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always pays the best interest."
- Benjamin Franklin*

As the first major investor in Washington College, Benjamin Franklin valued education. He provided us with 50 pounds to make the initial purchase of books for the library, an investment that was essential to our future. Without a strong library, Washington College would never have been able to educate the citizens who would later become the backbone of our democratic country as it moved westward.

Today, of course, it takes more than a library and a dedicated professoriate to ensure that W&J can provide the finest liberal arts education for its students. Students need to be global citizens, and to do so, they need to study abroad. Our science faculty and students require more than Bunsen burners and pipettes to do their advanced research. Athletic teams need increasingly advanced equipment, and they travel further to engage in athletic competitions. Students can connect with massive amounts of information through technology and the Internet, but keeping our technology current is not cheap. Today, students participate in a variety of activities to enrich their educations, and so we support academic clubs and honorary societies, and we send our faculty and students to national and international conferences to present their research. We've certainly come a long way from the log cabins that were the foundation of Washington and Jefferson Colleges!

The new John A. Swanson Science Center, scheduled to open in 2010, will provide a shining testimony to the generosity of our alumni and friends who believe in the power of education to transform lives. Its architecture will fit smoothly into the historical character of our campus while simultaneously supporting a contemporary, state-of-the-art science curriculum and research program. When this Center opens, the high quality of our science facilities will finally match the high quality of our faculty, staff, and students.

But not all investments are expressed in bricks and mortar and laboratory equipment. The Parents' Council invests its time and energy to ensure that students and parents at W&J have the best experience possible. Alumni invest their time in mentoring student interns, in teaching Intercession courses, and in guiding our young graduates in their life choices. At W&J, we invest in the future represented by the bright young people who walk proudly over the commencement stage, leaving behind the challenging world of small seminars to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Tori Haring-Smith

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President

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The following letters address the winter 2007-08 issue of W&J magazine, titled "A Time to Serve: Learning Outside the Classroom."

I was VERY pleased to see the W&J alumni magazine focus on community service. One of my core beliefs is the necessity, the obligation, of those of us who have been benefitted by society

to "give back", to contribute to the social good by directly helping those less fortunate. To see the College feature that is very gratifying to me. Sure, winning sports teams and new buildings are nice to see. The bottom line, however, is the quality of the people who graduate from the College. Teaching students the importance, indeed the necessity, to appreciate the advantages they have been given by helping the less fortunate makes me proud to be a W&J graduate.

John (Jack) Olsen '65

I was pleasantly surprised to see my picture among the Homecoming 2007 photos. I think my strategy of getting in between John Kern and Art Gilkes paid off. It is very difficult to crop out the person in the middle. Just kidding!

The publication is well done; keep up the good work.

Don Murray '64

CORRECTIONS

Though the editors of W&J magazine strive to provide accurate information, errors and omissions do occur. We apologize for those errors, and the corrections are as follows.

The following corrections refer to the Class Notes section of the Winter 2007-08 magazine:

Matt Burns '10, the son of Col. John Burns '80, was incorrectly listed as Christopher Burns '10.

Frank H. "Red" Davis Jr. '38 was incorrectly written as Frank H. "Red" Davis III '38 in the *In Memoriam* section.

The following corrections refer to the 2006-2007 Honor Roll of Donors:

The 2006-2007 Board of Trustees was incorrectly listed on page 58. The correct board members for the 2006-2007 term can be found on page 11 of this magazine.

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ON THE COVER

Through initiatives such as the new John A. Swanson Science Center (pictured in background), scheduled to open in 2010, W&J continues to invest in the future of its most valuable asset—its students.

Pictured, from left to right: Jourdin Barber '10, Daniel Martin '10, and Stephanie Ohrt '09.

Pictured on back cover: Craig Rumbaugh '09

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JAY TODAY

Pittsburgh Steelers' Dan Rooney Honored at Annual Entrepreneurial Leadership Dinner

EMILY TRIFARO

Washington & Jefferson College celebrated its 22nd annual Entrepreneurial Leadership Dinner on April 16 at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh by honoring Daniel M. Rooney, chairman of the Pittsburgh Steelers, as its 2008 Entrepreneur of the Year.

During the evening's festivities, W&J President Tori Haring-Smith noted that Rooney, now in his 45th year in the Steelers organization, a central figure in NFL operations for the past 26 years and one of Pittsburgh's most involved executives in civic affairs, exemplifies a true entrepreneur.

Describing him as someone who has guided a model professional sports franchise with success and integrity, Haring-Smith said, "With his guidance, the Pittsburgh Steelers have provided economic stimulus to the city and infused it with pride."

Roger Goodell '81, commissioner of the National Football League, served as the event's keynote speaker. Noting that Rooney's father, Art Rooney, founded the Steelers 75 years ago in 1933, Goodell credited the Rooneys with continuing to build the Steelers into one of pro football's most successful franchises.

"They do it with class and make sure they represent Pittsburgh in the right way," he said.

Rooney is a member of several NFL committees, including the board of directors for the NFL Trust Fund, and the NFL Ventures Committee, which includes NFL Properties

and NFL Films. He is currently a member of the NFL Economic Committee, which is studying the League's revenue-sharing policy and overall disbursement of League revenue, and the Hall of Fame Committee. Rooney most recently was appointed chairman of the six-person Diversity Committee, charged with establishing guidelines for hiring head coaches in the NFL.

"He's been a voice of reason in the League," Goodell said of Rooney.

In addition to his work in helping the league add new franchises in Seattle and Tampa Bay, Rooney has chaired the League's Negotiating Committee for a collective bargaining agreement for the NFL and the Players' Association. Both Goodell and Haring-Smith noted that their guest of honor is known in the League for his "Rooney Rule," which requires teams to give minority candidates the opportunity to interview for head coaching positions.

In accepting the award, Rooney turned his focus to Goodell, admiring him for his ability to run the NFL whether the news is good or bad.

"I've seen him under pressure," Rooney said. "The thing that really holds up with him

is integrity. When he tells you something, you know he's sincere."

Goodell was named NFL executive vice president and chief operating officer in 2001. As part of his responsibilities, he has served as president of NFL Ventures, Inc., which oversees the NFL's business unit, including media properties, marketing and sales, consumer products, stadium development, special events, and strategic planning. He was named to succeed Paul Tagliabue as commissioner of the NFL in August of 2006.

Joseph Hardy, founder of 84 Lumber Company and W&J Trustee Emeritus, has been a long-time provider of creative and financial support for W&J's Entrepreneurial Studies program. The Program, begun in 1986, employs the College's liberal arts tradition to cultivate the spirit and vision vital to the free enterprise system. In closing the evening's festivities, Hardy noted that Rooney has built a brand that is recognized well beyond Western Pennsylvania.

"I travel the world, and I'm always asked about the Steelers," Hardy said. "It's become a phenomenon, really, what he's done. It's awesome; it really is."



Daniel M. Rooney, chairman of the Pittsburgh Steelers; Tori Haring-Smith; and Roger Goodell '81, commissioner of the NFL, celebrate the College's 22nd Entrepreneurial Leadership Dinner on April 16.

Focus on Faculty ...

Dennis "Denny" Trelka

ROBERT REID

Dennis "Denny" Trelka joined the faculty at Washington & Jefferson College in 1972 as a young assistant professor of biology looking to make an impact on students at a small liberal arts college. Little did he know that his impact on countless numbers of W&J students and the entire campus community would last more than 35 years – and then some!

A zoology major who earned a bachelor's degree in 1966 from Kent State University and a master's degree in animal physiology from the same school two years later, Trelka received a doctorate degree of philosophy, with a major in physiology and behavior and a dual minor in neurophysiology and toxicology, from Cornell University in 1972.

He knew then that he was looking to teach college students, and he had a particular campus setting in mind.

"We all have capabilities in life, and I felt I could make more of a contribution to students at a small private, liberal arts college," Trelka said. "A small college allows a person to become involved in a lot of things if one so desires, from administrative, to service, to recruiting. It permits a person to get involved in research and to spend time trying to attract students to campus. It gives one the opportunity to grow in a variety of directions and permits a person to make more of an impact. W&J afforded me these opportunities."

For Trelka, these opportunities have included teaching a variety of courses, from general biology to neurophysiology to comparative animal physiology; publishing research in a variety of journals, including the *National Strength and Conditioning Association Journal*, and administrative responsibilities. He was chairman of the Biology Department for 15 years and served as chair of the Committee on Health Professions for 14 years. In addition, he spent six years as chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics, and from 2004 to the summer of 2005, he served as interim vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty.

Trelka said he has appreciated the opportunity to work closely with students. He has also enjoyed the many administrative duties that he has assumed over the years, many of which also have had a direct impact on students, including internship programs that have been established and grants that have been received to provide financial assistance to students.

"Everything we do is done in the best interest of the students. In effect, we are creating an atmosphere that is conducive to educating young people," Trelka said. "We, as faculty members, are 'given' the minds of these young people, to help to mold them and to educate them at a very sensitive time in their lives. It is amazing! What a luxury!"

Trelka has also had the unique opportunity at W&J to teach his wife, Connie, as well as his two children, Darin and Jessica. The family moved to Washington, Pa., when Darin was two years old, and Connie began attending college at W&J in 1973. Graduating in 1976, she was one of the last to earn a master's degree from W&J. To complete the program, she had to take a laboratory science course—general biology—a course her husband taught. Connie

is now a retired school teacher. Darin graduated from W&J in 1992 and is now a forensic pathologist for Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Jessica is a graduate of Otterbein College, but before attending there, she needed a few courses, which she took at W&J. Her father was the only faculty member who taught one of the classes.

Being chairman of the Committee on Health Professions, Trelka said, has provided him additional opportunities to help his students. During intersession, he travels to other cities, such as Philadelphia and Cleveland, to meet current students who are participating in internships, or to "check up" on alumni. For example, he said, once while in Philadelphia, he met with a dean at a medical school. Trelka checked on the status of an applicant who was a W&J graduate. He was told the student was not accepted into the program. When Trelka questioned the decision, and after the dean did some further research, Trelka was told the medical school had made an error and the student should have been accepted. The rejection was rescinded and the student is now a physician in residency in Cleveland.

"This is the kind of interaction that allows me to make a difference," he said.

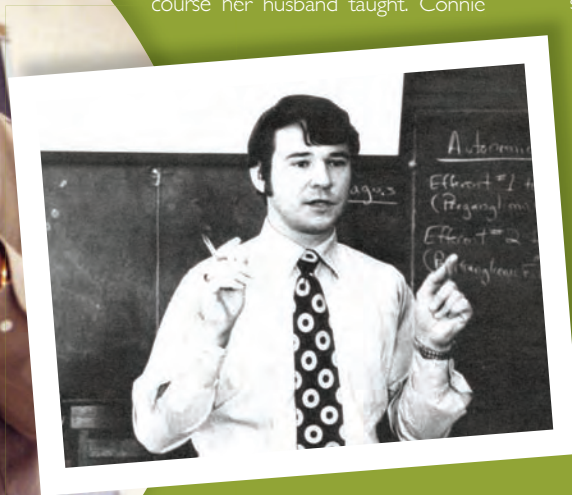
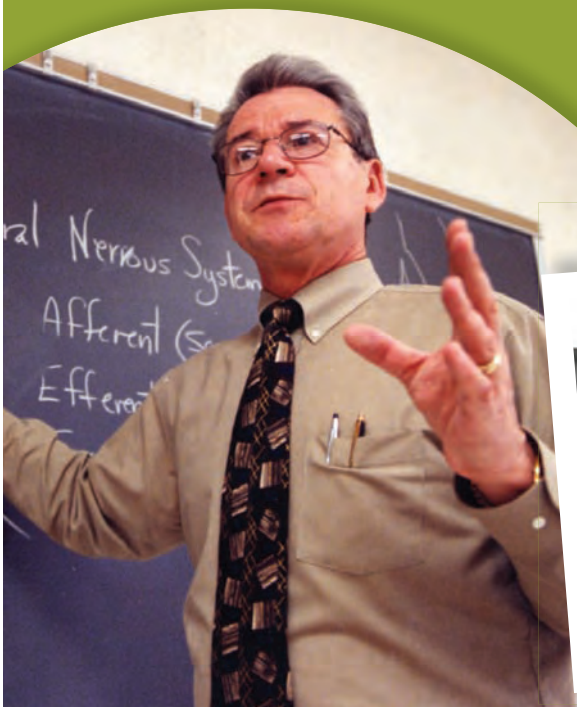
Trelka retired on June 30, 2008, but there is no doubt that his presence will be felt by current students and alumni for generations to come.

What will Trelka miss about his career at W&J?

"I will miss the ability to make a difference in the lives of young students, the congeniality of colleagues, and the opportunity to wear the administrative hat on occasion," Trelka said. "Perhaps I will do some traveling, and some consulting work."

In the meantime, Trelka will always continue to keep track of his former students and continue to help and make an impact any way he can.

Editor's Note: A symposium in recognition of Trelka's career will be held on October 16 at 9 a.m. in the Dieter-Porter Life Science Building. A roast and a dinner will be held in his honor the same evening at Southpointe Country Club. For more information, please contact Susan Kepler at 724-223-6095, skepler@washjeff.edu.





A. J. Williams '10 and Joshua Bashioum '10

While it is not at all unusual for a Washington & Jefferson College graduate to pursue a career in politics and eventually run for political office, it is not every day that two W&J sophomores are even candidates in local elections, let alone win in their easy fashion.

But that is exactly what A. J. Williams, 20, and Joshua Bashioum, 19, accomplished on Election Day last November: Williams won a four-year term on the Canonsburg Council, defeating a 14-year incumbent in the process, and Bashioum accomplished the same in winning one of five available seats on the Bentworth School Board.

A long-time resident of Canonsburg, Williams served a couple of years ago, through a new program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, as a junior councilman while still a senior at Canon McMillan High School. He did not then have a vote on council and he was not permitted to participate in executive sessions, but Williams said it was an experience that impacted his decision to run for first ward councilman.

"My experience as a junior councilman gave me the opportunity to see government's effect

THE VOTE IS IN...

Two W&J Sophomores Elected to Public Office

ROBERT REID

on the local community," Williams said. "It got me thinking that I may have something more to contribute."

Williams was busy campaigning in March, April, and May leading up to the primary, when he secured by 17 votes the Democratic nomination for the general election. He then defeated his primary challenger a second time, who ran again as a write-in candidate, by a 4:1 margin.

Williams is majoring in French, with a possible minor in political science. He said the education he is receiving at W&J has prepared him for his new position.

"While you do get one-on-one interaction with faculty at W&J, there is a lot of independent study. In the education you receive here, you have a lot of responsibilities, and the lessons you learn here are very helpful as they help you grow and mature."

Like Williams, Bashioum is the youngest member of his board, which oversees the small district comprised of an elementary, middle, and high school. The undecided major who is leaning towards declaring political science received the second-highest number of votes among the six candidates running for the seats. His mother is also a board member.

"I decided to devote myself to one cause to make a consistent impact," he said. "I feel like I have something to offer the district."

As part of his campaign, Bashioum attended two board meetings each month, getting to know not just the people in the district, but the issues it

faces. He attended various school sporting events and also sent a letter to the community the week before election asking for support. He stayed at the polls until closing on Election Day to continue to greet voters. Bashioum was optimistic heading into Election Day.

"I had a feeling I had a good shot to finish fifth, maybe fourth," he said.

He finished second. The incumbent school board president finished sixth and did not win re-election.

Bashioum specifically points to a W&J Intersession course he had taken on school law earlier in the year, taught by Reed Day '52, which helped prepare him for success in running for office.

Joseph DiSarro, Ph.D., chair of W&J's Political Science Department, finds it unusual for two such young people, still in college, to run for political office.

"This is a trend that generally appears to be on the rise, and it is nothing but good," DiSarro said. "Statistics show that young people do not vote. If we can get more young people involved in the political arena, this will lead to better leaders in the future."



W&J Junior Selected for Prestigious Internship Program in France

ROBERT REID

Brittany Anderton, a junior cell and molecular biology major, is one of just four students nationwide to be selected as a Paul W. Zuccaire Intern of the Institut Pasteur in Paris, an internationally renowned foundation dedicated to the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases. She will complete the 10-week internship program this summer.

"I am very interested in research as a career goal and this will be such a wonderful opportunity for me. I was so excited to learn I had been accepted," Anderton said. "I am very interested in the program because it gives me a chance to learn in an incredibly respected and world-renowned institution while at the same time, study abroad for the first time."

"Brittany Anderton is an exceptional young woman who is very highly regarded by many faculty members at W&J," said Candy DeBery, associate professor of biology. "She is one of our most promising junior cell and molecular biology majors, and is exactly the type of student who would benefit greatly from a summer research

internship at Institut Pasteur."

Anderton believes her research internship in molecular oncology at the University of Pittsburgh last summer not only helped her secure this internship at the Institut Pasteur, but also increased her interest in research as a career. She conducted research in the laboratory of Dr. Stefan Duensing, Department of Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry at Pitt, working full-time for ten weeks in a cancer lab researching the oncogenicity of HPV-16.

Anderton is an Alpha Scholar and a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society. She earned a Presidential Scholarship, is on the Dean's List, garnered President's Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll recognition in 2006 and 2007, and won the W&J Women's Leadership Award in 2007. She was also the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award recipient this year.

She is a member of G.I.V.E. (Get Involved in Volunteer Experiences), where she has served



as treasurer, and vice president and participated in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge during Spring Break in 2006 and 2007. She is on the women's track and field team, which won the President's Athletic Conference championship in 2006 and 2007, and placed in the top four of four events at conference championships.

"Brittany's high intelligence, constant poise, obvious maturity, exceptional organizational skills, serious and thorough approach to laboratory work, and her determination to excel in the sciences, in addition to her familiarity with many cell biology techniques and her very good general laboratory skills, will enable Brittany to make a genuine contribution to a research project," DeBery added.

Anderton studied four years of French in high school and completed two introductory classes in the language as a freshman and sophomore.

"I am really excited about this opportunity," she said. "I cannot wait to get started!"

W&J Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity Receives Top Honor

ROBERT REID

Washington & Jefferson College's Gamma chapter of Delta Tau Delta has won the prestigious Hugh Shields Award, and along with it, recognition as the fraternity's top chapter in the world.

The Hugh Shields Award for chapter excellence, given once a year to the top ten Delta Tau Delta chapters, is based on overall performance and programming in the areas of academic support, community service, campus involvement, leadership development, social responsibility, chapter organization and finances, recruitment, new member development, membership education, ritual ceremony performance, and all other chapter activities.

W&J Chapter President Max Schuster said his fraternity learned of the recognition at the recent 2008 Eastern Division Conference in Syracuse, New York, an annual regional meeting of fraternity leadership that concludes with an awards banquet. While the W&J chapter was honored with a Hugh Shields Award and flag, it also learned it finished first among the more than 115 Delta Tau Delta chapters worldwide, a first for the chapter.

"There were so many people who helped us get our application together," Schuster said, adding that its application was 350 pages. "Dean [associate dean of student life Jerry] Stebbins, Hara [Henshell, former director of Greek life], Dean Yuhasz [Susan Yuhasz, retired vice president and dean of student life], my fraternity brothers, and our alums were all so very helpful in getting

information together and in supporting us throughout this process."

Once a chapter wins five Hugh Shields Awards, it is given a permanent flag to retire in its chapter house. By winning this year's honor, it will be the second permanent flag for the Gamma chapter, which has now won the award a total of ten times.



"We are very excited to win this award. It was a group effort and without a lot of help we would not have been recognized and have the opportunity to show what the Greek community does and what we accomplish," Schuster said. "It is definitely a good feeling to win this award."

Henshell, who joined the College as the director of Greek life in 2007, said she is proud of the Delta Tau Delta chapter.

"As a whole for the Greek life community, this is a great example of what they do but are not always recognized for," she said. "Ours is an exemplary chapter and a really great example of what our Greeks accomplish."

The Gamma chapter of Delta Tau Delta includes 39 members; chapter advisor is Bill Knestrick '03.



W&J Receives President's Honor Roll Award for Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service named Washington & Jefferson College to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

"This is an honor I accept on behalf of our entire community, from our students who volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters and spend spring break in Florida helping Habitat for Humanity build homes, to our faculty and staff members who serve on the boards of local community organizations and support our local charities," said W&J President Tori Haring-Smith. "Service to the community is an important way in which our students put their liberal arts education to work."

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

According to Susanna Hart, volunteer services coordinator, more than forty percent of the student population at W&J engaged in some type of community service during the 2006-2007 academic year, providing approximately 15,000 hours of service to the community.

The Honor Roll is jointly sponsored by the Corporation through its Learn and Serve America program, a program that supports service-learning in schools, institutions of higher education, and community-based organizations; along with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

In congratulating this year's winners, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said, "Americans rely on our higher education system to prepare students for citizenship and the workforce. We look to institutions like these to provide leadership in partnering with local schools to shape the civic, democratic, and economic future of our country."



From the Archives of the U. Grant Miller Library...Did you know...?

W&J Builds on the Legacy of Early Investors

REBECCA KEENAN

W&J's history has many examples of how early investors not only insured the existence of the College, but continued over the years to safeguard its success. Our founders and early supporters invested time, property, and money in the log cabin schools and the academies which preceded the colleges of Jefferson and Washington.

As the early academies struggled to survive, prominent citizens offered their patronage and support. The local Courts of Common Pleas and the Orphans' Court donated the fees taken at every judgment to help Washington Academy. Benjamin Franklin made a personal gift of 50 pounds for the purchase of books to form the nucleus of a school library. In nearby Canonsburg, Colonel John Canon presented Canonsburg Academy a plot of ground on which to erect its schoolhouse.

The efforts of these early investors have been rewarded many times over. A review of a representative group of graduates from earlier times reveals the success, accomplishments, and commitment of W&J alumni. Though some of their names are familiar, many are not; however, all contributed significantly to their fields and were influenced by their time and experiences as students at Washington & Jefferson College.

A tabulation of the 4,604 graduates since 1802 taken from the 1918 Alumni Catalogue lists the following:

- 4 Cabinet Ministers of the United States
- 11 United States Senators
- 10 Governors of States
- 84 United States Congressmen
- 230 State Legislators
- 83 Presidents of Colleges and Universities
- 35 Moderators of General Assemblies
- 20 Judges of State Supreme Courts

- 125 Judges of County Courts
- 1,724 Ministers
- 100 Foreign Missionaries
- 1,118 Lawyers
- 570 Doctors

These are representatives of the generations of men who have gone, year after year, into all walks of life, into all parts of the world, inevitably bearing and imparting in their distinguished careers influences of Washington and Jefferson colleges.

Inspirations from the past

James G. Blaine, Washington Class of 1847, was a member of the United States House of Representatives, Speaker of the House, U.S. Senator, and Secretary of State under Presidents James Garfield, Chester Arthur, and Benjamin Harrison. In 1884, he was the Republican candidate for President of the United States but lost to Grover Cleveland.

Dudley Evans, Washington Class of 1859, was president of Wells Fargo Bank, today the fifth largest bank in the United States. Following the San Francisco earthquake in 1906, Evans authorized the free transport of money, clothing, and supplies for the relief of the city.

James C. Rhea Ewing, Class of 1876, became a missionary and educator in India in 1879 and was knighted by the King of England for his many services to that country. Sir James was the first American of his profession to receive this honor.

Ambrose Lansing, Class of 1911, was curator of Egyptian Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and one of the most eminent Egyptologists of his time. He participated in the Museum's 30-year excavation program in Egypt and brought innumerable pieces of great artistic, historical, and cultural importance into the collection.

Dr. Jesse Lazear, Class of 1888 (non-graduate), an expert in clinical microscopy, was a member of a special task force of physicians in Cuba to determine the cause and cure of yellow fever. He gave his life at age 34 in his quest to successfully identify the mosquito as the carrier. In 1929, he was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award. In 1940, W&J dedicated the Jesse W. Lazear Chemistry Building in his honor.

Dr. Jonathan Letterman, Jefferson Class of 1845, while Medical Director of the Union Army in 1862, developed the triage method for initial medical treatment of the injured, which is still used today. He is recognized as the Father of Modern Battlefield Medicine. His brother, William H. Letterman, Jefferson Class of 1853, was one of the founders of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Dr. Edwin Linton, Class of 1879, a world-famous authority on parasitology, was a pioneer in his field and worked for the U.S. Fish Commission at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., the nation's first Federal conservation agency. He returned to W&J in 1882 and remained as Professor of Geology and Biology until 1920, devoting his summers to his parasitological research.

William Holmes McGuffey, Washington Class of 1826, was a pioneer educator and author of one of America's first textbooks, the famous *McGuffey Readers* which sold over 122 million copies. For most of the 19th century, public school students learned their lessons from his popular Readers.

Dr. William A. Passavant, Jefferson Class of 1840, was a humanitarian and preacher, dedicating his life to working for the poor and the unfortunate and founding missions, hospitals, and orphanages, including Passavant Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Joseph R. Wilson, Jefferson Class of 1844, was a noted educator, orator, and theologian, but is perhaps best known as the father of Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States.



Professor Edwin Linton and his biology class, March 1908.

A Trip of a Lifetime: Tropical Island Ecology and Conservation in Dominica

TALIA HUGHES '10

This past January, I traveled to the commonwealth of Dominica (not the Dominican Republic) with ten of my fellow classmates for an Intersession course called "Tropical Island Ecology and Conservation in Dominica." It was my first significant trip out of the country, and it was my first time on a plane. Upon arrival to the island, I was apprehensive about staying in a third-world country. Many Dominicans live in very small houses, which, for lack of a better term, I would call shacks, and bathe in the rivers and ocean. However, after meeting many Dominicans, I soon learned that this standard of living did not mean a poor quality of life. Though their infrastructure seemed primitive, these were some of the most hardworking, intelligent, and happiest people I had ever met.

During our eleven days in Dominica, we explored many different ecosystems, including rainforests, cloud forests, coral reefs, rivers and streams, a boiling lake, coastal habitats, and even the offshore pelagic zone where we were able to see sperm whales and dolphins. Since the island is only 29 miles long and 16 miles wide, we were able to quickly travel from one ecosystem to the next. Dominica is dubbed the "Nature Island of the Caribbean," because it is still mostly forested. However, its economy is growing, and Dominicans are adapting many of the behaviors of more developed nations. One of our goals while on the trip was to explore the effects of this expanding economy on Dominica's natural landscapes and seascapes.

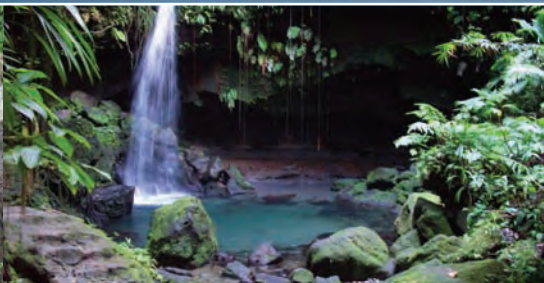


Bottom row (sitting) from left to right: Matthew Mazgaj '09, Talia Hughes '10, and Staci Kubiak '09.
Middle row: Ashley Kondas '11, Cara Gray '11, Zack Devilbiss '09, Sarah Boyenger (Salem College), Tyler Frew '10, Erica Toth '10, and John Foran '08.
Back row: Tim Huckestein '08.

The most memorable journey we made was to the Boiling Lake. The ten-mile hike to and from the lake was filled with vivid and breathtaking scenery. The steep, slippery, and seemingly endless trail was very physically demanding. From the tops of the mountains, we saw the steam rising from the lake in the distance, making us more anxious to reach it. Along the journey, we made our way through the Valley of Desolation, which was filled with hot gurgling streams and sulfur clouds. After about three hours of hiking, we finally reached the lake. The treacherous journey was well worth it, as the Boiling Lake was one of the most awe-inspiring and satisfying experiences I have ever had.

To assist in the travel expenses, I received the \$500 Edward and Barbara Greb Travel Award. I am very appreciative and thankful to the Grebs because the award greatly lessened the financial burden on both my family and me. Without it, we may have had difficulty coming up with the money for me to go on the trip. I hope that, one day, I will be able to help others and provide opportunities like the Grebs have done for me.

I plan to enter the healthcare field in the future, and I believe that a good way of giving back would be to offer healthcare to those in need. By receiving this award, I have been further inspired to pursue those dreams. The Greb Award helped me to see the difference that one can make in another's life by giving.



The "Tropical Island Ecology and Conservation in Dominica" course was a collaboration among Clemson University, Salem College, and W&J. Under the direction of W&J Professor of Biology Jamie March, Ph.D., the trip involved 11 students each from W&J and Salem College, and was modeled after a course designed by Dr. Kalan Ickes (son of retired W&J Professor of Biology Roy Ickes) of Clemson University.



Logan Weygandt '07 (left) studies the effects of land use on avian disease.

An Investment in Costa Rica

LOGAN WEYGANDT '07

UNITED STATES FULBRIGHT FELLOW
SAN LUIS, COSTA RICA

As a Fulbright Fellow serving in the Central American country of Costa Rica, I have trekked to both the northern and southern extremes of the country, as well as the Nicaraguan cities of Managua and Leon. While traveling via bus, plane, and taxi, I have reflected on my experiences and comprehended the impact I have made on the San Luis community of Costa Rica. My time here has been nothing short of amazing.

My experience as a Fulbright Fellow can be broken down into several investments that have been, are being, and will be made. Not only have I invested in the local San Luis community, but I have been able to invest in other nations, and most importantly—in my own future.

Investing in the environment

Conservation is an increasingly important concern as we move into the next millennium; research on sustainability will continue to be of the utmost importance. Understanding the environment and our potential to alter it will greatly impact generations to come.

Biodiversity is being lost at unprecedented rates, largely due to habitat loss and fragmentation. Agricultural activities play a major role in global habitat destruction, and sustainable agriculture will be increasingly important in conservation efforts. Coffee farming, especially shade coffee farming, is being promoted as a form of sustainable agriculture that is “bird friendly.” However, changes in land use affect the ways in which species interact, and little has been done to evaluate the effects of land use on avian disease. This study, the focus of my Fulbright project, was designed to evaluate the effects of coffee agriculture on bird disease, to comment on differences in pathogen prevalence and parasite load between the two coffee farming modalities (sun and shade), and to suggest which modality provides a better habitat for birds in terms of disease.

This project has truly been an amazing experience, and would not have been possible without the generous investments of time, energy, and support provided by Dr. Sonia Hernandez-Divers, DVM, Ph.D.

candidate and adjunct professor of the University of Georgia, or the munificent contributions of the U.S. Student Fulbright Program.

While carrying out this study, I have held more than 500 birds in hand, including more than 75 species. I have seen firsthand the beauty of the most exotic tropical birds, such as the Long-tailed Manakin, Blue-crowned Motmot, Silver-throated Tanager, and the Emerald Toucanet. I have personally witnessed the necessity of conservation efforts in order to preserve the wonderful biodiversity still existent in the world.

Investing in the local community

An important goal of a Fulbright project, education is one of the most significant investments that can be made for the future; it provides the perspective needed to improve the world in which we live. During my tenure in Costa Rica, I have been teaching English in the local San Luis elementary schools and providing private lessons for community members, often weaving environmental themes into the discourse. Through environmental education, we provide the next generation with the knowledge and tools necessary to preserve the world in which we live.

Often in the tropics, research is carried out with little or no community involvement. Researchers fail to inform the community of the importance of their findings to the lives of the local people. I will be presenting my findings to the people of San Luis and San Vito to raise interest in environmental issues while encouraging sustainable agricultural practices, in the hopes that the results might brighten the future of these communities.

Investing in other nations

The Fulbright Program “aims to increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and other countries, through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.” Grantees are provided with the necessary support to live within the communities of their respective host countries. As a Fulbright Fellow, I have become a member of the communities in which I have lived. I play on the San

Luis soccer team and participate in many community events. I have made many lasting friendships, and will indeed find it difficult to leave Costa Rica behind when my ten months are over.

Recently, I was able to participate in the Fulbright Enhancement Seminar in the Nicaraguan cities of Managua and Leon. It was a spectacular way to learn about other Fulbright projects throughout Central America. Themes of the projects varied from Spanish reggae music and parasitism in fungus cultivating ants, to burial rights for victims of the Guatemalan civil war—and each, in its own way, showed that the goals of the Fulbright grant are being realized. The Fulbright Program invests in the future of nations by promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between scholars across the globe, and it will no doubt continue to provide life-changing experiences to its grantees for years to come.

Investing in my own future

W&J provided me with a remarkable undergraduate education. My professors encouraged me to take risks; they helped me develop the skills I needed to carry out a research internship, study abroad, and become a Fulbright Fellow.

My experiences at W&J and the opportunities that I was given have paved the road for my future. Though I arrived at college with many uncertainties, I left with the knowledge and experience to attain my goals. In the fall, I began the arduous process of applying to medical school and eagerly awaited the decisions of various admissions committees. I have been accepted to my first choice, Johns Hopkins University, and will soon join my fellow classmates on our path to become the next generation of physicians.

Thank you for investing the time to read about my experiences—I hope it has provided adequate dividends. I also wish to thank you for continually investing in the future of W&J. Together we can make a difference and leave this world a better place.

¡Pura Vida!

H.J. MANZARI, PH.D., W&J ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SPANISH
UNITED STATES FULBRIGHT FELLOW
HEREDIA, COSTA RICA

The phrase *¡Pura vida!* ("Pure Life") pretty much sums up my six months in Costa Rica. In June 2007, my family and I marched off to Heredia, Costa Rica, where I pursued post-doctoral work through the Fulbright Program at the Universidad Nacional. Traveling with a newborn, two young girls, and my Cuban wife, Costa Rica was not unfamiliar territory to us. We settled into a house we rented on the outskirts of Heredia, in San Josecito de San Rafael de Heredia, a small village nestled in the heart of coffee plantations. When we arrived, the plants were shiny and bright green but by the time we left in December, they were speckled with bright red coffee beans ripe for the picking. Without a car, we moved about by foot, bus, and taxi and we had plenty of time to explore Costa Rica's diverse and dynamic flora and fauna.

My research at the Universidad Nacional was atypical, especially for Costa Ricans, and I worked closely with Ph.D. students from the Doctorado Interdisciplinario en Letras y Artes en América Central (Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Letters and Arts from Central America). My students ranged from 25 to 55 years of age, and they were all experts and professionals in their respective fields: musicians, museum curators, teachers, and writers—even an architect! A few of them were Costa Ricans, two were Colombian, one was from El Salvador, another was from Nicaragua, and one from as far as Argentina. A virtual United Nations of Ph.D. candidates, it was obvious from the start that they were all working towards one common goal: the preservation and study of the arts and literature from the Americas.

Since my research focused on "Caribbean Voices: Image, Text and Music from Costa Rica" and none of them had ever really studied Caribbean arts, it seemed like the perfect marriage.

The basic idea of my research was to collect enough data on Caribbean music, art, and literature from Costa Rica so that I could continue building my digital archive "Voces del Caribe," or Caribbean Voices. While the Caribbean has been increasingly recognized as a rich space that deals powerfully with the multi-perspective realities of the Americas, the truth is that little attention has been given to the Costa Rican Caribbean. The literature, music, and art of the Costa Rican Caribbean are diverse and critical because of its distinct development as a culture of the descendants of West Indian immigrants who arrived at the end of the nineteenth century. It is an expression that has aesthetic and social value by presenting the specific reality and conditions of black West Indians in a Hispanic country and the tensions between these two cultural positions. My present research focuses on the cultural contributions of Caribbean Costa Ricans, and how their treatment of marginalized space configures a cultural identity that is no longer West Indian and in contestation with the dominant Europeanized culture of Costa Rica.

My doctoral students were essential to my research and helped me establish contact with contemporary authors, musicians, painters, and cinematographers from the Limón province and throughout Costa Rica. My research has helped me develop new



The Manzari family takes on the La Paz Waterfall Gardens in Varablanca, Costa Rica

insights into the narratives surrounding the Caribbean nature in Costa Rica. It has helped me establish new dialogues with regards to place and identity seen through the Costa Rican Caribbean voices.

This summer, I plan to return to Costa Rica to continue my research and preservation of Costa Rican Caribbean culture. With the help of my ex-graduate students, we will host a workshop on Caribbean culture at the International Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, to be held in Costa Rica, as part of a continued effort to share our love for all things Caribbean and Costa Rican.



Calypsonians old and new, Courtesy of Papaya Music



Logan Weygandt '07 (left) and his co-worker, field assistant Adan Fuentes, admire emerald toucanets (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*).



A brown jay (*Cyanocorax morio*) takes refuge on Weygandt's hand.

Buba Misawa, associate professor of political science, was featured in a story entitled, "African Eye Opener," in the April issue of *Pittsburgh Professional* magazine. The story highlighted his twice yearly trips with students to his homeland of Nigeria.

Former president Bill Clinton spoke at W&J's Henry Memorial Gymnasium on March 11. Campaigning for his wife and presidential candidate and Senator Hillary Clinton, Clinton's visit was covered by a variety of national media outlets, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *CNN*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and the *Associated Press*.

Nicholas Cavoti, professor of psychology, was featured in a December issue of the *Pittsburgh Business Times*. The story about Cavoti was one of several that highlighted managers in the region in a variety of different fields.

Senior swimmer **Kaitlyn Orstein** appeared in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of the March 10 issue of *Sports Illustrated* magazine. Orstein capped one of the most decorated careers as a W&J student-athlete in March with her eighth NCAA Division III national swimming championship.

Joseph DiSarro, professor of political science, and a group of his students were featured in the Washington (Pa.) *Observer-Reporter's* President's Day (February 18) story entitled, "Put to the Test on Presidents: Study Claims Pricey Universities Poor at Imparting U.S. History Knowledge." This study by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute showed that many of today's college students are below average in their knowledge of presidential and history trivia. DiSarro

and his students were asked a variety of related questions, however; and were "on the ball," according to the reporter. DiSarro said students seem to have a fundamental understanding that the presidency is important to them. "I find students very informed," he said.

DiSarro was also quoted extensively in the April 8 edition of the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. A story entitled, "Uncommitted Altmire Keeps Focus on Fall," highlighted U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire and his endorsement of a democratic candidate for president. The democrat will face Republican challenger **Melissa Hart '84** in the fall.



Roberta Cross, director of career services, was quoted several times in the second semester super issue of *The Black Collegiate* magazine in a story entitled "Preparing for the On-site Interview." Cross's suggestions to students included "don't be late" for an interview, and when it comes to a meeting during

meal time, "even though it's lunch; it's not about the food." She also explained in the article that students need to be flexible but not "indecisive."

Thomas Mainwaring, professor of history, was quoted in a February story in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. In a story entitled "Successful Presidents Conjure 'Luck,' 'Vision,'" Mainwaring said successful presidents listen to many counselors and a variety of opinions. "Lincoln is a case in point," he said, because he built his cabinet of strong leaders, not

followers. He added that, "Lincoln clearly believed he could gain something from them."

Pittsburgh Mayor **Luke Ravenstahl '03** and W&J were mentioned and highlighted in an April 9 *Washington Post* article entitled, "The Gospel, According to Luke." The story focused on the youngest big-city mayor in modern U.S. history and his endorsement of Senator Hillary Clinton for president.

Democratic Presidential Candidate Senator Barack Obama held a townhall-style meeting in W&J's Rossin Campus Center Ballroom on April 15. Obama addressed a group of veterans who were invited by the local Obama campaign office. Obama also spoke to a group of students outside the Campus Center prior to the meeting. Obama's visit to campus and his remarks were covered by more than 50 members of the local, state and national media, including the *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and the *Washington (D.C.) Times*.



Michelle Vettorel, director of financial aid, and **Billy Churma '08** were quoted in an April 10 *U.S. News and World Report* story entitled, "Work-Study Can Help Keep Cash in Your Pockets." Vettorel noted that the work study program is positive for both students and the College because it gives staff the help it needs, and students the experience that is so valuable

W&J Names New Vice President and Dean of Student Life



Byron McCrae, Ph.D., associate vice president for student affairs at the San Francisco Art Institute, has been named to succeed Susan Yuhasz as vice president and dean of student life, and will begin on July 1. Yuhasz announced her retirement, effective at the end of the current academic year, last August.

"Byron brings a wealth of experience to the position, and his work with the Greek system, with faculty, with counseling, and with athletics has prepared him to continue the momentum that has been generated during Susan Yuhasz's tenure," said President Tori Haring-Smith. "The final pool of candidates was truly superb, but Byron stood out and I warmly welcome him to our community."

McCrae will be a member of Haring-Smith's senior staff, reporting directly to the president

and leading the Student Life division, including athletics, career services, counseling services, Greek life, health services, multicultural affairs, protection services, residence life, student activities, student transitions programs, and volunteer services. McCrae holds a bachelor's degree in communication arts from Salisbury University and a master's degree in higher education from Syracuse University. He earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership, administration, and policy from Fordham University in 2006.

"I am extremely excited to join the W&J team and look forward to becoming a member of a campus community that truly 'wowed' me when I was on campus during the interview process," McCrae said. "From what I have seen, I have no doubt that W&J is an incredible college community with a dedicated and committed student body, faculty, and staff."

As associate vice president for student affairs at the San Francisco Art Institute since 2005, McCrae supervises campus life, career services, counseling, disability services, housing and residence life, and international student services and programs; initiates parent programs; and

leads campus-wide security and crisis response initiatives. He serves on the president's cabinet and participates in institutional strategic planning as a member of the senior management team.

He has also served as coordinator of student conduct at Montclair State University, where he supervised student discipline; as assistant dean of student affairs at Sarah Lawrence College, where he supervised the director of student activities and provided leadership to activities programs and staff; and as assistant dean of student life at the University of Oregon.

"I am inspired to work in student affairs because I imagine myself as having a small hand in shaping the next generation of leaders who will have the 'big ideas' in arts, culture, education, law, public service, politics, and science. I often find myself inspired by the students I serve, and learn as much, if not more, from them as I hope to teach them," McCrae said regarding his philosophy. "With my overall approach to student affairs, I intend to help every student learn who she or he might want to be, and to get her or him started on the path of personal discovery."

The Gift of Education

Established in 2005 by the Class of 1955 in celebration of their 50th Reunion, the Class of 1955 Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund provides income annually for student scholarship awards to those students with financial need and meeting the College's eligibility requirements.

The Class of 1955's fundraising efforts raised more than \$156,000 in gifts, pledges, and estate commitments, not only for this scholarship fund, but for the Annual Fund, the Old Main Restoration project, and other worthy initiatives at W&J.

Future monies and gifts received from members of the W&J Class of 1955 will continue to provide students such as Michael Conner with the financial assistance that an endowed scholarship offers.

One of the greatest gifts that can be given is the gift of education. With your help and that of other generous donors, such as the Class of 1955, Washington & Jefferson College will continue to graduate educated men and women of purpose and integrity, who are prepared to contribute significantly to the world in which they live.

Your gift—whether it is to the W&J Annual Fund, the endowment, The Pete Henry Society, or one of our many capital improvement projects—matters in the lives of W&J students. To learn more about how your gift can benefit W&J students, please contact Karen Crenshaw, director of development and planned giving, at 724-223-6502 or krenshaw@washjeff.edu. To make a gift online, visit www.washjeff.edu/give.



Dear members of the Class of 1955,

My name is Michael Conner. I am a sophomore at W&J from Mars, Pa., attempting to double-major in business administration and mathematics. I am involved with the Business Club, Mathematics Club, and the intramural sports program here on campus. I also volunteer my time at the Washington Family Center After-School Program. After graduation, my goal is to coach or manage a professional sports team. I love all sports, especially baseball!

I wanted to thank you for your generous gift of the Class of 1955 Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund. It has been a true blessing for me, even more so since my father recently lost his job. Paying tuition has become a great challenge. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Michael Conner



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The Science Initiative: Investing in the Future

EMILY TRIFARO

If you build it, they will come—at least that's what Kevin Costner was inspired to believe in the movie *Field of Dreams*. In the case of W&J's new, \$32 million John A. Swanson Science Center, scheduled to open in 2010, however, "they" are already here.

Known nationally for its excellence in science education, more than one-fifth of W&J's student population is currently pursuing an undergraduate science education at W&J. The College's strong core programs in biology, chemistry, physics, environmental studies, and psychology have provided the foundation for generations of leaders in medicine, research, and industry. Additionally, W&J ranks third in the country per capita for producing physicians and scientific researchers; 11% of alumni are doctors, engineers, and scientists.

To continue providing the best education possible, W&J, as part of The Science Initiative, is upgrading its science facilities to ensure that future generations of students can rely on the College for demanding, student-centered learning experiences

that provide access to opportunity and emphasize individual success. The Science Initiative includes the construction of the 45,000-square-foot John A. Swanson Science Center, renovations to the Dieter-Porter Life Science Building, and an increase in endowment targeted toward science education that will impact students and faculty, as well as provide research opportunities.

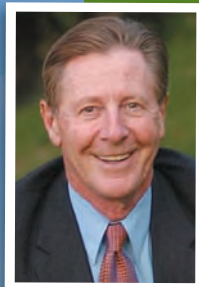
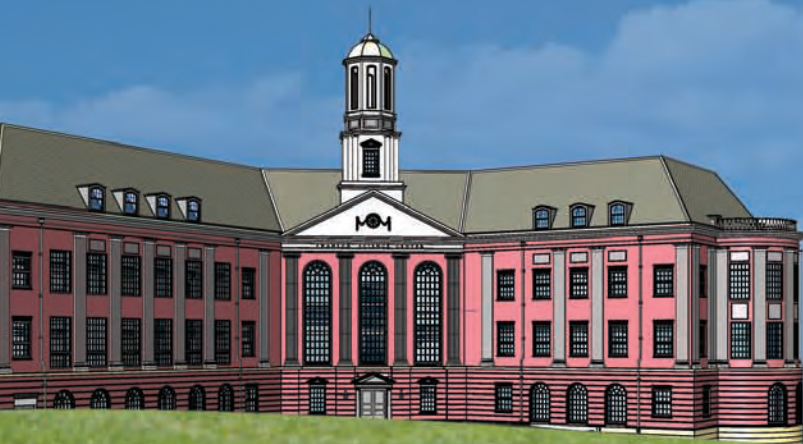
"The Science Initiative has been a long time coming, and certainly very necessary," said Mike Grzesiak, vice president of development at W&J. "We're pleased to announce that at this time, we've raised more than 75 percent of our goal, thanks to our loyal alumni supporters and donors. With their help, we will be able to bring physical space in line with the College's growing scientific discovery and technology needs."

The architecture firm of Einhorn Yaffe Prescott of Cambridge, Massachusetts and New York City, New York will guide this project, which began with the demolition of McIlvaine Hall this summer. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held

in September, involving donors, students, and faculty.

"One of the many challenges of maintaining our prominence in an interdisciplinary, undergraduate science education is providing the high quality facilities that will finally match the high quality of our students, faculty, and staff at W&J," said President Tori Haring-Smith. "We continue to meet that challenge with the new Swanson Science Center, and renovations to Dieter-Porter."

The John A. Swanson Science Center will provide students with a state-of-the-art learning and research facility. Integrating the departments of chemistry and physics, the contemporary interior of its open laboratory and teaching spaces will promote cross-disciplinary learning and collaboration. Building amenities will include wet and dry teaching laboratories; research and classroom space; faculty offices; conference rooms; and a multi-disciplinary lab designed for non-science majors, all with one goal in mind—to foster interaction between departments and disciplines in a community learning environment.



"W&J has a great interest in preparing students for their career objectives and I am certain this will continue well into the future. But to ensure it, we must make it possible for W&J's student body and faculty to have access to facilities and equipment where the world-class education can continue. Look at what our students have accomplished over the decades; imagine what they can accomplish if we arm them even more with the knowledge, skills, and experiences of the new Science Initiative."

—E. Ronald Salvitti, M.D. '59
President and Director, Southwestern
Pennsylvania Eye Center

The building will replace the antiquated facilities currently located in Lazear Chemistry Hall and Thistle Physics Building, and will be erected on the site of McIlvaine Hall at the corner of Lincoln and East Maiden streets. The architecture will maintain the historical character of W&J's campus while simultaneously supporting a contemporary, state-of-the-art science curriculum and research program.

The Swanson Science Center will also incorporate an environmentally-responsible design process, striving to become the first privately owned building in Washington County with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. The design will provide the cost-saving benefits of energy conservation with a firm commitment to sustaining a healthy environment.

As part of the W&J Science Initiative, significant renovations will also be made to the Dieter-Porter Life Science Building, immediately following construction of the Swanson Science Center. Dedicated to the life sciences, enhancements will include new lighting, projection screens, chalkboards, and AV equipment in classrooms and discussion rooms; energy-efficient updates to mechanical and air conditioning systems; improvements to animal laboratories; and complete interior upgrades, which will meet the needs of today's life science students and transform it into a state-of-the-art science facility.

Together, the John A. Swanson Science Center and the dramatic renovation of the Dieter-Porter Life

Science Building will create a new, dynamic physical and life sciences quad on campus, facilitating interdisciplinary work among the sciences.

Endowment: Sustaining Science

W&J is also working to improve the science programs themselves—not just the buildings that house them.

Endowed professorships are an investment in the capacity of a college, used to recruit and retain leading scholars in a particular field. The prestige and financial support of endowed professorships will retain leaders and innovators on the W&J faculty and provide students with the opportunities to conduct sophisticated research under the guidance of some of our nation's leading scientists.

Endowments may be established to support a wide variety of programming and scholarship initiatives in the sciences. These endowments support student-centered academic and research initiatives, including internships, professional development, scholarships, and outreach programs; they provide resources for maintaining and acquiring the equipment necessary to facilitate experiential undergraduate science education.

Increased endowment resources ensure that W&J's programs are strong and keeping pace with emerging disciplines, allowing the College to attract first-rate faculty while providing students with real-world research experience.

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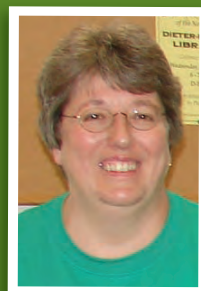
Endowment opportunities begin at \$10,000

For more information on how you can make a lasting impression on W&J's future, please contact the development office at 724-223-6502 or development@washjeff.edu.



"One of the main reasons I came to W&J was to be a part of the excellent Pre-Health Program. As I toured other colleges and universities, I saw their science buildings and was impressed with the technology and overall size of their facilities. I still knew, despite the older science buildings on campus, that W&J could better prepare me for a life in medicine. Having a new science building on this campus would have put no doubt in my mind that this was the school for me. Because of the numerous possibilities that students will encounter, I am pleased to hear of the construction of a new science building."

—Craig Rumbaugh '09



"Having a LEED-certified physical sciences building will be a great asset to the College and to the environment. The entire building, and the grounds around it, will be an enormous classroom on sustainability—not only for our students, faculty, staff, and alumni, but also for our community here in southwestern Pennsylvania. In addition, the renovations to Dieter-Porter will provide a very welcome opportunity to upgrade a facility that has been used to provide a top-notch science education for nearly three decades."

—Candy DeBerry, Ph. D.
Associate Professor of Biology



Investing

Jimil Wilson '00: in Today's Youth

ROBERT REID AND EMILY TRIFARO

of nonprofit organizations that focus on children, such as tutoring students at Perry Traditional Academy in Pittsburgh.

"Growing up, there were older children and adults who gave their time to be with me," said Wilson, who was also recently named to the W&J Alumni Executive Council. "I really appreciated having people who believed and invested in me as a young child. Giving of my time to the kids in my community today is my way of paying those individuals back, with interest."

Wilson's background and career in the financial industry has allowed him to volunteer not only his time, but his professional skills and knowledge as well. He serves on the finance committee of the board of

said his desire to help kids began at W&J when he tutored students in nearby Trinity and Washington school districts.

"On occasion, it would be cold and dreary and you might not have wanted to go. But we helped the kids, they remembered your name, and you could see how worthwhile it really was," Wilson recalls about his volunteering as a student at W&J.

While he admits that his volunteer experience may have begun as part of a class assignment, many of his friends who joined him in activities at W&J continue to give back to the community today. In addition to his work with youth, Wilson has also spent time volunteering with the local food bank and with other PNC volunteer programs.

An economics major at W&J, Wilson was co-founder of the Economics Club and served as its vice president. He served as president of the Black Student Union for two years, and had the opportunity to study abroad at Royal Holloway University of London, where he studied economics for a year.

"I invest a lot of time working with youth in the community, and I really enjoy it," Wilson said. "It's **extremely rewarding.**"

As a director at PNC Capital Markets, Jimil Wilson '00 appreciates the value of a good investment.

After all, PNC Capital Markets, a division of the Pittsburgh-based PNC Financial Services Group Inc., deals purely with bonds, where its main objective as a larger, regional bank is to assist other financial institutions of the same size or smaller with improving their profitability. Wilson's professional life focuses on trading treasuries and constantly observing and analyzing the market to not only determine where the market is heading in the future, but which investments will yield the highest returns.

But it was as a W&J student when it first became clear to Wilson that even better returns are a result of resources being put into our youth.

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Despite a busy and demanding schedule, Wilson volunteers his time with a number

of directors for PACE School, a placement option for school districts in Allegheny and surrounding counties near Pittsburgh that serves children with emotional challenges or autism. Wilson is also the treasurer for the Concrete Playground organization, which holds football and basketball camps for inner city youth in the Homewood area of Pittsburgh. Wilson said that by volunteering with these organizations, he strives to help them improve their financial standing, and find ways to finance the activities they need to carry out their missions.

"I sincerely believe that the greatest thing anyone can do is invest time and energy in youth, in children, and set a good example for them to follow. Essentially, they are our future—and if we don't invest in them now, it certainly will be more costly later on," Wilson added.

Wilson focuses on helping to foster communication between communities, to help develop a sense of worth between young men and women and to try to solve the problems associated with violence. He

Though many economics courses have prepared him for his professional career today, Wilson recognizes the role that his W&J liberal arts education has played in his life.

"I am a more well-rounded individual, able to look at problems from many different viewpoints, because of it," he said.

Wilson cherishes the opportunity to serve on the Alumni Executive Council and collaborate with the College's administration and fellow alumni in providing current and future students with the academic and social experiences that he had.

In the end though, for Wilson, it is all about the kids.

"Working with them and seeing how excited they are to see me really is the highlight of my week," he said.

INVESTING IN THEIR CHILDREN:

The Parents' Council at W&J

EMILY TRIFARO

What makes a good investment? Though we might each answer that question differently, one thing is certain: a good investment yields profitable returns, and, over time, appreciates in value.

The Parents' Council at W&J certainly values the investment in a W&J education. This dedicated group of family members gives of their time and financial resources to help the College continue to educate young men and women of uncommon integrity, competence, and maturity.

Begun in the spring of 2006, the W&J Parents' Council aims to communicate with and generate support from other W&J parents in order to enrich both the students' and parents' college experience. This group of parents of current students meets twice annually, in the fall and spring, and is actively promoting to other parents the importance of giving to the W&J Annual Fund, through the Parents Fund, in support of all W&J students.

The Parents Fund at W&J provides assistance not only to financial aid, scholarships, and student resources, but to faculty development, student and faculty research initiatives, and special programs as well. Realizing that the growth of all students extends far beyond the classroom, the Fund also supports student activities, athletics, and the Arts.

"The Parents' Council is really all about educating other parents on why it is so critical to give back to W&J, in addition to the cost of tuition," said Sarah Sperry, assistant director of alumni and parent relations. "They are demonstrating to their children that philanthropy is important. These council member parents feel that W&J is a worthy enough cause to invest in, and believe that their money is spent wisely by the College."

So far, the work of the Parents' Council is catching on. At its first meeting in 2006, the Council consisted of six families. That number grew in 2007 to ten, and currently stands at fifteen families.

"Continued growth is critical to the success of the Council," Sperry added. "Ideally, we'd like to add from five to six new families each academic year."

The statistics are equally impressive. Prior to the creation of the Parents' Council in the spring of 2006, the Parents Fund stood at 12 percent parent participation for the 2004-05 academic year. After its inception the following year, this percentage increased to 22 percent, equating to a growth of 55 percent during the 2006-07 academic year.

And, well, the numbers don't lie.



The efforts of the Parents' Council were able to almost double the dollars raised in the Parents Fund from \$25,963 in 2004-05 to \$50,310 in 2006-07, with the average gift increasing from \$74.38 in 2004-05, to \$88.89 in 2006-07. (2007-08 statistics will not be available until the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2008).

In the June 2007 issue of *Consumer Digest* magazine, Washington & Jefferson College was ranked as one of the top 10 best values in the private liberal arts schools' category. According to the magazine, "the rankings are based on attributes that validate or define the institutions' academic prowess, factored against the annual cost of tuition and room-and-board."

"As a liberal arts college, we are focused on



"Parents have a tremendous opportunity to be involved in strengthening Washington & Jefferson College, thereby enhancing the value of our sons' and daughters' education and the opportunities for personal development. W&J's strong sense of community and student engagement provides a unique educational environment."

Stevan Holmberg
Father of Eric Holmberg '09



"As an alumnus, I want our son to have the same opportunities that I had almost 30 years ago. When we became involved with the Parents' Council last year, we did not realize that only 65% of the cost of a W&J education is provided by tuition. The College requires more outside sources of revenue to keep the quality of education at the high level that W&J students have enjoyed for many years."

John '80 and Pam Burns
Parents of Matthew Burns '09

offering an extraordinary and well-rounded education; one that prepares our students for life after college. But at the same time, we remain committed to keeping our costs as fair and affordable as possible," said W&J President Tori Haring-Smith.

W&J's tuition and fees cover only a portion of the actual cost to educate a student. The College depends on support from many parents, including grandparents, to make up the difference between what tuition revenues provide and the true cost to educate students. Without annual gifts, the College would need to increase the endowment by \$40 million or raise tuition a significant amount, putting a large burden on students and families. Enhancements which benefit all students, such as library acquisitions, laboratory and classroom equipment, special programs and seminars, and guest lectureships are made possible by gifts from parents of current students.

The Cap & Tassel Society provides recognition to parents who give each year that their child attends W&J through the Parents Fund or any gift designation. Beginning in May 2009, parents meeting society requirements will be recognized at their child's commencement ceremony with

a reception and special donor recognition in an attempt to further demonstrate to graduates how they can follow in the steps of their parents in giving back to the College. Five families were recognized at Commencement 2008, marking the first graduating class with membership in the Cap & Tassel Society.

CREATING A LEGACY: THE FRANK FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

In the age of rising tuition costs in higher education, W&J is grateful for the generous gifts from its alumni, parents, and friends that lead to endowed scholarships for current and future students.

Endowed scholarships provide the financial foundation which encourages qualified students to benefit from a W&J education, students whom otherwise may not be able to afford such an invaluable educational experience. Endowed scholarships enable W&J to expand need and merit-based scholarships—not only to the brightest, but to the best students—without tapping into annual operating and capital funds or relying on tuition increases.

For some, endowed scholarships provide the opportunity create a family legacy at W&J.

Established in 2006 by Ron and Marsha Frank in honor of their son, Connor Frank '10, the Frank Family Scholarship will provide aid to one or more W&J students with financial need during each academic year. The Franks have pledged to contribute annually to the scholarship fund while Connor is a student, and plan to increase their financial support upon his graduation in 2010, until the scholarship is fully funded.

Through the Frank Family Scholarship, the Franks hope to help W&J continue its traditions of academic excellence and the development of leaders.

"After attending this Ivy League-quality college, W&J graduates have achieved remarkable success, and we want to support the College in attracting the best students, and in particular those with financial needs," said Ron.

The Franks have become very fond of W&J since their son matriculated in 2006, and desired to set a valuable example through creating a scholarship fund that Connor can continue once his education is complete.

"There is no better charitable tradition than a lifelong series of gifts to support your College," Ron added.

How You Can Get Involved

The Parents' Council seeks energetic volunteers to serve as members who advocate for W&J and educate parents about the importance of giving to W&J Annual Fund, through the Parents Fund, in support of all students.

To submit a parent for nomination, or find out how you can support the Parents' Council at W&J, please contact Sarah Sperry, assistant

director of alumni and parent relations at 724-250-3335 or ssperry@washjeff.edu.

The 2007-08 Parents' Council serves as a source of information for all parents of current students. The members welcome all W&J parents to contact them at any time to learn more about the Parents' Council, its mission, programs, and activities.

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SPORTS TALK

Making the Most of Your College Experience

SCOTT MCGUINNESS

Michael Reddy '08 was no different than any other incoming freshman upon his arrival at Washington & Jefferson College in the fall of 2004. He was excited and nervous, yet ready for a challenge. He knew he was attending W&J to be a business administration major and play golf, but his four-year journey turned Michael into a person he could have never dreamt to be—a leader.

When Michael was deciding on where to continue his education in the spring of 2004, the thought of becoming a collegiate golfer was towards the end of his list of bullet points. It wasn't until the encouragement of his father that Michael, who attended The Westminster School (Connecticut), decided to give collegiate golf a chance.

"The bright spots on the golf course during high school for me were few and far between, and I spent a lot of time in the rough and in the trees when I played in tournaments," said Reddy. "However, my dad told me that being

a college athlete would be something special because not everyone can say they played at the college level."

Shortly after matriculation, Reddy

began to participate in as many activities on campus as possible. Due to his love of sports and his passion for broadcasting, he quickly signed on to the sports staff at WNJR, W&J's student-run radio station. He then joined the newly-formed Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) where he rose to become the organization's president as a junior. Reddy also served as a resident advisor during his sophomore year and spent time as an intern in the W&J Sports Information Office during the 2006-07 academic year.

Balancing activities with a heavy course load, as well as the fall and spring golf seasons, was not easy; however, immersing himself into as many opportunities as possible has prepared Michael for his career path. He may not have known it while slashing 7-irons out of the rough in Connecticut, but Michael's future plans involve athletics

and leadership.

"I've known for a while that my athletic skills aren't worthy of a professional contract, even though I still foolishly dream from time to time that I'll have



Michael Reddy '08 (top row, second from right) and Allison Casoli '09 (bottom, far right) both completed internships with the Pittsburgh Steelers organization in the fall of 2007.

a putt to win a major golf tournament," he added. "Through all of my activities over the past four years, I have realized the areas I like the most and which one would be a good career choice for me, finding a way to stay around sports and maybe have an impact behind the scenes. Truthfully, I've enjoyed every aspect I've worked in whether it was with the team, business, broadcasting, or media relations, and I can honestly see myself in any of those capacities in the future."

Reddy may not paint a great picture about his collegiate golf accomplishments, but he is being modest. He was a key member on W&J's first golf team to earn a trip to the NCAA Division III Championships in 2006 and has

been a part of two Presidents' Athletic Conference Championship teams. His value to the team may not be found on the scorecard, but as a two-time assistant captain; the intangibles he brought to the team played a vital role.

"The only way to find your passion, in my opinion, is to become involved"



With a love of sports and passion for broadcasting, Michael Reddy serves on the sports staff of WNJR, W&J's student-run radio station.

"I guess from the perspective of what level a player I was when I started as a freshman to where I am now as a senior, I've enjoyed a lot of success," he noted. "I know that success is a very relative statistic. I've been successful on the golf course, just not at the level I wanted to reach. But our team has reached great heights and I couldn't be happier with that."

The summer of 2007 brought another exciting experience as Reddy earned a marketing internship with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He assisted in the execution of promotional and sponsorship programs, while helping the merchandise staff on game days. Reddy gained valuable behind-the-scenes insight on what it takes for a professional sports franchise to run on a daily basis.

"I remember seeing Heinz Field for the first time when I returned to Pittsburgh for the start of the semester and thinking to myself, 'Wow, that's my office,'" said the Hartford, Conn. native. "It was quite possibly the best four months of my four years at W&J. The drive through the Fort Pitt Tunnel and over the Fort Duquesne Bridge to the North Shore never got old."

Still, classes, golf practice, and his involvement in a variety of organizations did not stop during his internship. Reddy was as busy as he has ever been in his college life, but learned to take in every moment and enjoy the vastly different

experiences.

"The most important thing I've learned about myself through these activities is that if you really put forth the effort to be part of something that is worth your time, you can do it despite all of the energy you need to devote to a full-time course load too," he added. "It is not easy by any stretch. I've learned that people entrusted with leadership roles must have the most energy and be the most enthusiastic about a project. Being able to talk to people is necessary, but the ability to listen is most important."

As his senior year draws to a close, Reddy has time to sit back and reflect on the person he has become. He is thankful for the opportunities given to him, but he is proud to have embraced them when, at first, he may have been unsure if he could handle the responsibility.

"It's hard to take that first step and identify what you like to do, especially as an incoming freshman, because you have so many options at the start," continued Reddy. "My hope is that W&J students pursue several things they are passionate about; don't be afraid of becoming involved."

Reddy has found countless professors and staff members who have guided and given him the confidence to succeed throughout his hectic schedule over the past four years. One name that does stand out is Dr. Rick Kinder, who has worked hard to prepare Reddy for his encounters outside of the classroom with future employers.

"Professor Rick Kinder has helped me tremendously over the last two years, and most of it had nothing to do with class work," said Reddy. "He's been my coach when it comes to job interviewing, and has helped me see the interview process from the perspective of the interviewer, which has allowed me to improve in preparation. All of

the business professors are very honest people who don't 'sugarcoat' anything, which is something my classmates and I appreciate."

This wonderful journey has taken Reddy from the Hartford Golf Club to the Howard J. Burnett Center, and Southpointe Golf Club to Heinz Field. He admits that it is hard to believe what he has accomplished and how it all went so quickly. As resumés are sent out to prospective employers, what hits home the most is that he is right back to where he started four years ago... excited and nervous, but ready for the next challenge.

"Throughout my four years here, I always tried to remember what my cousin told me a couple of weeks before I left for school my freshman year: 'Enjoy college, it will be the best four years of your life,'" he concluded. "Now, a graduate, I realize what he meant."



Reddy '08 (center) and his teammates at the 2007 PAC Championship.

W&J Assistant Coaches

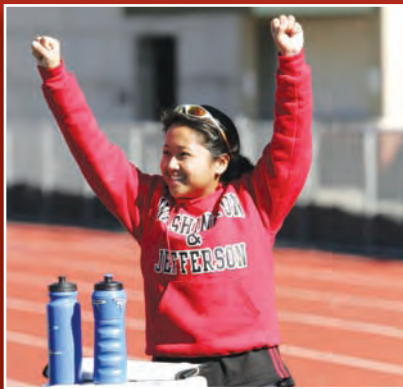
Working Hard For Future Career Path

SCOTT MCGUINNESS

Washington & Jefferson College adopted its current assistant coach staff structure in 2002 to develop young, aspiring athletic minds whose goals were to become collegiate head coaches. The College believes these men and women benefit the athletics programs at W&J, providing student-athletes with passionate instruction and a willingness to work long hours to achieve the team's goals.

Assistant coaches are not in the spotlight. They are the individuals

Seretti was one of the first assistant coaches in W&J's assistant coaching model. He served as the assistant men's basketball coach at W&J for three seasons (2002-2005) before moving to the Penn State-Altoona campus. He is a 1999 graduate of Allegheny College and earned a law degree from Duquesne University in 2002. However, he felt coaching was his true life passion and joined the staff at W&J in hopes of achieving that dream one day.



Tracy Cepnio, assistant field hockey and women's lacrosse coach, is in her first season on the W&J campus, learning each day what it takes to become a successful coach, while serving an important role for both teams.



Alan Seretti, one of the first assistant coaches in W&J's assistant coaching model, is now the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Penn State - Altoona University.



Having served as assistant head football coach and offensive coordinator at W&J from 1982-1998, Bill Dukett, director of athletics, is proof that assistant coaches can move up the ladder in their careers to not only include coaching, but to also become athletic directors.

who can be found in their offices at the Henry Memorial Center late at night, performing tasks such as film study, making recruiting calls, or planning the next day's road trip. Yet, without them, the athletics programs at W&J would not be nearly as successful.

The model has worked, as W&J's athletics teams have benefited greatly from the dedication of its assistant coaches. The other side of the equation has been just as successful, as four former assistant coaches have become head coaches at NCAA Division III schools.

Alan Seretti is now the head men's basketball coach at Penn State-Altoona University, while Jaime Retersdorf has helped resurrect the women's soccer program at new Presidents' Athletic Conference member Chatham University.

Derrick Ayers worked under W&J Head Men's Soccer Coach Ian McDonald and has now found great success as the head coach at Arcadia University, while Evan Himes is the second former women's soccer assistant to land a head coaching position, as he now directs the men's soccer program at Adrian College.

"I always enjoyed working at camps and clinics as an athlete; coaching was always in the back of my mind," noted Seretti, a graduate of Montour High School in McKees Rocks. "It became a pretty obvious career choice for me when I began spending more time planning practice and scouting for the Seton-LaSalle High School Girl's Basketball Team that I was coaching, than working on graduate school projects."

Opportunities to become a head coach in college athletics do not come by very often. Colleges and universities looking to hire head coaches often require head coaching experience, although due to the number of responsibilities, assistant coaches may be just as qualified.

"There are approximately 1,000 head coaching positions in the NCAA at any level in each sport, which makes moving up extremely difficult," said Seretti. "The coaching industry is exactly like other professions in that regardless of your accomplishments or abilities, you still must be connected to an open position to get involved with it."

Seretti is a prime example of how an assistant coach being given the chance to prove himself can work for an institution looking for a new leader. Penn State-Altoona had won only 22 games in the four seasons

prior to Seretti's arrival, but he has quickly turned the program around and led the Lions to their first winning season in school history this past winter. Penn State-Altoona has also made two straight appearances in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Tournament, its first showings in history.

"The assistant coaching positions at W&J are ideal for someone interested in becoming a head coach," he added. "You are given numerous responsibilities within your sport as well as opportunities to get involved in other aspects of campus to broaden your perspective further. Everyone at W&J was passionate about doing well. Watching how hard the staff worked made you realize what a special environment we were in."

Tracy Cepnio is in her first season on the W&J campus as the assistant field hockey and women's lacrosse coach. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University last May with a degree in zoology, but wasn't ready to give up her love for sports. She is learning each day what it takes to become a successful coach, while serving an important role for both teams.

"I wasn't ready for my season to be over last year, and I wanted to learn more," noted Cepnio. "There is a lot more that goes into coaching that I never realized as a student-athlete. I do everything from setting up the video camera before practice to recruiting our next star athlete. My job is to make sure everything is taken care of so the head coach can concentrate on having good practices and solid game plans each week."

W&J Director of Athletics Bill Dukett knows firsthand how important an assistant coach can be to a team. He served as the Presidents' Assistant Head Football Coach and Offensive Coordinator during W&J's most successful seasons in school history, from 1982 to 1998. Now, Dukett has a chance to help mold the assistant coaches and serve as a sounding board during the struggles of being a young coach.

"I think our structure offers a great way for young men and women to find out if coaching is in their future," said Dukett. "It is great for the head coaches to have someone in the office every day to help with all of the aspects of running a successful program, especially because it doubles their recruiting efforts. Our assistant coaches through the years have learned that they must identify themselves not only with the student-athletes, but also with the whole campus community. Working in athletics at W&J is a cooperative effort between faculty and staff. I feel that our assistant coaches are taught these principles by our head coaches, and that is one of the reasons they have been able to land head coaching jobs of their own."

Cepnio understands that her ability to move up the ladder in the field

hockey or women's lacrosse coaching circles will be affected by the job she performs at W&J. She does not have a "9 to 5" job, and each day can be expected to be completely different from the last.

"All of the hard work and the long hours are part of the learning curve," added Cepnio. "The assistant coaches have to be prepared for anything at any hour of the day. With as much time as we are spending with every aspect of our program, we quickly find out if this is something that we want to do for the rest of our lives. Even though we coach different sports, we learn so much from each other in the office every day."

Seretti has also learned the characteristics of a good assistant coach in NCAA Division III. He looks back to his past experiences in how he currently handles the assistant coaches on his staff at Penn State-Altoona.

"A good assistant coach has the passion to go beyond what the head coach asks him or her to do," said Seretti. "He or she should want to have more responsibility than they are given, and they should look for what they can do to make the program better. A good assistant coach also has to keep the head coach confident in the program and its mission."

Dukett added, "The tough part of our program at W&J is also the good part: our assistant coaches that move on to head positions do so because they are pretty darn good at what they do, and that is very satisfying to me and to our head coaches. The turnover is often difficult to our student-athletes because they gain a lot of trust in these coaches, but we are always lucky to find other aspiring coaches who do great jobs."

Cepnio and all the current W&J assistant coaches hope to someday follow in the footsteps of those who have earned head coaching positions before them. For now, however, their primary focus is bringing out the best in W&J student-athletes, not just on the playing fields, but also in the classroom.

"My three years at W&J were a wonderful experience and probably the most fun I will ever have as a coach," concluded Seretti. "The college community, including the faculty we worked with in Freshman Forum and the staff we encountered on a daily basis, were outstanding people who cared a great deal about the school. Most importantly, the environment that was created within the athletic department was tremendous. Whether you came into the office at 6 a.m. or stayed until midnight, there was always another coach, trainer, or equipment manager working hard right along with you. It was truly inspiring to see other people caring that much."

W&J Winter Sports Wrap-up

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Dan Law '08



Josh Brewer '10



Josip Lucic-Jozak '09



Women's Swimming and Diving Head Coach Mike Orstein was selected as the PAC Coach of the Year for the 15th time.

From the pool at the Henry Memorial Center to the basketball court and wrestling circles, the Washington & Jefferson College student-athletes and coaching staff achieved great success in the winter.

W&J won a Presidents' Athletic Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship, while also earning the ECAC Division III Southern Women's Basketball title. Numerous student-athletes won individual PAC Championships, while three W&J head coaches were honored as the conference coach of the year.

The Winter 2007-08 season chronicled one of the most successful winter seasons in school history.

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving:

The swimming and diving teams continued their long history of regional and national success this season, capped by Kaitlyn Orstein '08, who claimed three national titles.

The Presidents' women captured their eighth PAC Championship under the direction of Head Coach Mike Orstein, who was selected as the Conference's Coach of the Year for the 15th time. Orstein enters next season nine victories shy of 400 for his career. The W&J squads combined to win eight PAC titles and set 19 records during the three-day event.

Coach Orstein's daughter, Kaitlyn, concluded a dominating career at the PAC Championships after being named the Most Valuable Performer for the fourth consecutive season. She won four events at the conference championships; upping her career total to 25 (more on Orstein on the inside back cover).

Brittany Bertoli '09 successfully defended her 200 breaststroke conference championship while also teaming with Orstein, Susanne Seward '09, and Chrissy Brant '11 to win the 200 medley relay.

Brandon Smith '11 was named the Co-Swimmer of the Meet after claiming conference titles in the 200 IM, 400 IM, and the 200 backstroke (1:56.84). He also set three school records during the meet.

The W&J women's senior class finished their careers with the most dual-meet victories in school history with a 49-3 overall record.

Women's Basketball:

The women's basketball team captured its second ECAC Division III Southern Region Tournament Championship in history after an impressive run at the end of the season. The Presidents finished at 23-7 overall and

tied the school record for most victories in a season.

Led by Head Coach Jina DeRubbo, who won her 200th career game in December, the team collected three-straight wins to end the season and win the ECAC title. Fourth-seeded W&J opened the tournament with an 86-76 victory over defending ECAC Champion Moravian.

The Presidents knocked off top-seeded Gwynedd-Mercy, 64-56, on the Griffins' home floor in the semifinals and then used a 25-point, eight-rebound performance from point guard Kennan Killeen '10 in the championship game to defeat third-seeded Lebanon Valley, 78-70. Killeen played the tournament with a stress fracture in her foot and was selected as the ECAC Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Maggie Gibson '10 was named to the First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference squad after the season. She averaged 11.6



Kennen Killeen '10



Maggie Gibson '10



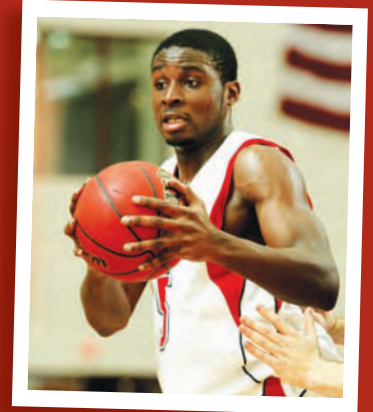
Brandon Smith '11 (left) receives the High Point Award from Grove City College President and Host Dick Jewell at the PAC Swimming and Diving Championships held at Grove City.



(From left to right): Kaitlyn Orstein '08, Janna Green '08, and Jessica Wightman '08 receive the PAC Swimming and Diving Championship trophy.



The 2007-08 W&J Women's Swimming and Diving team captured its eighth PAC Championship in February.



Wahab Owolabi '09

points and 9.9 rebounds per game, while ranking as one of NCAA Division III's top field goal shooters the entire season. Killeen was a Second Team All-PAC choice who averaged 9.4 points and 3.7 assists per contest.

The Presidents' four-woman senior class of Maria Hillenbrand, Sarah Hunt, Jen Rogers and Juliet Sargent went out as champions and tied the school record for victories by a senior class with 86 over their four-year careers.

Men's Basketball:

W&J clinched its second-straight 500 season and advanced to the PAC Championship Game for the second consecutive year.

Although the Presidents dropped a 90-76 decision to Bethany in the title game, W&J (14-14) finished with 11 or more wins in back-to-back seasons for the first time in 15 seasons.

Head Coach Glenn Gutierrez was chosen as the PAC Coach of the Year following

the season. His squads' 28 victories since his arrival two years ago are the most since W&J won 34 games from 1993-1995.

Josip Lucic-Jozak '09 was selected to the First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference squad. The 6-foot-8 center went over 1,000 points for his career in the PAC Championship Game and finished the season with an average of 15.7 points and 8.3 rebounds per game.

Wahab Owolabi '09 teamed with Lucic-Jozak to form one of the region's top inside duos. Owolabi, a Second Team All-PAC choice, posted 12.3 points and 7.9 rebounds per contest. He will be able to join W&J's 1,000-point club with 319 points next winter.

Wrestling:

W&J's rich wrestling tradition continued in 2007-08 as three Presidents won conference championships. Dan Law '08 won the 197-pound title, while Eric Monday '10 and Josh Brewer '10 notched the 174-pound and heavyweight championships, respectively.

Head Coach Jay Robison was chosen as the PAC Coach of the Year in just his second season at the College. Robison has led W&J to two-straight runner-up finishes at the PAC Championships as well as two consecutive ninth-place showings at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional.

Monday finished the season with the squad's top record at 33-14. His 33 victories tied him for the second-highest, single-season win total in school history. Monday finished third at the regional event.

Brewer pocketed a 32-15 record in his second collegiate season. He placed fourth at the Midwest Regional and had 17 victories by fall. The 17 falls ranked among the top five in the nation among all NCAA Division III wrestlers, and were the fourth-best total in W&J history.

W&J Welcomes 24th Athletics Team

Women's Lacrosse Finding Success in Inaugural Season

SCOTT MCGUINNESS



Brittani Agostini '09



Courtney Schrock '11



Laura Peery '09



Nikkilia Lu '11



Shannon Wagner '11



Valarie Orzechowski '09

Women's Lacrosse officially became the 24th sport at Washington & Jefferson College when it opened its inaugural season at Alexandre Stadium versus Adrian College on March 8, 2008.

The Presidents lost their opening game to the Bulldogs in a close 7-6 battle. The game was played in a snowstorm which dumped two inches of snow on the playing surface, making the first varsity game in school history even more memorable.

W&J President Dr. Tori Haring-Smith and Director of Athletics Bill Dukett took part in the opening ceremony to greet each player and coach of both squads. Midfielder Laura Peery '09 scored the first goal in W&J history five minutes and 46 seconds into the game.

Just six days later (March 14), the Presidents recorded their first win in school history after defeating Lancaster Bible College by a 16-1 margin at Alexandre Stadium. Midfielder Valarie Orzechowski '09 and Peery both scored four goals in the victory, while Amber Kuntz '11 became the first goaltender in W&J history to win a game after making five saves.

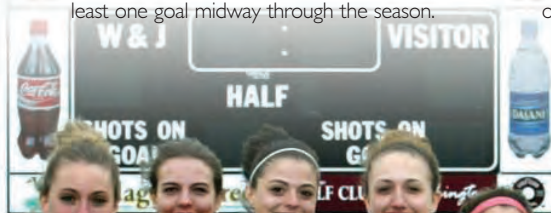
W&J earned its first road victory in history on April 5 after knocking off Tri-State University by a score of 18-3. Courtney Schrock '11 fired in a career high of five goals during the triumph.

Through seven contests, Schrock led the team with 21 goals, while Peery had added 20 scores. Seven different Presidents had scored at least one goal midway through the season.

The Presidents, who are led by Head Coach Kate Scattergood, opened the season with a roster of 14 players hailing from four different states.

"Women's lacrosse is a growing sport in our region and it is nice to be on the front end of colleges and universities in our area, giving student-athletes the opportunity to participate at this level," said Director of Athletics Bill Dukett. "A new program is going to suffer growing pains, and I'm sure we will see our share for the first couple of years. However, we have the right person in charge and Coach Scattergood is doing a wonderful job with recruiting. We will have patience with the program and give women's lacrosse every opportunity to shine at W&J."

The 2008 Women's Lacrosse Team





W&J Dedicates New Ross Locker Room Facility

SCOTT MCGUINNESS

The newest addition to W&J's athletic complex located at Ross Memorial Park and Alexandre Stadium is the Ross Locker Room facility. The locker rooms serve as the official home for baseball, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's lacrosse.

The dedication ceremony took place at the facility in North Franklin Township on Saturday, April 19, 2008 in between the Presidents' baseball doubleheader with Grove City College. President Tori Haring-Smith and Director of Athletics Bill Dukett joined David Ross '78 and his family and friends on the field for a ceremony to dedicate the new Ross Locker Room facility, which benefits five of W&J's 24 athletics programs.

The locker room facility honors James David Ross, a loving husband, father and coach, thanks to a generous gift from the Ross family.

James David Ross served as manager of the Lower Burrell American Legion for 22 years. Ross amassed over 600 victories in his career and led the Lower Burrell program to 17 league championships and eight Westmoreland County titles. His teams averaged more than 27 wins per season.

The Ross Locker Room facility houses three full-size locker rooms, an athletic training room, and an equipment/laundry room. An officials' locker room and a storage area are also located within the fully air-conditioned, state-of-the-art facility.

W&J is grateful for the generosity of the Ross family. The new facility continues the College's long tradition of providing its student-athletes with the best opportunity to succeed and enjoy their athletics experience as a President.



David Ross '78



W&J Alumnus Breaks United States Record in Taekwondo



Woody Wollesen '65 continues to set and break national Taekwondo records. According to USA Taekwondo, Wollesen recently became the first person in United States Taekwondo history to have started as a true beginner and risen to the rank of 3rd degree black belt or Master of Taekwondo status in the over 50-year-old category.

Wollesen said he started as a true beginner at age 53 and has continued through twelve years of dedicated work and effort.

The oldest martial art form in the world, Taekwondo is a physically grueling and mentally exacting art involving highly refined kicking and punching techniques, combined with an inherent philosophical bent.

Wollesen said he follows the traditional Korean standards that require and emphasize balance in every facet of Taekwondo—without any special allowances for age. These standards include full contact fighting, a requirement to advance or test at every level. Wollesen must directly equal and compete with other students, including teenagers and young adults, and in many cases, accomplished state and national competitors.

"There aren't any shortcuts," says Wollesen.

In order to progress from beginner to 1st degree black belt, one must begin at the white belt level, and advance through the ranks to yellow, green, blue, and red belts, respectively. Sublevels within each belt rank involve one or two black strips on the belt, depending on merit. To achieve red belt, one must take from eight to nine separate exams, which are minimally four to five hours in length.

"Mental and physical exhaustion exists within every test to challenge one's abilities under duress in all scenarios," Wollesen explains. "These are highly exacting and challenging standards to satisfy, especially for any adult over the age of 50."

At the red belt level of Taekwondo, one must successfully complete at least three separate pre-tests that are also four to five hours in length. Here, the Master is looking for major intensity and attitude changes to demonstrate that a student is truly worthy. Only after one is able to pass these pre-tests will the Master allow the individual the privilege of testing for black belt.

In traditional Taekwondo studios, only two to three out of every 100 students starting as beginners will ever reach the black belt level; providing truth to the saying that 'many will start, but only the strongest and most deserving few will finish,' Wollesen said. Five to six years is the usual time period to achieve 1st degree black belt status, which serves as a higher platform from which to start anew, as difficulty and complexity abounds from 1st degree black belt and beyond.

Achieving 2nd and 3rd degree black belts require nine and fourteen additional levels of four to five hour examinations, respectively. In all, the typical timeframe to progress from beginner to 3rd degree or Master of Taekwondo status is about 12-14 years, but only if at each level the student can prove worthiness.

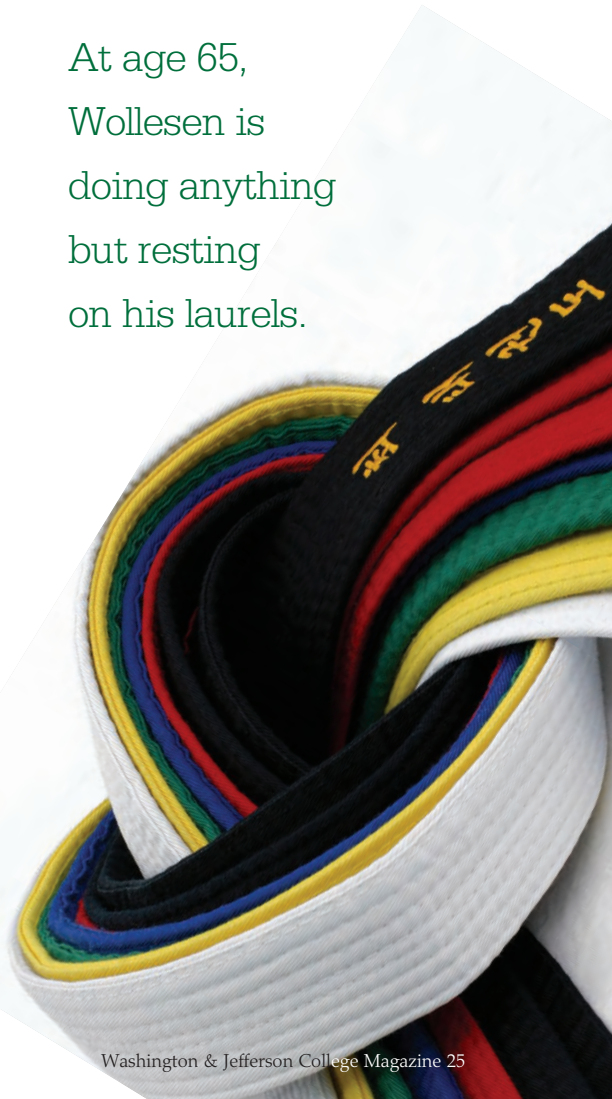
The testing centers on endurance, stamina, balance, focus, and concentration. Mental and physical fatigue abounds, further challenging one's abilities in all respects. It is at this stage that the real test for these attributes and values can be truly examined; with fatigue comes a tendency to lose focus and concentration. Board breaking occurs only at the end of the examination, when one clearly has reached exhaustion—as its goal is to test will, focus, and the ability to rise up to do the impossible. The final step in reaching 3rd degree black belt status is an oral examination, which again tests one's ability to focus, think, analyze, recall, and answer correctly.

Taekwondo is about much more than the physical aspects; it is the only sport which is specifically premised on ethical and moral values. The basic tenets of Taekwondo are embedded within its requirements for

integrity, courtesy, self control, indomitable spirit, and perseverance. Honesty, respect, empathy, kindness, accountability, and moral courage are part of those same standards.

Wollesen accomplished this incredible feat in 11 1/2 years. Adding to his credentials during his journey to Master of Taekwondo are two United States Championships; five consecutive years of national medals in sparring (full contact fighting) and fixed forms; and five consecutive years as the Maryland Champion in all categories for sparring, forms, and board breaking.

At age 65,
Wollesen is
doing anything
but resting
on his laurels.



ALUMNI CONNECTION

Spring Event Wrap-up

FORT MYERS AND BRADENTON COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS

February 15 and 16, 2008

Both Florida events were extremely well attended. We're lucky to have such stalwart, loyal alumni, parents and friends in the Sunshine State, and such generous alumni hosts to boot!

The Fort Myers event was held on February 15 in the home of Tuck '68 and Beth Nason. On February 16, Joe '50 and Betty Leckie hosted a great cocktail reception at the Rosedale Golf and Country Club. Both the Nasons and the Leckies have been generous enough to host multiple W&J gatherings, and W&J Floridians always enjoy their hospitality. Close to 70 alumni, parents, and friends attended these events in Fort Myers and Bradenton this year.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL EVENT

February 23, 2008

Members of the Southern California Regional Chapter convened at the Kellogg Ranch, in Pomona, Ca. for a tour of the facility and a four-course dinner on a Saturday night. Dinner was served in the private President's Room—appropriately titled for W&J Presidents' fans—which overlooked the beautiful hills of Orange County.

PHOENIX REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENT

February 26, 2008

Many of W&J's Arizona alumni had the chance to reunite and visit the Phoenix Art Museum on a busy Tuesday night. We ate a fine meal at Arcadia Farms Café, located inside the museum. Post-dinner, the group joined up with our docent for a private tour of the Richard Avedon photography exhibit. It was a great Tuesday night!

NEW JERSEY REGIONAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION

March 26, 2008

We had a great group convene in the Mountain Lakes, New Jersey home of Mary Ann '80 and John '81 Pendleton. Twenty-seven guests came out on March 26 to renew friendships, learn about the progress at W&J, and enjoy each other's company.

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION

April 2, 2008

It was a great night and a great group! The event was held in the Greenwich, Conn. home of Barrett '67 and Patricia Burns. There were many repeat attendees from last year, and we thank everyone who came out to hear President Haring-Smith's updates.

NEW YORK CITY REGIONAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION

April 3, 2008

Hosted in the Manhattan home of Jason '96 and Kim Isaly, the party went on long after the stated end time, and our gracious hosts didn't seem to mind! Our New York alumni love to socialize, and the Isalys' home was the perfect venue.

BOSTON REGIONAL WINE TASTING EVENT

April 11, 2008

Twenty three W&J alumni and parents gathered from near and far to enjoy an evening of wine tasting and instruction at Jonathon Alsop's renowned Boston Wine School. Jonathon, the owner, founded the school in 2000, which offers private tastings and wine classes. The Boston crowd truly enjoyed their evening spent on Commonwealth Avenue.







W&J's Office of Alumni Relations: Meet the Staff

The managing editor of W&J magazine recently met with the staff of the Office of Alumni Relations (pictured left to right): Michele (Abate) Hufnagel '93, director of alumni relations; Tina Tuminella '94, assistant director of alumni relations; Sarah Sperry, assistant director of alumni and parent relations; and Denise Spinnenweber, alumni relations coordinator, to learn more about the role of the Office in connecting the College's more than 12,000 living alumni with their alma mater. It is evident what each staff member is very passionate about—W&J alumni—and continuing to serve them in 2008 and beyond.

Emily Trifaro Individually, what are your roles within W&J's Office of Alumni Relations?

Sarah Sperry Primarily, I organize and collaborate with Reunion Committees and the Parents' Council, in addition to assisting with regional clubs and alumni events.

Tina Tuminella '94 Lately, my focus has been on managing Jay Connected, our online alumni community which successfully launched last October at Homecoming 2007. I produce @W&J, our monthly alumni eNewsletter, and contribute to the W&J alumni magazine. I also plan alumni events around the country and attend daily to the requests of our alumni.

Denise Spinnenweber I handle a true variety of alumni requests, ranging from family research to event registration, license plate requests, and everything in between!

Michele Hufnagel '93 I oversee and facilitate all alumni programming, communications, and services at W&J. This includes maintaining close relationships between the alumni office and other offices on campus, such as development, career services, and admissions, in order to involve our alumni in all facets of the W&J community.

ET What do you enjoy the most about working in alumni relations at W&J?

TT I really like traveling and meeting alumni all over the U.S. I hear stories from our alumni which are unbelievably varied, interesting, and entertaining. Our alumni are extremely impressive as a whole.

SS Talking with and meeting our alumni is really enjoyable. They have fascinating stories of their days at W&J, and, like Tina mentioned, their lives are quite interesting! Also, the Parents' Council is such an enthusiastic group that I can't help but enjoy working with them.

DS That's certainly true. We receive such wonderful responses from alumni, friends, parents, and students for the small things we do, whether we find an old photo of a family member who is an alumnus, or when I make homemade cookies for our student workers!

MH In a nutshell, alumni relations work is connecting our alumni to their alma mater. As an alumna of W&J myself, helping facilitate this connection to a place that is so special to me is immensely rewarding. Seeing the campus and the community through the eyes of an alumnus/a who hasn't returned to campus in many years constantly reminds me what a special place W&J is. Each year, the 50th reunion class holds their reunion at Commencement. There is usually at least one alumnus who has not returned since his or her own Commencement 50 years prior. Witnessing their enthusiasm about the campus and our amazing students and faculty through their eyes makes our work truly worthwhile.

ET What are you looking forward to the most for the future of alumni relations at W&J?

SS We're working to put into place a plan for educating students—from the time they set foot on campus to the moment they receive their diplomas at Commencement—about the importance of alumni involvement and giving, as well as educating them on what it will be like to be a W&J alumnus/a. It will be exciting to interact with students and involve them in the life of the alumni that make this College unique.

TT We're definitely planning on working more closely with our regional chapters, which are comprised of volunteer-driven alumni. Right now we're focusing on the Pittsburgh, Laurel Highlands, and Washington D.C. regions. The objective of these regional chapters is for alumni and parents in any given region to be able to plan additional events without depending heavily on the Office of Alumni Relations. The Office will still advertise and communicate events to our alumni, but ultimately, the regional chapters will select and coordinate their activities. The Alumni Office, while we plan up to 30 events per year, still carries staff size, time, and budget constraints. Regional chapters give the W&J community additional networking opportunities while enjoying each other's company.

DS I look forward to continuing to meet and help our alumni, becoming more involved with students as Sarah mentioned, and last but not least, continuing to work as a team with my wonderful co-workers.

MH Like Sarah and Denise mentioned, our office is looking forward to a much more interactive relationship with current W&J students. Also, technology will continue to help our office more effectively serve alumni. Whether it is through Jay Connected, @W&J, or unique alumni programming, we plan to utilize advancing technology to help alumni connect not just to W&J, but to one another.

ET What have you learned in your time at W&J?

TT I have learned that in order to successfully collaborate with alumni volunteers and co-workers alike you need a mutual understanding of the goal and consistent communication. Also, you need to be flexible with changes, and most importantly, you need to respect others' opinions.

SS Listening is definitely a key skill I've relied on. After working with various volunteer groups, I've learned that most people want to be involved, but aren't sure about what they can do, or have never been asked. Our alumni, students, and parents are very generous and wonderful people to work alongside. I learn something on a daily basis by listening to them.

DS I agree. Through working with the W&J community regardless of what aspect—whether alumni, friends, or even employees—I realize I am a part of something very special.

MH Our alumni are incredibly devoted to W&J and credit much of their life success and lessons learned to the superior education they received here. Hearing these sentiments time and time again makes me proud to work not just in the field of higher education, but at W&J.

W&J is grateful to its loyal alumni members. Whether you graduated in 1958 or 2008, W&J's Office of Alumni Relations is happy to help you! The Office of Alumni Relations is located in the Alumni House, 335 East Wheeling Street—the perfect location to host a variety of events throughout the year. The alumni staff encourages all alumni, near and far, to visit "home" any time.

W&J Alumni Reconnect with Jay Connected

Since its introduction at Homecoming 2007, over 2,700 alumni have stayed connected with Jay Connected, W&J's online alumni community. Jay Connected has allowed both recent and not-so-recent graduates alike to:

- Find classmates through the alumni directory to be able to reminisce about the good old times and update each other on the present
- Share news and accomplishments with friends and classmates by creating personal profiles and posting class notes
- Stay current by checking out Homecoming, reunions, and regional alumni event news

Many W&J graduates from an array of class years have found Jay Connected helpful:

"Jay Connected is a great Web site. It has been nice to be able to have a way to track down fraternity brothers and other friends that I have lost touch with over the years. Now that I have a family and have started my own business, my priority is shifting to re-connecting with old friends such as fraternity brothers and adding the 'families' together."
Lary Schwartz '93

"I was scanning my class year, and I sent some e-mails to some classmates and friends using the blind e-mail feature. Blind e-mails are great because they are non-threatening and non-invasive. Some of my classmates actually e-mailed me back—kinda cool! It was like catching up on 20 years in one e-mail. If more people did that, it would be a good way to keep tabs on people since everyone's so busy."
Chong Park, M.D. '83

"I have been away from the Pittsburgh area for about 15 years, so I have lost touch with

almost everyone from my college days. After receiving the invitation to join Jay Connected, I signed up and thought it would be fun to see who else had registered also. The first person I thought to look up was my college roommate and one of my best friends, Linda Andrews. I was so excited to see that she was also registered, so I sent her an e-mail! It was great to reconnect and to catch up on each other's lives. I hope to see her this summer when I am back in the Pittsburgh area. I wish more people would register with Jay Connected because it is so fun to reconnect and see where life has taken us!"
Debra Wood '80



"Whenever Jay Connected first launched, I started to look up old friends. I live in Richmond, Va. and I wondered if any W&J grads lived near me. I searched by zip code and found one person. I thought, 'This is fun,' so I did a search on 'Virginia' and found many more. I send out e-mails to the alumni that I found, and a few of us ended up meeting for drinks in Richmond. The plan is to stay in touch and meet up again at another gathering in another few months."
Kristin (Ondecko) Ligda, M.D. '03

As valued members of the Jay Connected alumni community, alumni will benefit from a variety of upgrades that will be added over the summer. While the majority of the system upgrades are happening behind the scenes to increase site performance, registered members will notice improvements in their personal profiles. When the upgrades are complete, alumni will have the ability to create blogs, add RSS feeds, and better connect with fellow classmates and friends. Look for these new changes by late summer 2008!

With just a click of your mouse, you can stay connected with Jay Connected. Join now at www.jayconnected.com!

Alumni Executive Council Announces the Creation of the W&J Outstanding Young Alumni Award

W&J is rich with graduates who excel early within their profession, their community, and their service to their alma mater. It is only appropriate that these young leaders be publicly recognized for their accomplishments.

The Washington & Jefferson College Alumni Executive Council (AEC) is pleased to announce the creation of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. This award will join the Distinguished Service Award and Alumni Award for Achievement in recognizing deserving alumni.

To be given for the first time at Homecoming 2008, the Outstanding Young Alumni Award is presented to an alumnus or alumna who is within 15 years of his or her graduating class, and who has made a significant contribution either to his or her chosen field, community, and/or the College.

The AEC is currently seeking nominees for this prestigious award. To nominate an alumnus/a, please contact Michele Hufnagel, director of alumni relations, at mhufnagel@washjeff.edu or (724) 223-6503. You may also submit an online nomination form at www.washjeff.edu/alumniawards.

CLASS OF 1958 Celebrates 50 Years

The W&J Old Guard welcomed the class of 1958 into their ranks at Commencement 2008! The Reunion Committee, under the leadership of class president and chair of the 50th Reunion Committee, Ed Stevens, worked with the Office of Alumni Relations to plan a special weekend for all the members of the class, including campus tours, a memory "walk," Commencement processional, and class lunch. In an expression of their gratitude for what W&J had done for them, they established the Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund, an

endowed scholarship to be awarded in the fall of 2009 to a deserving W&J undergraduate.

For photos and more information about the Class of 1958's 50th Reunion, please visit www.washjeff.edu/1958. Thanks to Ed, Jim Durig, Harry Fuchs, Henry Gelband, Dick Gilardi, Hank Huston, Ray Johnston, John Kladakis, Cliff Nelson, Art Nowak, and Al Pfister for their help with making the reunion a success!



then & now



**Roberta
"Bobbi"
(Bauer)
Henkel '74**
Major: Chemistry
Minor: Biochemistry

*Henkel is a 1978
graduate of the
University of*

*Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and is a pediatrician
board certified in the areas of developmental
pediatrics and neurodevelopmental disabilities.*

College Activities: Choir, Resident Assistant,
Student Government Association

Why did you choose to attend W&J?

I applied to W&J because it had an excellent reputation for its science program, and because my high school English teacher encouraged me to get a liberal arts education. I also thought it would be fun to be among the first class of co-eds at a formerly all men's school.

What is your favorite college memory?

I forged some wonderful friendships at W&J, so my greatest memory is of the people that I knew and loved and still keep close. It's hard to pick just one memory out of four great years, but a few I recall as being pretty high on the list: bridge games at the desk in the women's dorm, a lot of entertaining party weekends with sticky floors and loud bands, the famous "streakers" across the quad the first weekend of freshman year, Dean Riesenman as our dorm mother who fixed me up on a blind date, J. B. Donnelly lectures with his imitations of the voices of historical figures, and dinners at Dr. Funderburk's house with his wife trying to teach five of us how to cook gourmet meals!

Who has had the greatest influence on your life?

My mother. She is a saint! She trained as an operating room nurse, got married and gave birth to two daughters, stayed at home to raise us, and worked as my father's deputy tax collector. She worked from morning to night and taught us baking, sewing, gardening, and values. I don't think she has ever put herself first above her family during her lifetime. I'm so blessed to have her as my mom. But, my husband is a close runner-up as my greatest influence. He's made me much feistier!

Which W&J professor has had the greatest impact on your decision to pursue a career in medicine?

Dr. Stuart Miller and his Intersession course called "Sociology of Deviancy." He introduced our class to Gateway Rehabilitation Center, and was trying to convince the staff that we were worthy to benefit from their time and effort. He told them that I was likely to go to medical school. I had honestly never considered it until he presented it as a realistic potential to them, and most importantly, to me. About 10 years later, I had the opportunity to take care of one of his children in a practice in Washington, Pa. where I moonlighted during my fellowship.

Why did you choose to practice medicine?

My senior independent study was in biochemistry, and I spent my afternoons alone in the lab. It was then that I realized I was much more of a people person than graduate school in chemistry was likely to fit. As I had just come out of a relationship, I ended up with a lot of time to study and got some good grades as a result my sophomore year. It became easier to apply when I decided I was obviously never going to marry (age 20) and might as well dedicate my life to science. And, most importantly, I looked really good in white!

How has your W&J education prepared you for a career in medicine?

W&J prepared me with an excellent background in the sciences. Honestly, the genetics course at W&J prepared me to earn honors in genetics in medical school. But, the liberal arts courses helped me to write and think when answers weren't as certain as they are in math or chemistry. I was exposed to a broader variety of people and opinions at W&J than I'd ever been in my small hometown. I figured out how to "play well with others" and to be diplomatic. People at W&J believed in me before I believed in myself.

What advice would you give to an incoming freshman at W&J who plans to pursue a career in the pre-health or medical fields?

Don't decide too soon what you want to be when you grow up. Expose your mind to the best classes that you can find that will make you think and actually learn something you don't already know. Follow some "finished products" around and see what their lives are really like; there are a much wider variety of ways to practice and things to do than *ER*, *Grey's Anatomy*, and *House* portray. Try to figure out what you are good at, and what you really enjoy doing. But when you end up with some credentials, don't ever get so busy making a living that you forget to make your life. Whatever you do in life, your family will be your greatest support and joy even though you love your job a lot.



**Christina
DiCarlo '08**
Major: Cell/
Molecular Biology

Though she is currently undecided about which area of medicine she would like to pursue, DiCarlo plans to attend Case

Western Reserve University School of Medicine in the fall. Last summer, she gained valuable experience during an internship in the laboratory of Gary Silverman M.D. '78 at Magee-Womens Research Institute in Pittsburgh.

College Activities: Treasurer, Phi Sigma Biological Sciences Honor Society; Secretary, Pre-Health Professionals Society; volunteer, Faith in Action; Laboratory Assistant, General Biology

II; Laboratory Writing Mentor, W&J Biology Department

Why did you choose to attend W&J?

I chose W&J because I was attracted to the small size of the college. I wanted to learn in an intimate classroom setting, rather than listening to lectures in packed auditoriums. I also was impressed with the high acceptance rate of W&J students into medical school.

What is your favorite college memory?

My favorite college memory was the day that I received my first acceptance into medical school. I was so thankful and relieved that all of my time and effort had paid off!

Who has had the greatest influence on your life?

My mom, dad, and brother have all equally influenced my life. I am so lucky have such a loving, supportive family.

Which W&J professor has had the greatest impact on your decision to pursue a career in medicine?

Dr. Trelka has had a strong impact on my medical career decision. He encouraged me to apply to Case Western, which was a school that I thought was out of my league. His influence has led me to discover the true direction of my future plans.

Why have you decided to study medicine?

Sciences like biology and chemistry have interested me since I was a child. I look forward to a lifetime of continual learning about them. Also, volunteering has given me insight into the rewards of the medical field. I ultimately am attracted to medicine because of the unconditional care that a doctor provides to his or her patients.

How is your W&J education preparing you for a career in medicine?

W&J has provided me with a thorough science foundation upon which I can build my medical knowledge through numerous opportunities, like shadowing and volunteering, to explore the profession. I have received tremendous assistance from faculty during the application process in terms of recommendation letters and interview preparation.

What advice would you give to an incoming freshman at W&J who plans to pursue a career in the pre-health or medical fields?

Place studying as your top priority, and maintain that attitude throughout all four years. Take advantage of the many W&J alumni who are willing to provide research internships for W&J students, and utilize the luxury of receiving individual assistance from professors.

CLASS NOTES

1939

Leonard Wurzel writes, "Is anyone still around?" His e-mail address is lewurzel@optonline.net.

1955



Victor Wood Jr. went on a mini survival retreat by himself in November 2007 to a small primitive fishing cabin located in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The cabin was only reachable by boat. There he survived on less than 1,800 calories a day of dried food, canned tuna, and canned chicken for two weeks. He writes, "I believe people of advancing age need more than diet and exercise to be happy. For me that need was for a physical and mental challenge away from all of the distractions and bad news of everyday life. I met the challenges easily and was overcome with joy. As you might expect, I am going back this year!"

1958

Henry Gelband, M.D., is still active as professor and vice chairman of pediatrics at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. He has seen a lot of changes in his 35 years at the school, but still enjoys his work and is not ready to retire.

1959

Norman Berkman, M.D., started an annual Father's Day Father/Child Charity Golf Tournament six years ago in Houston, Texas, where he practices internal medicine. In 2007, Berkman and his committee were able to raise \$175,000 to help underprivileged children

learn the game of golf and become better citizens.

1960



F. Robert "Buck" Braden III writes, "On March 4, 2008 the very vigorous W&J alumni of central and east coast Florida held their annual luncheon at Captain Hiram's in Sebastian. In addition to me and my wife Sharon, **Ron McKenzie '59** (but more associated with '55) and his wife Jane also attended. Not in personal attendance, but represented by facsimile, were the **Hon. J. Frederick Sharer '60** and his wife, Carolyn Day Sharer. If there are other W&J alumni (grads or not) feeling the urge to join the stalwarts, please get in touch (via the Alumni Office at alumni@washjeff.edu) with any of the above mentioned alumni for news of upcoming social events in the Brevard/Indian River County area. 'We plan on the fly.'"



1961

John VanAken II sends a photo of his two year old granddaughter, Tillie VanAken, taken when W&J missed the extra

point in the playoff overtime. **Andy VanAken '91** is Tillie's father.

1962

M. Parick McCormick, Ph.D., was elected as a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union in Fort Lauderdale,

Florida, in May 2008. Each year only one in each one thousand members is elected to Fellowship.

1964

Ronald C. Johnston retired from Trinity School in New York City in June 2007 after serving as instructor of chemistry and head of the science department for 11 years. He taught in private education for 42 years in various capacities and served as department head for 30 years. He is currently living with his life partner in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

1966

Richard Ulevitch, Ph.D., was named venture partner of 5AM Ventures. He has been chairman of 5AM Ventures' Scientific Advisory Board since the firm was founded in 2002. 5AM Ventures specializes in seed and early-stage investments in next-generation life science companies. Ulevitch is a renowned expert in the field of immunology; his research has contributed to the discovery of breakthrough therapeutic product candidates targeting the immune system. As venture partner, Ulevitch will identify and review new investment opportunities, as well as continue working with the firm's existing portfolio companies.

1968

Ed Petrick Jr. writes, "I spent the week between Christmas and New Years in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the home of my son, John...why? To see and spend time with my first grandchild, Jack, born September 20, 2007. It was as if Jack were my first child instead of my first grandchild. I could not take my eyes off the little guy. Since I bought a W&J t-shirt for Jack, I thought I'd share a photo of my sleepy grandson. After



enjoying Homecoming in 2007 so much, I am looking forward to seeing a lot of classmates and college friends at the 40th reunion of the class of 1968 this fall. I'd love to hear from fellow classmates and can be reached at swift_eddie@yahoo.com."



1970

Bruce Wolf was elected president of the board of the Westmoreland Museum of American Art in Greensburg. He is employed as attorney-of-counsel for Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton in Pittsburgh.

1971

Charles T. Drevna was elected president of the National Petrochemicals and Refiners Association (NPRA) board of directors. Prior to his election, Drevna served as executive vice president of NPRA.

Randall S. Peffer's new mystery novel, *Old School Bones*, hit the shelves in June 2008. This is the third book in Peffer's Cape/Islands Mystery Series published by Bleak House Books. His next novel, *Southern Seahawk*, will be out in November 2008.

1972



Joseph Menendez was appointed CEO of the Vita Group in early January 2008. The Vita Group is a global producer of foam and industrial polymers, engineered thermoplastic sheet, and nonwovens. Menendez joined the group from Saint-Gobain, where he held many senior positions, including president of the global Grains & Powders

Business Group and served most recently as president of Saint-Gobain's Global Abrasives business, based in France, for five of the last seven years. He and his wife, Lucia, have relocated to London.

1975

Edward J. Harris opened a new business, Harris Wealth Management, located in McMurray. Harris, a CPA, specializes in all areas of estate, tax,

and financial planning. He previously owned and operated Harris Investment Associates for more than 20 years.

Kenneth R. Melani, M.D., was featured in the business section of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on January 1, 2008. Melani, CEO of Highmark Inc., resides in Indiana Township with his wife, Tracy, and his daughter, Alyssa (6), and also has two married adult daughters, Christine Racchini and Carrie Hazelton.



Thomas Squitieri's daughter, Gabriella, is pictured next to the miner statue outside of W&J's Technology Center. Mr. Squitieri, who taught a class during Intersession 2008, was instrumental in getting monetary support from classmates to fund the statue. His grandfather was a coal miner in the Pittsburgh area.

Arthur R. Williams joined Hamptons Luxury Homes as chief accounting officer. Prior to joining the company, he was co-founder of A&A Williams LLP, a certified public accounting practice on Shelter Island, New York.

1977

Cynthia (Ream) Phillips '77 writes that she and her children were featured on HBO's *Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel* in January. HBO came to the College and filmed Ashley, a senior, at the W&J Senior Recognition football game. "They also filmed around the city, my office, etc. They took some really good shots of the College and Cameron Stadium," writes Phillips.

1978

Jeffrey Martin, M.D., is currently practicing at the National Institutes of

Health in Bethesda, Maryland, in the Department of Anesthesia and Surgical Services, while maintaining his affiliation with the Naval Reserves.

1979

William Jacobson writes, "For those of you who thought it unlikely that I would ever get off of the couch, I ran my first marathon last week in Las Vegas, Nevada, finished in 3:44. Other than that, still practicing law in Cleveland, Ohio, with the same firm for 25 years, same wife for 20, kids etc., and rooting in vain for the Browns, Indians, and Cavs."

Marc Newman recently retired from his position as managing director of mortgage-backed securities trading at Royal Bank of Canada in New York City after a 27-year career. He is in the process of changing gears and preparing to teach high school. He has authored his first novel, a work of fiction, and a New York publisher is interested in publishing it. Newman's oldest son is looking at colleges. He writes, "All here is well. Cheers!"

1980

Maury Burgwin, chairman of the Pittsburgh office of the Institute for Management Studies, has worked in marketing communications in the Pittsburgh region for more than 25 years. Burgwin has taught business communications in the School of Computer Science and Professional Speaking at the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management, Carnegie Mellon University. Formerly, he was the owner of Burgwin Associates, a marketing and development consulting firm in Pittsburgh focusing on writing business plans, video scripts, and proposals for organizations throughout western Pennsylvania. Burgwin has also performed international public affairs work, including a film expedition to Peru to produce a fundraising video for The Chimbote Foundation sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, as well as work with the Nicaragua Department of State to document the Pittsburgh/Nicaragua Nursing Initiative for Duquesne University. He and his wife, Maria, live in Highland Park.

Debra Wood writes, "After teaching and coaching for 23 years, I retired a

year and half ago and relocated to the Phoenix, Arizona area. I have been lucky enough to spend my time lowering my handicap and traveling. Last February, I traveled to Antarctica to see the penguins and beautiful icebergs, and this past Christmas took my niece and nephew on an African safari in Tanzania. I will go to the Galapagos Islands this summer in celebration of my 50th Birthday! Time flies!"

1981

Randy Berenfield has completed several writing projects including "Global Warming"; "Solar Energy"; and strategic initiatives on carbon reduction featuring a consumptive carbon fee, carbon tax and cap, and trade policy. He has also been involved with alternative energy assignments ranging from biomass to thermal generation for a global energy corporation. Berenfield continues to reside in Boca Raton, Florida, and is "living the good life" where the sun always shines."



A. Michael Pratt, chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association who took office in January, is the third African American to have been head of the city's bar association. He is a partner at the Pepper Hamilton, LLP law firm, focusing

on commercial litigation, but also had extensive experience in the corporate world working for a time as chief litigation counsel for corporate and toxic tort matters at Honeywell International Inc. He has also served as chief deputy solicitor for commercial litigation in the city law department.

1986

LTC John D. Koch graduated from the Marshall Center Executive Program for Advanced Security Studies course in December 2007. He is currently stationed in Grafenwoehr, Germany.



Left to right, LTC John D. Koch '86; The Honorable Powell Moore, Personal Representative of the Secretary of Defense to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; Ms. Helena D'Amario; Dr. John Rose, Director, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies; and MAJ James Pugh.

1988



Brett (Rosenberg) Harris, a shareholder at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., has been listed in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the specialties of

corporate and intellectual property law. At her firm, she is a transactional attorney focusing on technology and intellectual property matters, and counseling software and Internet companies. She serves on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Business Law Section, as legal advisor on the Board of Trustees of the Temple Emanu-El of Westfield "I Have a Dream" Foundation, Inc., and on the Medical and Professional Advisory Council of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, a public charity supporting humanism in medicine.

1991

Jeffery Courson, D.O., electrophysiologist, joined the medical staff at MedCentral Health System and Mid-Ohio Heart Clinic of Mansfield, Ohio. He had been previously employed as a clinical and interventional cardiac electrophysiologist at Stark Medical Specialties in Massillon.

1992

Jennifer (Van Horn) Dorris writes, "Calling all Thetas! The Epsilon Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta will be

celebrating 20 years of excellence at W&J in 2008." All alumnae are urged to get in contact with Jen (jennifer.dorris@gmail.com) if you have not received any e-mails regarding the upcoming events.

Julie McCormick has relocated to Washington, D.C., after attending law school and living in Southern California for the last 12 years. She writes, "I'm excited to be back on this side of the country and hope to reconnect with former W&J classmates in the area."

1994

Edward J. Kuna joined as a member of the Business Division of the national law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC in their Pittsburgh office. Kuna represents clients in a wide variety of debt financing, real estate, and general corporate matters. Prior to going into private practice, he served as in-house counsel for the commercial division of one of the nation's largest diversified financial institutions.

1998

R. Micah Grubbs opened Verve Wellness, Pittsburgh's first complete wellness destination offering daily Pilates and yoga classes, massage therapy, and skin care. He can be reached at micah@theverve360.com.

Amy (Seman) Hartman and her family moved back to Pittsburgh from Atlanta, Georgia, and are now living in Squirrel Hill. She started a new faculty position as the research manager of the new Regional Biocontainment Laboratory at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Vaccine Research. Hartman's son Luke turned one in October. The family is adjusting to the colder weather and is glad to be closer to family and friends!

Cara (Harbison) Raboanarielina was awarded her Masters of Science degree in Rural Sociology from The Pennsylvania State University in December 2007 after successfully defending her thesis entitled, "Factors Associated with Forest Management in Allegany County, Maryland." She is a doctoral candidate in rural sociology and plans to conduct her dissertation research on forest dependency and social well-being in Madagascar.

2002

Jill Montgomery was the recipient of the Thomas E. Starzl Postdoctoral Fellowship in Transplantation Biology at the University of Pittsburgh for the years 2008–10.

2003

Nicholas Zane was awarded the Minnesota Medical Association's (MMA) 2007 Medical Student Award at the MMA annual meeting. The award was given for his work within the American Medical Association (AMA) as a past co-president of the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine's student chapter, as chair and founder of several service projects, and as a delegate to the MMA and AMA-MSS. Zane has been elected as the AMA-MSS chapter delegate from Mayo for 2007-08 and represented his school at the AMA-MSS Interim Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is enrolled in Mayo's M.D. /Ph.D program, and is working on his thesis in the Department of Immunology.

2004

Salvatore J. Bauccio, Esq., graduated cum laude from the Duquesne University School of Law in May 2007 and was admitted to the Pennsylvania State Bar in July 2007. He is a corporate and tax law attorney with McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC in Harrisburg.

2006

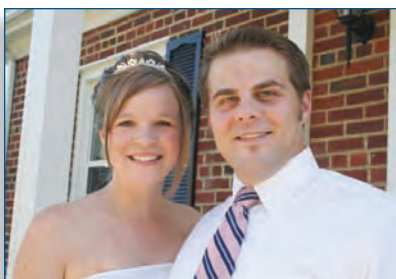
Mauri Peyton officially opened his law firm, The Law Offices of Mauri Peyton, P.A., in October 2007. The firm focuses in criminal defense litigation. He also serves as general counsel to Athlete Management International, a sports agency specializing in basketball and football athletes. Peyton attended St. Thomas University School of Law and graduated in the top ten percent of his class. (Reprinted from the Winter 2007-08 issue, with corrections)

Hollis (Zemany) McLachlan was recently in Mumbai, India, for the filming of a movie, *Karma*, in which she will have a starring role. *Karma* is an English-language film geared toward English-speaking audiences in Australia,

New Zealand, and Asia, and is about a young woman who travels to India and begins to remember her past lives and see things that other people can't see. She landed the role in part due to her smaller role in the horror film, *The Eighth Plague*. In addition to studying acting at W&J, Zemany taught acting classes at the Washington Community Arts and Cultural Center. She moved to Los Angeles shortly after graduation and married Liam McLachlan, a member of the Australian Ten Tenors singing group.

MARRIAGES

2001



Joanne Virginia Stanley married Henry William Frye on September 2, 2006, in Leesburg, Virginia. **Audrey (Taylor) Bores '03** served as matron of honor. Joanne is an attorney with the Virginia Attorney General's Office and Henry is a police officer. The couple resides in Richmond, Virginia.

2002

Jamie L. Lyons and **Brad E. Guinn '04** were married on July 22, 2006, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh. W&J alumni in the wedding party included **Amanda Logan '02** and **Anthony Ficalora '04**. Many W&J alumni were in attendance including 14 of Brad's Phi Kappa Sigma brothers and eight of Jamie's Delta Gamma sisters. Jamie currently works as a portfolio strategist for Strategic Energy in Pittsburgh and also serves as the chapter advisor for the Delta Gamma chapter at W&J. Brad is an assistant branch manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Wexford. The couple resides in Wexford.

2003

Tiffany (Jackson) and Douglas Nobles '03 were united in marriage on August 11, 2007, in Pittsburgh. W&J alumni in attendance were **Sara (Goldstein) Grogan '03**, **Kylie (Pajak) Murray '03**, **Spencer Paul '03**, and **Valerie (Paydo) Shaw '04**. The couple spent their honeymoon in Montreal, Canada.

Susan Matz and **Aaron O'Leary '03** were united in marriage on October 29, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Church in Washington. The couple met at W&J and included several of their friends in the wedding party who are also W&J alumni. This included: **Michelle (Riley) Pons '03**, **Katie Davis '04**, **Abby Leslie '05**, **Keely Albert '01**, **Brian Duncan '03**, **Charles "Chuck" Fountain II '03**, and **Corey Francis '01**. Many other W&J grads were in attendance, as well. Susan is a third grade teacher at Bayshore Elementary in Port St. Lucie, Florida, and Aaron is a route salesperson for Nestlé Waters North America in Palm Beach. The couple resides in Palm City.

2006

Alexis Orchowski and **Matt Tressler '05** were married on September 8, 2007. The wedding party included W&J alumni **Katie Johnson '06**, **Nichole Pruss '06**, **Jen Burkett '06**, **Crystal Young '06**, **Lisa Allison '04**, and **Luke Belsky '06**.

2007

Christine M. Briski and Ross R. Chilcott were married on October 13, 2007, at Comerstone Christian Community Church in Pittsburgh. W&J alumni in the wedding party included **Megan Wilson '06**. Several current W&J students and alumni were in attendance as well. The couple traveled to Disney World for their honeymoon and resides in Bethel Park.

BIRTHS/ ADOPTIONS

1993

Julie (Grebzen) Rothbardt and her husband, Greg Rothbardt, would like to announce the arrival of their daughter Caroline "Callie" Beth Rothbardt on April 20, 2007. Callie was welcomed to the family by her big brothers Sam (6) and George (4). The Rothbardts live in Bettendorf, Iowa.

1998



Heather (Miller) Purcell and her husband **Timothy Purcell '99** would like to announce the birth of their son, Caden Ryan, and their daughter, Addison Lynn, on September 11, 2006. *Twins* magazine published this photo of the twins in the "Double Takes" section of the March/April 2008 edition. Tim continues his work as a chiropractor for Knox Family Chiropractic, as well as running his own office in Waterford. Heather is employed as the court solicitor for the Erie County Court of Common Pleas.

2001

Kristen (Yukish) Lewis and her husband, Jeff, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hayden Michael Lewis, on October 18, 2007 in Akron, Ohio.

2002

Jamie (Lyons) Guinn and **Brad Guinn '04** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Gavin Edward Guinn, born on December 7, 2007.

2003

Aaron and Susan (Matz) O'Leary '03 are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Cameron Elizabeth O'Leary. Born nine weeks early, Cameron spent 23 days in the NICU and she came home on October 6, 2007. She is doing wonderfully and is happy and healthy.

IN MEMORIAM

Lt. Col. Edward S. Martin '36, Washington, died December 13, 2007, at the age of 93. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He joined the Pennsylvania National Guard as a private in 1932 and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel upon his retirement in 1974. Lt. Col. Martin served on active duty in World War II and the Korean War. He was a practicing attorney in Washington County for more than 50 years, a 60-year member of the Washington County Bar Association, a former Pennsylvania assistant attorney general, a former assistant district attorney of Washington County, and was a member/partner of Fergus, Martin and Fergus law firm.

Roy S. Averill '37, Santa Barbara, California, died July 12, 2007, at the age of 90.

Robert C. Stevick '38, Williamsburg, Virginia, died January 31, 2008, at the age of 91. Between 1942 and 1946, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific Theatre. Mr. Stevick worked in the tool steel business for 32 years, then as a librarian at the College of William and Mary from 1971 until his retirement in 1981.

Charles Sherman Wilder Sr. '38, Sun City, Arizona, died November 19, 2007, at the age of 93. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. For 30 years, Mr. Wilder was the senior agent in group life for Aetna.

Richard Watson '40, Virginia Beach, Virginia, died January 7, 2008, at the age of 89. He started his naval career as an aviator in 1942, and flew seaplanes during World War II. His U.S. Navy career took him many places, including Jacksonville, Florida and Trinidad, and on assignments

as the navigator of the USS Bon Homme Richard (CV-31) and on the NATO staff in London. One of Mr. Watson's Navy assignments was as a math professor at the U.S. Naval Academy. After he retired on July 1, 1968, he assumed his math teaching career at Kempsville High School until he retired from the Virginia Beach school system in 1977.

Michael Culyba '41, Bethel Park, died on October 22, 2007, at the age of 88.

Edwin A. Downs Jr. '42, Princeton, New Jersey, died November 8, 2007, at the age of 88. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Mr. Downs was commissioned as an ensign in September 1941, serving aboard the destroyer USS Meredith. After two years of sea duty mostly in the South Pacific, he returned to the states for flight training. After receiving his wings, he was assigned to the fighter squadron of Air Group 13. After the war, he continued flying in the Navy Reserves at NAS Willow Grove until 1961. He was commander of one of the fighter squadrons for several years and he retired with that rank. He worked briefly for CV Hill Company in Trenton before becoming a stock broker with Hemphill Noyes in 1955. Mr. Downs retired from Merrill Lynch in 1983 after 28 years in the brokerage business.

John S. Lindsey '43, Oneida, New York, died December 3, 2007, at the age of 86. Prior to his retirement, he was employed with the Liquid Carbonic Corporation for over 45 years as a chemical engineer. He was the leading expert on carbon dioxide and wrote a chapter about the gas for the *Van Nostrand Scientific Encyclopedia*. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Lindsey served with the U.S. Army in the 103rd Evacuation Hospital as a medical corpsman in the European Theater. He was also involved in The Boy Scouts of America (BSA), serving as a scoutmaster for many years. He was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to young people in a BSA local council.

John B. Mantonya '44, Utica, Ohio, died December 18, 2007, at the age of 85. He was a member of Beta Theta Phi fraternity. He received his juris doctorate from Ohio State University College of Law, and in 1999, received an award for dedicating 50 years to the practice of law. A veteran of the U.S.

Army, Mr. Mantonya proudly served his country during World War II in the 101st Airborne Unit in the European Theater. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Licking County Bar Association, and a Salvation Army Lifetime Honoree. He was a past mayor of Utica.

Robert J. Wilson '45, Clermont, Florida, died February 20, 2008, at the age of 85. He attended W&J on an athletic scholarship until enlisting in the U.S. Marines in 1942, where he served in the South Pacific until 1946. Upon completion of his military service, Mr. Wilson completed his degree at W&J. He joined the FBI shortly after graduation where he became the youngest supervisor ever in the Chicago office. In 1958, he became president of the Armored Express, Inc. and Werner Kennelly Moving and Storage. In 1973, he bought Midwest Aquarium Company (Wilson Pet Supply, Inc.) which became one of the largest distributors of pet products in the country. He retired in 1989 and later moved to Florida.

Robert L. Stewart '45, Albuquerque, New Mexico, died September 27, 2007, at the age of 84. He served as a pilot with the 8th Division of the U.S. Army-Air Force in World War II.

John W. Arblaster '49, Delmont, died December 1, 2006, at the age of 85. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served in World War II in the China-India-Burma Theatre. He earned the rank of captain, and was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Prior to retirement, Mr. Arblaster was employed by West Penn Power Company in Greensburg.

Herman L. Custer '49, McLean, Virginia, died December 4, 2007, at the age of 86. He was an executive with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. During World War II, Mr. Custer served as a U.S. Navy pilot.

Harry W. Davey '49, Fredericktown, died on January 14, 2008, at the age of 88. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army as a corporal. He was a light truck driver and a heavy machine gunner, having served in New Guinea. For his service, he received an American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one battle star,

Philippines Liberation Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon and a Good Conduct Medal. Mr. Davey was employed with Franklin County Sheriff Department in Columbus, Ohio, as a lieutenant and chief investigator with more than 24 years of service before retiring in 1987.

Edward L. Henderson '49, Washington, died on February 23, 2008, at the age of 83. He was the first employee hired by Fairmont Supply Company (when they opened the Washington Branch) and retired in 1985 after 38 years of service as senior territorial salesman. Mr. Henderson served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II as a staff sergeant in the South Pacific in the VMF9NO-533 Leatherneck Night Fighters Squadron of the 4th Marine Air Wing. He saw action on the island of Eniwetok and served in the battle of Okinawa.

William McCormick '49, Carnegie, died on December 15, 2007, at the age of 83. He was the advertising manager for *The Pittsburgh Press* and *Post-Gazette* for 20 years. Mr. McCormick served two years in Europe during World War II. After retirement, he worked at hardware stores, including Carnegie Supply.

Joseph Stulb V '49, Blue Bell, died on October 11, 2007, at the age of 81. He was a retired paint manufacturer and co-owned Turco Paint and Varnish Company in Philadelphia. Mr. Stulb served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Walter L. Allison Jr. '50, Hamden, Connecticut, died February 23, 2008, at the age of 81. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1945-47. Mr. Allison was deeply influenced by his early life in India (he was born in Landour, India to Presbyterian missionary parents and moved to the U.S. after high school to attend W&J), prompting his work for the Olin Corporation in its chemical and international divisions in New York City and Connecticut for 38 years. He traveled extensively for business, primarily to Japan, South Africa, and South America.

John D. Gonella '50, Chicago Heights, Illinois, died on November 27, 2007, at the age of 81.

Ronald E. Gustafson '50, Grayslake, Illinois, died October 21, 2007, at the age of 80.

Charles G. Rendlesham '50, Mayfield Heights, Ohio, died April 9, 2007, at the age of 78.

Gordon P. Sutherland '51, San Luis Obispo, California, died October 28, 2007, at the age of 80. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp in World War II. He was also part of the honorary collegiate journalism fraternity, Pi Delta Epsilon, while at W&J. Mr. Sutherland was the co-founder and CEO of The Human Resources Group, a nationwide organization that provided employee assistance programs.

G. Richard Jones M.D. '53, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, died February 27, 2007. He was an orthopedic surgeon in Grosse Pointe for 35 years and was chief of orthopedics at St. John's Hospital from 1976-1997. Dr. Jones performed St. John's first arthroscopic surgery.

Clayton Joyce '53, Bismarck, North Dakota, died February 26, 2008, at the age of 76. He was a manager for Ferry-Morse Seed Company in Mountain View, California, from 1962-82. He worked as a manager at Monterey Mushroom Company from 1982-83. During this time, he was also a part-time realtor. Mr. Joyce later became a full-time realtor until his retirement in July 2006. He was an All-American athlete in high school, and in college he was scouted by the San Francisco 49ers and Chicago Bears. He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and honorably discharged in July 1962.

Earl O. Jones Jr. '54, Clearwater, Florida, died February 29, 2008, at the age of 77. He graduated magna cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa at W&J, earning the Benjamin Franklin 1st prize in Economics. He worked at General Electric for 33 years, and was owner of Twin Palms Community in Clearwater.

Paul E. Rathgeb Jr. '55, Murrysville, died on February 11, 2008, at the age of 74. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Prior to retirement, he was employed for 30 years by Westinghouse Electric Corporation in the human resources department. He also served as both director of career services and director of alumni at W&J. Mr. Rathgeb was a past chairman of the Westmoreland County Republican Committee.

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF NORMAN W. VOGEL, PH.D.

Thomas K. Taussig '56, Oceanside, California, died November 21, 2007, at the age of 72. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956–58 and was active in the Reserves, retiring as a Captain in 1964. Mr. Taussig worked in purchasing and materials management of fine chemicals and pharmaceuticals for several companies in New Jersey and became a certified purchasing manager. He was director of purchasing for Seltzer Chemicals in Carlsbad, California before retiring in 2001.

Homer Dwight Byrd '60, Washington, died February 11, 2008, at the age of 70. He was called into active service in May 1964 with the U.S. Army Reserve and was honorably discharged with a rank of captain in November 1966. Mr. Byrd was employed by the federal government as a district counsel with the Veterans Administration in Pittsburgh until his retirement in March 1995.

Dale H. Clapsaddle '61, Titusville, Florida, died January 29, 2008, at the age of 74. Mr. Clapsaddle was a member of the 27th Wolfhound regiment serving in Korea. He was an industrial engineer for the U.S. Steel Corporation for 18 years, and was the first business manager for Peters Township School District, serving for 24 years until his retirement in 1994.

Eugene A. Leposki '61, Perry Township, died September 19, 2007, at the age of 67. He served in the U.S. Army in Battery D, 4th Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery, attaining the rank of captain. Mr. Leposki worked as a medical equipment salesman for Nellcor-Puritan-Bennett and was the former owner of Gino's Dairy Stand in Chicora.

Thomas Lee Franks '64, Washington, died February 11, 2008, at the age of 65. He was an electrician at Bethlehem Mines Corporation for 25 years, and formerly taught at Bentworth and Fort Cherry high schools.

Allen J. Merzi M.D. '64, Washington, died February 8, 2008, at the age of 65. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. For more than 25 years, he operated a private practice in Washington, specializing in general and peripheral vascular surgery, and was on staff at Washington Hospital, Canonsburg General Hospital, and Centerville Clinic, as well as a board member of the Mel Blount Youth Home. Dr. Merzi served on

Norman W. Vogel, Ph.D. of Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, and professor emeritus of W&J's Department of Biology from 1956-85, passed away on January 18, 2008. He was 90 years old.

The consummate scientist and teacher, Dr. Vogel was an observer, investigator, and recorder of life. Biology and zoology were his discipline, and teaching his profession. Academically, he was a 1940 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he also earned his master's degree in zoology. He later received his Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1956. Dr. Vogel's laboratory and classroom extended into the world; a turtle that was found dead became a carefully prepared, organized, and displayed study of vertebrate structural anatomy for all of his students to learn about and appreciate. Upon his retirement from W&J, the College bestowed on him the honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1986.

Dr. Vogel enjoyed teaching and had a lifelong desire to help others. His travels included a Fulbright Lectureship in Physiology at Nangrahar Medical Facility, Jalalabad, Afghanistan from 1968-69. He was lay director for the Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church 1972-76 and was assigned to the Asian team and visited India and Nepal in the spring of 1975.

Not just a teacher of biology, his woodworking and craftsmanship skills also became a means for sharing and teaching others. His projects of furniture, baskets, jewelry boxes, children's toys, and countless others have been enjoyed by many. His woodworking shop was a place of creativity, ingenuity, production, and retreat; he was able to remain very active in his crafts and activities until very late in his life.

Retirement gave him new energy to give back to the local community. Dr. Vogel and his wife Margaret volunteered countless hours with the Washington County Habitat for Humanity and Meals on Wheels. In Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, he served as past treasurer for Pleasant Hill Children Enrichment Center and was a member of the long-range planning committee for the Uplands Retirement Community.

A scientist, teacher, steadfast husband and father, and faithful Christian, the life of Dr. Norman W. Vogel was certainly one well lived.

the teaching staff of the family practice residency program at Washington Hospital, received the Outstanding Teacher Award in both 1986 and 1996, and served on the Pre-Health Advisory ommittee at W&J. He served in the U.S. Army from 1971–73 with the rank of major, working in Womack Army Hospital in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and was honored with the Meritorious Service Medal.

Allan J. Reitzer '64, Afton, Tennessee, died January 26, 2008, at the age of 65. He was employed as president of Unaka Corporation. Mr. Reitzer's long business career included the oil and gas industry and the food industry. He loved a good challenge, so in 2004, he and his wife started an executive recruiting firm in Jonesborough, Tennessee.

Ralph H. Wisniewski '64, Hampton, died December 25, 2007, at the age of 65.

David M. Kercher '65, Albuquerque, New Mexico, died February 13, 2007, at the age of 64.

David K. McNaughton '67, Harrisburg, died November 20, 2007, at the age of 62. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He owned McNaughton Oil Company and later worked as a realtor for Previte Realty. Mr. McNaughton was a retired 1st Lieutenant of the U.S. Army, having served during the Vietnam War.

Richard J. Willhoft '69, Washington, died December 19, 2007, at the age of 60. He was a sales director for Climax Molybdenum. Mr. Willhoft was a veteran

of the Korean conflict, serving as a captain with the U.S. Army. While attending W&J, he was a member of ROTC and the Pershing Rifle drill team.

Mark P. Beckerman M.D. '76, Indianapolis, Indiana, died November 6, 2007, at the age of 53. He was a varsity athlete in track, member of Alpha Tau Omega, fraternity and active in ROTC while at W&J. Upon graduation from medical school, Dr. Beckerman served six years in the U.S. Army. From 1983–86, he was a staff doctor at Hawley Army Hospital, Ft. Harrison, Indiana. Dr. Beckerman assumed private practice and, together with his loyal staff, he maintained an "old-fashioned" family medical practice for the past 21 years. Throughout his career, he was board certified by the American Academy of Family Physicians and served as a St. Vincent physician.

Cinda Ann (Griffin) Pikulin '80, Mt. Lebanon, died July 13, 2007, at the age of 51. She was director of the laboratory at Canonsburg General Hospital where she was employed for more than 25 years.

Joan E. Lesnock '83, Washington, died January 25, 2008, at the age of 62. She earned a law degree in 1987 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and practiced for 20 years. Ms. Lesnock was a member of the Washington and West Virginia Bar Associations.

John Donald Yancich, D.C. '92, Atlanta, Georgia, died February 3, 2008, at the age of 38. He worked on labor issues during an internship with a Pennsylvania Senator soon after his college graduation. Later, Dr. Yancich attended Life University School of Chiropractic in Atlanta, Georgia. He worked in both Atlanta and in Dallas, Texas as a caring and compassionate chiropractor with a high work ethic and integrity, focusing on quality patient care.

Sam Easoz '11, McMurray, died December 11, 2007, at the age of 19. He was a graduate of Peters Township High School and a political science major at W&J.

KHALIFA LAHNICHE

Khalifa Lahniche of Pittsburgh, and visiting professor of Arabic last year at W&J, passed away on March 6, 2008. He was 37 years old.

Mr. Lahniche was born and raised in Casablanca, Morocco. After earning his bachelor's degree in English, he moved to the United States and set roots in Pittsburgh. He accepted a position as professor of Arabic at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was also completing graduate work on his Ph.D. After obtaining his U.S. citizenship, Mr. Lahniche was finally able to visit his family in Morocco for what would be the first and only time in 2001, six years after he came to America.

According to his students, Mr. Lahniche was not only an amazing professor, but a generous and sincere man. In his honor, a group of his students at W&J set up a memorial fund to raise the money that was needed to send his body to his family in Morocco for burial. Over \$600 was raised in the first 24 hours via the Internet, and using various fundraising activities in the community, his students were able to raise the entire \$6,000 needed to send his body home to his family.

Nellica Davis '10, one of his students who helped to raise money, says he will not be forgotten.

"Though Khalifa is no longer with us, his friendship will outlive every one of us. We only had him for one semester, and in that short time, he touched each of our hearts. Not even death can end a memory," she said.

Mr. Lahniche is survived by his wife, **Becky (Ellenberger) '82**, and daughter Majida, age 4.

FRIENDS

Clarke M. Carlisle, formerly of Washington, died January 28, 2008, at the age of 94. He attended W&J before graduating from the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Carlisle worked as chief chemist at Jessop Steel Company, where he retired in 1975.

Glover D. Crawford, Washington, died February 29, 2008, at the age of 88. He attended W&J for two years. During World War II, Mr. Crawford served in the U.S. Army's Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron in the air offensive in Burma, India, Japan, and China. He was honored for his service with the American Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal, and Air Medal. He retired as a foreman at J&L Steel in Aliquippa after 34 years of service.

Fernando "Ferdie" Galardini, Pleasant Hills, died March 9, 2008, at the age of 82. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as an air traffic controller. Mr. Galardini was stationed in

Burma, India, and China, and rose to the rank of corporal. He attended W&J for two years before deciding to work for his father in the family's barber shop, of which he took ownership of in the late 1940s.

Joseph A. Gore, Valdosta, Georgia, died February 1, 2008, at the age of 72. He taught at W&J as an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics from 1965–1966.

Clayton Edgar Gregg III, Washington, died December 12, 2007, at the age of 56. He was employed in the maintenance department at W&J before becoming a bus driver in the Uniontown area.

Paul MacCready, Los Angeles, California, died August 28, 2007, at the age of 81. He pioneered the design for the first fully capable human-powered flying machine. Mr. MacCready was presented with an honorary Doctor of Science degree at W&J's 208th Commencement ceremony on May 19, 2007.

William J. Rudolph, Allegheny Township, died January 2, 2008, at the age of 85. He attended W&J and was the owner and operator of R&L Industries for 20 years. Mr. Rudolph was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army Air Forces as a technical sergeant, top gunner, and flight engineer on a B-24 Liberator for the 451 Bomber Group and was stationed in North Africa and Italy. He was awarded a Purple Heart and the United States Air Force Air Medal. He also was a co-founder and instructor of the welding engineering technology program at Westmoreland County Community College until his retirement in 1991.

Kathryn E. Rutan, Washington, died December 17, 2007, at the age of 92. She attended night classes at W&J and went on to work locally in a bank and in the office of the administrator of the Washington Trust Building. She also worked as a legal secretary in the offices of Patrono, Ceisler, Edwards, and Pettit.

Joseph R. Vadella Jr., Belle Vernon, died January 5, 2008, at the age of 78. He attended W&J for two years prior to serving in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Vadella retired from the Allenport Plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Company in 1987, where he was the superintendent of the Annealing Department.

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Through the Years

As you recall walking across South Campus on your way to Dieter-Porter, did you ever wonder who Dieter and Porter were, and what they did to get a building named after them?

Drs. Dieter and Porter were two faculty members who played major roles in helping to build W&J's deserved reputation in preparing young people for health-related careers. The Life Sciences Building was officially named Dieter-Porter Hall in their memory in a dedication ceremony on October 10, 1981.

The following biographical excerpts are taken from the Dedication Program.

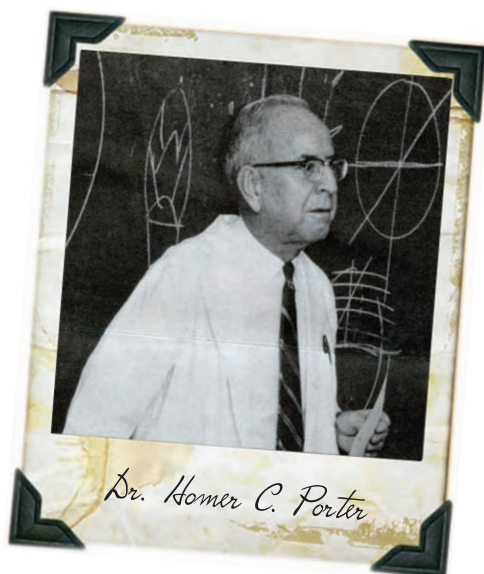


Dr. Clarence D. Dieter

“For 44 years, Dr. Clarence Dewey Dieter taught biology at Washington & Jefferson College. To hundreds of W&J students, however, he was more than a teacher. He was a friend who joked, bullied, begged, threatened—and brought out their best as they studied for careers in medicine.

Dr. Dieter came to W&J in 1922 and continued on the faculty until 1966. For 29 of those years, from 1935 to 1964, he was chairman of the Biology Department. He gave his students thorough training in fundamental science courses, helped them broaden their general education, encouraged them to achieve high scholarship, and guided them into the best of the nation's medical schools.”

In July, 1966, Dr. Dieter became professor emeritus of biology. He passed away on May 23, 1975, at the age of 76.



Dr. Homer C. Porter

“With the single exception of the 50-year tenure of Dr. E. M. Weyer, Dr. Homer Clifford Porter taught longer at Washington & Jefferson College than any other man. He joined the faculty in 1927, a year after his graduation from the College and, for 45 years, brought his students the best that he had in education.

Dr. Porter was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. His enthusiasm for teaching was boundless and his lectures were dynamic. Humor was an important part of his teaching technique. Insisting on thorough preparation, he nevertheless was able to relax his students with his wit.

Even after his retirement in 1972, Dr. Porter continued to meet with alumni groups from time to time and to assist students whenever he could. Until his death on July 30, 1979, Dr. Porter was always a respected and helpful friend to W&J students and alumni.”

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Kaitlyn Orstein '08: Eight-Time National Champion

- 8 Division III NCAA Championship Titles
- 200 IM ('05', '07 & '08)
- 400 IM ('05 & '06)
- 200 Breaststroke ('07 and '08)
- 100 Breaststroke ('08)
- NCAA Division III record holder in the 200 IM
- 14-time All-American
- 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 PAC Swimmer of the Year
- Holds 10 Conference Records
- Holds 18 Washington & Jefferson College Team Records
- Won 25 PAC Conference Titles
- 15-time Presidents' Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Week
- Two-time *Collegeswimming.com* National Swimmer of the Week
- Helped W&J win two PAC Championships
- Featured in March 10, 2008 issue of *Sports Illustrated* magazine
- Won five gold medals for Team USA at 2006 Maccabi International Games (Sydney, Australia)
- 2004 Dapper Dan Female High School Athlete of the Year

The most decorated student-athlete in Washington & Jefferson College history concluded a record-breaking career this winter by winning three NCAA Division III National Swimming Championships.

Kaitlyn Orstein '08 continued her assault on the Division III record books after earning national titles in the 200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke, and 200 breaststroke in March at Miami University's Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center.

In the first day of competition at the national championships, Orstein smashed her own national record by nearly three seconds in posting a time of 2:00.27 in the 200 IM.

The following day, she set a new MU pool record during the preliminaries of the 100 breaststroke (1:02.04) and then won her second NCAA title in as many days after recording a time of 1:02.35.

On Saturday, Orstein completed the clean sweep by successfully defending her 200 breaststroke title with a time of 2:16.29, defeating the next closest competitor by more than two full seconds.

"Kaitlyn is a student-athlete who comes once in a lifetime and we were very fortunate to have her here at W&J," said Head Coach Mike Orstein, who is also Kaitlyn's father. "She was a pleasure to coach and she represented W&J in a first-class fashion."

Orstein won eight NCAA Division III Championships during her career and finished as a 14-time NCAA Division III All-American. She concluded her career with 18 Washington & Jefferson College and 10 Presidents' Athletic Conference records.

"Her senior year was truly a story book finish," added Mike Orstein. "I couldn't be more proud of her accomplishments while at W&J, and the best part about it is that she's my daughter."



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