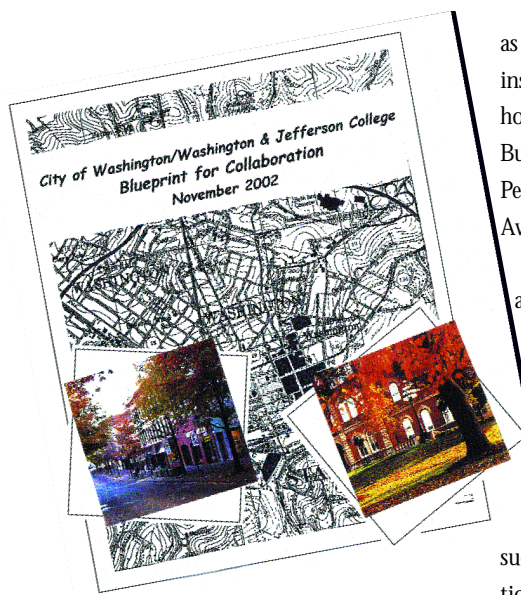

CAMPUS NEWS

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE AND CITY OF WASHINGTON SET STANDARD FOR TOWN/GOWN RELATIONSHIPS



The *Blueprint for Collaboration*, developed to establish a shared vision for the future between Washington & Jefferson College and the City of Washington, is being recognized

as a benchmark for cooperation between institutions of higher education and their host communities. In June, the Washington Business District Authority received the Pennsylvania Downtown Center's Townie Award for the project.

The Townie Awards showcase significant advancements in Pennsylvania's downtown development programs. The Pennsylvania Downtown Center is the statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to downtown issues and revitalization in the Commonwealth.

"Washington has met with unusual success in achieving consensus and cooperation among the various groups that play a role in its downtown revitalization efforts," said William S. Fontana, executive director, Pennsylvania Downtown Center. The Center presented the Washington

Business District Authority with its 2003 Townie Award for Organization Excellence in Community Partnerships. The honor recognizes innovative and mutually beneficial relationships between organizations that have a vested interest in downtown revitalization—in the case of the *Blueprint*, W&J, the City of Washington, and Main Street Washington.

"The City and the College recognize their interdependence in securing the future of the downtown community," said President of the College Brian C. Mitchell. "Together we are rebuilding the city to be economically viable and capable of supporting a growing, high-quality educational institution like W&J."

The *Blueprint for Collaboration*, which was introduced to the public in November 2002, was the product of an eight-month planning effort funded by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and facil-

The Vision

- Washington will have new businesses and job opportunities and be well on the way to rebuilding a strong economic base that can support quality education and other public services.
- The College will be growing in ways that stimulate downtown revitalization and make a significant contribution to the social and economic well-being of the entire community.
- There will be strong connections of many kinds between the W&J campus and the rest of the Washington community.
- Downtown Washington will have many new and restored buildings bringing new residents and activities Downtown.
- Downtown Washington will have a safe, inviting environment that is pedestrian friendly, easy to navigate and offers adequate parking.
- There will be a growing number of thriving retail establishments, restaurants and professional offices Downtown serving both the local and college communities.
- The Highland Ridge revitalization will be well underway, creating an attractive neighborhood for Highland Ridge residents and an appealing new entrance into Downtown Washington and the W&J campus.
- The City and College will offer expanded cultural opportunities and attractions making Washington a regional recreational destination.
- There will be a sense of pride about what is happening in Washington and a sense of optimism about what the future has in store.

itated by Elizabeth Waters of Charlottesville, Virginia. Waters, a consultant who specializes in planning for community and economic development, environmental protection, and historic preservation, worked with the City/College steering committee to gather input from local business leaders, government officials, students, faculty, and the non-profit communities in developing the plan.

The *Blueprint* details goals and benchmarks for the future of the City of Washington, as well as strategies and tactics designed to help the College and the City work together to realize those aspirations. The plan includes recommendations that the College explore opportunities to relocate its bookstore and develop student housing in the downtown area and help to make downtown a primary eating, shopping, and visiting destination.

Recently, the *Blueprint for Collaboration* was the subject of an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (see "W&J in the News," page 4), and Washington Mayor Ken Westcott and President Mitchell presented the *Blueprint* at the Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities.

"The Vision" is from the *Blueprint for Collaboration*—a document that is a product of an eight-month-long planning effort, supported by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. The *Blueprint* can be read on W&J's Web site at www.washjeff.edu.

EAT 'N PARK'S BROADHURST IS NAMED W&J ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR



W&J Entrepreneur of the Year Jim Broadhurst (center), chairman and chief executive officer of Eat 'n Park Hospitality Group, Inc.; Dr. Joe Hardy, III (right), founder of W&J's Entrepreneurial Studies Program and founder and chairman of 84 Lumber; and Tim Murphy (left), director of the Entrepreneurial Studies Program at W&J, gather for a photograph after the awards dinner.

Washington & Jefferson College honored James S. Broadhurst, chairman and chief executive officer of Eat 'n Park Hospitality Group, Inc., with the 2003 W&J Entrepreneur of the Year Award on Saturday, March 1, at the Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel. The keynote speaker for the award ceremony was Ron Insana, co-anchor of CNBC's *Business Center* and NBC News contributor.

A native of Titusville, Broadhurst joined Eat 'n Park in 1973 as executive vice president and treasurer. Under his leadership, the company has grown into a diversified food services company that serves more than 150 facilities throughout the Mid-Atlantic, including W&J. "Through his ingenuity and perseverance, Jim has proven that he is an innovative business leader who embraces the spirit of entrepreneur-

ship," said Tim Murphy, director of the Entrepreneurial Studies Program at W&J. "When we're deciding on the award recipient, we're looking not only at their leadership qualities in business, but also their leadership qualities in the broader community. Jim has clearly shown that he possesses both and that he is an outstanding role model for future entrepreneurs," Murphy said.

Broadhurst joined Eat 'n Park Hospitality Group, Inc. in 1973 following a seven-year career in commercial banking with Pittsburgh National Bank. He was named president of Eat 'n Park Restaurants in 1975 and nine years later became chairman and chief executive officer. He earned his bachelor's degree from The Pennsylvania State University and his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh.

W&J established its Entrepreneurial Studies Program in 1986 with the generous support of Dr. Joseph A. Hardy, III. A rigorous academic experience within the liberal arts tradition, the Entrepreneurial Studies Program cultivates the spirit and vision of entrepreneurship. The College's annual award honors individuals who represent the values and mission of the College's innovative Entrepreneurial Studies Program.

THE CHRONICLE

of Higher Education.

W&J IN THE NEWS

W&J made national news in a March 7, 2003, article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The article, "Combatants Become Allies," about the collaboration between the College and the City of Washington, appeared in the Money & Management section. The article referenced the *Blueprint for Collaboration*—a document that outlines ways in which W&J and the City of Washington can work together.

The article reveals that the College and the community realized that they needed to cooperate three years ago when President of the College Brian C. Mitchell joined a group that helped the city to land a state grant to improve the downtown area. President Mitchell was quoted in the article: "Colleges and universities tend to assume they know everything. W&J was in a situation where it needed to listen to some legitimate gripes."



President Brian C. Mitchell was quoted in another article about the *Blueprint for Collaboration* in the *Pittsburgh-Tribune Review* saying, "We recognize that the College and community are inextricably linked and it is in our best interest to work together so that we may both enjoy a bright future."



Assistant Professor of Biology and Director of Environmental Studies



Program Robert East was quoted in an article about the potentially harmful environmental effects of dumping

excess snow into rivers.

The article was distributed by The Associated Press and was featured in more than 30 other media outlets including *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *abcNEWS.com*, *Boston.com*, and the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. East commented that the salt that is mixed with the snow could be harmful to stone flies, which are an important part of the food chain in streams.



Professor of Political Science Joseph DiSarro was quoted in at least five articles on a variety of political topics including President George Bush's communication skills and Richard Gephardt's resignation as House Democratic Leader. DiSarro's opinions appeared in newspapers across the country including *Chicago Tribune*, *Sacramento Bee*, and *Richmond Times Dispatch*.



Assistant Director for Academic Technology Jason Parkhill and Network Services Manager Baron Rawlins were quoted on the College's new phone system, Voice-over-Internet-Protocol (VoIP), in the Pittsburgh Technology Council's March 2003 issue of *TEQ*. VoIP is a method of transmitting voice traffic over an IP data network which will reduce costs and increase functionality of W&J's campus phone service.



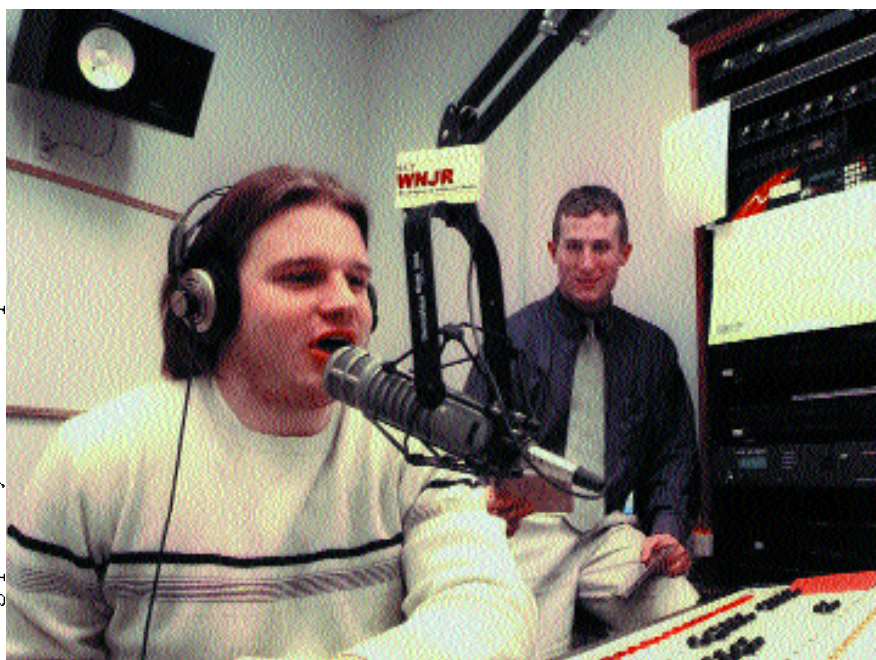
Assistant Professor of Political Science Zheya Gai participated in



a panel discussion that focused on whether or not multilingual ballots should be provided to non-English speaking

Americans. An article about the discussion, "Immigrants, Native Discuss Government's Duty to Help Non-Natives Participate," appeared in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

WNJR REACHES LISTENERS BEYOND CAMPUS



Photograph courtesy of the *Observer-Reporter*

W&J has launched a revamped, student-run, radio station with a classic hits format that will reach into the Pittsburgh area radio market. The new station, 91.7 WNJR-FM, reaches up to 30 miles in every direction from the College and marks the farthest broadcast signal of any college-owned radio station in western Pennsylvania.

W&J changed the call letters of its station from WXJX-FM last July as a sign of what would become a new era in the station's history. Since then, students have been preparing to be heard beyond the campus limits. With a new antenna in place atop the historic Washington Trust Building, more than 1.1 million potential households will have access to the station. The station's 1,900-watt signal will reach north to Wexford, east as far as New Stanton, south to Morgantown, and west to

Wheeling. In addition, streaming audio is available on the College's homepage at www.washjeff.edu.

Under the direction of General Manager Scott Koskoski, students develop programming, produce commercials, assist with securing underwriting, and treat the station as a non-profit business entity.

"Our students and I are excited for the opportunity to reach so many listeners in the region and around the world via the Internet," said Koskoski. "We pride ourselves in being a news, sports, information, and entertainment hub not only for the College, but also for the broader community."

In addition to offering the best pop and rock music of the past three decades, WNJR also offers specialty programming that includes sports talk, political debate, and Greek programs.

KRISTIN ONDECKO '03 RECEIVES \$200,000 FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Kristin Ondecko '03 is a few steps—and a few dollars—closer to becoming a medical doctor.

A 2003 Washington & Jefferson College graduate, Ondecko received the Jack Kent Cooke Award for Graduate Education, valued at \$200,000. Ondecko, of Northern Cambria, will use the scholarship at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine in Richmond, Virginia, where she will pursue a doctorate in medicine. She plans to focus her career on children and populations in need of health care resources.

Ondecko received a stipend from W&J in 2001 to research diabetic retinopathy at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. In 2002, W&J awarded Ondecko a stipend to study the developmental neurobiology of muscles in the tobacco hornworm under the guidance of Assistant Professor of Neuroscience and Biology Ron Bayline. Both projects were funded through Biological Science Education Program grants that W&J received from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

She was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Sigma Biological Sciences Honor Society, and Delta Sigma Pi Spanish Honor Society. Ondecko received the Edwin Scott Linton Prize in Biology and the Adlai Michaels Prize in Organic Chemistry, and served as an emergency room volunteer at The Washington Hospital.

The Jack Kent Cooke Award funds tuition, room and board, fees, and books for the duration of the recipient's approved post-graduate degree program.

Photograph courtesy of the *Observer-Reporter*



Renowned Pueblo Potter, Clarence Cruz, was artist in residence at the College in January. Cruz demonstrated his craft to a packed studio in Olin Fine Arts Center.

PUEBLO POTTER SHARES CRAFT SECRETS

ed a lecture and demonstration titled: "Pueblo Pottery of the Southwest: Cultural Identity."

Clarence Cruz is a Tewa from the Pueblo of San Juan/Ohkay Owingeh and a graduate of The University of New Mexico, with a BFA in Art Studio.

His work consists of traditional and contemporary pottery made from raw materials.

Cruz's traditional pottery reflects the corrugated, Potsuwii incised, and the carved polychrome styles.

Authentic Native American potters work with ten types of clay and use mineral paints from raw materials, as

well as vegetal paint from plants. They also use a traditional outside firing of the pot to achieve a high-quality finish and the sought-after authentic look.

Two types of firings are utilized: a controlled firing (a clean firing with no fire clouds), and a pit firing in which the flames are allowed to touch the pottery.

Cruz has worked and studied with two respected Native American potters, Juan Quezada (Mata Ortiz—Chihuahua, Mexico), and Mary Lewis Garcia (Acoma, New Mexico). He has also had the honor of instructing both graduate- and undergraduate-level pottery classes at the University of New Mexico.

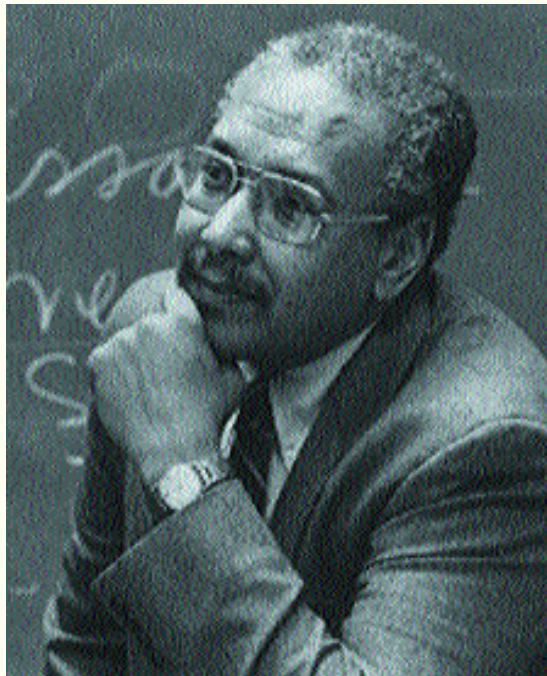
Clarence Cruz, a San Juan Pueblo potter, was artist in residence at Washington & Jefferson College on January 13 and 14. During his visit, made possible by the College's National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant, Cruz present-

VISITING WRITERS SERIES WELCOMES POET MICHAEL HARPER

Acclaimed Poet Michael Harper read from his books of poetry at Washington & Jefferson College on Monday, February 3, in the Olin Fine Arts Center as part of the W&J Visiting Writers Series.

Harper, who is a professor of English at Brown University, has published more than ten books of poetry. Among his most acclaimed work, Harper has authored *Images of Kin*, which won the Melville-Cane Award from the Poetry Society of America and a nomination for the National Book Award; *History is Your Heartbeat*, which won the Black Academy of Arts & Letters Award for poetry; and *Dear John, Dear Coltrane*, which was nominated for the National Book Award. He is the first Poet Laureate of the State of Rhode Island (1988–1993).

W&J's Visiting Writers Series is sponsored by the English Department and was organized by Adjunct Instructor of English Arlan Hess and English major Thomas Dawkins '03.



Photographs courtesy of the *Observer-Reporter*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONTINUES



W&J continues its community outreach through its Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) grant. Through this grant, the Biology and Chemistry Departments are able to share knowledge with many area teachers and school districts.

In January, biology students and Associate Professor of Biology Alice Lee worked with 15 fourth grade Girl Scouts from a local elementary school to conduct an outreach project. The scouts electroplated gold pennies, learned to take their blood pressure, used M&Ms to simulate a population genetics experiment, wrote science fiction short stories, used keys to identify plants and animals, and mixed colors to learn about pigment

science. These activities allowed the scouts to earn their "Science in Everyday Life" badge. W&J's grant from the HHMI covered the cost of supplies for the event.

Other members of the Phi Sigma Biological Honorary Society teamed with biology faculty members to conduct hands-on activities for gifted fifth grade students from local elementary schools. Activities included isolating DNA from dried peas, viewing the life cycle of the tobacco horn worm, identifying tree species, playing an evolution board game, and viewing the students' inner cheek cells under the microscope.

ADRIANA LOVE RECEIVES STUDY TRAVEL AWARD

The Heinz Award Selection Committee announced that Adriana Love '04 has been selected as the 2003 W&J recipient of the Vira I. Heinz



Endowment Study Travel Award. Love will use the award funds to study in Italy this summer.

Love has an interest in international relations and is pursuing a double major in political science and Spanish. She plans to study law after graduating from W&J. Originally from Monterrey, Mexico, Love is the daughter of Dr. Steven Love of Pennsylvania and Adriana Gracida of Monterrey. She has been named a Beta Scholar for the past three years and is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta (social sorority), Order of Omega (Greek leadership honorary), Gamma Sigma Alpha (Greek academic honorary), Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish honorary), and Alpha Phi Omega (service fraternity).

Vira I. Heinz provided in her will for the establishment of a charitable foundation which provides funds to enable one woman, at each of 11 colleges and universities, to spend a period of time abroad during the summer.

The Heinz Endowments support efforts to make southwestern Pennsylvania a premier place to live and work, a center of learning and educational excellence, and a home to diversity and inclusion. Committed to helping its region thrive as a whole community—economically, ecologically, educationally, and culturally—the foundation works within Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the nation to develop solutions to challenges that are national and even international in scope. One of the largest and most innovative independent philanthropic foundations in the country, the Endowments awarded over \$70 million in grants in 2002.

Vilar Technology Center to Open for Fall Term



The 73,800-square-foot Vilar Technology Center will open for classes this fall. The first and second floors house "smart" classrooms, seminar rooms, and faculty and staff offices for the College's Information Technology Leadership Program. The Center also provides nearly 200 computer workstations and a Global Learning Unit—a video-teleconferencing center.

MacLachlan Cornelius & Filoni, architects of The Howard J. Burnett Center, designed the building. The contractor is Landau Building Company.

W&J EDUCATES YOUTH ON BLACK HISTORY

In celebration of Black History Month, the Black Student Union (BSU) and the Education Department sponsored Educating Our Youth, a program that brought students from local schools, the Lemoyne Multicultural Center, and local after school programs to the College to learn about various topics in Black history. Dara Anderson '04, a psychology major and president of the BSU, coordinated the two-hour-long program, held on February 28, in The Howard J. Burnett Center.

During the program, the children participated in a variety of activities such as dancing, craftmaking, learning about famous African Americans, and storytelling. Members of the BSU and education students from the Children's Literature class (EDU 304) led the activities.



Above, Aichatou Mane '05, in costume, teaches an African dance to a group of students, staff, and community youth who participated in the Educating Our Youth program.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Award winners Luis Rosales (left) and Lokia Gordon (right) pose with plaques signifying their academic achievements.

FRESHMEN RECEIVE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AWARD

On January 20, W&J recognized freshmen Lokia Gordon and Luis Rosales for their academic performance during the fall semester with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for Scholarly Achievement. Although the award is new to the College this year, it will be given annually to a first-year multicultural male and female student who participates in, and has the highest G.P.A. in, the Multicultural Academic Success Collaborative Program (M.A.S.C.).

M.A.S.C. is designed to assist multicultural students in making their academic and social transition from high school to college and beyond. The program consists of three components: mentoring, academic excellence, and leadership.

Assistant Dean for Student Services and Multicultural Affairs Jeffery Burgin presented the pair with the Scholarly Achievement awards at the College's "The Community of Man" program—a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both Gordon and Rosales received a plaque and a \$200 book stipend in recognition of their academic achievement.

Gordon, a business major, is a graduate of Farrell Senior High School in Farrell. She is also a member of the sorority, Pi Beta Phi, and the W&J Women's Volleyball Team. Rosales, a member of the Men's Soccer Team and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, is a graduate of Serra High School in San Francisco, California.

W&J ARTS SERIES 2003–2004

Friday, September 19, 2003
THE HOT CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

Name, and Date to be announced
CLASSICAL GUITARIST

Tuesday, October 14, 2003
NICOLAS KENDALL, VIOLINIST

Friday, October 31, 2003
Robert Friedman Presents,
MACHOMER, "THE SIMPSONS" DO MACBETH!
Written and Performed by Rick Miller

Friday, February 20, 2004
THE MYSTICAL ARTS OF TIBET
Sacred Music Sacred Dance for World Healing

For more information, call Olin Fine Arts Center
Box Office at 724-223-OLIN (6546)

Sunday, March 7, 2004
LILY CAI CHINESE DANCE COMPANY
[Special 3:00 p.m. matinee performance]

Saturday, March 13, 2004
ESTHER BUDIARDJO, PIANIST

Saturday, April 3, 2004
SAN JOSE TAIKO

VILAR DISTINGUISHED ARTIST SERIES ON HIATUS

The Vilar Distinguished Artists Series will be on hiatus during 2003–2004 while W&J and Dr. Vilar evaluate the future direction of the Series. In the meantime, the W&J Arts Series will present an expanded repertoire, including classical music, and will highlight the work of young performers.

Since Dr. Alberto Vilar '62 began the Vilar Distinguished Artist Series in 1999, W&J has hosted some of the world's finest classical performers. At the close of the 2002–2003 season, the College and members of the wider community expressed their appreciation for the Series and their hopes for its future in a patron inscription book that was presented to Dr. Vilar.

COMMENCEMENT 2003



Christopher J. Matthews addressed the graduating seniors at Commencement 2003.

The members of W&J's Class of 2003 received their diplomas at the College's 204th Commencement on May 17, 2003.

The crowd erupted with applause and laughter when the Class of 1953 (the newest members of the Old Guard) surprised everyone by singing their class fight song, "The Gambolier Song," after being introduced by President Brian C. Mitchell. Later in the ceremony, Christopher J. Matthews, host of MSNBC's *Hardball With Chris Matthews*, received a standing ovation in response to his inspiring commencement address.

Matthews' speech centered around his three rules for students preparing to find their way in the world: (1) "Get yourself in the game." (2) "Ask!" (3) "Follow your hunch." He said, "There is a false assumption out there that talent will always be recognized. Just get good at something and the world will beat a path to your door. Don't believe it. The world is not checking in with us to see what skills we've picked up, what idea we've concocted, what dreams we carry in our hearts. You've got to get out there and hustle. You've got to get in the game."

Matthews received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree during the ceremony in recognition of his achievements as an influential voice in our nation's political discourse. Other recipients of the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree include: Anica Donnan Rawnsley, W&J Trustee Emerita; Thomas Philip Stout, president and CEO of Balfour Beatty Rail, Inc.; and Eugene Yost '50, co-founder and president of Black Box Corporation. Pennsylvania Senator J. Barry Stout '64 received an honorary Doctor of Laws.

Moirra Lynch '03 delivered the senior address. And Sarah Marsh '03 presented an inaugural reading of her poem, "Vale."

SPORTS NEWS

W&J Star Basketball Players Larry and Sulkowski Finished the Season at the Top

by Scott McGuinness

Although basketball star Nolan Larry's playing time at W&J has come to an end, his contribution to basketball and his record-breaking honors will surely be remembered for years to come. Leigh Sulkowski, on the other hand, has just begun to turn heads as she captured numerous honors this year for her performance on the court.

LARRY FINISHES CAREER AS ALL-TIME LEADING SCORER



Washington & Jefferson College has produced some top talent in the 88-year history of its men's basketball program. Buddy Jeannette '38 was an All-American who was widely considered one of the top professional backcourt players for 10 years. Andy Mestrovic '51 and Larry Romboski '59 were considered two of the top scorers in the east during their four years, while Dave Branchen '91 scored over 1,500 points. But now, senior Nolan Larry's '03 name tops them all as he became the College's all-time leading scorer this past season.

Larry finished his four-year career with 1,654 points, which is 100 more than any player in the history of men's basketball at W&J. He averaged over 17 points per game in his career and was a three-time All-Presidents' Athletic Conference performer and a two-time All-Great Lakes Region honoree. "It is really a

great honor to be mentioned among some of the great players in W&J history," said Larry. "It is still really hard to believe and I never expected to do anything like this when I arrived here four years ago."

Larry came to W&J from Greensburg Salem High School in Greensburg. He was considered one the WPIAL's top players during his senior season, but decided that basketball would be second—behind academics—in the college decision-making process. He narrowed his selections to Allegheny, Carnegie Mellon, and W&J. He chose Washington as his home for four years because of the opportunity that he saw at W&J to grow and succeed in the classroom. "My decision to come to W&J was largely based on academics and the pre-med and biology programs," added the biology major. "I was also given the chance to continue my basketball career and everything just seemed right here."

His choice to become a President gave the College an outstanding student with great basketball credentials. Larry has not disappointed on either end as he scored in double figures in 74 of the 97 games he played, including 45 consecutive games, while maintaining

a 3.37 grade-point average. He also dished out 384 assists, which places him third on the all-time assist list and shows that although he scored the most points in school history, Larry only cares about one thing—winning. "I view the records as more of a reflection of my teammates than anything else," noted Larry. "My teammates have helped me score all of these points and I couldn't have done it without them. If someone were to take away the records



for more wins, I would have done it in a second."

In addition to the basketball honors, the one that Larry admits to coveting most is being named to the Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America District II Team following his junior year in which he set a W&J

record for points scored in a season with 576. "Earning that award meant just as much as anything I have ever accomplished on the court," he noted. "It showed that I



could find success on the court as well as in the classroom and was truly a great honor."

When looking back on his accomplishments, Larry credits one man for making him into the player and scholar that he is today. His father, Buck, saw a great talent in his son early on and has been a role model ever since. "My dad pretty much means everything to me," said Larry. "He has been a huge influence on my life since I was five years old, showing me that I can be a good player and a good student if I work hard. He always pushed me to become the best that I could be and when I broke the scoring record, I knew who to thank."

After graduation, Larry wants to give basketball one more shot before falling back on his degree

from W&J. He will try to pursue a basketball career overseas in the European leagues, but knows that he has the drive to succeed in the medical field as well. "Something is telling me to give basketball a shot in Europe first," concluded the 6-foot, 2-inch guard. "We'll see how it goes, but if not, I'll look at medical school or graduate school for biology."

After seeing all that Larry has accomplished in four years at W&J, it would be hard to count out his chances of succeeding at the next level, whether it be on the court or in the medical field. All that is certain for now is that when W&J fans talk about the greatest basketball players in W&J history, Nolan Larry's name will be on the list.

SULKOWSKI NAMED ALL-AMERICAN



A dream of many young basketball players is to one day become an All-American. But of those who have the chance to play collegiate

basketball, only a special few are honored with the prestigious award.

In her first season with the Presidents, W&J guard Leigh Sulkowski made a name for herself as one of the top scorers in the nation and was recently selected to the D3Hoops.com All-America Team. She was one of just 25 players on the All-America Team and the only freshman

to earn a spot. Sulkowski helped to transform a W&J women's basketball program from an 11-14 season two years ago to a 23-2 record, a PAC Championship, and a first-round bye in the NCAA Division III Tournament in 2002-2003.

The combination of Sulkowski's tremendous quickness, keen knowledge of the game, 5-foot, 11-inch frame, fierce competitiveness, and an outstanding shooting touch make her a special player on the floor. But as Presidents' fans witnessed during the past six months, what makes Leigh Sulkowski an All-American is the type of person she is. "Honors are great, but you win as a team, and that is all that really matters to me," said Sulkowski. "We had a great year this season, and I am just happy for our two seniors (Lauren Hull and Amy Strosnider). Being named an All-American is a real big honor and it didn't even cross my mind that I would have a chance this year, but



my main goal is to focus on achieving our team goals and that will never



change.”

Sulkowski finished 12th in the nation scoring 20.3 points per game. Early in the season, she was named the Most Valuable Player at both the Wooster and Bethany tournaments. She was honored as the Presidents’ Athletic Conference Player of the Week four times and was selected to the First Team All-PAC squad. In addition, Sulkowski was awarded the conference’s Player and Freshman of the Year trophies. Following the season, she was named to the D3Hoops.com First Team All-Great Lakes Region and its All-America Team. But don’t ask this humble 19-year-old about her numerous honors, because she is hesitant to speak about them. Sulkowski, who became just the third player in W&J history to earn All-America laurels, is quiet and unassuming on the court. Opposing

teams throw two and three defenders in her way to try to stop her. For a freshman—and for most seniors—her calmness and mindset on the court are remarkable and probably reflect her basketball upbringing.

“I have played basketball against guys my whole life and have faced just about everything,” said the Upper St. Clair High School graduate. “I learned the game from my father and my brother. I guess I started playing around third grade and I was always the worst player on the court because they were so much bigger and faster than me, but they made me a better player.”

Her father, William, was a pretty good player himself as a three-year letterwinner at the University of Pittsburgh from 1971 to 1973. William played side-by-side with arguably the best player in Pitt basketball history, Billy Knight, who was the sixth pick overall by the Indiana Pacers in the 1974 ABA draft. “I have always looked up to my dad because he was a good player in Division I,” noted Sulkowski, who finished in the top 10 in the PAC in seven different statistical categories. “We used to play in the driveway all of the time, and he has always been supportive in everything I have done. Even when we both know I didn’t play my best, he is still there for me every time.”

Sulkowski was a three-year starter at Upper St. Clair and was also part of a PIAA Quad-A State Championship team as a freshman. She earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Richmond, a Division I school, but decided that W&J was the right place to continue

her academic and athletic careers. Even though her talent was well documented in high school, Sulkowski knew the adaptation to college basketball would be tough. “The college game is so much faster and I knew I would have to work very hard during the summer to prepare for it,” said Sulkowski. “I never expected to do so well early on, and I struggled at times, but we have a lot of great players here, and that is what made us so tough to beat.”

What is left to accomplish after winning 23 of your first 25 collegiate games, being named the conference Player of the Year, and earning All-America laurels? Plenty, of course, according to W&J’s newest star.

“This season was just the first step,” Sulkowski answered quickly. “We want to win the PAC again, make it to the playoffs, and win some games. Personally, I have to work on my ball handling, get bigger and stronger, and keep in shape. I will probably be on those same courts at home this summer, playing with the guys and trying to improve my game.”

Leigh Sulkowski was once the young girl on the playground court who dreamed of becoming an All-American. Now, she and the ten other returning letterwinners are focused on the dream of bringing a national championship to Washington & Jefferson College.

John McMillan Society Members Honored



President and Mrs. Brian C. Mitchell invited members of W&J's John McMillan Society (JMS) to campus this spring to the second annual event honoring all JMS members for their generosity to the College.

This elite society recognizes donors of gifts of \$1000 or more to the W&J Annual Fund. The Mitchells hosted a brunch at their home. Afterwards, all guests were invited to attend a Vilar Distinguished Artist Series performance by the renown Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra at the Olin Fine Arts Center.

JMS was formed in 2000 to recognize individuals who are our leaders in their annual philanthropic

support of the College. Contributions by JMS members support many essential campus services including scholarships, project development, facilities renewal, library resources, and career guidance services.

Phonathon Callers Want to Talk With Alums

Enthusiastic student callers will be interviewed and recruited at the start of the Fall Term to prepare for the 2003 Fall Phonathon scheduled to begin the first week of September. Keep your lines open to hear about the exciting things happening on campus.

All contributions made to the Phonathon count toward the W&J Annual Fund which supports many aspects of student life. Most alums are surprised to hear how their contributions count toward the College's campaign goals.

Revolutionary! The Campaign for Washington & Jefferson College was launched in 1998 with a \$93 million goal. So far, the College has netted \$83 million in contributions and pledges. Throughout the year, W&J asks alums and other friends of the College to consider making a contribution to its Campaign through the W&J Annual Fund. Your gift to the Fund counts directly toward the College's **Revolutionary!** effort by underwriting W&J's operating budget and providing the College a solid financial base, ensuring everyday excellence for today's students.

Students join the Phonathon because they enjoy talking with people and talking about W&J. They are curious about what alumni are doing and what opportunities are waiting for them when they graduate. Lindsay Bennet '03 worked as a caller for two years and as phonathon manger during Spring Term of her senior year. She was recently recruited as W&J's phonathon director. "Look forward to the Fall Phonathon when students will be calling to update you on what is happening on campus and ask for your contributions," she says.



Correction

In the College's 2001-2002 donor report, **The Power of Philanthropy**, the \$2,000 gift of Dr. Stanford B. Trachtenberg '60 was inadvertently omitted from the "Gifts From Alumni" listing. Our sincerest apologies to Dr. Trachtenberg and our thanks to him for his generosity.