some wonderful memories of "the greatest generation" on the campus of *W&J*.

The Honorable John A. MacPhail '48

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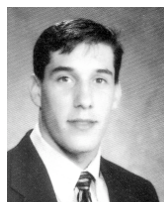
In the last issue of *W&J* magazine, Dr. David Schrader was credited as chair of the Department of Philosophy in the article "Learning Together: Faculty Scholarship at *W&J*." At the time of publication, Dr. R. Lloyd Mitchell was chair of the department. Schrader became chair in mid-January 2005.

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CAMPUS NEWS

The World is Their Classroom: *W&J encourages all students to study abroad*

By Joyce DeFrancesco

Washington & Jefferson College has long been committed to introducing students to diverse cultures and a wider world through study abroad, providing an educational experience unlike any other. With the arrival of Dr. Tori Haring-Smith in January, as W&J's twelfth president, that commitment to study abroad and international travel became even stronger as the president named implementing and enhancing international programs as one of her top priorities.



Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Greb have endowed a study abroad scholarship fund.

"International travel broadens our students' horizons, exposes them to cultures unlike our own, increases their self-confidence, and introduces them to the global world in which they will work—whether their field is medicine, business, education, research, law, or any graduate discipline," says

Haring-Smith. W&J's commitment to providing access to international travel has been especially visible on campus this year.

In April, juniors Susanna L. Hart, Suet Kam Lam, and Hollis J. Zemany were awarded **Vira I. Heinz Scholarships for Education Abroad** for travel during the summer months. The Vira I. Heinz Scholarship for Education Abroad program provides \$5,000 in study abroad support to a female student who is a sophomore or junior. Students spend at least four weeks in the host country and receive academic credit for their participation. The scholarship program is sponsored by the Vira I. Heinz Endowment, a fund of the Heinz Endowments.

Hart is a French major who traveled to Aix en Provence, France, to study at the University of Aix-Marseille III. She plans to become a French teacher. Lam is a Spanish and biochemistry major who went to the University of Seville in Spain. Lam also interned and shadowed doctors at the University Hospital Virgin Macarena. Lam plans on pursuing a career in medicine. Zemany is a theatre and English major and studied at the International Summer Institute for Ancient Greek Drama and Theatre in Cyprus, Greece. Zemany plans to pursue a career in theatre and education.

In May, Dr. Edward Greb, professor of sociology at W&J, and his wife, Barbara Betler Greb, established **The Barbara Betler Greb and Edward Martin Greb Endowed**

Student International Travel Award Fund with an initial gift of \$25,000.

The award honors a promise that Greb made to Dr. Helena Miller during the '60s at Duquesne University. Lacking the money to continue his undergraduate education, Greb met with Miller, a professor of biology and associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, to withdraw from school. Instead of withdrawing, he received a personal check from Miller, enough for tuition for the next semester, with no request for repayment, just a promise to extend the kindness to others in need.

"I made that promise to Dr. Miller and have honored my commitment many times since then," says Greb. "This fund is my wife's and my attempt to further honor that promise to help students in need. A promise made is a promise honored."

An award will be given to one or more students in good standing, regardless of class year, but with preference given to underclassmen, who have a desire to travel internationally for college credit. Until the endowed fund has grown, awards will be restricted initially to international travel during January Intersession.

Tara Mulkern, a senior Hardy Eagle Scholar, can testify to both the power of study abroad and networking. She received a travel award directly from **84 Lumber Company**, which financed her study abroad experience in Seville, Spain, during the summer. While speaking with Maggie Hardy-Magerko, president of 84 Lumber

Company, at the College's annual Entrepreneurial Leadership Dinner in February, Magerko told Mulkern to write a letter detailing her study abroad plans to the company as it sometimes sponsors such educational experiences. Mulkern did, and was awarded \$7,000, which covered her entire trip, including tuition, housing, and travel expenses. Mulkern, an international business and Spanish major with an emphasis on entrepreneurial studies, took two classes in Spain, Language and Practice of Spanish Business and Fundamentals of Spanish Culture, through the Center for Cross-Cultural Study. "I hope this will be the first of many travels for me," says Mulkern.



Viet Ha heads the newly created Office of Study Abroad.

On September 1, Viet Ha became the College's first ever **director of study abroad and off-campus programs**. With more than 10 years of experience in study abroad and international travel, Ha is leading W&J's efforts to strengthen the quality and quantity of study abroad and exchange programs at the College. With the addition of Ha, students and faculty will soon find arranging their international study travel to be easier since he will negotiate articulation agreements with institutions offering international and domestic study experiences, support faculty who wish to teach travel-study courses, coordinate foreign visitors, and advise students who wish to travel abroad. Prior to joining W&J, Ha was the assistant director of the Institute for Study Abroad Programs at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Campus Housing Update

In recent years, W&J has undertaken an ambitious project to increase not just the quantity of student housing on campus, but the quality of that housing as well. Phase one was completed in fall 2004 with the dedication of Bica-Ross Hall, a suite-style living facility with room for 126 students. This year will mark the successful completion of phase two, theme housing.

The theme house project on Chestnut Street is rapidly approaching total completion. Six of the houses—the triplex and three single houses—were ready for occupancy on August 15. The final four houses will be completed and ready for students after the fall term. Each theme house was designed to look like a home rather than a residence hall and accommodates 26 students. The freestanding structures include amenities such as laundry facilities on each floor, a full-size kitchen, a living room, a chapter/theme office, and a meeting room.

Eight of the houses will be occupied by Greek organizations. The sororities and fraternities awarded new theme houses are Beta Theta Pi, Delta Gamma, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, and Pi Beta Phi. At the start of the fall term, Delta Gamma, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Phi Delta Theta moved into their houses while the others will move into their new homes after the holiday break. Greek organizations will receive a review every two years in order to retain a theme house. Phi Kappa Psi fraternity will continue to be located in one of the quad buildings.

Two houses will be shared by special interest groups, which, this year, are Faith House, Leadership House, and Music House. Special interest groups were awarded houses by a committee of faculty, students, and staff based on their plans for the group and the theme house, which had to include group-only and campus-wide programming activities.

The groups will be reviewed at the end of the year in order to evaluate how they followed through with their plans and houses will be kept or reassigned accordingly. Theme housing is a housing option with a lot of promise, says Gerald Stebbins, associate dean of student life. W&J has plans to expand to a total of eight theme-style housing facilities next year.

When the housing project was first envisioned, W&J planned to demolish the 37-year-old quad buildings in the center of campus and create a green space. However, due to W&J's increasing enrollment, the 10 quad houses will continue to house students indefinitely. The buildings have been renamed President's Row with each individual quad named for a former U.S. president—Adams, Buchanan, Grant, Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln, Fillmore, Harrison, Cleveland, and Monroe. President's Row is occupied by upper-class students with some quads serving as theme-style living. With the exception of the Phi Kappa Psi house, the quads are unaffiliated with any specific Greek organization.

Phase three of the housing project was apartment-style housing that would give students a taste of living on their own while maintaining a sense of community and access to the College's services. This phase is now on hold as the College evaluates its current housing situation and whether apartment-style living meets the current needs of students.



Booth Chosen as 2005 Goldwater Scholar



Senior Ryan Booth could be considered a modern-day renaissance man—a scholar whose interests range from nuclear medicine to jazz music—but it's for his accomplishments in the field of physics that the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation chose Booth as one of the 320 Barry M. Goldwater scholars for the 2005–2006 academic year.

“Winning the Goldwater Scholarship is a great honor,” says Booth, a physics major with minors in mathematics and music. “It makes me confident that I’ve chosen the right field of study, and it proves that W&J is preparing me to compete on a national level.”

The one- and two-year scholarships cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500. Booth has a strong interest in biophysics and plans to pursue a terminal degree in the field. While he describes himself as a “physics nerd,” Booth also plays tenor saxophone in the W&J jazz ensemble, studies the instrument privately with a W&J music professor, and was part of the wind ensemble. He is involved on campus as a resident assistant and physics tutor. He is

a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honorary, and the Committee on Recruitment and Admissions.

W&J faculty members from a variety of disciplines supported Booth's application, including Dr. William Sheers, professor of physics; Dr. Jenny Kline, associate professor of mathematics; Michael Sakash, assistant professor of music; and Dr. James March, professor of biology and W&J's Goldwater Scholarship advisor.

“Ryan Booth is one of the most talented and productive physics students that I've had the privilege to work with at W&J,” says Sheers, who helped Booth with his scholarship essay. “He excels in theoretical work, and his experimental skills put him in a class by himself. He is inquisitive, self-directed, highly motivated, creative, and finds enjoyment spending countless hours of free time doing lab research. We are very fortunate that he chose to attend W&J.”

Scholars were chosen on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,091 sophomore and junior mathematics, science, and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide. Of the 320 awardees, 165 are men, 155 are women, and nearly all intend to obtain a Ph.D. as their career objective. Twenty-seven scholars are mathematics majors, 239 are science majors, 45 are engineering majors, and nine are computer science-related majors.

Honoring Senator Barry M. Goldwater, a five-term Arizona senator and former presidential candidate who championed conservatism in the Republican Party, the scholarship program was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering.

New Web Site Launched



W&J has had an extreme makeover—online, that is.

On August 1, W&J launched a new, improved Web site. The new site was designed to make www.washjeff.edu more user-friendly, cohesive, and attractive. The eight-month process was spearheaded by the Office of Communications and Information Technology Services in conjunction with Ripple Effects Interactive, a Pittsburgh-based interactive agency and design firm.

The new design was chosen for its classic look, but modern Web site features, including both “user” and “resource” navigation. The site's content has also been updated to better reflect the outstanding educational programs and opportunities offered by the College as well as the growth and changes taking place at W&J.

The end result of the hard work of many members of the College community is a Web site that is more representative of what W&J is today and one that will improve the impression the College makes on those who first see W&J through its Web presence.

Take a moment to check out the new improved W&J Web site at www.washjeff.edu.

W&J Participates in CMU Genetic Cognitive Tutor Research Program

Washington & Jefferson College has joined Carnegie Mellon University's project to research cognitive tutoring through a two-year collaboration between the schools.

Dr. Alice Lee, associate professor of biology, participated in training during fall 2004 at CMU on a cognitive tutor computer-based, problem-solving package in genetics developed by CMU geneticists, cognitive psychologists, and computer programmers. W&J is participating in a two-year program with CMU in which cognitive tutors were implemented in BIO 201: Genetics during six laboratory sessions in spring 2005. (The tutors also will be used in the laboratory in 2006.) Data were collected, with complete anonymity and confidentiality, to help the project directors at CMU learn more about how students reason about genetics problems and to continue to develop tutors that will help students learn faster and better through problem solving.

The most effective mode of instruction for genetics, like many problem-solving areas, is interactive tutoring. While traditional, highly skilled, interactive human tutoring is effective, it is not practical for every student. Cognitive tutors are constructed around an intelligent problem-solving knowledge base necessary to solve the problems and give users step-by-step feedback as they work the problems as well as provide problem-solving advice when requested.

During the first year of the project, students in BIO 201 found the tutors helpful in understanding how to think about and solve problems. Feedback on the course evaluation was generally very positive, says Lee. It appears that W&J students who use the tutors diligently perform better on exam questions in the same areas of genetics. Quantitative assessment after the second year of the study will determine whether this trend is significant, she says.



Students in the BIO 201: Genetics course presented their work in progress on the cognitive genetics tutors at the Science Symposium on April 9. Pictured (from left to right) are Terra Naviglia '06 (biology), Nathan Roberts '05 (biochemistry), Dennis Trelka, chair of the W&J biology department, Diana Dutra '05 (biology), and Alicia Bitterrice '06 (French).

Biology Professor Receives SOMAS Grant

Dr. Ronald Bayline, assistant professor of biology at Washington & Jefferson College, received a grant from the Support of Mentors and their Students in the Neurosciences (SOMAS) program in March to study the regulation of muscle development.

SOMAS provides \$10,000 for Bayline's research, which involves the interactions between developing neurons and muscles that determine their function in an insect model system, the tobacco hornworm *Manduca sexta*. The SOMAS grant provided support for a W&J student, Ashley Gardner '07, to work on the research project with Bayline during the summer, providing her with valuable experience in the methods of scientific research.

SOMAS is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation to Dr. Julio Ramirez of Davidson College in North Carolina. The program addresses the need to enhance recruitment and retention of students in the sciences.

"By having students directly explore the frontiers of neuroscience, Dr. Bayline's research project is an outstanding example of how cutting-edge research can be used as a vehicle to educate the next generation of scientists," said Ramirez.

The SOMAS program provides junior faculty from predominantly undergraduate institutions with assistance in launching research programs that engage and introduce student collaborators to discovery in the neurosciences by conducting original research with their professors. Grants cover travel and supply budgets, summer student housing, as well as faculty and student stipends. The SOMAS program also provides funds for the faculty mentors and their students to attend the joint Annual Meetings of the Society for Neuroscience (SFN) and the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN), where they will present their summer research findings at the FUN Poster Session held jointly with the SFN meeting.

The SOMAS program chose six recipients for summer 2005 awards. Along with Bayline, recipients are Katherine Cameron, Washington College; Christopher Korey, College of Charleston; Laura O'Dell, University of Texas–El Paso; Seth Ramus, Bowdoin College; and Noah Sandstrom, Williams College.

W&J in the News

Washington & Jefferson College faculty, administrators, students, and alumni continue to weigh in on a variety of issues around the country, showcasing the breadth of knowledge and expertise available within the College community.



Associate Professor of Information Technology Leadership Charles Hannon's book, *Faulkner and the Discourses of Culture*, was published by the Louisiana State

University Press.

Arlan Hess, adjunct instructor of English, co-founded a nonprofit literary journal, *Paper Street*, in the spring of 2004. In July, *The Almanac* detailed Paper Street Press's move from Hess's home to office space in Mt. Lebanon where Hess holds an open writing studio and literary/art programs each month as well as offering readings at a local coffee shop.



Jim Longo, associate professor of education, was quoted in an Associated Press story about Mary Ann Winkowski, a "ghostbuster" whose story inspired CBS'

"Ghost Whisperer" series, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt. Longo, who collects ghost stories and has published books on the subject, commented on cultural beliefs about lingering spirits. The story was picked up and printed by newspapers across the country.

The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* profiled Patricia Maloney, professor of art, in February, describing her love of African art and culture. The article explored the meaning and symbolism of many pieces of Maloney's African art collection.

President Tori Haring-Smith, Special Assistant to the President G. Andrew Rembert, and

Director of Government and Foundation Relations Lynn Barger were quoted in a *Pittsburgh Business Times* article in June about W&J's climbing enrollment and capital improvement projects. The story discussed W&J's enlarging student population, the launch of the Science Initiative, and the new residence halls.



Catherine Sherman, associate director for the Center for Learning & Teaching, had her poem

"Blackberries" published in the fall issue of the *Hawaii Pacific Review*, an annual

literary magazine supported by Hawaii Pacific University.

Sophomore Jeff Tomaino was profiled in the April 12 edition of the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* for his determination to become a tennis player despite being born without a lower right arm. (See page 11.) Tomaino plays singles and doubles tennis for the Presidents.



Linda Troost, professor of English, was mentioned in a March 2005 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. *Jane Austen in Hollywood*, a collection of essays on the issues of the

"popularization" of Austen's works, was co-edited by Troost and was mentioned in the article "The Pride of Austen's Critics: A Prejudice?" by Deborah Kaplan.



Michelle Vettorel, director of financial aid, was quoted in a *The New York Times* story in June about the confusion caused by a federal financial aid rule. The article discussed the heavier finan-

cial burden for a college education that some families are being forced to carry thanks to changes to the federal financial aid formula. The article was reprinted in several papers in the region.

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New Faculty Appointed

W&J welcomed eight new full-time faculty members for the 2005–2006 academic year.

- **Tiffani Gottschall, assistant professor of economics.** Gottschall holds a Ph.D. from the State University of New York-Binghamton, a bachelor's degree from Nazareth College of Rochester, and an associate's degree from Monroe Community College.
- **Rebecca Grime, assistant professor of psychology.** Grime holds doctoral, master's, and bachelor's degrees from The Ohio State University.
- **Jennifer Hampton, assistant professor of physics.** Hampton holds a Ph.D. and master's degree from Cornell University, a master's of philosophy from the University of Cambridge, England, and a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College.
- **Nobunaka Matsuno, assistant professor of chemistry.** Matsuno holds a Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati and master's and bachelor's degrees from Butler University.
- **Andrew Mulvania, assistant professor of English.** Mulvania holds a Ph.D. from University of Missouri-Columbia, a master's of fine arts degree from the University of Virginia, and a bachelor's degree in English from Missouri-Columbia.
- **Tara Robbins, assistant professor of English.** Robbins holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, a master's of divinity from Covenant Theological Seminary, and a bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College.
- **William Roberts, assistant professor of philosophy.** Roberts holds a Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University and a bachelor's degree from Carleton College.
- **Todd Verdun, English instructor.** Verdun holds a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor's degree from Duke University.

206th Commencement Celebrated

The members of W&J's Class of 2005 became graduates of the College on May 21, 2005, on the lawn of the Olin Fine Arts Center.

The audience watched as the class processed down Wheeling Street to take its place at W&J's 206th commencement. Members of the Class of 1955 were honored during the ceremony and became the newest members of the Old Guard. The class treated the crowd to a rousing rendition of "Whichi Coax," a traditional school cheer, after being introduced by President Tori Haring-Smith.

April L. Geyer '05 delivered the senior address to the Class of 2005. Later in the ceremony, former Pennsylvania governor and U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh gave the commencement address.

Thornburgh's speech focused on the ideas of responsibility and excellence, explaining to the graduates how these two qualities, combined with a healthy skepticism, will help them make a difference to themselves, to their country, and to the world. "Seek personal excellence in all things," said Thornburgh. "Commit yourself to serving others. Work for a better America. Pretty simple and straightforward things, but worth remembering and worth pursuing."

The College bestowed several honorary degrees during the ceremony. Wilson Greatbatch, inventor of the implantable cardiac pacemaker, received a Doctor of Science degree; Shirley Jones, actress, singer, and entertainer, received a Doctor of Fine Arts degree; James A. Joseph, former ambassador to South Africa, received a Doctor of Divinity degree; and Myron Kandel, financial journalist, received a Doctor of Letters degree.



Dick Thornburgh, former governor of Pennsylvania and U.S. attorney general, addressed the 2005 W&J graduates about responsibility and excellence.

SPORTS NEWS

Five Inducted Into Hall of Fame

By Scott McGuinness

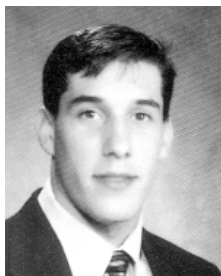
On Friday, September 16, the Washington & Jefferson College Athletic Hall of Fame honored five individuals who distinguished themselves on the playing fields of Washington & Jefferson College. The seventh group to be inducted into the Hall of Fame included Cynthia Alexander Brozeski '96, Jason Baer '96, Cy Godfrey '55, Terry Wilkins '94, and the 2005 Robert M. Murphy award winner Melvin Bassi '49.



Cynthia Alexander Brozeski '96 finished her career as one of the most successful and dominating swimmers in school history. She was twice named the Presidents' Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Year and also was a six-time NCAA Division III All-American (three individual, three relays). Brozeski won 12 Presidents' Athletic Conference Championships during her career and led the 1993–94 Presidents to the first undefeated swimming season in school history—for men or women.

During that 1993–94 season, Brozeski helped W&J set 32 records at the conference meet. Brozeski's time of 23.96 in the 50-meter freestyle in February 1993, at the conference championship event, remains as the pool, Grove City College Invitational, and PAC record. The 1992–93 Academic All-American still holds the school record in the 100-meter freestyle with a blistering pace of 53.46. She also was part of the 800-meter freestyle relay team that produced a record time of 8:08.93.

Jason Baer '96 was the four-year starting



quarterback for the W&J football team who led the Presidents to four PAC titles and four trips to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Baer is a

member of the winningest senior class in W&J football history with a class record of 43-6. He guided W&J to three straight NCAA semifinal appearances, including a berth in the 1994 Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. Baer is ranked second in school history in passing yards (7,550), completions (542), and touchdown passes (87).

As a freshman, Baer finished seventh in the nation in pass efficiency after throwing for 1,686 yards and 21 touchdowns. He helped the W&J offense rank third in the nation in scoring offense. In the first round of the 1994 Division III playoffs, Baer stole the show as his four touchdown passes gave the Presidents a 28-0 victory over Trinity College. Baer set a W&J record for most touchdown passes in a season with 25 in both 1994 and 1995 and was an All-South Region honoree.

Cy Godfrey '55 played in 54 games for



the W&J basketball program and was considered one of the eastern United States' top scorers for three seasons. His 1,276 points still rank him fifth on the

College's all-time charts and his 42-point

effort versus West Virginia Wesleyan in 1955 remains as the second-highest single-game scoring record in the program's long history.

As a senior, Godfrey racked up 482 points, which has remained as the third-highest single-season total in W&J history. His 23.0 point per game average in 1955 ranked among the national leaders during a period in which W&J played against Division I schools.

One of Godfrey's most notable accomplishments occurred during his senior season at the Quantico Marines Christmas Tournament. He led the Presidents to a runner-up finish and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player—all the while competing against All-Americans from North Carolina State University and the University of Iowa. Godfrey also battled three-time NBA All-Star and St. Francis College graduate Maurice Stokes throughout his collegiate career.

Terry Wilkins '94 put Washington &



Jefferson College men's basketball on the map in the early 1990s. The four-year letter winner helped the 1993–94 Presidents advance to the NCAA Division

III Elite Eight with the best record in school history at 22-3. That same squad also set school records for winning percentage (.880), longest win streak (15), and most NCAA Division III tournament victories (3).

Wilkins was a three-time All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honoree and was twice named the league's Most Valuable Player. He was also named to five All-Tournament teams throughout his playing days. As a senior, he

was twice selected as the Division III National Player of the Week. Wilkins ranks third in school history with 1,410 career points. As a junior, Wilkins ranked tenth in the nation in rebounding. During his four years, the Presidents claimed three PAC championships and accumulated a record of 55-39.

Melvin Bassi '49 entered the 2005 W&J Athletic Hall of Fame class as the 2005



Robert M. Murphy Award winner—an award presented to selected athletes who exemplify outstanding lifetime achievements. Bassi has been a role model for a successful

career both on and off the playing field.

His athletic days began at Charleroi High School where he played football, basketball, and baseball. After serving two years in the

U.S. Navy in WWII in the South Pacific Theater, Bassi began his career as a President on the football team, playing alongside W&J Hall of Fame members “Deacon” Dan Towler and Walter Cooper before an injury cut his career short. Bassi also was an accomplished baseball player at the College for four years and a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Bassi, who earned a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1952, went on to coach youth baseball for 18 years and then spent another 16 years working as a regional sports official. He has practiced law for more than 50 years as the senior partner in the law firm of Bassi, McCune, and Vreeland in Charleroi and Washington. In addition, he has been the chairman of Charleroi Federal Savings for more than 40 years and was named to the bank's Board of Directors in 1958. Bassi was first named to the Washington & Jefferson College Board of

Trustees in 1973 and still is a member of the board today.

In 1998, Bassi was honored as Washington & Jefferson College's Entrepreneur of the Year. The award was created to honor the spirit, vision, and abilities that are nurtured in the College's Entrepreneurial Studies Program.

The W&J Athletic Hall of Fame was instituted to honor and memorialize those individuals or teams who have made outstanding contributions to Washington & Jefferson College athletics and who have helped to bring recognition, honor, excellence, and distinction to the College and its intercollegiate athletic programs. A public display of the plaques honoring each of the inductees is maintained in the Eaton/Gentile Hall of Fame at Towler Hall in Cameron Stadium.

Vicki Staton Chosen as Interim Athletic Director



Washington & Jefferson College President Tori Haring-Smith named Vicki Staton as the interim director of athletics in August.

Staton filled the opening left by Rick Creehan who was selected as the executive vice president of Adrian College in Michigan in early August. His last day was August 31. Creehan served as the director of athletics since March 2002 and helped bolster the athletic department with 12 new head coaches and new athletic facilities that are considered by many as some of the best in Division III athletics.

“I had three tremendous years at Washington & Jefferson College and I am proud of the strides we have made in the athletic department,” said Creehan. “However, an exciting opportunity at Adrian College surfaced and I am

looking forward to it as the next challenge in my life.”

Staton has been associated with W&J athletics for more than 30 years. She spent 28 seasons as the head volleyball coach at the College and her teams racked up 367 victories. Staton also directed the women's basketball program for 25 years and helped the Presidents post a 279-227 overall record.

Since her retirement from coaching after the 2002 volleyball season, Staton has served as the director of physical education, wellness, and intramurals at the College.

“Vicki has been with W&J for many years and has earned widespread respect here. I am confident that she will provide strong stewardship for the athletics program during this time of transition,” said Haring-Smith.

Staton's volleyball squads claimed five Presidents' Athletic Conference titles (1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999) and two ECAC South Region Championships (1996 and 1997). She was honored as the PAC Volleyball Coach

of the Year five times.

Her basketball teams captured eight Pennwood Athletic Conference Championships, three Presidents' Athletic Conference titles, and an ECAC Southern Division III Championship. W&J also made two NCAA Division III tournament appearances during her tenure.

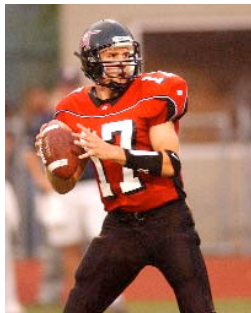
Staton's 646 combined victories make her the all-time winningest coach in Washington & Jefferson College's athletic history.

“I am very pleased that President Haring-Smith is confident that I can lead the athletic department in this period of change,” said Staton. “Rick Creehan's hard work for the last three years has paid huge dividends for all of our programs and I am just going to keep that momentum going. We have some great coaches here at W&J and I am expecting a banner year for us in 2005–2006.”

In June 2001, Staton was inducted into the Washington-Greene chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from West Virginia University.

W&J Quarterback is True Scholar-Athlete

By Scott McGuinness



There are two sides to every college or university—academics and athletics—and often those two facets of college life are at odds with each other. At W&J, the College takes

pride in the fact that the members of the athletic teams are *student-athletes*, not just athletes. But few student-athletes have balanced the twin demands of scholarship and athletics as well and successfully as senior quarterback Chris Edwards.

Edwards's athletic and academic level of success can be hard to find in the world of college athletics, which often emphasizes sports over scholarship. His cumulative grade point average of 3.70 and his quarterback rating of 172.04 last season made him third in the nation among college athletes. He has twice been honored as a CoSIDA Academic All-District selection and is a candidate for the National College Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

After setting nearly every single-season record as a senior at Green High School, Ohio, many would think Division I college coaches would be falling all over a 6-foot-3 quarterback with a cannon for an arm. Edwards, however, knew where he belonged to reach his full potential as both a player and a student.

"I didn't really consider Division I because I wanted a backup plan for the rest of my life," said Edwards. "I didn't want to concentrate solely on football. I came to college to learn and W&J offered me the best of both worlds."

Edwards's playing days started when he was 11 years old as a defensive back in a youth league. After watching him play baseball, his coaches quickly decided to take advantage of what Edwards did best.

"Everyone knew I could always throw a baseball, but it wasn't for three or four years that they decided to let me try out at quarterback," added

Edwards. "I am glad I made the switch."

Even with an immense amount of potential, Edwards did not start at Green High School until midway through his junior season when the incumbent went down with an injury. He played well, but the starter earned his job back when healthy again.

"He was a good quarterback, but I really thought I was better," noted Edwards. "I just used the backup time as a learning experience. He worked very hard to become the starter so I just sat back and waited my turn."

The coaching staff at Green probably wished they had started Edwards earlier after he lit up the scoreboards as a senior, breaking just about every school record. Still, even after enrolling at W&J, Edwards knew he would serve as the backup because Brian Dawson '03 had already set many records as a President and was back for one more year.

"It was pretty much the same situation as high school because I knew I wasn't going to play too much," said Edwards. "I learned a lot by being around Brian every day at practice. He was so confident and he never lost his poise."

Fast forward to 2003. Edwards started his first collegiate game in the first night game ever at Cameron Stadium against bitter rival Allegheny College.

He led W&J to a second-half comeback and a 28-23 victory. He would go on to win five more consecutive starts before being injured during a game against Waynesburg College. With a full season under his belt, Edwards led W&J to a school-record 12 victories last season. He shattered eight of Dawson's records. He improved his record as a starting quarterback in games he finished to 18-1.

After throwing four touchdowns and moving into third place on the school's all time passing list (5,155 yards) at Tri-State in week one, Edwards entered his senior season excited about what lies ahead. His Presidents were ranked in the top 10 in just about every preseason poll and the list of medical schools he would like to attend is growing.

"I am going to take the MCATs and hopefully I can get into medical school," said Edwards. "I am looking at Pitt, Temple, and Ohio State. I would really like to get into the orthopedic surgery field."

Edwards may one day be remembered as the leader who finally helped W&J win their first Division III national championship. He may be known as the W&J alumnus who achieved great things in the medical field. With Edwards' track record, anything is possible.

Student-Athletes Honored

At this year's Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, the W&J athletic department honored four seniors from the previous academic year with awards in honor of two of the College's best ever student-athletes, Dr. Walter C. Cooper '50 and Dr. E. Ronald Salvitti '59.

The Walter C. Cooper Senior Athlete award winners for the 2004–2005 season were Deidre Sandrock and Frank Pilato. Sandrock was a two-time American Water Polo Coaches Association All-American. Pilato became W&J's first two-time American Football Coaches Association All-American. The E. Ronald Salvitti Senior Student-Athlete awards, which recognize athletes who also excelled in the classroom, were awarded to Kristina Springborn and Eric Field. Springborn, an All-American swimmer, was recognized as a First Team College Swimming Coaches Association of America Academic All-American. Field finished his career as W&J football's all-time leading tackler and an academic all-district performer.



(From left to right) Frank Pilato, Eric Field, President Tori Haring-Smith, Kristina Springborn, and Deidre Sandrock at the 2005 Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet.

Sophomore Tennis Player is Reluctant Role Model

By Scott McGuinness

In his first year as a tennis player for Washington & Jefferson College, Jeff Tomaino '08 posted a record of 7-4 at the No. 4 singles position. He also finished with a 6-5 record playing No. 1 doubles against the stiffest competition the Presidents' Athletic Conference has to offer.

Any freshman in the country would be thrilled with those statistics in his or her first season on the college level, but Tomaino feels that his tremendous rookie year wasn't anything spectacular. Those who know him wouldn't be surprised by his reaction. Those who don't are continually amazed.

Tomaino, a Central Catholic High School graduate, was born without a lower right arm—his arm failed to form completely while he was in the womb because it had become jammed. But Tomaino has never let that fact keep him on the sidelines.

He was on the local swim team and played baseball, soccer, and basketball for many years and has always reached his goals quietly and without fanfare. In fact, without looking closely, it was often difficult to notice

that Tomaino was accomplishing all he has without a lower right arm.

"I have had many people come up to me in amazement," said Tomaino. "If you know you can do something, you just have to have the right mindset and you can accomplish anything."

Still, Tomaino does not consider himself a role model or an inspiration.

"I don't really think of myself as a role model," added Tomaino. "I guess I have just gotten so used to it. You just have to get by in life with what you have. To me, going out and playing tennis is all I think about."

Despite playing numerous sports in his youth—including tennis, which he started playing at age eight—Tomaino quickly developed a passion for the game at Central Catholic. As he became a better player during his high school years, he began to pursue his dream of playing tennis in college. He credits his parents, Joe and Nina, for helping him become the talented tennis player he is today.

"My parents have always encouraged me, but they have never pushed too hard," noted the Forest Hills native. "They taught me to never quit anything. When I started to love tennis, they were there to support me and help me through any tough times. My coaches have also provided me with great support and knowledge of the game."

Tomaino chose to come to W&J because he felt the school offered a variety of great academic programs. He quickly bonded with the campus and community.

"I have had a great time at W&J and it has only been a year," said Tomaino. "I came for a visit when I was in high school and Gary Tan '06 [the Presidents' top returning



tennis player for 2006] showed me what the school was all about. I loved it."

He has experienced times when succeeding has been difficult. Times when those around him have told him it would be impossible for him to do what he wanted. To date, the only thing that seems to give Tomaino trouble is buttoning his left shirt sleeve.

"I have had people tell me that I can't do this or that, but that just makes me want to prove them wrong," he added. "I think I can win a conference championship in tennis here at W&J and it doesn't matter to me what anyone else thinks. That is my goal."

Tomaino is double majoring in English and business and would like to find work in marketing someday. He definitely would like to keep sports in his life and he wouldn't mind finding a job in sports management. Even though he doesn't consider himself a role model, the way that Tomaino approaches life and its challenges is an inspiration. Dedication, determination, and hard work are words that he lives by.

"Don't ever give up and don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't achieve anything in this world," concluded Tomaino. "It is too easy to get down on yourself, but if you believe in yourself no matter what the odds are against you and you work hard, you can do great things."





A LAB OF ONE'S OWN

Women in Science at W&J

By Dana Black-McGrath

Earlier this year, embattled Harvard University President Lawrence Summers drew national attention to the issue of women in science by remarking that the reason women are underrepresented in the field is due to “intrinsic aptitude,” igniting a firestorm of debate about the role of women in science and engineering, both in industry and academia.

According to an article published by *The New York Times* in April, “Even as the number of women earning Ph.D.s in science has substantially increased—women now account for 45 to 50 percent of the biology doctorates, and 33 percent of those in chemistry—the science and engineering faculties of elite research universities remain overwhelmingly male. And the majority of the women are clustered at the junior faculty rank.”

This imbalance, many have theorized, may not have as much to do with a lack of aptitude as it does with lack of opportunities and supportive environments.

In the aftermath, Harvard, one of the nation’s most prestigious universities, announced a \$50 million, decade-long plan to recruit, support, and promote women and other minorities to the school’s faculty over the next decade.

Washington & Jefferson College has been a step ahead—decades ahead—of Harvard in this regard, providing a nurturing and supportive environment that encourages women scientists to excel in their chosen careers—be they researchers, physicians, entrepreneurs, or educators—without having to make grand announcements or spend tens

of millions of dollars.

From the time women were first admitted to the school, W&J’s female students have embraced the College’s science programs and have been provided with the support and encouragement needed to excel in their chosen careers.

HISTORY

Long-time faculty member Dr. Patricia Brletic, professor of chemistry, was what some may consider to be a trail-blazer for women in science at W&J.

Until 1970, W&J was an all-male institution of higher learning, graduating scores of aspiring doctors, lawyers, and other professionals. Brletic was among the first female students to attend the College. She graduated in 1975, which was just the second graduating class to include women.

Even in those early days of co-education, women at W&J quickly embraced the science programs at the College. Brletic says that when she was an undergraduate about 40 percent of the female students pursued some kind of science education. Even in the first co-ed graduating class, there were women graduating with degrees in physics, math, and biology.

“The number of people studying science was much higher at that time,” Brletic explains. “We were the products of Sputnik. It was part of the culture at that time.”

Other societal influences of that era also drove students into science programs. Medicine was viewed as a profession that was very noble, she explains, and one where a person

THE SCIENCE INITIATIVE

Encouraging women to enter the sciences is a noble goal and one that W&J hopes to take the lead in, but scientists of both genders need quality science equipment, facilities, courses, and programs to succeed. To that end, W&J is working to improve its aging science facilities while providing students with the latest equipment and best education through its Science Initiative.

The Science Initiative aims to celebrate the achievements of W&J's faculty, students, and alumni in the sciences and promote the continued improvement of W&J's science programs. One facet of W&J's science education that needs no improvement is the relationship between students and faculty members—one that provides the close, personal attention and interaction that guarantees an excellent liberal arts education. The Science Initiative is supporting that relationship by providing more resources to faculty members as they nurture young scientists at the beginning of their careers; building new facilities and providing enhanced equipment that will create new opportunities for learning through research; and creating endowments through the support of alumni and friends that will support department chairs, professorships, student research fellowships, and equipment upgrades.

In April, Washington & Jefferson College held its first Science Symposium, a two-day event that launched the Science Initiative. The multi-session symposium, directed by Dr. Alice Lee, associate professor of biology, sought to showcase the exciting activities going on in the sciences and mathematics on campus, allowing faculty and their students the chance to display their work for alumni and friends of the College. The symposium unveiled the initiative to the attendees, emphasizing the need for a new science building, renovations to older facilities, and support for faculty programs, curriculum, and equipment. During the event, President Tori Haring-Smith announced that the initiative had received commitments totaling \$10 million toward the construction of a new science center from anonymous donors.

If you are interested in learning more about the science initiative or giving a gift to help reach the initiative's goal, please contact W&J's Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

—Joyce DeFrancesco



W&J students presented posters and demonstrations of their work during the Science Symposium in April.

could earn a good living. In addition, the Vietnam War was raging, causing many young people to choose to pursue college studies—and continued studies in fields like medicine and law—so they could be deferred from the draft.

Brletic's own interest in science and medicine started early at home, where she had a sister who was struggling with a brain tumor. At her sister's bedside, she helped with providing care, doing a lot of nursing, and administering injections.

A self-described “local product” who attended nearby Elizabeth Forward High School, she was aware of W&J's outstanding reputation for its strong pre-health and science programs. So when an admissions crew from the College hosted a program at her high school, she attended and eventually was one of six students from her high school to enroll at the College.

At the time, because she was interested in medicine, Brletic decided to major in biology. But over time, her interests started to change, shifting away from medicine as she became passionate about chemistry. After one semester, she decided to change her major from biology to chemistry.

“In physical science, with proper design and experimentation, you can see that you can get an answer to the question you are pursuing,” says Brletic. “With medicine, more often than not, there are no definitive answers because you are dealing with a human subject.”

In Brletic's days as a student at W&J, her teachers were all male, but very supportive. When she joined the faculty in 1976, there were few women on faculty.

In the year that Brletic graduated from W&J, there were 10 or 12 other women who graduated with a degree from the chemistry department. Some of her female classmates went on to become a physician, a dentist, a chemist, a chemical engineer, a high school teacher, and a Ph.D. who is teaching.

And, quite impressively, they achieved these accomplishments in spite of the fact that they had no female role models in science. But they did have strong mentors who provided them with the strong support they needed to succeed.

Things are much different today. One hundred ninety-four students currently are majoring in the sciences, excluding mathematics, and of those students, 114 are female. That's nearly 59 percent.

The science faculty continues to work toward gender equality as well. This fall, Dr. Jennifer Hampton joined the faculty as an assistant professor of physics. She is the first woman to sit on the physics faculty at the College and is looking forward to helping recruit more women into the field.

"It's really great to have the companionship of other women," she says.

LEARNING BEYOND SCIENCE

When Brletic moved on from W&J to graduate study at Carnegie Mellon University, she found that the broad-based, liberal arts education she received helped prepare her for the challenges she faced. In fact, she passed all the qualifying exams in the courses she had taken at W&J.

It used to be that a company would hire a chemist or a chemical engineer who was trained in a certain specialty area, she explains. But today, the emphasis has shifted toward a more broad-based education, crossing boundaries between disciplines.

Liberal arts programs, like those at W&J, provide the essential skills—like communication, problem solving, and interpersonal skills—needed to excel in today's marketplace.

"There tends to be a lot of collaboration in science. You can't do good science in a vacuum," Brletic says. Bouncing ideas off peers, critiquing, and advocating are all important parts of education and research, and being at a smaller school helps to facilitate and create opportunities for that process, Brletic adds.

That broad-based education is what has helped Lyn Dyster, Ph.D., '80 most. A member of W&J's Board of Trustees since 2002, Dyster is vice president of drug discovery and one of the co-founders at Kinex Pharmaceuticals.

She started along what she describes as a "typical academic pathway" after graduating from W&J with a degree in biology, going on to earn her doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Buffalo, and continuing with post-doctoral work. She also spent several years in the biotechnology field at Cellular Products, Inc., where she was responsible for the development of a number of products relating to the molecular diagnoses of infectious disease agents. She also was a co-investigator on a gene discovery project leading to the discovery of a new breast cancer diagnostic and thera-

peutic technology, which is in research and development at Gencyte, LLC.

Although she started as a scientist, she eventually became an entrepreneur, working to establish Kinex Pharmaceuticals.

An advocate for an experience-based approach to learning, Dyster says, "I believe strongly in a liberal arts education, because few do the same thing all their life." Although she never studied to be a CEO, her education at W&J gave her the solid foundation and problem-solving skills required in her business ventures.

Even students at the very beginning of their science careers recognize the value of learning beyond science in a liberal arts environment that provides individualized attention.

Senior Danielle Senge already realizes the value of her experience at W&J's smaller campus.

"In a lot of ways, I see that I took for granted the small school, one-on-one attention," says Senge. "I became very confident without realizing it."

Now in the first semester of her studies at Washington University in St. Louis as part of a 3-2 engineering program, she realizes that she has confidence in herself and in her work, something that she wouldn't have developed at a large school, she feels.

Senge believes she has a stronger, more in-depth background and education than her fellow students, earned through her coursework outside of science, including theater, history, and philosophy classes, and travel to London. "At a larger school, I never would have had the opportunity to do that," she says.

WOMEN IN A MAN'S WORLD

In her engineering courses in St. Louis, Senge sits in classes and, most often, is the only woman in a room of eight or nine men. "It is definitely male dominated. I do homework with a roomful of guys and me," she says. "It is really different."

So far, she says she has been treated fairly and with respect and has not encountered any negative reaction or treatment.

Even though the number of women in science continues to increase, physics is another discipline that remains a male-dominated science, explains Hampton, W&J's new assistant professor of physics. Women account for just about 10 percent of those in the field, she says.

Hampton was one of three women in a class of 10 graduating with degrees in physics at Oberlin College. At Cornell University, where she did her graduate work, women accounted for just one-third of her entering class, eight in a class of 24. But, she says she found the environment to be friendly.

Being in the minority doesn't come to the forefront of her mind very often, but, admittedly, it does stay in the back of her mind.

"My colleagues and professors were always very fair," Hampton says. "I never experienced any blatant sexism. Maybe the climate is changing."

Dr. Amy Seman Hartman '98 had an experience that in some ways differed from and in others were similar to Hampton's. Hartman graduated

from W&J with a dual major in biology and Spanish. Currently, she is a post-doctoral fellow with the Centers for Disease Control.

For the past two years, she has been working at the CDC in the special pathogens branch, studying the world's deadliest viruses. It is the section that does diagnostic work, processing samples from around the world and trying to identify outbreaks. She does research on the Ebola virus in a high-containment lab, rated BSL (bio safety level)-4.

"In biological science, the majority of students are female, so I didn't feel any kind of pressure," Hartman says. But, in moving on to graduate school, most often her professors were men. Still, she says she didn't receive any discouragement.



A new member of the faculty, Dr. Jennifer Hampton is the first woman to teach physics at W&J.

Issues of gender bias were the topic when Dyster returned to the University of Buffalo to deliver a presentation, "Navigating the (Gendered) Job Market," during the school's 2005 graduate symposium in August.

"Personally, I have never experienced gender bias," she says. "I feel industry and academia have evolved to the point where women really have an opportunity." She says she has been very lucky to create her own opportunities by being an entrepreneur and having ownership in the company she founded.

While gender-bias may be becoming less of an issue as women scientists advance, they still face many difficult choices in trying to balance careers with family and personal life.

CHOICES

"Today, depending on what a woman aspires to do with regard to science, there will always be hard choices to make regarding a personal life and career," says Brletic.

In justifying his statements that drew such a national outcry, Harvard's Summers argued that women are less willing to work the extensive hours—sometimes 80 hours a week or more—that often are requisite for success in the field.

Dyster is one of those scientists who put in work weeks of 70 or 80 hours or more. "We make decisions to do certain things that are personal or private," Dyster says. "I have no children. That is a choice I made."

The issue of balancing a career in science with family and children is complex given that the most important years of a career are synchronized with the ticking of the biological clock.

"There definitely are pressures as far as having a family and a career," Hartman admits. "In graduate school, the most successful professors either didn't have a family, or had a family, but put their career first anyway. It's an issue that weighs heavily."

Now, with federal laws such as the Family and Medical Leave Act, it is easier for women to maintain science careers in certain venues, such as corporate positions. And, many companies help to support families by providing on-site daycare and other supportive measures for working parents.

But Brletic explains that at the larger research universities, there are fewer women who are full professors because there is an emphasis on

doing research and publishing—and one would need to be in a lab to do that. This rings true for other fields as well.

There still appears to be some disparity in science between smaller colleges such as W&J and larger research universities.

"At the small college level, there is greater flexibility in terms of being able to maintain a career, achieve tenure, and to work your way through the ranks, even if you take some time off. At a major research university, there still is a glass ceiling," Brletic says.

When it comes to choosing an institution of higher learning, smaller may be better, she suggests, not just for women, but for anyone, if their priorities include something other than their career, like family and children. Smaller institutions provide more flexibility.

"To be that successful in the field of science, you devote your life—weekends, late nights. So, when you pursue graduate work and see what the experience is like, you can determine a personal perspective, sort out priorities, and see what direction you want to go," Brletic said.

As an example, she points to her own mentor,

and fellow W&J graduate James Durig '58, who worked at the University of South Carolina and now at the University of Missouri at Kansas. While at South Carolina, he served as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences by day. In the evening and on weekends, he continued with his researching and publishing activities.

MENTORING

From Durig to current faculty members like Brletic, to working researchers and professionals like Hartman, mentoring has spanned generations at W&J.

While a student at W&J, Hartman was mentored by Dr. Alice Grier Lee, associate professor of biology, who joined the faculty in 1990.

"A lot of freshman biology majors are encouraged to go to medical



Amy Seman Hartman '98 works with infectious diseases at the Center for Disease Control labs in Atlanta, Georgia—work that requires she wear a BSL-4 level suit for protection.

school,” Hartman says. “Dr. Lee encouraged me to go into research rather than medical school.”

In her days as a student at W&J, research sparked Hartman’s interest, and the faculty supported and encouraged her in that area. She always knew that she liked research and wanted to pursue science, but didn’t want to be a physician. Her mentor and the faculty helped her to develop a plan to pursue the path she chose.

Mentoring has been an important part of educating women scientists at

W&J, starting from when women were first admitted to the College. Brletic, who was among those first female students, says, “I had terrific mentors.”

At that time, before there was an Internet to provide ready access to information about educational and career options, her faculty mentors helped her to become aware of them. For instance, a professor helped to make her aware of research opportunities available during summer breaks, which led to her working for

the government in the Argonne National Laboratory outside Chicago. Today, those types of opportunities are widely published. But when Brletic was an undergraduate, only a few students would be aware of or pursue such an opportunity. Then her passion for chemistry led her to graduate study. “It was almost a no-brainer, if you were interested in science,” she says.

Brletic remembers professors who had a professional influence in her life and served as role models. Now she tries to do the same for her students—stressing the importance of a strong work ethic, a commitment and passion for science, simplification of difficult tasks, and patience.

As a mentor, she invites students to co-author papers with her and helps her students to find opportunities for enrichment, just as her professors helped her.

Dyster, who was an undergraduate in the late 1970s, says that when she was in school, there were very few women on the faculty, and even in graduate school there were a small number of female professors.

“I am excited for women now who have female mentors in science,” Dyster says. “In a few years, it won’t be anything special.”

Mentoring for new faculty member Hampton began at home. Her father teaches math and her mother teaches English and writing at the College of Wooster. So, she says, “I have the small liberal arts environment in my blood,” which drew her to W&J. The influence of her parents was a big part of desire to become an educator.

“They [her parents] loved their students and loved to interact with



Women flourish in the sciences when provided with supportive mentors, such as Dr. Patricia Brletic who benefited from such support herself.

students. They have a great gift of hospitality. I saw that they have had an influence on students for the good,” Hampton says. “Growing up in that environment was a big draw. It’s the kind of impact I would like to have.”

Like W&J, her alma mater, Oberlin College, is a liberal arts institution where there is a lot of interaction between teachers and students, an environment similar to the one in which she was raised. She is looking forward to that interaction and becoming a mentor for her students.

“I love studying physics, and I hope to pass that along to my students,” Hampton says. She encourages students to find something they love to study and get into it.

While working on her graduate studies at Cornell, she also dedicated herself to helping to recruit women into the sciences. Hampton was involved in the Expanding Your Horizons program, a national organization of educators, scientists, mathematicians, parents, community leaders, and government and corporate representatives focused on promoting the continuing development in mathematics and science of all people, with a special focus on the needs of women and girls. Through the program, she helped to organize daylong camps of hands-on workshops for sixth and seventh grade girls that were run by women. “It let them see women actually doing science,” she explains. The program also encourages girls to take science courses—as well as math courses—in

high school, so that they will have the essential skills to build upon in higher education.

Lack of a math base prohibits advancement in science, blocking opportunities, Hampton explains. According to an editorial published in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in February, “As has been well documented by the National Science Foundation, among other authorities, some women come into science and math-related university courses with social disadvantages developed during prior schooling.”

Hampton says, “We want to help them keep their opportunities open.”

In her new position, Hampton plans to work to foster community

among women in all science and math majors and develop a community and mutual support system across departments. The small campus setting at W&J will help to facilitate that.

Although still a student, Senge is thankful for the support she received during her experience at W&J. “I definitely received a lot of faculty support. They were always offering help.”

WOMEN AT WORK

Part of the help mentors provide is offering sound advice to those, like Senge, who are just starting out on their career paths.

Hartman says she received a lot of support during her junior and senior



Dr. Patricia Brletic was one of the first women to graduate from W&J and one of the first female science professors to teach at the College.

years at W&J and was encouraged to pursue graduate school in the sciences. She was interested in and always liked research, and the faculty at W&J helped her to form a plan to follow.

Now the CDC researcher advises female students pursuing careers in science to be assertive with what they want to do in college. "They need to really stand up for themselves," she says. And securing some type of outside research experience is critical.

"To get into graduate school, you need some type of outside research experience, either an internship or intersession," Hartman says.

Interning is something Dyster also encourages young scientists to do. Dyster advises students to create a network of successful people and branch out. "The W&J Board of Trustees is a great place to start," she says. "Find mentors to use as advisors. Create experiences for yourself."

COMING FULL CIRCLE

Both Dyster and Brletic are W&J graduates who have come full-circle,

from student to trustee and student to faculty, respectively. And, in another concentric ring of this circle, the trustee is working to ensure the retention of the school's talented faculty.

Dyster says she is "absolutely thrilled" to serve on the Board of Trustees. "I had been absorbed in my own life and career for so many years."

She was presented with the prestigious Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf Award for Innovative Leadership in 2001, which brought her back to campus. She served on the presidential search committee last year and helped to develop the College's new strategic plan.

Now she is leading the charge for the campus's new science building (see "The Science Initiative," page 14). "It is very energizing and motivating," says Dyster.

She is also excited about the College's new president, Dr. Tori Haring-Smith, whom she credits as being a great visionary. "During her tenure, we will achieve great milestones," says Dyster.

Brletic worked her way back to W&J during her graduate study. She stayed in touch with a few friends at W&J and those relationships led her back home.

While still studying at CMU, she heard that W&J was looking for a temporary assistant to the chemistry department to fill in for a staffer who was on sabbatical.

Years earlier, the faculty already helped to foster her interest in becoming an educator as she acquired a taste of teaching while serving as a

lab assistant and grader. She also would develop quizzes.

"In the process, I got my feet wet at an early point," she says. Then, working as a department assistant, she did organic lab preparations among other duties and still continued her graduate work at CMU through night classes and some research. Brletic credits her mentor at CMU who allowed her to manage both pursuits.

In the early days of her teaching career, administrators went out of their way to help give women faculty members leadership opportunities, she says. They were provided the opportunity to chair committees, which was a good way for women to present a strong professional image across disciplines.

She is grateful for the opportunities that were provided to her as a student, and now, as an educator, she tries to do the same for her students. She engages her students as graders, proctors, and lab assistants, in hope that maybe there is a future educator in the group.

One of Dyster's many goals for W&J is to work to build the endowment, which will ensure the College's ability to attract and retain those top-notch educators. She intends to work as hard as she can to bring resources to the faculty, providing them with appropriate facilities required for research and career development. Teaching at a small college, as opposed to a large university, Dyster says, takes a special type of scholar.

"We have a fantastic faculty," Dyster says. "We need to recruit and retain the best teachers."



As a member of the Board of Trustees, Lyn Dyster (pictured on the right with Dr. Tori Haring-Smith, middle, and honorary degree recipient Shirley Jones) has important roles in College events, such as the 2005 commencement ceremony, where she presented Jones with a Doctor of Fine Arts degree.

HEAR THEM ROAR

Women have been underrepresented in scientific research throughout history, and those women who did create a place for themselves at the table had to overcome many obstacles and prejudices to do so, making many important discoveries along the way. Below is just a sample of the scientific breakthroughs made by female scientists.

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Rachel Carson (1907–1964) — Combining her love of writing, biology, and nature, Rachel Carson is best known for her book, *Silent Spring*, published in 1962. A graduate of the Pennsylvania College for Women with a bachelor's degree in zoology and Johns Hopkins University with a master's degree in genetics, this western Pennsylvania native described the dangers of pesticides, such as DDT and other chlorinated hydrocarbons, and their effects on the environment using a combination of scientific training, dedication to research, and literary flair. *Silent Spring* is often cited as the start of the modern environmental movement.

Rosalind Franklin (1920–1958) — At King's College in the early 1950s, Rosalind Franklin conducted research with Maurice Wilkins into the structure of DNA while James Watson and Frances Crick did the same at Cambridge University. Watson and Crick were very close to a working model, but were unable to successfully model a DNA strand until Wilkins showed them Franklin's diffraction data on the subject. With that information, Watson and Crick created a correct model of DNA. Watson, Crick, and Wilkins received a Nobel Prize for their work in 1962, but Franklin died of cancer in 1958 and did not share the prize.

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Marie Curie (1867–1934) — Born Maria Skłodowska, Marie Curie was a Polish-born French physicist known best for her work on radioactivity. As a young woman, Curie went to Paris to study mathematics, chemistry, and physics at the Sorbonne, eventually becoming the first woman to teach there. She met and married Pierre Curie, who taught physics at University of Paris. Together, they conducted research on radioactive substances. They discovered two radioactive elements, radium and polonium. Curie was awarded the 1903 Nobel Prize for Physics with Henri Becquerel and her husband for the discoveries. Curie continued her research after Pierre's death and in 1911 she was the sole winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for isolating radium. Curie was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize.

Henrietta Leavitt (1868–1921) — Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Henrietta Leavitt attended Oberlin College and the Society for Collegiate Instruction of Women (later Radcliff College), where she fell in love with astronomy. After a serious illness left her severely deaf, Leavitt volunteered at the Harvard College Observatory and was later appointed to the permanent staff. During her career, Leavitt discovered more than 2,400 variable stars, about half of the known total at that time. Leavitt's work with variable stars led to her discovery of the Cepheid variable period-luminosity relationship. Knowing this relationship helped other astronomers, such as Edwin Hubble, with their own discoveries.

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Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin (1910–1994) — In 1934, with J. D. Bernal in Cambridge, Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin photographed single crystals of a protein, pepsin, for the first time. She was the first to determine the three-dimensional structure of a complex bio-organic molecule, cholesteryl iodide, using x-ray diffraction in 1941–42. Hodgkin similarly determined the structure of penicillin in 1944, vitamin B-12 in 1956, and insulin in 1969. She received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1964 "for her determinations by x-ray techniques of the structures of important biological substances."

—Joyce DeFrancesco

ALUMNI NEWS

Greetings to the entire W&J family:



I am honored to begin my term as Alumni Executive Council president at such an exciting time on campus. With President Tori Haring-Smith at the helm of the College and leading us into a new and dynamic era, the AEC is looking forward to a productive year. I would like to take this opportunity to outline the agenda for the AEC in the coming months. But first, I want to thank Lauren Farrell for her work as past president of the AEC. Lauren was tireless in her dedication to the Council. She now begins her next tour of duty on the Board of Trustees as an alumni trustee. We wish her well.

The AEC itself will be undergoing some changes in its structure and function. The Council will have three standing committees: the Governance Committee, chaired by Kirk Lago '88; the Communications Committee, chaired by Patty Easton '74; and the Programming Committee, chaired by Rachel Askey '99.

The Governance Committee will be responsible for the selection of recipients of the alumni association awards and the recommendation of nominees for the AEC and Alumni Trustees, as well as overseeing the bylaws of the AEC.

The Communication Committee will monitor and advise the College on the effectiveness of W&J's efforts to convey information to the alumni body and to the general populace. We hope to have a greater presence in the *W&J* magazine and e-newsletter.

The Programming Committee will be responsible for assessing the effectiveness of on campus and regional programming, aiding in the development of new programming to further strengthen the bond between the alumni and the College.

I am hopeful that the changes to the council will facilitate more communication from the alumni to the AEC and the campus. I feel that a two-way information exchange is essential for the growth of W&J. If you have suggestions or comments, please contact the AEC through the Office of Alumni Relations.

I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

Sincerely,
Chong Park '83

New Alumni House Open

W&J alumni now have a special place to call home—the Alumni House. Previously used as an upper class dormitory facility, known as Wheeling Hall, the Alumni House sits adjacent to the Olin Fine Arts Center on Wheeling Street. It is a beautifully restored Victorian house with parlors and meeting areas dedicated solely to alumni activities. The first floor is designated for receptions while the second houses the Office of Alumni Relations. W&J invites you to think of the house as your “home” whenever you return to campus.

In order to make it truly your own, the Office of Alumni Relations hopes to acquire as many alumni artifacts and memorabilia pieces as possible. Also, the house is in need of furniture and artwork in good condition that is appropriate for a Victorian house. If you would like to contribute to the furnishing of the Alumni House, please contact the director of alumni relations, Michele Abate Hufnagel '93, at 724-223-6503 or mhufnagel@washjeff.edu.



New Alumni Staff

The Office of Alumni Relations is happy to welcome one new and one returning employee to W&J:



Michele Abate Hufnagel '93 has returned to W&J as director of alumni relations from Animal Friends in Pittsburgh where she was development director. Previously, Michele held several positions at W&J from 1997 to 2003, including director and associate director of campaigns/major gifts and assistant director of admission. She has a juris doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and a bachelor's degree in English from W&J. Michele can be reached at 724-503-1001, ext. 6503, or mhufnagel@washjeff.edu.



Sarah J. Sperry has joined alumni relations as assistant director of parent relations and reunion giving from the Regional Internship Center in Pittsburgh. She spent seven years working at Chatham College in the admissions office before joining the W&J team in September. She has a master's degree in education, higher education administration, from the University of Pittsburgh and a B.S. in secondary education, biology and general science, from West Virginia University. Sarah can be reached at 724-503-1001, ext. 3335, or ssperry@washjeff.edu

Alumni Have a New Home on the Web

Washington & Jefferson College launched a new and improved Web site this summer (see page 4). Along with an improved look and more intuitive navigation, the new site includes more alumni content that is easier to use.

The new Web site is a great way for alumni to become involved in the life of W&J. You can receive updates about alumni activities and campus events on our news and events page, learn about alumni travel opportunities, read about the unique services available to alumni, and check out the online calendar to see events scheduled on campus. You can read and download brochures and publications like *W&J* magazine, contact the alumni association or GOLD, or even give a gift to the College without leaving the comfort of your own home. The Web site is a work in progress and we hope to include online event registration and an alumni directory in the future. Visit www.washjeff.edu/alumniandfriends.aspx to check out what the site can offer you and feel free to share our Web address with other alumni, parents, and friends of W&J.

W&J Hits the Road

The Office of Alumni Relations is gearing up for travel during the winter months. If you cannot make it back to your alma mater, we are bringing your alma mater to you!

Dr. Tori Haring-Smith, president of the College, will be in attendance at the following four events so be sure to stop by and visit if you are able:

December 3: Radio City Christmas Spectacular in Pittsburgh

December 4–11: Northern and southern California alumni events

January 8–16, 2006: Florida alumni events

February 2–5, 2006: Texas alumni events

Details for these events were still being worked out at press time, so be sure to visit www.washjeff.edu/alumniandfriends.aspx (click on "Calendar") for more information as it becomes available.

Also, please keep in mind that during spring 2006 the alumni office will host regional club events in the following areas: Atlanta, Charlotte, Hilton Head, Philadelphia, northern New Jersey, New York City, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Boston. Further details can be found at www.washjeff.edu/alumniandfriends.aspx.

Alumni Recognized for Service and Achievement

Each year during the Homecoming celebration, Washington & Jefferson College bestows the Distinguished Service Award and Alumni Achievement Award on those who are particularly loyal and successful alumni and friends of the College. Alumni are a direct reflection of W&J's mission and philosophy through both their personal and professional successes and their commitment to the College.

James Frank Slabe '62



Reserved for those who demonstrate great loyalty to the College, the Distinguished Service Award this year went to James

Slabe '62. For more than 40 years, Slabe has been a part of W&J, first as a student—earning a degree in economics—and later as an active member of the Board of Trustees.

After completing course work at the University of Maryland toward a doctorate in economics and statistics, Slabe spent two years in the U.S. Army, fighting in Korea. In the following years, he moved from top financial positions at pharmaceutical companies such as Pfizer Inc. and Pharmacaps Inc. to financial management positions in publishing firms such as McGraw-Hill Inc. and Parade Publications. He also served as president and CEO of two companies, Executive Enterprises Inc., a conference and publishing company, and Sabor & Company Inc., where he currently works. Along with his family, Slabe volunteers for many nonprofit boards and stays fit running marathons, including the New York Marathon five times.

Slabe has been a member of the

Board of Trustees since 1996, serving as chairman of the marketing and development committees as well as the national "Revolutionary" campaign.

Slabe led the search committee that selected Dr. Tori Haring-Smith as W&J's twelfth president. He also has been a member of the executive committee and the development council, on which he served as chairman, and the Jay Admission Council. For more than five years, he has been one of the most active members of the admission council, representing W&J in New Jersey.

Patricia Easton '74

Patricia Easton '74 is also a



Distinguished Service Award recipient this year. Easton was a member of the first class to include women at the College.

She graduated in

1974 with a degree in English and in the years since has become a successful writer and teacher, publishing seven books—five of them for younger readers. *Summer's Chance*, her first novel, has been translated and published for a worldwide audience. Her latest book, *Davey's Blue-Eyed Frog*, was published in 2003 to excellent reviews.

In 1991, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators appointed her the regional advisor to western Pennsylvania, a post she holds nearly 15 years later. She has served as an adjunct instructor at W&J since 2004 and at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, starting this year. She has mentored weekly writers' critique groups in her community since 1987 and frequently speaks to area school children on the writing process. Over the years, she has been instrumental in the publication of 20 books written by her workshop students.

She and her husband, W&J Professor of English Richard Easton, travel regularly to London for Intersession and lead W&J alumni trips around the world. She has three children, Elizabeth, Richard, and Matthew, but her family includes a large group of "adopted" former students. Easton also serves on the W&J Alumni Executive Committee. Together with her husband, Easton has been one of the most effective ambassadors to a loyal following of W&J alumni.

Vice Admiral Walter B.

Massenburg '70

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's recipient is Vice Admiral Walter B. Massenburg '70, commander of the Naval Air Systems Command.

Massenburg heads a team of more than 27,000 program managers, depot artisans, engineers, acquisition experts, test pilots, and logisticians, providing

the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps with cost efficient readiness, dominant maritime power, and improved integration and effectiveness.

In high school, Massenburg hoped to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, but instead attended Washington & Jefferson College. He continued to pursue the naval academy, but when they offered admission during his freshman year, they were too late. A physics major, he had fallen in love with W&J and stayed. After graduation, he became a naval aviator, serving in numerous squadrons. From there he truly rose through the ranks. In 1995, he assumed command of the Maritime Surveillance Aircraft Program Office. In 1999, he became assistant commander for logistics. In 2003, he became assis-

tant commander for aviation depots. In November of that same year, he assumed his current command.

In true W&J spirit, Massenburg has traveled the world in his career from Germany to Washington, D.C., to the West Indies. And he has never stopped learning, earning a master's of science degree in systems management from the University of Southern California and a master's of arts degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.

Massenburg has been honored for his work with numerous decorations including the Legion of Merit with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, and many others.

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W&J Goes on Safari

W&J alumni, faculty, and their families enjoyed a four-week wildlife safari this summer, touring the national parks and game reserves of South Africa and Swaziland during July and August. Starting with six days in Kruger National Park, the itinerary also included Mkhaya Game Reserve in Swaziland, Mkhuzi Game Reserve, Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, Giant's Castle Game Reserve, Mountain Zebra National Park, Karoo Nature Reserve, Karoo National Park, Bontebok National Park, De Hoop Nature Reserve, Agulhas National Park, and Table Mountain National Park. The group saw wildlife from aardvarks to zebras, including southern right whales migrating through coastal waters.



W&J alumni trip participants at the Cape of Good Hope (left to right): Vin Lawrence, Betty Lawrence, Judy Steinberg '74, Maureen Myers, Terrie Baranek '83, and Stan Myers.

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La Dolce Vita



Trip participants in the Vatican Gardens: (from left to right) Phil Hamill '68, Steve Pinelli '75, Nancy Wilson, Jim Wilson '74, Pam Hamill, Toni Tuminella, Marianne Pinelli, Connie Nelson, Anthony Franty '59, Jerry Morosco '81, Paul Ford, Ruth Weber, Tina Tuminella '94, Karie Diethern, and Hugh Taylor.

Between May 27 and June 5, W&J alumni and friends spent 10 gloriously sunny days in Italy, sightseeing and eating their way through Florence and Rome. The itinerary, focusing on Italy's art and architecture, was planned by Emeritus Art Professor Hugh Taylor, who led the first W&J Intersession travel/study trip to Italy in 1971. Since then, he has traveled to Italy more than 43 times.

Day trips to both hilly Siena and rustic Orvieto provided a chance to catch up on medieval history, while the bigger cities of Florence and Rome afforded the opportunity to absorb as much art and culture and shopping as the days would allow. The Piazza Duomo in Florence and the Piazza Navona in Rome were favorite spots.

The group was treated to guided tours of Accademia Gallery, the Uffizi Gallery, the Roman Colosseum, St. Peter's, the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Gardens, and the Roman Forum. A surprise nighttime bus tour of Rome concluded the trip.



The Trevi Fountain in Rome, one of the icons of the city.

Take a Flyfishing Adventure with W&J

Dr. James March, assistant professor of biology, and Ian Davis '91 are offering a three-day, four-night fly fishing trip near Bozeman, Montana, July 7–11, 2006 through Yellow Dog Fly Fishing Adventures. Fishing will be offered on drift boats on the

Madison and Yellowstone Rivers as well as wading in private spring creeks. Both experienced anglers and complete beginners are welcome. When not on the water, participants will stay in a five-star fishing lodge with gorgeous views of the surrounding mountains.

If you are interested in participating or for more information about the trip, please contact March at 724-223-6119 or jmarch@washjeff.edu.



Room with a view—the Plaza Hotel Lucchesi, the W&J alumni accommodations, had a view of the River Arno.

Two Honored for Innovative Leadership



In April, the College awarded the Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf Award for Innovative Leadership to Paul P. Medvedo Jr. '77 and Natalie Lynne Glass '05.



Two are chosen each year for the award, one W&J graduate and one current student. The graduate recipient is honored for his or her high level of achievement in the

areas of industry, education, government, or other professions where innovation is valued. The student recipient is chosen as the student

who best exemplifies the academic excellence personified by Professor Waltersdorf and shows promise as an innovative leader.

Medvedo is the chief operating officer of Joll Development Corp., a restaurant management and development group that owns multi-state development rights for Wolfgang Puck Express and Quaker Steak & Lube restaurants. He previously held positions as vice president of supply chain management at Dominion Resources, construction buyer in the naval power division of Westinghouse Electric, director of global sourcing and logistics and director of supplier integration at Westinghouse, and executive director of purchasing and materials at Consolidated Natural Gas Company. Medvedo graduated from W&J with a degree in business and economics and later earned an M.B.A. from

the University of Pittsburgh's Katz Graduate School of Business.

Glass majored in accounting and, during her four years at W&J, exhibited both the academic excellence and exceptional leadership skills that the Waltersdorf Award was designed to honor. She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, the Office of Admission's J-Walker program, the Order of the Omega (Greek honorary society), Alpha Lambda Delta (freshman honorary), and the W&J Dean's List and Scholar's Award while a student at W&J. Glass is employed currently in an audit position at KPMG International in Pittsburgh.

The Waltersdorf Award is named in honor of the late Dr. Maurice Cleveland Waltersdorf, who was a professor and chairman of the Department of Economics for 32 years.

Three Generations of W&J Women

The first female students stepped into the classrooms of W&J's campus in 1970. Thirty-five years later, the Ream family is the first to have three generations of W&J women.

Marian Ream '71 was one of the first four women to graduate from W&J, paving the way for her daughter and granddaughter. Marian graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in education from W&J. She later earned a Ph.D. from Walden University and an Ed.D. from West Virginia University. As part of her 21-year teaching career, Marian, and her husband, Charles, a former football coach and chair of the W&J education department, formed Universal Learning Inc., an organization that educated the children of Westinghouse Electric and Bechtel Power employees living overseas, and ran it from their Washington home. Currently, Marian is a Florida Supreme Court mediator and assistant trainer for mediators for the Florida Dispute Resolution Center in Tallahassee, and serves on W&J's Alumni Executive Council, while not in the air using her private pilot's license.

After graduating from W&J with a degree in French and a teaching certificate, her daughter, Cynthia Ream Phillips '77, attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She worked in television and in several films before embarking on a successful sports broadcasting career. She co-hosted and produced a live pre-game show in Kansas City (for which she won an Emmy award), several NFL holiday specials, and radio shows as well as co-hosting a Super Bowl special and guest hosting on ESPN. Along the way, she earned a law degree from California Western Law School and is licensed to practice in four states. Last year, she moved her family back to Washington where her daughter, Ashley Phillips '08, is currently majoring in theatre and business at the College and is a Presidents' cheerleader, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and a resident of the leadership theme house. The female members of the Ream family aren't the only ones with connections to W&J. Several male family members are graduates as well, including Steve Ream '82 (see page 31).

"I am overjoyed now that my granddaughter is a sophomore at W&J and looking forward to my three other grandchildren, Joseph, Marian, and John, joining the Presidents," says Marian.



The Ream family is the first to have three generations of W&J women. Pictured (from left) are Marian Ream, Ashley Phillips, and Cynthia Ream Phillips.

CLASS NOTES

1939

Leonard Wurzel retired from Calico Cottage Inc., a fudge making supply company he founded that did business with thousands of retailers worldwide, in 1992. He passed the business down to his sons, Mark and Larry. During his retirement, Wurzel has been very involved in his community in the Village of Sands Point, New York, where he was elected mayor in 1989 and re-elected to seven more two-year terms.



1941

Robert T. Andrews and his wife, Minerva, have moved to Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge—a life-care facility in Charlottesville, Virginia. Andrews writes that he and his wife are delighted with the facility, the outstanding residents, and the great food and health care. They invite friends to “come to see us.”

1947

James P. Geiger, M.D., celebrated his fifty-fifth wedding anniversary and eightieth birthday this summer. Geiger writes that he is thankful for his education at W&J, which taught him the pre-med basics necessary for a successful 50-year career in surgery.

1952

Reed Day's book, *Two Families: A History of the Lives and Times of the Families of Isaac Newton Day and Lucilla Caroline Blachy 1635–1954*, was published by Mechling Bookbindery.

Edward D. Frohlich, M.D., was awarded the Distinguished Scientist Award for basic science at the American College of Cardiology's 54th Annual Scientific Session in Orlando, Florida, in March.

Frohlich was honored for his groundbreaking work on cardiovascular involvement in hypertension. Frohlich holds teaching positions at Louisiana State University School of Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine, and Louisiana Tech University.



1953

Melvin H. Sher, M.D., writes that after retiring from the practice of vascular and general surgery, he found he couldn't stay away and now assists fellow surgeons three times a week. Sher also is teaching in the physician assistant programs at Northeastern University and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science.

1955

Charles E. McMillan, M.D., is the interim pastor at the Warminster Presbyterian Church in Warminster.

1957

Martin Harwin, M.D., retired from his pediatric practice and is now a part-time pediatric consultant to the State of Connecticut. He resides in Kensington, Connecticut, with his wife, Dena.

1960

Ted Ames writes to say that he took a wonderful trip with his wife, Carol, and their 4-year-old granddaughter, Tyla, during the last year. They covered 17,500 miles in 14 weeks, visiting 39 states.

David Quinn, Ph.D., has retired after 35 years of teaching neuroscience at Muskingum College.

1962

Rev. Malcolm McDowell Jr. announces two great events in his life—in January, he and his wife, Kathie, welcomed their first grandchild, Ainsley Grace, on the same day that he announced his retirement from 40 years of active parish ministry in the Episcopal Church. McDowell and his wife now reside in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where he plans to spend his retirement volunteering and writing children's books.

1964

Lee F. McVay continues to travel the world. After spending time in Russia, Siberia, Belarus, Cuba, and Holland, he and his wife went to Romania and Holland for a month this summer on an evangelical trip. McVay and his wife have trained with Campus Crusade for Christ, YWAM, and the Billy Graham Association.

1965

David P. Depp and his wife, Lois, reside in Dayton, Ohio. Depp is an operations manager for Rescare and oversees the operations for seven homes with clients suffering from mental retardation/developmental disabilities. Lois oversees the homeless program at the Dayton V.A. Hospital. They have two children and four grandchildren. Depp says both are looking forward to a long and happy retirement.

James J. VanGundy, Ph.D., has retired as a professor emeritus from Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia, but continues to teach one course a year and travels as much as possible. He also is very involved in local environmental issues. VanGundy invites any old friends passing through Elkins to visit him.

Woody Wollesen, representing the state of Maryland at the United States National Taekwondo Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado, won the gold medal in the full contact sparring category in the over 52 heavyweight division. This gold medal is the highest possible taekwondo level and honor attainable for any black belt in his age group. Wollesen has been the reigning Maryland champion for the past four years.

James B. Zadecky, M.D., has retired from the Air Force Reserves and returned to work for the Veterans Administration. He has moved to Butler and is looking forward to retirement with regular "grandpa" time.

1966

Jerry Heider retired as the worldwide business director of glass systems for Ferro Corporation after more than 36 years of service in the glass industry. He plans on hunting, fishing, golfing, and riding his Heritage Softail Classic.



1967

George DeSimone retired as assistant executive director for administrative services at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit after 35 years in the field of education. He also served as a teacher at Burrell Senior High School, founding principal of Northern Area Alternative High School, director of personnel at Chartiers Valley School District, and assistant superintendent of Norwin School District. During his retirement, he plans on writing a book about his grandfather's experiences in WWI and travel with his wife, Kathleen.



Frederick Nesta, director of the Saint Peters' College Libraries in Jersey City, New Jersey, for the past nine years, left his position to become university librarian at Lingnan University in Hong Kong on December 1, 2004.

1968

Jay D. Allen continues to teach history and has joined the faculty of the Yeshivat Rambam in Baltimore, Maryland.

Richard T. Clark is the new CEO at Merck & Company. He and his wife, Angela, live in Buckingham.

1969

In January 2005, Rev. Donald William Bushyager was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church by the Right Reverend Henry Scriven, assistant bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

1970

Donald G. Lightfoot has been appointed director of development in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Worcester State College in Worcester, Massachusetts. Lightfoot is

responsible for overseeing the Annual Fund, athletic giving, faculty/staff giving, development, and planned giving. He previously worked at Fitchburg State College as the director of development.

John M. Zoscak Jr. retired from the Internal Revenue Service as the senior counsel for criminal tax. He has a small tax practice and is a consultant in the area of white collar crime.

1971

Gordon M. Core is now the director of planned giving at California University of Pennsylvania.



Jim Denny writes that Cygnet Strategies Financial Literacy LLC, a Peters Township nonprofit that he founded, has hired a senior vice president and head of Cygnet's education expansion. Denny serves as managing director of Cygnet, which helps area companies provide financial education for their employees.

Randy Pepper's murder mystery, *Killing Neptune's Daughter* (Intrigue Press, 2004) has been receiving good reviews online and in the press. Pepper's new murder mystery, *Provincetown Fires*, *Bankok Blues*, will be out next year.

Charles Saul, Esq., writes that he is a partner in the law firm of Margolis Edelstein, whose primary focus is employment law and municipal defense. Saul and his wife, Sharon, reside in Pittsburgh and have seven children and four grandchildren.

1972

Samuel J. Davis, a partner in the law firm Davis & Davis, located in Uniontown, has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 2005. This honor is given to the top five percent of practicing attorneys who have been nominated by their fellow attorneys. Davis is a certified civil and criminal trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Joseph H. Menendez is the new vice president of Bonded Abrasives Worldwide and Abrasives North America at Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Inc. He is based at the company's manufacturing complex in the Greendale section of Worcester, Massachusetts.

1973

Thomas M. Priselac has been named the recipient of the Partner in Care Foundation's 2005 Mathies Award for his leadership and commitment to quality in health care services delivery. Priselac has been president and CEO of the Cedars-Sinai Health System since 1994.

1974

Lt. Col. Steven Michael Astriab's book, *Vendetta: Military Medical Peace Operations in Kosovo*, was published in 2003 by the Government Printing Office.

1975

Gary Churgin, president and CEO of the Harry Fox Agency, appeared in *Billboard* magazine in an article discussing how his agency is modernizing its licensing tools to accommodate the changing market.

Anne Abbruzzese Hurley, Ph.D., was both speaker and chair for a plenary session at "A Promise in Action," the 8th Annual Mission Conference of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in June. The Komen Foundation invited Hurley to discuss the treatment of breast cancer due to her expertise in cancer diagnostics.

1976

John J. McCague III has joined Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellot, LLC. McCague represents public and private companies and practices in the firm's business division. McCague was formerly a partner with DKW Law Group.

In 2004, Gary L. Swegal joined Burns & Scalo Roofing Company in Pittsburgh as the residential

division manager and business leader. He is responsible for sales and overall operations of the company's residential division. Swegal has more than 30 years of experience in the roofing industry.

1977

Ernie Ricci appeared on WQED Multimedia's *QED Cooks* with host Chris Fennimore in November and December 2004. Ricci was featured in two cooking segments that centered on the Italian Christmas Eve tradition of the "Feast of the Seven Fishes." Ricci was also featured on KDKA radio with Rob Pratte on Christmas Eve morning to speak with listeners about their Christmas Eve traditions.

Timothy Proctor Schieffelin was appointed to the National Forest Foundation's Board of Directors. The National Forest Foundation's mission is to support the national forest system and other activities administered by the USDA Forest Service.

David White took a cruise to Mexico to celebrate his fiftieth birthday with some of his W&J Beta Theta Pi brothers. Those attending were (back row from left to right) Paul Medvedo '77, White, and Bill Booth '77, and (front row from left to right) Alan Evelyn '75, Anthony "Flash" Solomita '75, and Douglas McBride '77.



1978

June Cairns and Paul Diloranzo co-wrote a chapter in *Child Maltreatment: A Clinical Guide and Photographic Reference* entitled "Public Child Welfare: A History of Challenge and Opportunity." The book is a reference for social

workers, physicians, law enforcement professionals, attorneys, and other medical professionals.

Jeffrey D. Schultz, D.D.S., M.M.S., has been elected president of the Georgia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He has a private practice and is a volunteer clinical assistant professor of surgery at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. He sends a fond hello to his fellow ATO classmates from the Class of 1978.

1979

Ralph A. Finizio, Esq., has joined Pepper Hamilton LLP, as a partner in their Pittsburgh office. His practice focuses on construction-related claims and directors and officers litigation. Finizio also serves on the Allegheny County Bar Association Judiciary Committee, the Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Selection and Administration Committee, and the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry.

Stephen M. Siviyy, an associate professor of psychology at Gettysburg College, was mentioned in a July 11, 2005, *Time* magazine article, "Honor Among Beasts," which discussed the ability of animals to have subtle, sophisticated mental states.

1980

Steven Jesse, M.D., retired from the practice of medicine this year. Jesse and his wife, Debbie, moved their small alpaca herd to their ranch outside Yellowstone National Park, near Bozeman, Montana. Jesse's eldest son, Andrew, is a successful investment analyst with Key Bank Corporation, and his youngest son, Dylan, is a freshman at W&J. Jesse writes, "Any die-hard fly fishermen or outdoorsy types are welcome anytime; the gate's always open!"

Rev. Robert J. Maravalli was awarded a Doctor of Ministry from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jeffrey J. Norton is now vice president, general counsel, and secretary of P.H. Glatfelter

Company. He and his family have moved to Lancaster County. Jeffrey and his wife, Kate, have four boys, Connor (10), Austin (8), Ryan (5), and Dylan (3).

1981

Randy Berenfield was honored recently with five advertising awards for excellence in copy-writing and media relations. He resides in Boca Raton, Florida.

1982

Jeffrey L. Weaver, O.D., returned home from active duty in the U.S. Army, where he served as the commander of the 7228th U.S. Army Medical Support Unit at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. Upon returning to St. Louis, Missouri, Weaver was honored with the 2004 Optometry Outstanding Service and Recognition Award at the 110th Annual Meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Weaver also received the Missouri Optometrist of the Year award from his colleagues of the Missouri Optometric Association and was selected as the new reserve optometry consultant to the surgeon general, where he will serve as chief of optometry of the U.S. Army Reserve. Weaver and his wife, Robin, have a 12-year-old daughter, Michele, and a two-year-old son, Daniel, whom they recently adopted from Guatemala.



1982

Since 2004, **Steve Ream** has been the corporate executive chef for Perdue Farms, working in new product development. But his passion isn't chickens, it's horses. During the spring, Ream was featured in the national newsletter of the U.S. Trotting Association, which detailed his passion for horses. Ream has loved horses since his childhood, which was spent in Washington where his father taught at W&J and coached football. Ream spent a lot of time at The Meadows. After graduating from W&J, Ream spent time working for his father before attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. After stints with Nestlé and various fast food chains, he was hired by Heinz and, due to his job's proximity to the track, was drawn back to the The Meadows. After taking the position last year with Perdue, Ream decided to develop his own stable of horses. He currently has his trainer license and four horses and is hoping to purchase his own farm. "Right now, we're just enjoying what we have," said Ream in the article. "I love every minute of it."



1985

Heidi Ann (Horst) Wachter resides in western Washington state where she works as the city attorney for the city of Lakewood. Wachter and her husband had their first child in April.

1986

Lt. Col. John D. Koch writes that he was deployed in March to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom



VI and is serving as the executive officer of the Joint Logistics Command of Combined Joint Task Force 76. Koch writes, "This is a very challenging assignment in comparison to the 'school house' environment of the 3747th training brigade in Germany, but it is a pleasure being back on active duty in support of the global war on terror." He will remain in Bagram for at least a year and hopes to return home to Vilseck, Germany, in April 2006.

1987

Lt. Col. Francis King moved to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, to become the chief of criminal law for the 18th Airborne Corps. King was promoted to lieutenant colonel on September 1, 2004, and is serving a year in Iraq at Camp Victory. His wife, Cindy Sherensky King '88, and their two sons are proudly waiting for him to come home. Cindy is very busy raising their sons and volunteering at their school.

Andrew J. Risko II was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army on February 1, 2005. Risko is stationed in South Korea.

Edward P. Wojnarowski Jr. was awarded the Bronze Star in 2004 in recognition of his outstanding meritorious service, expertise, and superior leadership in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves during his seven months in Iraq in 2003, where he supported Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Wojnarowski has been employed as a lawyer with Williams Coulson in Pittsburgh since 1999.

1988

Dan Donovan Jr. is a high school special education teacher at Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, where he is also the head football coach and assistant track coach. In July 2003, he married Debi, who is a guidance counselor at Minnechaug. Donovan has a nine-year-old stepson, Jack, and his second son, Connor Matthew, was born in January. Donovan writes, "I want to make sure I say 'Hi' to Donnie Morgan, A.J., Paul Livingston, Jimmy Myers, Dirt, Matt Walsh, Ray, Rick, Mazz, and Dan Flemming."

Ann Beth (Cowan) Kier is working as a communications specialist for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Democratic Communications Office. She serves as a writer and spokesperson for six state representatives and also hosts a public affairs TV show, *Legislative Journal*.

Paul Livingston reunited with some fellow former W&J football players at a home playoff game during the 2004–2005 season. Pictured (from left to right) are Bob Perry '90, Livingston, Gilbert Floyd '92, Stephan Swentkowsky '91, Ross "Rusty" Langford '89, Ted Bell '87, and Jeff Hufnagel '93.



1989

Michael Lucas, who works at Bassi, McCune, and Vreeland P.C.'s litigation office and as a prosecutor for the district attorney's office, ran in the May 2005 primary for the position of judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Washington County.

1990

Daniel Rosenthal is an internist and psychiatrist in Chicago. Rosenthal would love to hear from his fellow Delta Tau Delta fraternity brothers and, if any are in the Chicago area, he would like to get together. Rosenthal can be reached at Daniel_Rosenthal@rush.edu.

1991

Christopher A. Butler writes that he is the owner of Butler Automotive Group and Butler Marine Inc. in Beaufort, South Carolina. He and his wife, Maureen, have two children, Kelsey (10) and Keaton (8).

Robert S. Cervone has become a partner in the law firm of Dowd, Bloch & Bennett, in Chicago, Illinois.

Neil Day and his wife, Elizabeth, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on May 20.

Dustin Howarth writes that he is living in Bridgeville and holds a position as supply chain coordinator for Environmental Safety Solutions in Robinson Township. Howarth married Sonia Rahi on October 23, 2004, in Wheeling, West Virginia.

1992

Maj. James K. DeMarino was promoted to major in the U.S. Army on June 2, 2004. DeMarino has been mobilized for Operation Enduring Freedom with the 99th RRC since January 31, 2003, and is presently operating as the 99th RRC G-4 demobilization liaison. He has received the Award of Excellence Plaque for his efforts in the U.S. Army Reserve Command Driver's Training Think Tank at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Stacey Lescht writes that she is living in Baltimore, Maryland, where she is employed as a sales representative for a medical supply company. In May 2004, Stacey and her husband, Tom Stickley, welcomed their son, Luke Alexander Stickley.



Dawn Traverso Larson, Esq., became a partner with Eraclides, Johns, Hall, Gelman, Eikner & Johannessen, LLP. Larson will continue to practice in the area of workers' compensation and will serve as managing partner for the Miami office.

1991

Ian Davis has joined Yellow Dog Fly Fishing Adventures Cooperation in Bozeman, Montana, as the Bahamas and New Zealand programs manager, bringing with him his 10 years of experience leading fly fishing expeditions and a passion for the sport. Yellow Dog is a worldwide booking agent offering travel packages to exotic fishing locations worldwide. With Yellow Dog, Davis guides fishing excursions throughout Montana as well and is planning a W&J alumni trip for summer 2006. He recently returned from Kamchatka, Russia, expanding Yellow Dog's operations to that country. Before joining Yellow Dog, Davis was the owner and operator of Breckenridge Outfitters for nine years in Colorado. His company was awarded the Orvis Endorsed Outfitter of the Year award twice. Davis lives in Bozeman with his wife, Karen, and daughter, Hillary. For more information about fly fishing the world, contact Davis and Yellow Dog at www.yellowdogflyfishing.com.



Kacey C. Wiedt, Esq., was named a shareholder to the regional defense litigation firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin during their annual shareholders meeting in December 2004. Wiedt works in the firm's Harrisburg office.



1993



Maj. Alexander J. Chotkowski returned home after a seven-month deployment in Camp Al Asad, Iraq, where he was company commander with MWSS-472. While serving in Iraq, Chotkowski's wife, Kimberly,

gave birth to their first child, Emily Alexandra, on October 5, 2004. Upon his return, he plans to resume his litigation practice with his firm in West Chester and continue his studies for a master's degree in government.

Cyril Walther and his wife, Marsha, send in a picture of their daughters, "W&J cheerleaders" Madelyn and Alayna. Walther is a social studies teacher at Washington High School. He and his wife are the owners of Walther's Greenhouse and Gifts, located in Avella.



1995

Matt Sweger was made a partner in the law firm of Lewis and Roca LLP in Tucson, Arizona.

1996

Elizabeth Wood Sanders presented a 75-minute seminar session during the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards National Conference in Washington, D.C., this past July. Her session, "Activity and Creativity Are Not the Secondary Enemy," was designed to encourage other high school and post-secondary educators to infuse techniques and the arts into implemented classroom lessons in order to invigorate student learning. Sanders is a graduate student at Lesley University where she is studying for a degree in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in creative arts in learning.

1997

Lisa Baxter worked in Greensburg as a behavior specialist for five years before returning to the Washington area where she serves as the clinical supervisor and regional director of autism services for Family Behavioral Resources.

1998

Amy Hartman, Ph.D., is working at the Center for Disease Control, trying to understand how the Ebola virus is able to evade the immune system. She is also volunteering with Georgia for Democracy, a political nonprofit group.

Erin A. Kennedy, Ph.D., successfully defended her dissertation entitled, "The Role of Stress-Reactive Rumination in the Relationship between Peer Victimization and Depressive Symptoms in Adolescence." With a doctorate in developmental psychology, she returned to Pennsylvania this fall for a tenure-track assistant professor position at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

1999

Heather Glass, M.D., received her medical degree in June 2004 from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Glass completed an anesthesiology residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Kelly J. Kozon graduated from the M.B.A. program at Duquesne University's John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business in December 2003.

George McKay was one of 239 physicians awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June.



2000

Joel A. McClosky finished his first year as a fourth grade teacher in Asheboro, North Carolina, in June. He received the Asheboro City School's Apple of Excellence Award, which recognizes the district's outstanding first-year teacher. McCloskey also was named the lead teacher of his school's fourth grade teaching team. He is considering moving into administration and pursuing a doctorate degree in the near future.



Cathy Murphy McKinney is the principal author of a paper in the *Biophysical Journal*, entitled "Probing single-stranded DNA conformational flexibility using fluorescence spectroscopy," and was co-author of a second paper in *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*. McKinney is pursuing a Ph.D. in biophysics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2004

Vanessa Lynn Mirkovich started veterinary college in February at St. George's University in Grenada. The four-year program includes a clinical year at a veterinary school in the U.S.

MARRIAGES

1987

Jack R. Rea and Kristi L. Brach were married on June 5, 2004, on the beach in Cherry Grove, South Carolina.

1993

Elaine Brown and Kevin Rayski were married on May 11, 2005, in Kauai, Hawaii. Elaine is employed at Intel Corporation as a senior program manager and Kevin owns his own business. The couple resides in Chandler, Arizona.



1998

Melissa Hurney McGinn and Thomas McGinn were married on September 25, 2004.

Heather L. Zackal Etner and Martin Etner were married on November 6, 2004, in McLean, Virginia. W&J alumni in attendance included maid of honor Carrie Lynch '01, bridesmaid Melissa Flores Stevenson '98, Cara Harbison Raboanarielina '98, Begene Baker Bahl '98, Mical Pallack Honigfort '98, Erin Kennedy '98, Kent Johnson '98, Ken Elliott '98, Molly Jenison '00, Robb Oelschlager '96, and Sam Ickes '96.



2000

Janae Marie Betters, M.Ed., and Thomas E. Rosendale Jr. were married on October 9, 2004, in Uniontown. Betters is employed as a special education teacher for the Laurel Highlands School District. Rosendale is employed as a butler for Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort and was inducted into the Professional Guild of Butlers in June 2003. The couple resides in Uniontown.

Julie Folger and Jon Wooley were married on September 4, 2004, at Linworth Baptist Church in Worthington, Ohio. Many W&J friends were there to celebrate their marriage, including Marianne Valesky, Sonika Gill, Michael Dukes, and J.B. Bitter—all from the Class of 2000—and Denny Guy, Justin Lewis, Emily Chamberlain, and Andy Gedman—all from the Class of 1999. Julie is a corporate attorney practicing with Baker & Hostetler LLP in Columbus, Ohio. Jon is a seventh grade science teacher at Jonathan Alder Schools in Plain City. The couple resides in Dublin, Ohio.



2002

Lisa Griffith and Arlan Tarquinio were married on October 9, 2004, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Washington.

2004

Chad D. Haught and Dawn Denbow were married on July 31, 2004 at Weirton Heights Memorial Baptist Church in Weirton, West Virginia. Haught attends law school at West Virginia University.



BIRTHS

1950

Bob Trexler celebrated the birth of his fifth grandson, Jacob Owen Trexler, in February. Jacob is the third son of Trexler's son, Jon, and his wife, Patricia.

1989

Teig Boyle and his wife, Patricia, happily announce the birth of their daughter, Fiona Josephine, on December 31, 2004. Fiona joins her big sister, Sophia (2). The Boyles reside in Hershey.

1990

Benjamin T. Buttriss and his wife, Chris, celebrated the birth of their second child, Bryan, on April 18, 2005.

Francie Ciesla McManimon and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their twin boys, Kevin Gerard, born on June 17, 2004, and Andrew Patrick, born on June 18, 2004. The twins join their big brother, Luke (2).

1991

Ed Cirra and his wife, Karen, are pleased to announce the birth of their triplets, Carly Nicole, Ryan Edward, and Connor Stephen, on November 19, 2004. The Cirras reside in South Fayette Township. Cirra writes, "If anyone wants to practice changing diapers, feel free to stop by at any hour of the day or night—chances are we are awake."

1992

William K. Craig and his wife, Trisha, happily announce the birth of their son, Ryan McPherson, on May 23, 2004. Ryan loved his

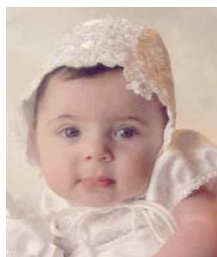
first W&J football game as well as the new toy he found at the pregame festivities to keep in his room! Craig is employed as an administrator in the UPMC Health System and Trisha is the director of curriculum at Fort Cherry High School.



1993

John Caccamese, M.D., and Suzanne (Van Ness) Caccamese, M.D., are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Stella Pearl Caccamese, on December 28, 2004. Stella joins her big brother, Luca (3). John is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon on faculty at the University of Maryland Medical Center where he specializes in cleft lip and palate repair and craniofacial surgery. Suzanne is associate program director of the internal medicine residency at Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

Patty Papadimitriou Dunlevy and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their daughter, Danyelle Kathryn, on May 27, 2004. Danyelle joins her brother, Dylan (2).



1994

Kelly McCoy-McKenzie, M.D., and her husband, Jim, happily announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan Jameson McKenzie, on January 23, 2005. McKenzie writes that she finished her general surgery residency at the



National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, in July 2004 and Jim left his job as compliance investigator at the George Washington University soon after. The McKenzies are living in Naples, Italy, where Kelly is on the general surgery staff at the United States Naval Hospital. They plan to move back to Washington, D.C., in the spring of 2006.

Tamra (Lovy) Rosa and her husband, John, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Erica Renee, on June 14, 2005.

Erica joins her big brother, Zachary Ryan (4). Tamra teaches English at Quaker Valley High School while John is a math teacher at Freedom High School. The family resides in Cranberry Township.



Heather Zinzella-Cox, M.D., is pleased to announce the birth of her second child, Conrad Tyler Cox, on November 4, 2004. Tyler was welcomed by his 15-month-old brother, Evan Christopher. Zinzella-Cox writes that she is enjoying her long maternity leave from her family medicine practice and faculty position at Christiana Care Health Systems Family Medicine Residency Program in Wilmington, Delaware.

1996

Brenda Buckley Williamson and her husband, Michael Williamson '98, announce the birth of their daughter, Eden Marie, on November 2,

2004. Eden joins big sister, Marin (2). The Williamsons reside in Washington, where Michael is co-owner of Solomon's Seafood Restaurant and Brenda is a community development director for the Washington County Redevelopment Authority.

1997

Kimberly Rohal and her husband, Antonio DiGiandomenico '96, happily announce the birth of their first daughter, Isabella Grace, who arrived on Nov. 27, 2004 and now shares the same birthday as her mother. Antonio has completed his Ph.D. in microbiology and is doing his post-doctoral studies at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where Kim also works as a biosafety officer.



2000

Michelle Novak and her husband, Chris Couture '04, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Marie, on May 18, 2004. Michelle is now staying at home full time to care for her.



IN MEMORIAM

Irvin Lewis Newby '31, February 11, 2005. Mr. Newby was employed by Alcoa Aluminum in New Kensington and Pittsburgh from 1946 to 1972.

J. Paul Proudfit, M.D., '31, February 13, 2005. Dr. Proudfit practiced internal medicine in Washington from 1949 until his retirement in 1988. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a flight surgeon with the 404th Fighter Group in the European Theater from 1942 to 1945. He was a member of the Washington Hospital staff and was a past Washington County Medical Society president. Dr. Proudfit served as an elder and president of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington since 1955.

Elmer Christine Sr., Esq., '33, December 27, 2004. Mr. Christine and his son, E. David Christine, were partners in their law firm in East Stroudsburg since 1981. He served as district attorney in Monroe County from 1952 to 1956. Mr. Christine served as a boat group commander in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during WWII. He was a member of the Monroe County Bar Association since 1939 and was the current senior statesman.

Marcus D. McDivitt, M.D., '34, April 19, 2005. Dr. McDivitt was a retired chief of internal medicine and head of the intensive care unit of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Hospital in Tuscan, Arizona.

Fred A. Hornsby Jr. '36, April 17, 2005. Mr. Hornsby was a retired product line manager for Mine Safety Appliances Company.

Edward W. Abel '38, November 4, 2004.

Robert A. Buehn '38, June 9, 2004.

S. Ray Grimm Jr., M.D., '39, October 25, 2004.

Loyal "Herm" Gregg, Esq., '41, February 7, 2005. Mr. Gregg was a founding partner in the law firm of Jones, Gregg, Creehan, and Gerace. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and was assigned to the 33rd Flying Training Wing in Texas. He was also the Whitehall solicitor from 1956 to 1972.

Emerson Jordan '41, March 12, 2002.

Joseph H. Powley, D.D.S., '41, November 11, 2004. Dr. Powley retired from his dental practice in 1992, which he opened in Smithton in 1946. He served as a dental officer in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters during WWII. Dr. Powley was a member of the American Dental Association and the Westmoreland County Dental Society, where he served as past president.

Lemuel H. Wilcox Jr. '41, November 12, 2004. In 1945, Mr. Wilcox joined the family-owned Wilcox Brothers Company, serving as company president until his retirement in 1986. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor during WWII, serving as the head of small boats and motor vehicles.

William Keegan Buchanan, M.D., '43, May 29, 2005. Dr. Buchanan was in the Navy where he spent most of his time as an instrument flight instructor. He worked at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh, specializing in anesthesiology until his retirement in 1979.

Roy E. Swenson, M.D., '43, April 7, 2005. Dr. Swenson practiced medicine in Columbus, Ohio, and San Antonio, Texas, for more than 50 years and was a past president of the International College of Surgeons.

James W. Lane, M.D., '44, February 22, 2005. Dr. Lane opened a private practice in urology in Charleston, West Virginia, in 1953 and retired in 1988. Lane was also chairman of the CAMC

Health System's Department of Urology from 1973 to 1979 and clinical professor of urology at the Charleston division of the West Virginia University School of Medicine. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army.

William C. Pfaadt '45, November 18, 2004.

Kenneth B. Reed '45, November 24, 2004.

Michael G. Zabetakis, Ph.D., '45, January 21, 2005. Dr. Zabetakis was employed with the U.S. Bureau of Mines and later became research director. During his employment, he wrote more than 80 scientific publications as well as the book *Safety in Cryogenics*. He was recognized as a world expert on combustible gases and liquids in the *Who's Who of Science*. Among notable recognitions, Dr. Zabetakis received the Meritorious Service Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Distinguished Service Award from W&J. He taught mathematics at W&J from 1967 to 1972.

Joseph Hough '49, December 18, 2004. Mr. Hough was an electrical engineer for Westinghouse.

Henry C. Stack Jr., '49, February 4, 2005.

John Yorke '49, April 14, 2005. Mr. Yorke was vice president of employee relations for Island Creek Coal Company, retiring in the early 1980s. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and received a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart. After his retirement, Mr. Yorke worked to feed the poor in Lexington, Kentucky, and helped to organize the Kentucky Harvest of Lexington.

R. Gerald DeLaval '50, October 28, 2004. Mr. DeLaval began his teaching career at Rome Canaan Schools in Athens, Ohio, in physics, chemistry, and advanced mathematics. He served as a sergeant with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. While teaching in

southeast Ohio for more than 20 years, he also ran a family-owned dairy farm.

Dr. E. Lee Jones Jr. '50, March 29, 2005.

Richard L. Miller Jr. '50, July 7, 2004.

Marvin Cook Wilson Jr. '50, November 13, 2004. Mr. Wilson was employed as an industrial salesman for Bowman Products in Jamestown, New York, and Custom Engineering in Erie. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII from 1945 to 1948. He and his wife also owned and operated the Westfield House Bed & Breakfast.

Fred Lockhard '52, March 27, 2005.

Clifford Niles Beeson '54, May 18, 2005. Mr. Beeson served in the U.S. Army earning the rank of first lieutenant. He worked at Container Corporation of America for 27 years and later for Weicher Realtors.

William H. Fennell '55, July 8, 2004.

Andrew W. Sustrick '56, January 23, 2004.

Vincent J. Luppino '57, March 17, 2005.

Roger K. Jones, M.D., '59, November 4, 2004. Dr. Jones served as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy before settling in Marshall, Texas, where he practiced internal medicine until 2003.

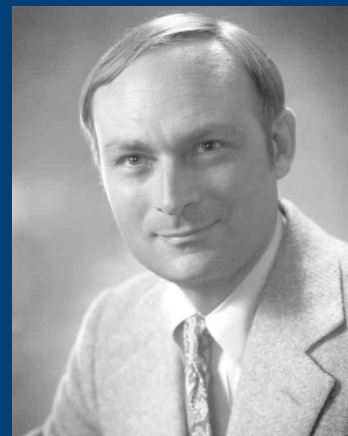
Joseph H. Shepard Jr. '61, February 22, 2005.

Stewart H. Speaker '61, January 3, 2005.

Ronald G. Barron '62, December 4, 2004.

David L. Ramsey '62, August 1, 2005. Mr. Ramsey was a physics professor at the College from 1962 to 1967. He then taught and built science equipment at Indiana University of Pennsylvania until 2005.

Walter Kahn Levy '52, June 12, 2005. Mr. Levy was the founder of Walter K. Levy Associates, a management consulting firm serving an international clientele, and a consultant to Goldman Sachs and Kurt Salmon Associates. He was also a devoted W&J trustee for more than 25 years.



John P. Klee '63, May 25, 2005. Mr. Klee was president and CEO of McKees Rocks Industrial Enterprises Inc. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Fox Chapel Golf Club, and the Duquesne Club.

Col. Robert James Quinn III '63, January 26, 2005. Colonel Quinn retired from the U.S. Army in 1985 with 22 years of service in the Special Forces. He was employed for 18 years with Vinnell/BDM SA as general manager where he served in the First Gulf War.

Jose M. "Pepe" Vidal '64, December 22, 2004. Mr. Vidal had a long and successful banking career in Puerto Rico.

Colin Reed Fitch '65, April 8, 2005. Prior to Mr. Fitch's retirement, he held a position with Singer, Dean, and Scribner and was later a private investment adviser. He served in the U.S. Army during the Berlin crisis.

Louis Sollon '65, July 25, 2005. Mr. Sollon was co-owner of Washington-based Aeronational Inc. and worked as an air ambulance operator, flying sick patients around the world.

Graham F. "Terry" Shaddick '66, January 7, 2005. Mr. Shaddick was a sales and marketing

manager for Pittsburgh Tubular Shafting in Rochester and owner of Correct Foundry Manufacturing in Fallston.

Robert John Doyle '67, February 18, 2005. Mr. Doyle was a teacher in Youngstown, Ohio, for seventeen years. In 1991, he moved to Chester, West Virginia, where he continued teaching for several years and worked part time at the Mobil Gas Station.

Lee P. Johns Jr., D.M.D., '76, April 16, 2005. Dr. Johns had been a professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine since 1988. From 1982 to 1986, he served in the U.S. Army and continued as an active army reservist in Scranton.

Susan Grace Romaine '84, November 10, 2004. Ms. Romaine taught art and computer graphics for eighteen years in St. Johns County schools. She was the yearbook advisor for many of the schools in which she worked, winning awards with her innovative yearbooks. Ms. Romaine was also the president of the Waiting Wives and Officers' Wives Clubs in Northern New Jersey; Ft. Dix, New Jersey; Ft. Stewart, Georgia; and Ashaffensburg, Germany.

In Memoriam Continued

FRIENDS

Melvin Manuel Anderson, March 7, 2005. Mr. Anderson, a former student of the College, was employed in the maintenance department for twelve years at Washington Manor Extended Care.

Roy Eugene Anderson, March 3, 2005. A former W&J student, Mr. Anderson retired after 34 years with Exxon Oil Company in 2002.

Robert Eugene Bonenberger, May 26, 2005. Mr. Bonenberger was a former student of the College. He retired from Cooper Industries after 33 years.

Roy R. Bruno, August 3, 2004. Mr. Bruno, a friend of the College, was a WWII veteran with service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Norman D. Cowell, March 31, 2005. Mr. Cowell, a former student of the College, had been employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as a civil engineer for more than 30 years.

Paul Owen Crompton, April 11, 2005. Mr. Crompton was a former W&J student. He retired as a pharmaceutical representative for G.D. Searle and Schering-Plough.

Stanley E. Daley, February 10, 2005. Mr. Daley was employed by the College as head basketball and golf coach and was W&J's assistant football coach from 1954 to 1956. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran. After coaching at W&J, Mr. Daley was a teacher of health and physical education at Lock Haven University from 1956 to 1980.

Paul "Pablo" Edwards, July 9, 2005. Mr. Edwards was a former chairman of the art

department at W&J. He was an author, painter, and art restorer. He retired from W&J in 1997 and was awarded an honorary doctorate of fine arts by the College. Edwards was also president of Arts Council of Washington County, a charter member of Malcom Parcell Foundation Board of Directors, founding member of the Washington Art Club, and a member of the American Association of University Professors, the American Institute of Conservation and Restoration, and the Washington County Historical Society.

William I. Fasnacht, July 5, 2005. Mr. Fasnacht was a former student at the College. He worked for Allstate Insurance Company for 34 years.

Gisa Flenniken, February 28, 2005. Ms. Flenniken, who was a former W&J student, published many successful Web sites as well as creative, colorful booklets, brochures, and posters.

Leora Ann Headley, April 2, 2005. Ms. Headley was a former employee of the College.

John William Heisman, October 9, 2004. Mr. Heisman was a football coach at W&J in 1923. After leaving W&J, he was the head football coach and director of athletics at Rice Institute in Houston, Texas. He was also the author of *Principles of Football*. Heisman was the originator of the "Heisman shift" and was credited with the introduction of the forward pass into football.

Frederick Riker Hellegers, March 6, 2004. Mr. Hellegers was a former pastor for the College. During his time at W&J, he was the chairman of the Christian Education Committee of the Washington Presbytery. Dr. Hellegers also delivered guest sermons in various area churches.

Robert A. Lauffer, February 21, 2005. Mr. Lauffer, a former student of the College, was

retired from the Prince George's County Public Schools in 1980, where he taught vocation printing.

William "Bud" Lausterer, March 19, 2005. Lausterer attended W&J. He was owner of the Jamestown Retail Liquors and worked as a salesman of men's clothing for Carnahan's and Matthews and Miller.

Fred W. Lockard, March 27, 2005. Mr. Lockard, who attended W&J, was a retired employee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mary Milano Malone, February 27, 2005. Ms. Malone, a former employee of the College, also worked at Kress Box and Hazel Atlas 2 as an inspector.

Ermelinda Marchese, June 9, 2005. Mrs. Marchese worked for seven years as a seamstress for the College.

Jack Minnis, December 2, 2004. Mr. Minnis worked for the W&J maintenance department for 13 years. A memorial service was held in his honor at the Old Main Chapel on December 16, 2004.

Cathy A. Ross, July 19, 2005. A former student at the College, Miss Ross worked for more than 31 years at Jessop Steel.

Louis A. Sprowls, April 3, 2005. After attending W&J, Mr. Sprowls graduated from Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana. Prior to his retirement in 1994, he served the Baptist ministry in Brownsville, Bellwood, East Brady, and New Matamoras, Ohio. After his retirement, Mr. Sprowls served as interim pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Ruff Creek and Bates Fork Baptist Church in Sycamore.

Albert Haywood Ward, November 22, 2004. Mr. Ward, a former student of the College, was a

retired employee of the United Mine Workers and was the owner and operator of Ward's Blacktopping Company.

Janice A. Yoskey, May 24, 2005. Mrs. Yoskey was a former student at the College. She was employed for more than 20 years at the Washington Hospital.

Dennis A. Zucconi, February 13, 2005. Mr. Zucconi retired after 30 years of service as a sales representative for Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Robert "Pete" Wilson, January 6, 2005. Mr. Wilson was the rental property manager of the College and retired in 1992 after 27 years with W&J. He started his career in the carpentry shop in the basement of Hays Hall, but was later given the opportunity to furnish The Commons when it was built. Mr. Wilson went on to furnish many of the College's buildings and restore academic and residential furniture on campus. He also helped other wood working enthusiasts on campus, including Professor Pat Maloney and her art students as well as former president Dr. Howard J. Burnett, whose hobby was wood working.



In 1980, Dr. Burnett asked Mr. Wilson to design and build a ceremonial mace to be used in the commencement ceremony. The mace was carved of wood taken from the original columns in front of McMillan Hall and is still in use today. Mr. Wilson inspired his daughter, Roberta (Wilson) Marody '95 to attend W&J as an art major and was present when his mace led the 1995 commencement procession, of which his daughter was a part.

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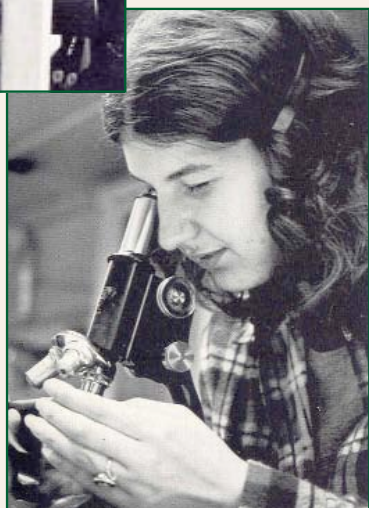
Through the Years



During its history, Washington & Jefferson College's student population has been composed of students from a variety of backgrounds. In 1970, that student mix was made richer with the arrival of the first female students.

From the time those women set foot on campus, they began making up for lost time and were unwilling to accept any limitations to their academic pursuits, including the pursuit of scientific knowledge. In these photos from *Pandora* yearbooks from that decade, we can see that women were a prominent fixture in labs, classrooms, and student scientific groups, like the American Chemical Society (pictured above).

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HOMECOMING 2005

SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1

Homecoming came a little earlier than usual in 2005, bringing with it great fall weather to enjoy all the events of the weekend—panel discussions, the Homecoming Parade, the football game against Thiel College, Fifth Quarter, and much more. Members of classes ending in '0 and '5 reconnected with old friends during reunion events. Alumni visited their new home at W&J during Homecoming 2005—the Alumni House, a restored Victorian house with parlors and meeting areas dedicated solely to alumni activities. W&J was happy to see all who attended Homecoming this year.



“New” Traditions Unveiled



The opening of the 2005–2006 academic year saw the return of some Washington & Jefferson College traditions that had fallen by the wayside. The Class of 2009 had a matriculation ceremony on August 21, where they learned the traditional fight song, “Good Ole W&J,” and the traditional College cheer, “Whichi Coax.” On August 25, W&J held an all-campus convocation where the assembly also sang the fight song and cheer along with the “Alma Mater.” The bell in the south tower of Old Main, which used to ring every hour to assemble and dismiss classes, was rung by Ryan Booth '06 and Caleb Edward '09 at the start of the convocation procession, sounding for the first time in several decades (pictured).



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