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We hear a great deal these days about college students being self-centered (the “me generation”), disconnected from those around them, and politically apathetic. If that were the case, being a college president or professor would be pure torture. But, fortunately, it is not true at W&J.

As the stories among the pages of this issue attest, W&J students, faculty, and staff are taking the initiative to step outside the doors of the classroom and make a difference in the world. They are reaching out to volunteer their time in the local community, in disaster areas like post-Katrina New Orleans, and around the globe. They raise money for the local Washington Women’s Shelter, inspire athletes through Special Olympics, build homes for the homeless in Florida, and care for special needs children in Kingston, Jamaica.

W&J educates not only bright students, but also compassionate citizens. To write about all of the philanthropic efforts of our campus population would fill hundreds of pages. But the spirit of volunteerism that prevails in the following articles speaks volumes about the efforts of W&J students to give back to their community and the world.

One thing is clear: volunteerism is a vital part of the liberal arts education here at W&J. Students who offer their services to not-for-profit groups, hospitals, businesses, and government agencies learn how our society works. They observe the strengths and weaknesses of welfare first-hand. Theory meets practice in the soup kitchen on Maiden Street in Washington, Pennsylvania. When our Greek organizations collaborate to raise money, the members learn leadership,

marketing, and a little bit of “Tom Sawyerism.” But most importantly, students who reach out a helping hand learn the true meaning of community. Our faculty and staff members who lead United Way campaigns, serve on the local library board, and work as translators with medical clinics in Mexico demonstrate that W&J is not an isolated bastion of privilege, but a college that is intimately involved with the world.

The W&J volunteer community also includes our alumni who give their time, skills, and abilities to strengthen not only their own communities, but also W&J. Our alumni lead reunion committees, return to campus to share their experiences with students, offer internships or career mentoring for our students, and provide essential financial support for the College. In all these ways, they ensure that the W&J community continues to prosper.

Our American frontier was settled by individuals who discovered how essential it was to work together, sharing talent and treasure, in order for our country to prosper. As the first colleges west of the Alleghenies, Washington and Jefferson colleges were founded to provide the educators and leaders who would later become the nucleus for strong communities as the American frontier moved westward. Now as the College’s outreach extends down the street as well as around the globe, I am proud to say that this heritage remains strong.

Tori Haring-Smith

Tori Haring-Smith
President

Have you heard?

Sometimes the simplest idea can make the biggest difference.

In the novel *Pay It Forward* written by Catherine Ryan Hyde, a simple idea begins as a work of fiction but becomes so much more.

Reuben St. Clair, the teacher and protagonist in Hyde’s novel starts a movement with this voluntary, extra-credit assignment that he gives to his students: “Think of an idea for world change, and put it into action.” Trevor, one of St. Clair’s 12-year-old students, does just that. In the pages of *Pay It Forward*, Trevor describes it to his mother and teacher this way:

“You see, I do something real good for three people. And then when they ask how they can pay it back, I say they have to Pay It Forward. To three more people. Each. So nine people get helped. Then those people have to do twenty-seven.” He turned on the calculator, punched in a few numbers. “Then it sort of spreads out, see. To eighty-one. Then two hundred forty-three. Then seven hundred twenty-nine. Then two thousand, one hundred eighty-seven. See how big it gets?”

Though the novel proclaims the idea of paying it forward through the eyes of a twelve-year-old child, the premise transcends age, and is one that has been championed by the Pay It Forward Foundation. The simple idea of doing good works for others to repay the good that has

happened to you can spread exponentially through society, creating a social movement with the goal of making the world a better place, with the expectation that it will all come back around in the end.

As W&J Alumni, if just one of us volunteered in some way to help another person by doing something big, that someone couldn’t do on their own, and instead of paying it back, that person paid it forward to three people...

And the next day, each of those three people paid it forward to three more...

And the day after that, those 27 people each paid it forward to another three...

And each day, everyone in turn paid it forward to three more people...

...in two weeks, that comes to 4,782,969 people.

It’s true what they say: it only takes one person to make a difference.

Pay It Forward . . .

and change the world one W&J Alumnus at a time.

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ON THE COVER

Desiring to make a difference in their community and in the world, W&J students take time to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism in a variety of ways, from building homes with Habitat for Humanity and helping out with the Washington Area Humane Society, to forming life-changing bonds with mentally and physically handicapped children on mission trips to Kingston, Jamaica.

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JAY TODAY

Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl Addresses W&J's Class of 2007



Luke Ravenstahl, a 2003 graduate of Washington & Jefferson College and at the age of 27, the youngest mayor in the history of the city of Pittsburgh, delivered the keynote address at the College's 208th annual commencement celebration on May 19.

"I am extremely honored to have been asked to participate in the 2007 commencement exercises at my alma mater, Washington & Jefferson College," Ravenstahl said. "I value greatly the experiences I had at W&J and am certain that I wouldn't have been able to achieve what I have without the principles instilled in me during my time there."

Ravenstahl was born and raised in the North Side neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh. He was elected to serve Council District 1 on November 4, 2003, and was sworn in as mayor following the death of Bob O'Connor on September 1, 2006. In November, he

was elected (see page 47) to finish out the remaining two years of O'Connor's term.

Ravenstahl graduated cum laude from W&J with a 3.61 grade point average and a degree in business administration. He was the starting W&J placekicker on the football team for three years and elected team captain by his teammates as a senior. During his athletic career he broke two school records, and today remains the school's record holder for most consecutive extra points.

"Mayor Ravenstahl is a remarkable example of the initiative, intelligence, and spirit of public service that W&J strives to instill in its graduates," said W&J President Tori Haring-Smith. "In his tenure as mayor, he has shown an ability to lead a complex and often contentious city with wisdom and compassion. I am proud of Luke as an alumnus and excited about what he offered to our graduating class as they celebrated their graduation and reflected upon their futures."

W&J also conferred honorary degrees during commencement to **Rabbi Leonard I. Beerman**, founding rabbi of Leo Baeck Temple in Los Angeles; **William Butler**, lawyer and human rights advocate; **Michael S. Harper**, poet and



professor of English at Brown University; and **Paul MacCready, Ph.D.**, founder and chairman of AeroVironment.

Beerman, who delivered the sermon at the Baccalaureate service, served the Leo Baeck Temple, his only congregation, for 37 years until his retirement in 1986. Currently, he is the vice president of the Jewish Peace Fellowship and rabbi in residence at All Saints Church in Pasadena, California. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Butler began his career as staff counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union, where he worked closely with Roger Baldwin, the organization's founder. Over the course of his legal career, he twice argued and won landmark civil rights cases before the United States Supreme Court and represented Sarah Lawrence University before the United States Senate's Jenner Committee formed to conduct an inquiry into governmental loyalty. Butler has a long association with the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), where he has served as chairman of the executive committee, and as president of the American Association of the International Commission of Jurists. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Harper is the first poet laureate of the State of Rhode Island, a position that he held from 1988 to 1993. In 1991, he served as visiting scholar at large for Phi Beta Kappa, visiting and lecturing at nine campuses.

He has published more than 10 books of poetry, including *Selected Poems* (2002), *Songlines in*

Michaeltree: New and Collected Poems (1999), *Honorable Amendments* (1995), and *Healing Song for the Inner Ear* (1985). His other collections include *Images of Kin* (1977), which won the Melville-Cane Award from the Poetry Society of America and was nominated for the National Book Award; *Nightmare Begins Responsibility* (1975); *History is Your Heartbeat* (1971), which won the Black Academy of Arts & Letters Award for poetry; and *Dear John, Dear Coltrane* (1970), which was nominated for the National Book Award.

Harper edited the *Collected Poems of Sterling A. Brown* (1980) and is co-editor of *The Vintage Book of African American Poetry* (2000), *Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep: An Anthology of Poetry by African Americans Since 1945* (1994), and *Chant of Saints: A Gathering of Afro-American Literature, Art, and Scholarship* (1979). He received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

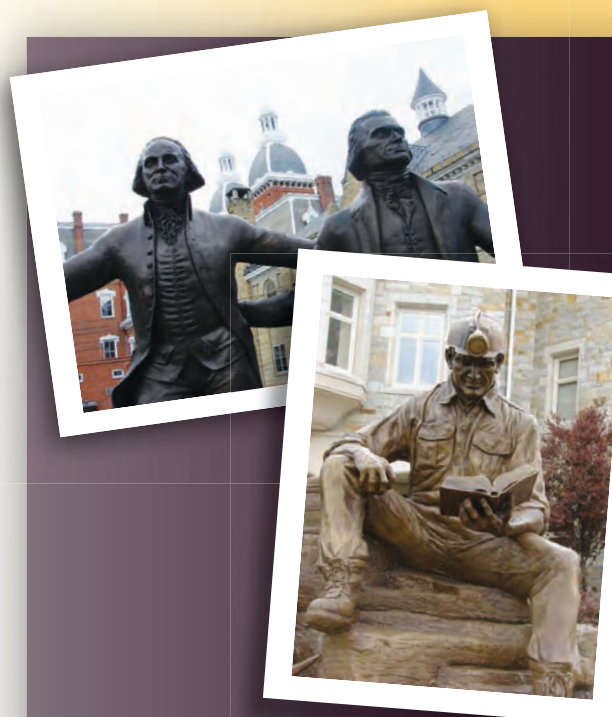
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A long-time aeronautics enthusiast—with experience in everything from model airplanes to powered planes and gliders—MacCready answered a challenge in 1977 by British industrialist Henry Kremer to accomplish the first sustained, controlled human-powered flight. His *Gossamer Condor* won the \$95,000 award and the plane now hangs in the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.,

beside the Wright Brothers' 1903 airplane and Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis*. Since then, MacCready has led teams that have created many pioneering vehicles. He received an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

MacCready recently passed away on August 28, 2007 at the age of 81.

— Robert Reid



W&J Unveils Two New Statues during Commencement Weekend

W&J has two new outdoor statues that honor its rich past. The two landmarks, unveiled during Commencement Weekend in May, consist of a statue of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and a statue of a coal miner. The statue of the former presidents stands at the intersection of Lincoln and Beau streets. The coal miner is located near the Technology Center. The sculptor for both pieces is Alan Cottrill.



Focus on Faculty . . .

Christy Hyland

When Christy Hyland decided to study abroad as an undergraduate political science major at Tulane University, she knew it could be an opportunity of a lifetime.

But she had no idea at the time that her 11-month trip to Spain would change the course of her entire career.

The assistant professor of Spanish at W&J since 2002 had plans to become a lawyer, to perhaps focus on a career in foreign service. But her first trip overseas would lead her to change her mind, as she had the opportunity to learn first hand about Spain and live with Spanish students. She loved her theater class in particular, and it did not take long for her to decide to add the language as a second major.

Her plans to become a lawyer were fading, and Hyland chose to enter a master's in teaching program at Virginia Commonwealth University. Before she could complete her student teaching, she was offered and accepted a job as a Spanish teacher and Spanish Club advisor at Lloyd C. Bird High School in Chesterfield, Virginia.

Her career path had officially been altered.

"I then moved to Wyoming with my husband and started a master's in Spanish program at the University of Wyoming," Hyland said. "I had a professor there who encouraged me to keep going and get my doctorate."

Hyland listened and was accepted into the Ph.D. program at the University of Virginia, where she earned her degree in 2002. She said she knew little about W&J before applying for the job as assistant professor, but is happy with her decision to teach at a liberal arts college and appreciates the education W&J has to offer.

"The students seem to really appreciate this environment, the smaller class sizes, the individualized attention they receive and the access they have to us as faculty members," Hyland said, adding that she explains to her students often that at a larger school, graduate students teach many of the courses. "As a graduate student, I taught everything up until the 400-level courses."

Hyland is proof positive of the impact studying abroad can have on students. She works with Viet Ha, director of study abroad and off-campus programs, and travels periodically to conduct trip site visits, all to give current and future W&J students the best opportunity to experience what she did.

"Study abroad can be an essential part of an education," she said. "I had never traveled outside the country until I went to Spain, and it changed my life in so many crucial ways. Studying abroad opens up so many doors. Students always come back from abroad excited to share their experiences."

Hyland said studying abroad is particularly important for students majoring in a foreign language.

"You can't do this without the 24-hour immersion in the language," she said. "Students come back and they are so much more fluent and confident."

She added that students who have the opportunity to study abroad are challenged to be more "open and accepting" of other cultures and question "why we do things a certain way." She said she loves to hear her students' stories and lives vicariously through them.

Hyland has not stopped traveling. She has been to Argentina and Costa Rica, in addition to Spain, and has taken two trips to Guatemala, most recently in 2007 when she joined more than 30 volunteers on Surgicorps International's mission to Guatemala, where surgeons completed more than 80 operations. Hyland served as a translator helping patients, mostly children and the elderly with little or no understanding of English, communicate with doctors and support staff before, during, and after medical procedures.

She has also given Spanish lessons and served as a translator in a battered women's shelter.

"I want to help open some of the same doors that have been opened for me over the years," Hyland said. "I want to experience the rest of the world and help make a difference."

— Robert Reid



Jan Czechowski, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, welcomes Japanese visitors to campus.

W&J Hosts Visitors from Samukawa, Japan as Part of Cultural Exchange Program

For 20 years, Washington & Jefferson College professor of sociology Dr. Edward Greb has been leading student study trips to Japan and providing countless young men and women with an education of a lifetime.

In August, more than 20 people from Samukawa, a small farm town located approximately 26 miles from Tokyo, arrived on the W&J campus for a nearly two-week cultural exchange visit. Greb said the visit was designed to forge friendships and help the Japanese participants experience and practice conversational English and enjoy “typical” life in the United States.

With a population of approximately 50,000, Samukawa was officially founded as a town in 1940. Earlier, it was part of a series of villages in a relatively rural, agricultural area. Agriculture remains a major occupation and Samukawa is known for its floral greenhouses and chicken farming. The town also has an auto

parts factory owned by a major Japanese car manufacturer.

The visitors are under the auspices of the Samukawa International Exchange Association (SIEA), which often meets at the local Buddhist temple. The priest, Mr. Kikuchi, who once attended the University of Pennsylvania, was instrumental in founding the organization and has done much over time to support its goals. A major SIEA goal is to meet and talk with persons from other countries and cultures.

“The goal for American participants is to interact with Japanese guests to get a sense of some Japanese customs and traditions. Mutual goals are for all participants to interact on the ‘human’ level with persons from another country/culture in an open, educational, cross-cultural, friendly environment while having fun and fellowship and, hopefully, forging friendships in the process,” said Greb, who added that more than 111 W&J students have been hosted in

Samukawa since the late 1990’s.

Greb said the itinerary for the Japanese visitors included a van tour of the city of Washington, including the Bradford House, County Courthouse, Lemoyne House, and Duncan Glass Museum; a visit to Laurel Caverns, Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort and Niagara Falls; lunch at Popcorn Willy on Main Street in Washington; a tour of The Meadows, The Trolley Museum and Sarris Candies in Canonsburg; and dinner at Brothers Family Restaurant and The Union Grill in Washington. The group departed W&J on Aug. 11.

“We have received so much support from the local and regional community and I thank the local businesses who have been so kind in helping us welcome our visitors to the community,” Greb said. “We truly enjoyed the visit from our friends from Samukawa and hope such visits will continue in the future.”

– Robert Reid

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

W&J Volunteers of the Past

Volunteerism at W&J is not a recent phenomenon. A call for volunteers from a century ago revealed an awareness of local as well as global needs, and a willingness of the campus community to answer such calls.

- **Volunteers Move Bleachers**

In March of 1913, the College put out a call for volunteers to help move the football bleachers which needed to be arranged for the spring season so that they would not interfere with baseball or track. The work of moving them was accomplished by about fifty college men.

"The loyal volunteers tackled the job with spirit. The seats were moved a section at a time and were not damaged as would have been the case had they been moved in any other way than by hand."

- **College to Swing Pick and Shovel**

The following year, Jaymen once again answered the call put forth by the community for volunteers for "Good Roads Day" to be held on May 26, 1914. An organized effort was to be made on that day to improve the county highways, and the students were invited to take part in the work. The College declared a holiday for the day and the faculty was on hand to give their moral support to the struggling laborers. One enticement to encourage volunteers was "the free auto ride in the clear morning air" to take the crews to different sections of the county. (The Model T was introduced by Henry Ford only six years earlier in 1908 and the automobile was still a novelty in 1914.)

Some 200 students responded and were divided into squads of fifteen each. The football squad quarried stone and loaded some seventy five wagons. Other crews were employed at grading, ditch-digging, supplying crushers, and

filling ruts. The entire student body gave a good account of them and showed the local farmers in charge that "them rah-rah boys" could really work.

The best part of the whole day, according to the reporter, was the dinner. Aside from the lunch, which the Equal Suffrage Club provided, most of the students were invited by the farmers to dine with them, and "dine" certainly was the correct word to use. With harvest time experience behind them, the women in almost every neighborhood had prepared meals that astonished even the heartiest of the workmen. Reports from the football team indicated that their dinner was the biggest and best. The next day everybody was arguing as to who did the most work and who had the largest blisters!

- **War Prisoners Aided by Students**

By October 1916, Europe had been at war for over two years. Moved by the strong appeal to help the prisoners in some of the war prisons of Europe, the students and faculty of Washington & Jefferson College raised a sum of several hundred dollars for the worthy cause. Instead of the regular chapel exercise on Monday, a half hour was given over to an international YMCA representative for the purpose of raising this fund needed so much by the prisoners of the European war.

- **Students Asked to Give Books for Soldiers**

In April 1917, the United States entered the Great War. In March of the following year, the College joined

a nation-wide campaign to provide books for soldiers and sailors. The Library War Service of the American Library Association had erected camp libraries at thirty four training camps. Its service also extended to naval bases and ships. Books were put on transports for use by the men on the voyage to Europe and taken off at the end of the voyage for further circulation among the men "over there." As the army increased, more books were needed for these free circulating libraries. A cautionary note was added that "gift books should be selected with care, for they are to serve virile, impressionable young manhood."

More than 400 books were contributed by the students and faculty members of the College in the week-long book drive.

- **YMCA Launches Fund Campaign**

The YMCA of Washington & Jefferson College opened its 1919 campaign to secure \$500 (\$6,484 today) in a 3-day drive for the Student Fellowship fund. This was a fund raised by the students of the United States, through the college YMCAs, to be used in helping students and mission schools in the mission fields of the American churches. For this drive the slogan, "The Students of America for the Students of the World," was adopted. The 1919 fund was to benefit a Chinese mission run by an alumnus.

The YMCA leaders planned to carry the campaign to every man in the College, and expected an entire success.

— Rebecca Keenan

Students participating in volunteer work for the YMCA pose on the steps of Old Main, 1915



W&J Receives \$10 Million Naming Gift for Construction of New Science Center

support the Science Center as an opportunity to educate science students at a liberal arts college that provides them the best broad-based education as well as a superb grounding in the hard sciences. This combination is essential to being able to solve problems in the real world."

Haring-Smith said, "On behalf of the entire W&J community, from the Board of Trustees to our faculty, staff, and student body, I thank John Swanson for his incredible generosity and commitment to our mission. His gift will ensure that W&J's reputation for excellence in the sciences will be sustained for generations to come."

In May 2004, Swanson was given what is considered to be the highest award in the engineering profession, the American Association of Engineering Societies' John Fritz Medal.

Prior awardees of the Fritz Medal include Orville Wright, Alexander Graham Bell, Alfred Nobel, Thomas Edison, and George Westinghouse. Additional honors include the 1986-87 Pittsburgh Engineer of the Year award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

At the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson created the John A. Swanson Institute for Technical Excellence, which houses the John A. Swanson Center for Micro and Nano Systems, the John A. Swanson Center for Product Innovation, and the Radio Frequency Identification Center for Excellence. In 1998, he was named a Pitt School of Engineering Distinguished Alumnus. In 2002, Swanson was inducted into the Cathedral of Learning Society, which recognizes individuals who have donated \$1 million or more to the University.

Haring-Smith said that the Swanson Science Center, which will be dedicated primarily to physics and chemistry, is designed to provide the facilities necessary to teach and conduct research in the increasingly interdisciplinary fields of the physical sciences. The design of the building will simultaneously respect the historical character of W&J's architecture and support a contemporary science curriculum and research program. The building will provide areas of common laboratory and teaching space where new cross-disciplinary connections can be taught, learned, and created. It will also have a large, welcoming common area to attract non-science students into the building where they can see the exciting business of science research firsthand.

Highlights of the building include:

- Wet and dry teaching laboratories, research space and general classroom space, with faculty offices, conference rooms and break-out spaces;
- Building amenities that can be utilized by other departments to foster interaction between departments and disciplines;
- A vibrant community space where students and faculty can interact in an informal atmosphere;
- A multi-disciplinary lab, designed for non-majors, which will draw students to the building from all over campus

The John A. Swanson Science Center is expected to be ready for use in 2010.

— Robert Reid

A new state-of-the-art, 45,500-square-foot physical sciences building planned for the campus of Washington & Jefferson College will be named the John A. Swanson Science Center, thanks to a major gift from a long-time higher-education supporter and member of its board of trustees.

W&J President Tori Haring-Smith has announced that Dr. John A. Swanson, a board member since 1997, has provided a \$10 million lead gift for the construction of the new building that will replace McIlvaine Memorial Hall at the corner of Lincoln and East Maiden streets.

A resident of The Villages, Florida, Swanson is recognized internationally as an authority and innovator in the application of finite-element methods to engineering. In 1970, only four years after he graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering with a Ph.D. degree in applied mechanics, Swanson founded ANSYS, Inc., to develop, support, and market the ANSYS program, a finite-element software code he created that is used by a broad spectrum of industries employing computer-aided engineering, including the aerospace, automotive, biomedical, manufacturing, and electronic industries.

"This is a unique opportunity for me to contribute," Swanson said. "I

W&J Announces the Creation of Merck Internships for Excellence in Science Program

The Merck Company Foundation and Washington & Jefferson College announced during Homecoming weekend the creation of the Merck Internships for Excellence in Science program at W&J.

The Merck Company Foundation has pledged \$700,000 to support the new initiative, which reflects both organizations' commitment to promoting excellence in science education. The new initiative is designed to help undergraduate students obtain summer research internships in the sciences.

"The education that I received at W&J provided me with a strong foundation in liberal arts, the humanities, and the sciences that is critical in today's world," said Richard T. Clark, W&J class of 1968 and chairman, president, and CEO, Merck & Co., Inc. "W&J continues to demonstrate academic excellence and I am proud that The Merck Company Foundation and W&J are working together through this innovative new program. The Merck Internships for Excellence in Science program is consistent with Merck's long tradition of supporting programs that expand capacity for training in biomedical and health sciences, engineering and technology in order to help foster the next generation of scientific leaders."

W&J College President Tori Haring-Smith noted that W&J ranks third in the country per capita for producing physicians and medical researchers. Approximately 1/5 of its student body currently pursue graduate school in the sciences or medicine, and 11 percent of all living W&J alumni are physicians, scientists, or engineers.

"The strength of our science programs lies in our talented and dedicated full-time science and math faculty, while the best measures of our success are faculty, student, and alumni achievement," Haring-Smith said. "Routinely, 90 percent of our students who apply to graduate and allied health programs are accepted."

In a recent nationwide study reported in *Science* magazine, most of the undergraduates who had access to research opportunities reported an increase in:

- 1) understanding of how to conduct a research project;
- 2) confidence in their research skills; and
- 3) awareness of what it is like to be in graduate school.

W&J faculty observations with respect to students who complete Intersession and summer research internships are consistent with these findings, Haring-Smith said.

Many W&J students obtain research internships each summer, but competition for spaces in summer undergraduate research internship programs is growing increasingly intense. Nationally recognized institutions routinely receive hundreds of applications for internship programs with only a handful of internship positions available. At the same time, undergraduate research experience is critical for obtaining research jobs and admission into graduate and professional programs.

"While W&J has made great strides in incorporating research-type experiences into laboratory coursework, the opportunities for students to engage in intensive, ongoing, cutting-edge research on campus are limited," said Haring-Smith. "Therefore, access to off-campus research internships is critical to preparing our students with the latest

research techniques, instrumentation, and experiences that will permit them to be successful applicants for jobs, graduate studies, and professional schools. This program with The Merck Company Foundation will be invaluable in making this happen and on behalf of the entire W&J community, I am deeply grateful to both Merck and Mr. Clark."

Internship fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis, giving science faculty the flexibility to match the most exciting research opportunities with the best-qualified students. Students will apply for awards, and an internal committee comprised of members of W&J science faculty and administration will award funds to students based on student academic achievement, merit of the research project for which funding is sought, and the scholarship and career opportunities that the internship may provide to the student, among other factors. Student award recipients will be known as Merck Scholars.

The amount of each award and the allocation of the awards between scholarships and student research fellowships will be determined on an annual basis. The amount of each award will vary based on competition and student need, but typical awards will range from \$3,500 to \$7,500 per student.

W&J will track the graduate/professional school and career plans, journal entries, presentations, and publications of Merck Scholars. On an annual basis, W&J will provide The Merck Company Foundation with a report on its current Merck Scholars and the achievements of past Merck Scholars.

In addition, starting no later than Fall 2009, W&J will host an annual Fall Research Symposium where Merck Scholars and other students who have completed research internships will share their research experiences with W&J faculty and students. The Symposium will also provide a forum for W&J's student body, particularly freshman and sophomore science majors, to learn about the opportunities made available through the Merck Internships program.

— Robert Reid



W&J in the News

Joseph DiSarro, professor of political science, was quoted in a number of articles, including stories in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* and *Washington Observer-Reporter*, leading up to and following Election Day on November 6. DiSarro was used extensively as a source in providing expert opinion and reaction on a number of local races, including the district attorney race in Washington County, which saw long-time incumbent John Pettit defeated by newcomer Steven Toprani.

Dan Faulk, director of information and technology services, and **Jan Czechowski**, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, were quoted in separate stories in the October 16 education tabloid in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Faulk was quoted in a story about wireless campuses and Czechowski was interviewed for a story about online courses.

highlighting the Pet House on campus. A number of students and **David Falletta**, assistant director of residence life, were featured in a story about the Pet House the same day on KDKA-TV, the CBS affiliate in Pittsburgh. The story is available through the search engine at www.KDKA.com.

A number of stories in a variety of media outlets in the local Washington and Pittsburgh region showcased W&J's commencement and Pittsburgh Mayor **Luke Ravenstahl '03** as the speaker. Stories ran in the *Washington Observer-Reporter* as well as all three Pittsburgh television stations.



W&J senior swimmer **Kaitlyn Orstein** and her father, head coach **Mike Orstein**, were featured in a number of articles about her success inside the pool and inside the classroom. A photo of Kaitlyn appeared in the

June issue of *Swimming World* magazine. The two were also featured in *Whirl Magazine's* Father's Day issue.

Kristen Gurdin, W&J's director of foundation and legal affairs, was quoted in a July 20 *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* story about W&J being one of four Pittsburgh-area schools of higher education who are sharing in a \$200,000 Getty Foundation grant aimed at preserving the individual campuses' historic buildings and landscapes.

Al Newell, vice president of enrollment, was quoted in a May 9 *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* story entitled, "How to Succeed in Advance Placement Courses."

President **Haring-Smith** and **Newell** were quoted in *The Washington Post* and *New York Times* respectively in stories reacting to the release of the *U.S. News and World Report's* annual college rankings.

Stories announcing the \$10 million gift from **John A. Swanson** for the naming of the Science Center on campus were included in issues of the *Washington Observer-Reporter* and *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Two feature stories also ran in the *Villages Daily Sun*, Swanson's hometown newspaper.

A story spotlighting the August visit to campus from a group of visitors from Samukawa, Japan (see page 5), aired on WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh and a feature was published in the *Washington Observer-Reporter*. More than 20 people from the small farm town, located approximately 26 miles from Tokyo, spent nearly two-weeks on a cultural exchange visit. **Edward Greb**, professor of sociology, was quoted in both stories.

A group of W&J alumni were featured in the inaugural issue of *Northern Washington Source* magazine in a story entitled "A Who's Who of W&J Alumni." The story references **President Haring-Smith** and highlights a variety of W&J alums, from the 19th century to recent graduates.



Roger Goodell '81 was featured, and noted as a Washington & Jefferson College graduate, in an October 28 *Miami Herald* story entitled,

"NFL's Goodell a calm but tough boss: An affable demeanor combined with firm discipline have helped Roger Goodell succeed as NFL commissioner."



President **Tori Haring-Smith** and the College providing funding to the Washington Fire Department and East Washington Borough were the subjects of stories in two October issues of the *Washington Observer-Reporter*.

W&J provided a \$24,000 check to the Washington Fire Department for the purchase of new firefighting gear. Haring-Smith then provided a \$24,600 check to East Washington Borough Mayor Mark Pacilla to help fund a road-paving project.

W&J student **Jesse Krueger** and **Kelly Eickleberry**, director of residence life, were quoted in a September 4 story in the *Washington Observer-Reporter*

Board of Trustees Elects New Chairman

Charles T. (Tuck) Nason '68, retired chairman and CEO of the Acacia Group, is the new chairman of the W&J Board of Trustees.

Acacia Group, now affiliated with the UNIFI Companies, is a Washington, D.C.-based diversified financial services group, including Acacia Life Insurance Company, the Calvert Mutual Funds, and Acacia Federal Savings Bank. Nason's career with Acacia spanned more than 28 years, including 15 years as chairman and CEO, as well as over 12 years as managing director of Acacia's Financial Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Nason's second term on the board of

trustees began in 2002 and runs through 2008. He succeeds former chairman Robert Shust '59, who served in this capacity since 2004.

"Tuck Nason is a dedicated member of the board of trustees and extremely committed to the continued success of Washington & Jefferson College," said Dr. Tori Haring-Smith, president of W&J. "I welcome Tuck as new chairman, look forward to his leadership, and thank Bob Shust for his years of service in this capacity."

Nason also serves on the boards of directors of Medstar Health and Washington Real Estate Investment Trust of Greater Washington, D.C. He is past

chairman of the Greater Washington Board of Trade, past chairman of the Insurance Industry Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA), and served two terms on the Board of the American Council of Life Insurance (ACLI). He was also a member of the Federal City Council, Economic Club of Washington, D.C., and past board member of Blue Cross Blue Shield, Medlantic Healthcare Group, and Greater Washington Boys and Girls Clubs.

Nason received a bachelor's degree from W&J and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Pittsburgh Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business.

SPORTS TALK

W&J Holds Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions



From left to right: President Tori Haring-Smith, John Unice '65, Dan Primrose '97, John Luckhardt, Charles "Ace" Heberling '49, Michelle (Stano) Wiley '98, Patrick McMahon (great grandson of Russell Goodwin '15), Director of Athletics Bill Dukett.



On Friday, September 7, 2007, Washington & Jefferson College celebrated the ninth induction class of the Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Rossin Campus Center Ballroom. Six individuals who have distinguished themselves on and off the playing fields at W&J were honored.

Russell Goodwin '15, John Luckhardt, Dan Primrose '97, John Unice '65, Michelle (Stano) Wiley '98 and Charles "Ace" Heberling '49 were inducted as the ninth class in W&J history. Dr. Tori Haring-Smith officially inducted the group with the formal enshrinement ceremony following the night's festivities.

Russell Goodwin remains one of the top multi-sport athletes in Washington & Jefferson College's long history.

He was a three-year starter as quarterback, punter and punt returner for the Presidents' football program, while also serving as the captain of the basketball team in the winter. In

the spring, he served as one of the top pitchers and shortstops in the country for the W&J baseball squad. He also played tennis during his sophomore year.

In his three years as the starting quarterback, Goodwin helped the Presidents post a 28-4-1 overall record. In 1913, W&J led the nation in scoring with 347 points.

The Presidents' baseball program won 23 games in Goodwin's three years. He once tossed a three-hitter versus the University of Michigan in which all three hits were collected by George Sisler, who went on to a Hall of Fame career with the St. Louis Browns.

Following graduation, Goodwin practiced law for nearly 50 years and was an accomplished college football official. He twice officiated the Army-Navy Game, while also serving as the referee in the 1937 Rose Bowl (Pitt vs. Washington) and the 1941 Cotton Bowl (Texas A&M vs. Fordham).

John Luckhardt is the all-time

football coaching victory leader at Washington & Jefferson College with a 137-37-2 record from 1982-1998.

Prior to Luckhardt's arrival, the Presidents had produced only four winning seasons in a 17-year period. In 1984, W&J ripped off nine wins, won the Presidents' Athletic Conference title and earned the school's first trip to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

W&J claimed 13 Presidents' Athletic Conference Championships during Luckhardt's tenure and made 11 appearances in the NCAA playoffs, including two trips to the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl (1992 and 1994). A total of 13 of Luckhardt's former players have already been inducted into the W&J Athletic Hall of Fame.

Luckhardt was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 and received the American Football Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998.

From 1994 through 1998, he was elected to and served on the American Football Coaches Association Board of Directors. In 1992, he was named

the AFCA/Kodak National Coach of the Year, and CNN named Luckhardt the Division III Coach of the Year in 1994.

From 1996 until 1998, Luckhardt also served as Washington & Jefferson College's director of athletics.

Dan Primrose was a three-time First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference defensive lineman who led W&J's defense during one of the most dominant eras in school history.

Primrose collected 263 career tackles which remains as the fifth-highest total in school history. During his four seasons, the Presidents held a 42-6 overall record. W&J also was victorious eight times in 12 NCAA Division III playoff games during his years.

Primrose helped Washington & Jefferson claim four Presidents' Athletic Conference Championships and his squads advanced to four NCAA Division III playoffs. In 1994, Primrose played an important role on W&J's Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl runner-up squad.

Following his senior season, Primrose was selected as an All-American by the American Football Coaches Association/Kodak and the Associated Press. The AP Little All-America Team includes all players in Division I-AA, Division II, Division III and the NAIA. Since 1980, only 10 W&J football players have earned the Associated Press Little All-America Award.

Washington & Jefferson College won 10 or more games three times during his career, including a pair of 11-win seasons, which tied the school record.

John Unice spent four decades as the face of W&J basketball, establishing his legacy as both as a player and a coach.

He came to W&J as a freshman in 1961 and was inserted into the starting lineup as a point guard in his fifth collegiate game, a spot he would not relinquish for the rest of his career. Unice played all 72 games during his four years.

Unice was a two-time team MVP and a two-time All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honoree.

Following his senior season, Unice was chosen to the all-district squad after averaging 14.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

He was coached by W&J Athletic Hall of Famer David Scarborough, who called Unice "the finest player I've ever coached."

Unice became the head coach at his alma mater in 1976 and took his first team onto the hardwood on December 1, 1976, versus Saint Vincent College. Unice's coaching career spanned 17 years and he led the Presidents to three PAC titles. He was also named the PAC Coach of the Year three times.

In 1984-85, Unice guided W&J to an 18-6 overall record and a trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The 18 wins tied a school record and were the most by any W&J squad since 1951. He was selected as the Small College District Coach of the Year. In 1994, Unice was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Michelle (Stano) Wiley remains as one of the top softball players in Presidents' Athletic Conference history.

Wiley, who was also an accomplished hitter, was a four-time First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honoree and a three-time PAC Pitcher of the Year.

In 1996, Wiley strung together one of the top pitching seasons in NCAA history as she posted a 24-2 record with a 0.57 earned-run average (3rd in nation). She led the nation in victories and her .923 winning percentage still stands as the 15th best single-season, win-loss record in NCAA Division III history.

Following the 1996 season, she was named a Second Team All-Region Pitcher by the National Softball Coaches Association/Louisville Slugger TPS. She was also an ECAC Division III All-Star.

Throughout her career, Wiley led the PAC in strikeouts twice and was a six-time PAC Player of the Week. She pitched 77 of a possible 99 games for the Presidents from 1995 until 1998.

On April 21, 1998, Wiley pitched the first perfect game in W&J history

after retiring all 21 batters versus Thiel in a 3-0 victory. She also tossed a no-hitter versus Chatham on April 28, 1995.

Charles "Ace" Heberling was this year's Robert M. Murphy Award winner. The Murphy Award is named in honor of Robert M. Murphy, graduate manager of Washington & Jefferson athletics for 15 years. Murphy, a 1906 Washington & Jefferson College graduate, was general secretary and graduate athletic trainer at W&J from 1906 until the time of his death in 1925. The award bestows special recognition, in Murphy's name, to selected athletes, male or female, who exemplify outstanding lifetime achievements.

Heberling lettered in football and baseball. During his three years on the football squad, he played running back alongside W&J Athletic Hall of Fame members Melvin Bassi, Walter Cooper and "Deacon" Dan Towler. Heberling also lettered three years for the W&J baseball team as one of the squad's top starting pitchers.

Following graduation, Heberling worked as a high school and college football and basketball official for 15 years. His great work as an official elevated him to the National Football League as a referee. His career in the NFL lasted 23 years. During his 23 years, he was the head referee for three Super Bowls.

In 1976, the WPIAL was rapidly growing as one of the top scholastic organizations in the country and Heberling was selected to become the league's first full-time executive director.

He was a catalyst in establishing a league office to manage the organization on a daily basis. Under his leadership, all four WPIAL championship football games were contested at Three Rivers Stadium during a one-day period in 1986. In 1992, Heberling started the WPIAL Scholar-Athlete program which has awarded over 50 students scholarships from more than 40 high schools. Heberling retired from the WPIAL in 1997 after 21 years.

Earlier this year, Heberling was inducted into the inaugural class of the WPIAL Hall of Fame.

– Scott McGuinness

The Division III Student-Athlete Outside

A student-athlete at Division III Washington & Jefferson College balances time spent in the classroom with two to three hours of practice followed by countless hours of studying late into the evening.

Yet, the Division III student-athlete is also focused on experiencing a little bit of everything, which can make him or her a well-rounded individual. At Washington & Jefferson College, the spirit of volunteerism by the athletics team members is another sign of how the Division III student-athlete can be a role model in the community.

Their athletics events each weekend won't be televised by ESPN or CBS. However, the impact they can have on the local community benefits the College and the city of Washington in a number of different ways.

W&J's Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) is doing its best to make that difference in the local area. Led by its advisor, head volleyball coach Fred Wallace, the SAAC has developed a volunteer initiative during the 2007-2008 academic year.

"The SAAC sees more of a collaborating effort in the future completing a large campus-wide project, while still participating in the smaller projects that the individual teams do each and every year," said Wallace. "The SAAC feels that it is very important to let each team make a decision upon where they would like to offer their services. Our overall goal is to have 100 percent of the teams participate in some sort of volunteer community service project by the end of 2008."

The W&J men's and women's cross country and track & field teams volunteered their time in October at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church's "Race for Jamaica." The 5K race raised money for a mission trip to Jamaica, and the W&J student-athletes worked behind the scenes and on the day of the race to help the event run smoothly.

The track & field teams, under the direction of head coach Mark FitzPatrick, have also volunteered their services to the Washington Hospital's Children's Therapy Center (CTC). The CTC and W&J have teamed up in aquatic therapy, a "Day of Champions," and the organization's annual Halloween Party.

Also, the Presidents' volleyball program participated in a number of different activities this fall, including the Special Olympics and the Washington Humane Society. Prior to one of their October matches, the volleyball team sponsored a "Pet Search" Night which helped displaced animals find a new home from that night's fan base.

"SAAC represents the student-athletes at W&J, and their status on campus and in the local community makes a difference in shining a light on the non-profit organizations that benefit from our student-athletes' hard work," said

Director of Athletics Bill Dukett.

Wallace agrees with Dukett's assessment and feels that the "power" student-athletes can have on a community impacts not only the organization, but each student who volunteers his or her time.

"One of the best ways for our student-athletes to show their support for the community and school that supports them is to help out," added Wallace. "Volunteering their time and efforts towards a cause that makes the community and/or College a better place, in turn helps these student-athletes grow as individuals and as part of the larger community."

The W&J softball team has introduced an annual community service project, "The Giggle Gang." Each season, the Presidents' softball program brings together a group of mentally and physically challenged individuals and offers a free day-long clinic on hitting, catching, and running the bases. After the clinic, a tournament is played. The program is quickly gaining steam and has turned into one of the top projects on campus.

The Washington & Jefferson College men's and women's golf teams recently held a "Golf-A-Thon" at the Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort following the completion of their fall seasons. The teams' members received pledges for the number of hours they played during the day. The "Golf-A-Thon" began early in the morning and the Presidents played well into the evening until darkness forced the end of play.

During spring break, members of the W&J football team and other Presidents' sports teams traveled to Port Charlotte, Florida, to participate in building a home through Habitat for Humanity.

Even though the sport is new to the campus and has not even



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played its first varsity game, the Washington & Jefferson College women's lacrosse squad has already been very active in local community service projects. The team held a free clinic to teach the game of lacrosse, a sport not well recognized in western Pennsylvania, to local Washington students. Another clinic will be held in late February or early March.

The W&J athletics teams showed last year that volunteering their time was not all that they were capable of. Alfred University (N.Y.) sophomore football player Julio Fuentes was seriously injured in a game on September 9 against Presidents' Athletic Conference member Thiel College. Alfred University set up a recovery fund for the injured athlete to offset his family's medical costs.

Washington & Jefferson College's student-athletes stepped up and volunteered not only their time, but also their money. W&J's student-athletes united to raise money for Fuentes by donating their own money, and the SAAC worked with Dukett to send portions of ticket sales to athletic events to the New York campus.

The common theme among all of the W&J student-athletes is service. Serving their College with pride is very evident in all of the Presidents' athletics programs.

"If the College and its athletic programs can help to improve the local community or raise awareness of a particular problem that may entice others with means to help out financially, we will have done a good thing," concluded Dukett. "Whether it is the Special Olympics or Habitat for Humanity, our athletics teams have strength in numbers when it comes to lending a hand and we are happy to entertain any requests at any time."

– Scott McGuinness

New Faces on the Sidelines for W&J Athletics Teams

Washington & Jefferson College Director of Athletics Bill Dukett has four new head coaches on his staff for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Pete Curtis was hired as the Presidents' new women's soccer coach, while **Jomara Coghlan** was added as the College's head field hockey coach.

Vaughan Smith also debuted in the fall as the new W&J men's and women's water polo coach. The fourth new coach, **Nicole Vitello**, begins her first season as the head softball coach in the spring.

"I believe we have added four new head coaches to what is already a great staff here at W&J," said Dukett. "These new coaches have already proven to be great educators and terrific motivators."

Curtis helped the W&J women's soccer team reach its first-ever Presidents' Athletic Conference Tournament Championship Game in early November. For his efforts, the League honored him as the conference Coach of the Year. A native of Liverpool, England, Curtis helped the Presidents post a 5-1-1 record in their final seven games.

Curtis brought 16 years of head coaching experience to Washington & Jefferson College, including six years as the head men's soccer coach at Division I Cleveland State University. Curtis graduated from Aldersson-Broadus in 1987 and earned his master's degree in sports administration from Iowa State.

Coghlan took over as the head field hockey coach shortly before the start of preseason camp and immediately transformed the Presidents into one of the region's top-ranked squads. She was also named the Empire 8 Conference Coach of the Year after guiding the Presidents to the League's regular-season championship. W&J finished the season with a 15-5 record and earned the program's first-ever postseason appearance.

A 1993 graduate of Ohio University, Coghlan was the assistant field hockey coach at the College of Wooster from 2004-2006. She also holds one year of experience as a volunteer assistant coach at Division I Kent State University.

Smith was a member of the 1988 Zimbabwe National Swimming Team which competed at the Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea. Smith competed in the 50-, 100-, and 200-meter freestyle events, while also swimming the 200 individual medley at the Olympics.

The 1991 graduate of the University of Illinois-Chicago came to W&J after spending two seasons as the head men's water polo coach at The Latin School of Chicago. Smith was a four-year member of the UIC swimming team and was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 2004.

In his first season as a collegiate head coach, Smith helped the Presidents record an 8-14 mark, which included a second-place finish at the Division III Eastern Championships at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Vitello was named the head softball coach in November. She spent the 2007 season as the assistant coach at Allegheny College, where she helped the Gators claim the North Coast Athletic Conference title and earn a bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Vitello was a two-time America East Conference Softball Player of the Year at Division I SUNY-Binghamton. She still holds the school's single-season homerun record and led the Bearcats in runs batted in during each of her last two seasons on the squad. She earned a bachelor's degree in human development and education from SUNY-Binghamton in 2006.

– Scott McGuinness



Pete Curtis, Jomara Coghlan,
Vaughan Smith, Nicole Vitello



When Jomara Coghlan settled in as the Presidents' new field hockey coach in mid-August, she was determined to set the bar high for her first collegiate head coaching position. Practice was beginning in a few days, and her most important job was simply learning the players' names.

"The first thing I did was talk to the three seniors on the team and they seemed a little hesitant (about a new coach). They didn't know what was going to change," said Coghlan.

Coghlan, who had previously spent two seasons as the assistant coach at the College of Wooster, was excited about taking over the program, but cautious because field hockey was still a "new" sport at the College, and the rebuilding process was still on-going.

The Presidents' field hockey program had some success in the

past, but the program had only managed to accumulate a 51-167-1 record in 19 varsity seasons prior to this fall. The 1981 squad's 5-5 record was the best any Presidents' team could muster in the early years. A decision to discontinue the sport at the College was made in 1986.

Varsity field hockey was brought back to W&J in 2001. The Presidents went winless in those first two seasons, scoring just one goal. W&J was outscored by an 82-1 margin in nine matches during the 2002 season and out-shot by a 277-9 count.

"I'm not going to lie. I heard the horror stories [about becoming a head coach]," Coghlan said. "I know some coaches go home and cry after practice."

The Presidents struggled through a 2-15 season in 2003, but things were slowly starting to turn around in 2004 thanks in part to a freshman class headlined by Beth Kelley,

Field Hockey

Amanda Howard, and Erika Ruddy. W&J won eight of its 20 games that year and was very close to a number of other victories.

"We knew after our first collegiate game against Wooster in 2004 that we were going to be part of something great," said Howard, prior to the 2007 Senior Day at Cameron Stadium.

W&J lost that first game of Howard's career by a 1-0 margin in Washington. How was Howard so sure?

Well, just the year before, the Fighting Scots routed the Presidents by an 11-0 margin in Ohio. In 2002, W&J lost four matches by more than 12 goals. Times were changing, but a minor miracle would have to occur for the Presidents to turn the tables on their opponents who viewed W&J as an instant win.

The trio's sophomore season had some bumps in the road, but former head coach Jenny Dumas brought in another group of talented freshmen, which led to the 2006 team's 11-7 season that rewrote the school's record books. The program was also boosted by joining the Empire 8 Conference



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Turns 2007 Season into a Memorable One

after competing as an independent for five seasons.

Expectations were a tad higher than usual for the field hockey program after last season, but few would have expected what transpired at Cameron Stadium in 2007.

“When we came in as a freshmen class, I think the program started growing,” noted Kelley. “I don’t feel like we ever had a down time. We had been told we would lose 17-0 and it was pretty bad. I think the first game we played was against Wooster and it was really close. We knew then that we had a lot of talent.”

The Presidents started this season with a 4-1 victory over Ohio Wesleyan, but would split their next four matches, including a 4-2 loss to Nazareth in the Empire 8 opener. The season could have been headed in the same direction as past years, but a 4-0 victory at Elmira a week later sparked a school-record 10-match win streak and the buzz that emanated from the W&J campus slowly started to catch on around the nation. W&J held the nation’s seventh-best winning percentage at 13-2 and earned the first NCAA regional ranking in school history.

What once seemed impossible just seven years ago was happening now and everyone was contributing. Nine different players scored a goal during the 10-match win streak. From 2001-2003, a total of six different players found the back of the net for W&J.

“This year, we’ve won games when we would lose them in previous years,” said Kelley. “Coach Coghlan places a lot of confidence in us.”

W&J capped a record-breaking season by defeating Stevens Institute of Technology on October 27 to clinch the regular-season Empire 8 Conference Championship and hosting rights for the conference postseason tournament. Junior Laura Peery scored the game’s only goal and fittingly, Howard, the player who knew four years ago that greatness was on the horizon, assisted on the score.

The Presidents edged Hartwick, 1-0, on a Kelley goal in the tournament semifinals, but W&J dropped a heart-breaking 2-1 decision to Nazareth in the championship match.

Still, W&J earned the first postseason bid in school history after earning the No. 3 seed in

the eight-team ECAC Division III Mid-Atlantic Tournament. The minor miracle had occurred and the Presidents’ senior class couldn’t be happier with their 15-5 record in their final collegiate season.

Kelley and Howard were honored as First Team All-E8 selections, while Ruddy was chosen to the Empire 8 Sportswoman of the Year Team. Coghlan was named the conference’s Coach of the Year.

“I think it is a huge accomplishment and shows where the program is going, and that the hard work of our players is being recognized,” added Coghlan.

“I think it means a whole lot and is something we’re all really proud of,” concluded Kelley.

The entire College is proud of what the 2007 Washington & Jefferson College field hockey team accomplished. Future Presidents will be talking about the 2007 season for a long time. The foundation has been set and the bar has been raised. W&J field hockey is here to stay.

– Scott McGuinness



Promoting a Culture of Service

W&J Office of Volunteer Services mobilizes campus community through service network

by
Emily Trifaro



While academic enrichment is the most significant aspect of higher education, W&J recognizes that there is more to college than studying.

As stated in the College Handbook, Washington & Jefferson College's mission is to "graduate men and women of uncommon integrity, competence, and maturity who are effective lifelong learners and responsible citizens, and who are prepared to contribute substantially to the world in which they live." And at W&J, the Office of Volunteer Services (OVS) aims to help W&J do just that.

The OVS works to boost student involvement in community service efforts within the community and on campus. And so far, it seems to be working. No matter how busy their lives may be with academics and extracurricular activities, W&J students understand the value of volunteerism. During the 2006-2007 school year, students logged more than 10,000 community service hours. And as any accountant would say, the numbers certainly don't lie.

"Involvement in volunteerism empowers both our students and the community by enhancing students' leadership skills and knowledge about the world around them while striving to meet real needs in our community," says W&J Volunteer Services Coordinator Susanna Hart '06. The OVS essentially serves as a connection between local organizations and the students, faculty, and staff of W&J. "Our office is information-seeking; we want to learn about what service activities students are involved in on campus, centralize them in one place, and promote them throughout the

campus and local community."

The OVS strives to create more leadership opportunities for students on campus, and involve as many students as possible in volunteerism efforts.

"Under the direction of Susanna Hart, the OVS has taken the lead on really getting students to volunteer in what will be a long-term, lasting effect on the community at large," says Michael Crabtree, professor of psychology. "What the Office has done is take students' initiative to volunteer and passion for helping others, and rewards them for their efforts."

The approach taken by the OVS can be based in part on the concept of servant-leadership, an approach to leadership development first created by Robert Greenleaf in 1970.

In the servant-leadership approach, the servant-leader is a servant first, initiated by a natural feeling of wanting to serve while staying focused on achieving results in line with the values and integrity of an organization—in this case, the College. Traditional leadership principles dictate that the person is a leader first, making a later choice to serve after leadership is established.

But in sharp contrast, servant-leadership brings one to make a conscious choice to aspire to lead and ensure that the highest priority needs of others are being served, merely because he or she wants to serve better, not necessarily because one desires increased power. At the heart of servant-leadership is teamwork and community, trust, and empathy for humankind—qualities that Hart sees in the students who volunteer.

"The students are incredible, whether they get involved with a student group or volunteer on their own. They are willing to give of their time to the community—and that is truly an amazing thing to see on this campus each and every day," Hart says.

Promoting a culture of service: The Presidents' Service Network

The student-led Presidents' Service Network, established in 2006, works to promote civic engagement by educating the campus about real community needs, encouraging involvement in meaningful community service, and celebrating volunteer achievements. By holding regular meetings which bring together students, faculty, and staff, the group aims to connect W&J campus clubs, organizations, and offices with the information, support, and ideas they need to make their community service efforts flourish. After all, a campus that values creating and maintaining a strong sense of volunteerism builds community and character. To instill this message in the lives of students, the OVS sponsors a number of events throughout the school year.

Virginia Nemchick '08 has been an instrumental leader for the Presidents' Service Network, serving as a co-chair during the 2006-2007 academic year with recent graduate Joann Short '07. Their combined efforts brought about events such as the Holiday Cards for Soldiers program, in which students sent holiday messages to soldiers serving the country in Iraq; as well as National Volunteer Week in the spring, which celebrates the

Students celebrate the spirit of giving with the Holiday Cards for Soldiers program, in which students sent holiday messages to soldiers serving our country in Iraq.

volunteer spirit through a week-long agenda of volunteer opportunities for the campus community, both sponsored by the OVS.

Nemchick serves as the student chair this year for the organization through running its meetings, coordinating events, and promoting volunteer efforts on campus.

“What I’ve learned is that there are students out there that want to help out, but they often don’t know how they can make a difference, or where to look first,” says Nemchick. “Every little bit helps; all it takes is working together as a campus community to make an impact on our world.”

A Recipe for Change

For many, the word “banquet” means lots of food. But for some, the only meal served is hunger. Feast or famine—it’s the luck of the draw.

W&J students were quick to truly understand and accept the mindset of the homeless through a unique event this fall. In support of Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, held November 11-17, 2007, the Presidents’ Service Network sponsored its first Hunger Banquet on November 15, a campus event intended to raise awareness for hunger.

A memorable event, the Hunger Banquet allowed participants to experience

firsthand the unequal distribution of food in the world.

Through a free-will donation, students were able to attend and participate in the Hunger Banquet, with all proceeds benefiting the Washington City Mission. Upon arriving, each dinner guest drew a ticket at random that assigned them to a high-, middle-, or low-income tier, and received a corresponding meal. The 15 percent in the high-income tier were served a sumptuous, three-course catered meal; the 35 percent in the middle-income section dined on a simple meal of rice and beans; and the remaining 50 percent in the low-income tier sat on the floor and helped themselves to small portions of rice and water. Dinner guests assumed characterizations that described the situation of a specific person at the income level to which they were assigned.

After the meal, Doug Bush, director of operations for the Washington City Mission, encouraged all dinner guests to reflect and share their thoughts regarding the experience. Few participants left the Hunger Banquet with full stomachs, but all possessed a greater understanding of the economic disparities that exist, as well as the effects of hunger and

poverty on the world.

America Reads: After School Mentoring Program

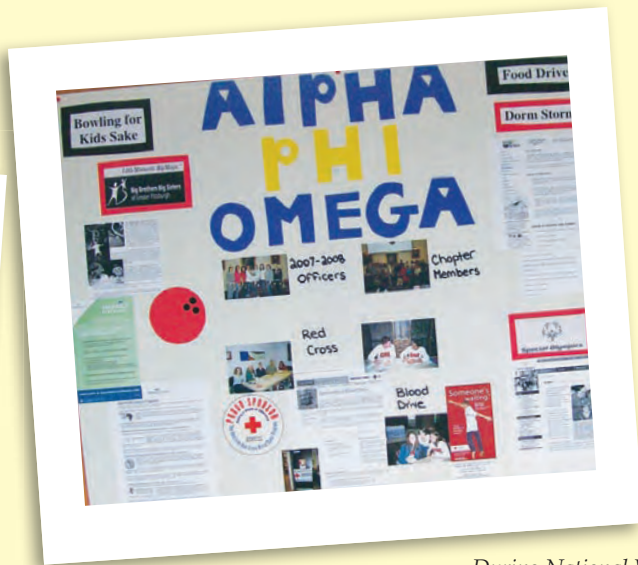
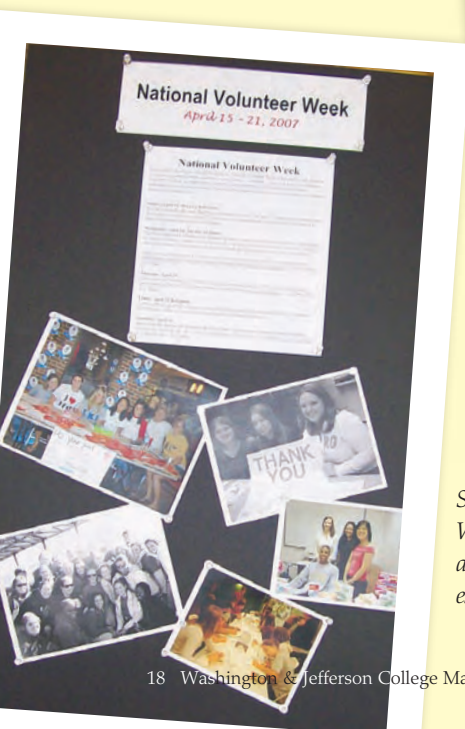
The national America Reads program, initiated in 1997 in order to have all children reading “well and independently” by the end of third grade, is sponsored by federal work study, and W&J is one of many higher education institutions which enable students to impact the lives of children while earning money for school.

Through America Reads, W&J mentors are supervised by the staff of the Washington Family Center (WFC), whose objective for the after school program is “to provide a safe and fun learning environment for children.” The program’s emphasis is on homework completion and tutoring sessions, but other activities aim to strengthen the children’s academic skills and knowledge, particularly in the areas of math and reading. America Reads also provides educational programs about various issues (e.g. drug/alcohol awareness, environmental issues, health and safety, character development).

Students typically volunteer 2-3 days per week, and last year alone, W&J’s America Reads mentors contributed almost 5,000 hours to literacy training in Washington area schools.

“The message we want to get out to students is two-fold,” indicates Hart. “By impacting the community in which one lives, it is inevitable that one will impact his or her own life in ways that can’t even be imagined. Volunteerism is beyond powerful—it’s absolutely life-changing.”

— Emily Trifaro



Sponsored by the OVS, National Volunteer Week celebrates volunteerism and raises awareness of volunteer opportunities that exist on campus.

During National Volunteer Week, student-run service organizations create poster displays which showcase their community service activities throughout the year.



Committing a Lifetime to Helping Others

Bethany Almquist '07

*"If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in Vain."*

- Emily Dickinson

The words of Emily Dickinson in one of her most famous poems, "If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking" bring out the most basic of human desires. When caring for others becomes your driving force, a seemingly meaningless life transitions completely to one that has all of the meaning in the world. And for Bethany Almquist '07, this driving force is an inspiring one that has led her to a life of community service.

Almquist's volunteer spirit began in high school when she realized that the boundaries of volunteering were unlimited.

"I realized that even a kid could impact someone's life, and that was so amazing to me. I learned that I could find where there was a need, volunteer, and also do the things that I care about and enjoy," she said.

Initially a volunteer with the local women's shelter, Almquist was later hired as a child tutor/coordinator for two hours of work twice a week. For the two years that she volunteered at the safe haven, she saw the horrific effects of abuse on the lives of the women and children who entered its doors.

"Every day when I walked through the staff door into the housing unit, I would read a sign that a staff member had posted. It was Emily Dickinson's poem. I remember reading those words and realizing that even though I'm only one person and I can't help everyone, I can make a huge difference in one person's life each time I volunteer or provide a service

to others. Every time that I think of this poem, my life's purpose is all the more meaningful to me," Almquist said.

And, as evident during her years at W&J, where there's a will, there's certainly a way.

A stand-out basketball star in high school, Almquist always had a love for the game. But it wasn't until coming to W&J and pursuing other interests that she realized her true passion for the sport rested not on the court, but rather on the sidelines, as a coach for the Washington County Special Olympics.

Initially, Almquist regularly volunteered with the organization by assisting at weekly practices, attending competitions, and coordinating a special skills competition at the Washington competition, for which she also served as competition coordinator. But as her involvement with Special Olympics intensified, she began to take on leadership roles of increasing responsibility. After receiving her certification in both general and basketball skills coaching, she became the assistant basketball coach for the 2005 and 2006 seasons. In 2007, the program was left with a huge void—35 athletes, but unfortunately, no head coach.

Without hesitation, Almquist stepped right up to the plate.

"Special Olympics has been the best ongoing experience of my life; the bond I formed with the athletes was incredible. They enjoyed every moment of practice and made me feel

like I was really making a difference in their lives. I felt called to take over as head coach," she said.

Almquist learned a lot through her three-hour-a-week practices and multiple tournaments, particularly regarding coaching, paperwork, and dealing with people of different capabilities. Through providing athletic training and competition to people with intellectual disabilities, Almquist provided opportunities to her athletes to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship. Fearing that upon her graduation, the athletes would suffer without a head coach to encourage and lead them, Bethany understood the value of succession planning. During her senior year, she hosted a coaching certification course for 8-9 students to become certified coaches for Special Olympics, which would prevent a shortage of coaches in the years to come.

In addition to Special Olympics, Almquist also became involved with the student-run service organization G.I.V.E. (*Getting Involved in Volunteer Experiences*), for which she served as secretary, student government representative, and eventually vice president during her years at W&J. She spent the spring break of her freshman and sophomore years attending the organization's Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge, where she worked with fellow classmates on four homes at various housing sites in Flagler, Florida the first year, and constructing two houses from the

cement foundation in Tallahassee, Florida the following year.

Her spring break experiences and passion for the work caused Almquist to become affiliated with the local Washington Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. It was with this organization that Almquist's drive and initiative shined through.

Through Habitat for Humanity, families in need of decent shelter apply to local Habitat affiliates. They are then selected based on their level of need, their willingness to become partners in the program, and their ability to repay the no-interest loan. Once chosen, the family is required to put in 500 hours of building and to start paying towards the house at a low rate. The house is not given, but rather earned, to fulfill Habitat's motto, "Not a hand-out but a hand-up," and the mortgage payment is applied to the construction of other houses in the community.

"Through the local chapter, we would work on and completely build about three houses each year. I thought to myself, 'wouldn't it be great if we could do something special for these folks during the holidays? Take a family whose house we worked on that year, who would be moving into a new home right around the holidays and make their Christmas a bright and memorable one?'" said Almquist.

Thus, in the fall of 2005, "Holiday for Humanity" was born.

The Spirit of Giving: A Holiday for Humanity

Almquist was inspired to begin Holiday for Humanity after observing a role model at her home church in Sarver, Pennsylvania organize a similar project, in which the church would donate food items to four or five needy families during the holidays.

"I wanted to create a campus-wide community service opportunity during the holiday season. Though it's a stressful time for many people, it's especially so for a less-fortunate family moving into a new home.

Finances are focused on new furniture and items for the home, not toys and games. During a busy time of preparing for finals, we could still impact the community and bring a spirit of giving to campus," said Almquist. "It definitely brought a whole new meaning to Light-up Night at W&J."

After meeting the family and determining their "wish lists," Almquist set out to give the family a Christmas they would never forget. The wish lists included the items the family needed for their new home: appliances, bedding, and kitchen gadgets; as well as their likes and interests: toys, games, DVDs, and books for the children, and clothing, cake decorating sets, and cookbooks for the parents. She then assigned items on the wish lists for the fraternities, sororities, athletic teams, and student organizations to purchase and wrap, and let the spirit of giving take over.

Quarterback Chris Edwards '06, Almquist's fiancée and co-chair of the event, found a way to involve many of the athletic teams with Holiday for Humanity. After noticing that equipment and extra t-shirts were left over from the 2005 season, Edwards approached Head Football Coach Mike Sirianni with a novel idea: what if the coaches of each sports team donated their extra gear—footballs, soccer balls, t-shirts, or jerseys—to the family? Edward's initiative sparked excitement not only among his teammates, but with the coaching staff of each athletic team as well.

Almquist's fondest memory occurred during the presentation of gifts to the family when the mother expressed her thanks.

"She said that she didn't know how to thank us, but that she knew home was pretty far away for many of us. She wanted us to know that we were welcome as guests around her dinner table for the holidays. That touched my heart in a way I can't easily explain, that someone who had so little was willing to give so much."

W&J Students Set a Shining Example with Holiday for Humanity

Through hard work, initiative, effective organization, and leadership, Bethany Almquist ensured the sustainability and growth of Holiday for Humanity beyond its first year, volunteering 75 hours in 2006 for the 2nd annual event. Almquist's sparkling example has given others the initiative to improve the event by offering new ideas to capture the spirit of giving while involving the campus and local community in such a memorable way.

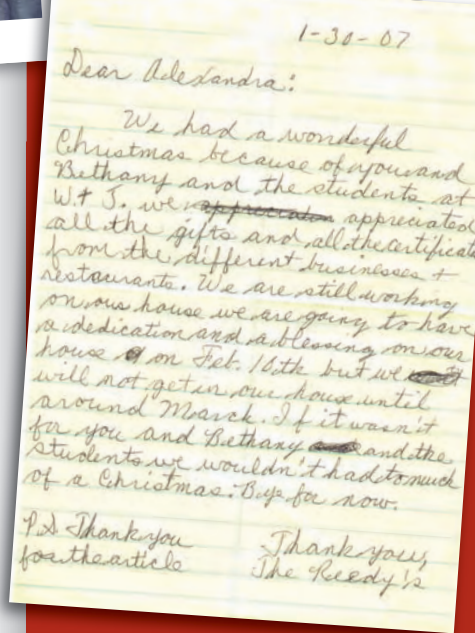
"Holiday for Humanity is kind of like a recipe. Each person that comes along edits it a little differently by adding a new ingredient," said Alexandra Castro '08, who served as senior chair for this year's project.

In 2006, Castro found that new ingredient. Together with Almquist, the two collected more than \$4,000 worth of gift certificates and donations from local restaurants and retailers, which, along with ornaments, adorned the Christmas tree purchased for the family by the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

"When reading the list of local businesses and restaurants that donated a gift to the family, their eyes lit up, smiles came across their faces, and the children were tugging their parents' coats in excitement," said Castro. "I truly believe that the most rewarding gift one can give at the holidays is to a needy family who is genuinely thankful for everything they receive."

Holiday for Humanity created such an atmosphere of togetherness, compassion, and emotional warmth its first year, that the ceremony and presentation of gifts has become an annual one, imaginatively woven into the tradition of Light-up Night. Open to the entire campus as well as members of the local community, the project allows students, faculty, and staff alike to share in the family's joy and celebrate the spirit of giving.

"This event is truly a wonderful way to welcome a family to a brand new home. The students put so much



effort and so much heart into this event, and it shows. I felt privileged to see the bounty that the family received," said Laura Karl Vincenti, executive director of the Washington County Habitat for Humanity.

The event serves as the only philanthropy that has garnered campus-wide support, and continues to unite Greek life and athletics, as well as more than 30 student organizations, for a great cause while strengthening the College's bond with the local community.

If any W&J student has ever doubted whether his or her contribution has made a difference, they should doubt no more. The brainstorm child of Bethany Almquist has snowballed into much more than a single event during the holiday season; it has become an ongoing project of the Washington County Habitat for Humanity organization which mobilizes the community at large. As not every home is scheduled to be completed around the holidays, the "adopt-a-family" idea behind Holiday for Humanity allows local organizations and businesses such as the Trinity East Elementary School PTA and Merrill Lynch to adopt a family and organize a housewarming event for them, regardless of the time of year.

This year's family consisted of a single mother, Monica, and her two young daughters, Jaidyn, age 4, and Jayla, age 2. Monica wanted to provide a home with a nice yard for her daughters but did not have the means to do so. Monica's dream of owning her first home became a reality with Habitat for Humanity. And through the generosity of the campus community during Light-up Night on December 3, 2007, the family was able to experience the true meaning of the holiday season as they started on the path towards brighter days.

"Holiday for Humanity is very humbling," said Almquist. "It gives all of us an eye opener as to how we can each impact one family with a small gift."

Beyond W&J: Lending a Helping Hand with an Eye on the Future

Almquist joined the ranks as an alumna of W&J in May 2007 with a B.A. degree in biology, and now attends the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. She is an active member of the American Medical Association, American Medical Student Association, the Penn State Blue and White Society, and the American Medical Women's Association, as well as the Rural and Underserved Medicine Interest Group, which encourages awareness of the need for healthcare professionals in medically underserved areas, both urban and rural in the United States and beyond. And, as a club member of Lux et Veritas, Almquist writes health advice columns that are published in high school and collegiate newspapers to promote health education among youth and answer age-appropriate medical-related questions.

Though medical school consumes much of her time, Almquist's selfless giving spirit continues to be her driving force, as well as the now-famous words of Gandhi: "Be the change you wish to see in the world." When not studying, she visits

local elementary schools to speak with students regarding the ill-effects of tobacco use through Tar Wars, a tobacco-free education program for kids sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Through the Penn State Children's Hospital, Almquist volunteers her time with the Child Life Program, helping children to cope with anxiety and fear caused by life-threatening illnesses by meeting the developmental, psychosocial, educational, and emotional needs of patients and their families. As a volunteer, Almquist enhances coping and minimizes the emotional distress of young cancer patients and their siblings through developmentally-appropriate and therapeutic medical play activities.

While years of medical school await her, it is quite evident that Almquist's giving spirit is the passion that drives her career aspirations of becoming a physician.

"Since I was a child, I have never wanted to be anything else other than a doctor with a specialty in neonatology. My younger sister was very sick when she was just 6 months old, so my interest in newborn medicine really began when I was a child. I really look forward to what I know will be a rewarding career."

Completing the Magee-Women's Research Institute and Foundation Internship in Pittsburgh during the summer of 2006 with W&J alumnus and chief of newborn medicine Gary A. Silverman, M.D./Ph.D. '78, confirmed that desire.

"Dr. Silverman has reminded me that as a neonatologist, I could have a positive impact on someone's life from the very beginning. Having an incredible mentor is a big part of becoming a successful physician, and I am really thankful for his guidance," Almquist said.

For Almquist, community service is not just another item on her daily "to-do" list, but rather a vocation and a chance to count her blessings.

"No matter what I am doing or what mood I am in, after volunteering, I am relaxed. It's a breath of fresh air, and a gentle reminder to me of how truly blessed I am," she added.

— Emily Trifaro

G.I.V.E. – ing a Hand: One Nail at a Time

When one hears the words “spring break”, sand, surf, and fun in the sun come right to mind. But last March in Port Charlotte, Florida, 13 W&J students gave that term a whole new meaning by trading flip flops and a day at the beach for hammers and building homes for the less fortunate through the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge.

Every spring for the past six years, members of G.I.V.E. (*Getting Involved in Volunteer Experiences*) head south for a week-long, spring break for charity, committed to rolling up their sleeves to build the shell of a home from the ground up.

Home may be where the heart is, but for senior Stephanie Runo, a biology and English double major with an emphasis in professional writing who serves as president of G.I.V.E., returning home to Seattle was not a viable option.

When the group arrived at the housing site, a concrete slab foundation was all that existed. Working through the morning hours, the students nailed the framing into place. By lunchtime on the first day, the students, along with the Habitat staff members guiding the project, had completely secured the framing. And, shortly before the end of the day, they had begun to hang the plywood.

“It [hanging the plywood] seemed to last forever. Oh, what we could have done with a nail gun!” she laughs. “I definitely learned that sometimes you have to sacrifice to make a difference.”

As the week drew on, the students finished hammering the plywood into place, and began working on the roof framing by securing the trusses. Once completed, the “Roof Crew”—Laura Breon ‘09, Chris Hickey ‘07, John Fahey ‘10, Eric Sibenac ‘08, and Runo—began laying the plywood over the trusses to give the roof its rigidity and stability.

“It wasn’t really a question of ‘why go?’ but rather, ‘why not?’” said Runo.

“It wasn’t really a question of ‘why go?’ but rather, ‘why not?’” said Runo. “I went and I got hooked—I love it! I’m looking forward to New Orleans in ‘08!”

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 225,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people.

Collegiate Challenge, the nation’s largest year-round alternative break program, challenges more than 12,000 students each year to pick up tool belts and build a house in partnership with a Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the United States. The program allows students to discover that one person, as part of a large organization or movement, can make a tremendous impact and change the world—one family at a time.

According to Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International, Collegiate Challenge introduces students to the problem of poverty and a practical way to help eliminate substandard housing.

“Students are a dynamic movement within Habitat for Humanity,” said Fuller. “These dynamic, young people contribute enormously to the building of hundreds of houses. The students who become involved in Habitat for Humanity today are the adults who will lead the work of this ministry in the years to come.”

More than 30 working hours and five days later, the roof was complete, and the house was completely decked and sheathed. To add to their accomplishments during the week, the students also spent time painting a second home, and shingling a third.

“It was truly amazing to see how much we were able to do in one short week,” said Runo. “The way I see it, giving back and doing something, anything, to make life better for someone else really is a way that I can say ‘thank you’ for the many blessings I have been given.”

The experience made junior Brittany Anderton, a biology and pre-med major and the vice president of recruitment for G.I.V.E., not just want to get up and make a difference, but realize how she could.

“You meet so many different people which opens your eyes to the many inequities in the world. I realized that the world was much bigger than me and that there are people out there who need my help,” Anderton said.

Though the trip was one dedicated to community service, it wasn’t ‘all work and no play’ for the group. They did get to enjoy the typical spring break getaway with a half day at the beach to celebrate a week’s worth of hard work, and managed to cheer the W&J baseball team on to victory at the Port Charlotte Invitational.

“You build friendships and form special bonds with the people you serve with, many of them classmates you might not otherwise have gotten to know. We became such a close knit group, and we still are,” said junior Bill Winters,

an international business and Spanish double major and vice president of G.I.V.E. “Now, when I see someone from the group on campus, I can’t help but smile and think back to how in just one week, we greatly impacted the life of a family in need. There is great satisfaction in knowing that we can step outside ourselves and join together to make a difference.”

Additionally, a handful of students visited the South Port Square Retirement Home one evening for dinner, took a sunset cruise the next, and the men proved themselves victorious over the women in a round of mini-golf on yet another night.

“I think it’s time for a rematch,” laughs Runo.

Because the annual trip is a highly coveted opportunity for any student actively involved in community service, competition certainly abounds. Limited space dictates that only a handful of students can attend each year.

“What we do is keep a running tally of each student’s volunteer service hours throughout the course of the school year. Those students with the most hours as recorded by the Office of Volunteer Services are the ones who are selected to attend,” said Susanna Hart ‘06, volunteer services coordinator at W&J, who both organized and attended the trip.

“My goal is really to reward our students who have such a strong desire to serve that they are willing to give up their spring break to give back to their community. The trip really gives them the chance to slow down and think about how they can have a positive impact beyond their own lives, uniting them with a sense of accomplishment like no other spring break trip can,” Hart said.

Collegiate Challenge is certainly not the only highlight of being involved with the organization. Through monthly meetings, service opportunities are made available for students to become involved on a local, regional, and national scale. G.I.V.E. has a particularly strong partnership with the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Washington, where students volunteer with RESTORE, Habitat’s retail shop which resells the extra building materials donated by stores, manufacturers, and contractors at a much lower price to its customers. Members have also dedicated many hours to a variety of community agencies such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Girl Scouts, the Washington Humane Society, local festivals and events, as well as the Church of the Covenant’s Youth Ministry Program, to name a few. Just consider G.I.V.E. your “one-stop shop for service.”

Memories certainly last a lifetime, at least for Runo.

“Seeing the faces of the family members we were helping was truly unforgettable. I felt an incredibly emotional and personal connection with them,” Runo said. “You can’t get that feeling just anywhere.”

She couldn’t have hit the nail on the head any better than that.

– Emily Trifaro

*Brittany Anderton '09
and Volunteer
Services Coordinator
Susanna Hart '06*



*The “Roof Crew”—from
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'07, and John Fahey
'10—take a quick break to
smile for the camera.*



*Members of G.I.V.E.
spent their spring
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*Mallorie Dazen '09,
Laura Breon '09, and
David Carroll '10 hold
the framing in place.*



*Photos courtesy of
Stephanie Runo '08*

Jamaican-Me-Serve

For Emily Holupka '08, traveling and studying abroad has become a very memorable and important part of her liberal arts education at W&J. A senior chemistry and French double major, Holupka had previously spent a month in Paris through a study abroad program, and later traveled to Japan for an Intersession course in January 2007.

However, her altruistic nature really shined through when Holupka chose to volunteer in New Orleans over spring break last March, assisting with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The experience made her realize that she didn't just want to travel, but that she was really looking for something more.

"I really wanted to go overseas to do mission work in a healthcare-related field," she said. "Something tied to my major, where I could gain hands-on experience while giving back to a community in need at the same time."

When Reverend Kevin Poecking, parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception (I.C.) Catholic Church in Washington and chaplain of the W&J Newman Club, announced a July 2007 week-long mission trip to the Mustard Seed Communities in Kingston, Jamaica, Holupka knew she had her answer.

The brainchild of Father Gregory Ramkissoon, who currently serves as executive director, Mustard Seed Communities (MSC) commenced over 20 years ago as a home with love and stability for abandoned and handicapped children in the world's most poverty-ridden areas. It has remained true to its objective, now caring for over 220 children across Jamaica, Nicaragua, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and most recently a feeding program in Zimbabwe which feeds 500 AIDS orphans daily.

Kingston, Jamaica's capital, boasts a population of 650,000 with approximately 200,000 of these people living in the ghetto. With the city having the third highest murder rate in the world, violence is widespread. Unemployment is high, literacy levels are low, and mentally and physically handicapped children are routinely abandoned, as parents are unable to cope.

MSC specifically targets these children, the most defenseless and helpless in society. By training local people to care for these children, the organization strives to impart a sense of caring and responsibility through involving the community in building a children's home, furnishing it, and eventually working in it as caregivers. The home then belongs to the community, instilling a sense of pride and satisfaction among its inhabitants knowing that they can now look after their own children with disabilities.

Upon arriving in Kingston, Holupka and the I.C. Parish volunteers took up residence at Sophie's Place, home to between 15-20 children and babies with profound disabilities. Sophie's Place is one of seven group homes in Kingston that houses a cumulative total of more than 300 children with disabilities, as well as others diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. The home has developed into a peaceful and comfortable apostolate which includes a chapel as well as a basic school with volunteer accommodations on the second level. The residents are housed in three cottages, each designed for eight children.

In addition to the cottages, MSC is in the process of building group homes for the older children who have learned to care for themselves. The goal of the group home is to encourage a further growth of independence and training to such an extent that, as the children grow older, they will no longer rely on MSC, but instead reintegrate themselves into society.

The staff at Sophie's Place includes one caregiver for every five children, providing somewhat of a challenge as 85 percent of the children are wheelchair-bound. Holupka and the other volunteers would rise early every morning, usually before 5 a.m., to assist the caregivers with the children and get them ready for school. Each morning,

Holupka would help bathe, dress, and feed the children, preparing each child for a brand new day.

The volunteers were able to form very special bonds with the children, as they were able to spend a great deal of time with them over the course of a week.

"I don't remember the cold showers, the cockroaches, or waking up at 5 a.m. What I do remember is waking up knowing that I had a purpose for the day," said Holupka.

In addition to the physical labor and maintenance projects, the volunteers would play, pray, and sing with the children. While MSC within the United States is ecumenical in nature, its work in Jamaica is based on the Catholic faith, which plays a large role in the country's culture. Its focus is that of community service and spirituality, and children are raised in the Catholic faith. Every day at Sophie's Place, everyone, including the basic school children, celebrates daily Mass and shares devotions.

Though MSC volunteers are not considered evangelical missionaries, according to Laura Doherty, executive director for Mustard Seed Communities USA, the terms "missionaries" and "volunteers" are pretty much interchangeable for the organization. And, while the purpose of the mission is to benefit the children, the daily activities of the missionaries vary depending on need.

"Our missionaries are volunteers who spend time with our children in a variety of ways," said Doherty. "Sometimes activities will involve physical labor like pulling weeds or hammering wall boards, or at other times creative projects such as painting murals or children's face painting, based on the skills and dynamics of the volunteer group."

The values that the children learn at Sophie's Place are incorporated in their daily life. Whether it is pushing another child's wheelchair or helping the cook serve meals to other residents, there is a genuine sense of altruism in their actions.

"As a volunteer, I went to Jamaica thinking I was going to change the lives of many children, mostly because I thought that they weren't nearly



In My Own Words

The Children Who Touched My Life

as fortunate as I was. After all, they are the ones who were disabled and abandoned," said Holupka. "But what I didn't realize was how much they were going to change me."

Doherty agrees. In addition to significantly impacting the physical surroundings at Sophie's Place through work projects, raising funds, and bringing donations of needed goods with them, the impact that the volunteers have is quite varied.

"As our volunteers spend time with the children, they see that impacting the children is not what is important, but that seeing the joy on their faces and the light in their spirits is what really is," she said. "Though they bring so much love and compassion to the children, what often happens is that they are the ones leaving there being changed. The children already have so much. In their lack of physical ability, they are more focused on what is truly important in life."

The hope of the organization is that the volunteers will not only be empowered to go back to their communities and spread the word about MSC, but will also be encouraged to make positive changes within their own communities, which will in turn impact the world.

"It's great to go and make a difference, but does that mean 'am I done now?'" questions Doherty. "You desire to impact Mustard Seed, but what really happens is that [Mustard Seed] really makes an impact on you; wherever you go, whatever future experiences you may have, you bring that with you."

Back in July, Holupka initially decided to attend the trip because she had been considering a future in mission work. Being drawn to the work of MSC in Kingston, Holupka is now more certain of where her career path may lead.

"Simple experiences like reading stories to the HIV-positive children and playing peek-a-boo with Ty-ty each day I was there have supported these thoughts," said Holupka. "These personal interactions expanded my faith and forced me to take God outside of the safe, comfortable Western-Pennsylvania-box that I so often am tempted to put Him in. Through this experience, I felt like I had a purpose, and I wouldn't have traded that feeling for the world."

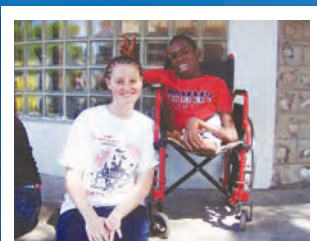
– Emily Trifaro



Ty-ty

Ty-ty was the first child I met at Sophie's Place. Upon arriving, I was standing across the yard, waiting for instructions, and he was sitting in his wheelchair outside his cottage. I caught his eye immediately, and he beckoned with his arm for me to come over to him. I walked over, bent down to eye-level and said hello. With a huge, 1,000-watt smile, he reached out, grabbed my nose and motioned like he was putting it in his pocket. It was then that I knew I was dealing with a very intelligent and special young boy!

The caregiver in Ty-ty's cottage had about six children to take care of, none of whom could walk, talk, or feed themselves. Ty-ty was seven years old. In the mornings, I helped him hold his cup of warm porridge and drink his breakfast without making too much of a mess. After a day of work at other sites, I looked forward to coming back to a big smile from Ty-ty and playing catch with a blown-up latex glove. He, like all other children, just wanted someone to play with – he wanted a friend.



Ricky

Ricky was very special to me because, as one of the caretakers put it, he was "The King." He lived in My Father's House, one of the larger apostolates in Kingston.

When we met him, he maneuvered himself around in a wheelchair. But apparently, until very recently, he jetted around on a skateboard, legs

tucked underneath him. Ricky was 23 years old, one of the older children, and could talk easily. He was our "insider" tour guide, showing us the ins and outs of his home. He worked in the local Internet Café every so often, and was proud of his MySpace page! He led devotions at the morning services, and we first met him in his Sunday best at the community church, where only a few of the older children were allowed to attend. Ricky acted like a typical teenager, goofing around, giving people bunny ears in photos, and not surprisingly, talking about girls!

Ricky connected easily with us, despite our opposite lifestyles and backgrounds. This caught us off guard, as this is a skill not learned in the classroom, but rather a skill most American teenagers and twenty-somethings struggle to develop. Ricky's personality is one that I won't ever forget.



Philip

Philip was the "new kid on the block" at Sophie's Place. At first he was passive, lying there staring at you with his huge brown eyes. His joints were extremely stiff, and his neck seemed permanently twisted in an upwards position. One of the members from our group, Rosemary Jennings, a therapist from Washington, started working with him. Every day she would stretch and bend his joints, and by the end of the week, Philip had improved greatly. Watching Rosemary really made me think: "how would you like it if you were lying in bed in one position for hours and hours?"

We all tried to give Philip some extra attention, and he was one of the few that let me brush his teeth without protesting! His big brown eyes and long lashes seemed to be begging for a lullaby, and my fondest memory is of my fellow group member, Joe Karnes, a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Parish, singing Philip to sleep.

– Emily Holupka '08



Celebrates 150 Years of Philanthropy

At 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, there was more to see at the corner of Lincoln and Beau Streets on campus than the two new bronze statues of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

No, the brothers and sisters riding the giant see-saw were not just taking a much-needed study break, laughing and bonding with each other; the students strolling through the intersection with coffee cans were not begging drivers to give them spare change for the laundry machines.

But what the brothers of Delta Tau

Delta (Gamma Chapter) fraternity and the sisters of Delta Gamma sorority were doing was raising charitable hopes during their annual See-Saw Marathon event to raise money for Bleed Purple, a non-profit organization that provides financial support to college students battling with cancer.

Throughout the 24-hour time period, members of each organization took turns see-sawing for the charity in one-hour increments, come rain or shine. Other members volunteered by canning for donations among the cars stopped at the intersection

and along the sidewalks as faculty, staff, and students walked to and from class and around campus.

"Through the generosity of the campus, businesses, and local community, we were able to raise more than \$725 for Bleed Purple from this event alone. We are extremely pleased with this year's results, and sincerely thank everyone who helped us reach our goal," said sophomore David Carroll, philanthropy chair of Delta Tau Delta.

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Delta Tau Delta and



Sophomore students Autumn Meredith and David Carroll keep them company while Caitlin Schaefer '10 (left) and Cassandra Dudley '10 (right) see-saw to raise money for the Bleed Purple Foundation.



Members of Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta show their volunteer spirit at the local Washington Area Humane Society.



Keith Shoop '10 cans for donations among the cars stopped at the intersection of Lincoln and East Beau Streets on campus. Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and Delta Gamma Sorority were able to raise more than \$725 for the Bleed Purple Foundation.

to commemorate their long history of community and philanthropic service, the fraternity has launched a national charitable project to be conducted by all undergraduate chapters. Over the next year and a half, all undergraduates of Delta Tau Delta will be working towards the common goal of raising \$150,000 for the Bleed Purple Foundation. The See-Saw Marathon marks the beginning of a year of philanthropy for the 146-year old fraternity, the oldest at W&J.

"This event shows how much time our students are willing to give to volunteer activities, including many that benefit the local community," said Susanna Hart, W&J's volunteer services coordinator. "Choosing Bleed Purple as the charity also shows the initiative our students have to find an organization in need that has an established relationship with a national chapter of one of our Greek organizations."

Hara Henshell, director of Greek life at W&J, is also impressed with the Greek students and the time they put into volunteer activities.

"I think the See-Saw Marathon is a very good example of the philanthropic events that our Greek students get involved in," Henshell said. "The fact that Delta Tau Delta and Delta Gamma are so involved in an event that does not directly benefit their respective organizations also says a great deal about their members' volunteer spirit."

About The Bleed Purple Foundation

The Bleed Purple Foundation was founded in 2006 by members of the Theta Zeta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity in order to aid one of its brothers

who was diagnosed with stage III-B Hodgkin's Lymphoma. As a sign of brotherhood and steadfast solidarity, the brothers came together and organized a head-shaving auction on the University of San Diego campus that raised more than \$4,000. Thus, Bleed Purple was born.

Since that simple act of compassion by the brothers of Theta Zeta, Bleed Purple has evolved into a recognized charitable organization. The Foundation strives as an organization to bring together the Greek community in an effort to support undergraduate students battling cancer by paying the medical expenses associated with these life-threatening illnesses.

The foundation distributes funds to recipients in need through a simple application process. A selection committee reviews submitted applications on a quarterly basis and, pending approval, the requested funds are then donated to the applicant or to the university or medical facility of their choice. Bleed Purple considers itself a unique organization. Being that the foundation has zero administrative costs, it redirects 100 percent of its donations to students with cancer or to secure future donations for distribution. While its highest priority is helping students with cancer, the Foundation will also select a cancer research organization each year that will receive a portion of the proceeds if funds are available.

A Year-Long Commitment to the Cause

The See-Saw Marathon is not the only event that the "Delts" have participated in and are planning this school year to raise their chapter's goal of \$2,500 for the Bleed Purple Foundation by their fundraising deadline of August 2008.

In late September, the brothers volunteered their time at Kennywood Amusement Park's annual Phantom Fright Nights. Each year, the Park invites local non-profit groups to

participate during the months of September and October as a fundraiser for the organization. On September 29, the brothers of Delta Tau Delta dressed in their scariest Halloween-best, participating as actors in Kennywood's haunted attractions, including the Villa of the Vampires, Kennyville Cemetery, Mortem Manor, as Walk-About-Ghouls, and as volunteers in the Park's many concession stands. Each brother earned money for the number of hours that he worked, and collectively, the fraternity was able to raise \$1,000 for the Bleed Purple Foundation.

"We had a blast scaring the young and old alike," said Carroll. "By the end of the night, more than half of us had lost our voices, but it was well worth it. In today's society, it's so refreshing to see how much my fellow brothers care about the community and are willing to lend a helping hand. They give so much of their time, even when it might be limited because, for example, they have to take the LSAT exam in two days. I have the deepest respect for each of my fellow Delts, and I am proud to be part of this brotherhood."

In addition to an upcoming car wash, the brothers will be holding their first-ever Head Shaving Contest to continue the fundraising efforts for Bleed Purple, an event that ties in very well with the cause. Through an auction system, participants place bids on how much they would pay to see a particular brother shave off his head of hair. The event is sure to be entertaining, and the sacrifice made by the Delts is clear: after all, shaving off a little bit goes a long way in the fight against cancer.

– Emily Trifaro



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual Light the Night Walk is among the many philanthropic events that Delta Tau Delta participates in each year.

Photo courtesy of David Carroll '10



Anchors Aweigh

Delta Gamma dives in to
"Do Good" with Anchor Splash®

Every March for the past twenty eight years in W&J's Henry Memorial Pool, Delta Gamma sorority has been making waves with Anchor Splash, its annual fundraising event to benefit the Washington-Greene County Association for the Blind.

For one evening each year, W&J fraternities, sororities, and non-Greek organizations compete in swimming events—coached by the sisters of Delta Gamma—complete with trophies and awards. From banner contests, competitive relay races, and synchronized swimming to a "Mr. Anchor Splash" dance competition and a Most Beautiful Eyes® contest, Anchor Splash is "more than meets the eye."

"We raised over \$4,000 last year at Anchor Splash and we hope to beat that figure this year," said Autumn Meredith '10, who serves as vice president of foundations for Delta Gamma and the director of last year's event.

Anchor Splash is a nationwide Delta Gamma philanthropic project—and one of the most well-recognized charitable fundraisers in the Greek world today—dedicated to aid the blind and promote sight conservation.

"The event is really a lot of fun for everyone involved," said Meredith. "It's great to see and hear the excitement for such a great cause among the chants and cheers, the many signs made to show support in cheering for the teams, and the fraternity members screaming at the tops of their lungs with war paint on their chests!"

Began in 1966 at the University of Miami to commemorate Beta Tau Chapter's 25th anniversary, Anchor Splash quickly spread to chapters across North America. Today, more than 110 Delta Gamma chapters annually hold an Anchor Splash competition. All proceeds from the event help support Delta Gamma's humanitarian efforts and programming

such as Service for Sight, scholarships, fellowships and loans, values and ethics lectureships, and educational programs for sorority members.

Though Anchor Splash is the sorority's largest philanthropic project, the sisters of Delta Gamma regularly volunteer within the community through bowling for senior citizens programs and the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days, as well as supporting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Their volunteer efforts earned the sorority the Greek Service Award during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Delta Gamma certainly has its eye on the cause. During monthly "Wal-Mart Runs" with the Washington-Greene County Association for the Blind, 12-16 sorority members accompany the visually impaired on shopping trips to the local Wal-Mart, assisting them with reading their lists and finding items throughout the store.

"Many times, our members don't really need to go shopping, but they go, purely for the company and social interaction with the students," said Gene Temel, director of specialized services for the Association. "The students really get involved in a number of our projects, and we are very grateful for their time and support."

For the sisters of Delta Gamma, volunteering with the Washington-Greene Association for the Blind is a welcome break from class and schoolwork.

"Though they sometimes tell us the same stories every week, I don't mind. They are so happy to socialize with us for a few hours, and the feeling is mutual. Seeing their joy and knowing I can help them with a task that I oftentimes take for granted is very rewarding," said Meredith.

— Emily Trifaro

The synchronized swimming competition is a must-see event at Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash.



The annual banner contest gives each fraternity and sorority on campus a chance to show their spirit and competitive streak.

Photos courtesy of Megan Dubois '09

Sharing a Love of the Game

Coach—a word that can mean something different to many people. For some, a coach is an individual who assumes responsibility for athletes, actively training and coaching them in competitions. But for others, it is about more than the athletic skills training; it's about becoming a role model and a character builder for those who one may coach, encouraging athletes to succeed.

And in the world of Special Olympics, these coaches give their athletes the most immediate awareness of their self worth, ability, courage, and capacity to grow and improve, both on and off the court. After all, its coaching philosophy proclaims, "Athletes First, Winning Second."

Just ask Chris Barber '10, who started volunteering with the organization last February as a basketball skills coach and currently serves as the assistant basketball coach of the Washington County/Mon Valley Special Olympics basketball team.

"The joy I witness on the faces of the athletes that I coach during the practices and games really keeps me going. They go out and play to win, but if they don't, it's not the end of the world. They show immaculate respect and sportsmanship that is unrivaled in professional and amateur levels," Barber said.

That sportsmanlike integrity can be seen firsthand every Thursday evening, when thirty-five athletes and eight certified coaches, along with a handful of other volunteers and aides, gather for weekly basketball practice on the Church of the Covenant's gym floor.

And it doesn't matter if a coach sees the athletes in the off season around town, whether it is at the grocery store, at a baseball game, or a concert.

"Every time I see them, they always ask about when basketball season is starting again," laughs Barber.

Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) provides year-round athletic training and competition in more than 20 Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and is managed solely through county or city-based programs, such as the Washington County/Mon Valley Special Olympics. The organization gives the athletes continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other athletes, and the community.

Similar to that of any typical high school basketball team, weekly practice begins with a series of warm-up laps and stretching before progressing to ball handling, defense, and various shooting exercises. To best allow the athletes to work to their full potential, the coaches divide them by skill into groups.



Seniors Steve Woltman and Eric Sibenac (back, from left) serve as coaches for the Washington County/Mon Valley three-on-three basketball team.

Photo courtesy of Eric Sibenac

The majority of the athletes participate on either three-on-three or five-on-five teams. The highest functioning team—the Washington Wizards—even learns offensive and inbound plays designed by the coaching staff, which consists of anywhere between five and six student coaches. Severely-challenged athletes compete at individual skills, such as dribbling, passing, and shooting, which require a high level of patience and tolerance from the coaching staff.

"The joy that the kids get from dribbling and pushing the ball down is so exciting to watch. It is totally worth it. They think they have accomplished so much—and they truly have," said sophomore Ashleen Wilwohl, a political science major and psychology minor, who serves as the head basketball coach.

As sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma who shared a love of basketball, Wilwohl was recruited by Bethany Almquist '07 to attend a coaching certification course hosted by Almquist during her freshman year. In addition to weekly practices, Wilwohl also serves on the management team, which meets monthly to recruit new athletes for Special Olympics.

"People think it's so rehearsed when someone says 'this changed my life', but you don't know how true those words really are until you spend time with these kids," said Wilwohl. "They have such big hearts."

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

- Special Olympics Athlete Oath

Perhaps the favorite part of practice for athletes and coaches alike is the scrimmage, which takes place during the last half hour of practice. While coaches team up to challenge their athletes, those not involved cheer their fellow teammates to victory from the sidelines.

After eight weeks of practice, the hard work and effort of the athletes are finally rewarded with medals at regional competitions. Traveling on school buses as a collective squad of athletes, coaches, and volunteers, the team competes in up to six tournaments each spring. Yearly competitions held in areas such as Pittsburgh, Clarion, Lawrence County, and Washington County bring teams from all across the state to represent their Special Olympics counties, with each competition drawing more than 180 athletes. Competitions are not complete however, without closing ceremonies, which award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals as well as participatory ribbons for those coming in 4th and 5th.

Barber's fondest memory since becoming involved with Special Olympics occurred at a regional competition held at Clarion University last year. Serving as an assistant coach to both Almquist and Chris Edwards '06 for the Washington Wizards, the three led their five-on-five team to a gold medal.

"The athletes were scheduled to play a team which they had never been able to defeat in the past, and because of that, they were very discouraged," said Barber. "One of the players gave a 'win-just-one-for-the-Gipper' speech of sorts, as it was the last game that Bethany and Chris would coach before graduating. The encouragement of that one athlete raised the morale for the entire team, firing the kids up to win not just the game, but the entire tournament as well. It was absolutely unforgettable."

Competition does not end at the regional level, however. Last year, Wilwohl coached a three-on-three as well as a five-on-five team that participated in the 2007 Summer Games, a memorable event for all involved. Held each year in June at Penn State University, the state-wide Special Olympics Summer Games brings together more than 2,000 athletes and 700 coaches from across the state. The largest event of the year, the Summer Games features three days of intense competition in aquatics, bowling, equestrian, golf, gymnastics, softball, tennis, and of course—basketball.

Though Ashleen is inspired to volunteer with Special Olympics by her athletes, she certainly doesn't underestimate the power of community involvement.

"Seeing the willingness of individuals in the community and at W&J to volunteer with Special Olympics is so rewarding. In today's society, people aren't naturally willing to help others. But I've learned that not everyone is greedy. No one wants to see their community fail. To see the passion in the eyes of the people who volunteer to help those with disabilities—that is incredible."

The ball is in your court...are you ready to make the basket?

— Emily Trifaro

Members of the Washington County/Mon Valley five-on-five basketball team proudly show off their medals won at the 2007 Summer Games. Pictured: Ashleen Wilwohl '10, head coach.



Wilwohl awards athlete Ray Latshaw with a medal for an individual skills event at the Washington County Basketball Tournament held in March.



W&J Special Olympics Coaches call a time-out for a photo with two of their athletes, Ray Latshaw (front) and Mike Salopek (back).

Front, from left: Chris Hickey, Eric Sibenac, Chris Edwards.

Back, from left: Mike Banyasz, Ashleen Wilwohl, Chris Barber, John Fahey, Bethany Almquist, Steve Woltman.



Chris Barber '10, assistant coach of the Washington County/Mon Valley Special Olympics basketball team, bonds with his team at the 2007 Summer Games, held at Penn State University in June.



The Washington Wizards Team, with the guidance of assistant coach Chris Edwards '06 and head coach Bethany Almquist '07, won a gold medal in Division I at the Clarion Regional Basketball Tournament in 2007.



Photos courtesy of Bethany Almquist '07 and Ashleen Wilwohl '10





From the Sidelines: Diary of a Coach

Recruited out of high school by several Division III colleges to play football, I decided on W&J because of its reputable academic program and its perennial powerhouse football team.

However, after my freshman year, I realized that there was more to college than just playing a sport and attending classes. I joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and G.I.V.E. (Getting Involved in Volunteer Experiences), through which I became involved in Habitat for Humanity, Holiday for Humanity, and Special Olympics. Better than good grades and even victories on the football field, volunteering has been a much more rewarding experience, particularly with the Special Olympics.

One of my fraternity brothers once mentioned that if I helped out with the local Special Olympics basketball team, the hours would count toward achieving a spot on the Habitat for Humanity spring break trip for G.I.V.E. I decided to check it out—after all, what could it hurt?

I really expected the athletes to be more physically handicapped, but was completely surprised. While a few athletes work simply on dribbling, with the majority, it really is like playing basketball with traditional student athletes. Some swish threes consistently and others can even dunk! When I look back on it now, I came into it with very little knowledge about Special Olympics, but I came out learning so much more.

As I plan on including coaching in my career goals—even if it is just for my future kids' teams—working with Special Olympics has taught me many valuable lessons. After attending the Special Olympics Coaches Education System training clinic, I became a certified head coach of a three-on-three team. One of my athletes was extremely hyperactive at first, and we had trouble keeping him focused, but, by the end of the season, he was starting to listen. I realized that I've reached him and I can't even put into words how that milestone makes me feel.

Another time, I was out in the community with my dad when I ran into an athlete who hollered, "Hey, Coach!" My dad looked at me with complete surprise as I explained that I was volunteering with Special Olympics. Seeing the happiness and pride on my dad's face reminded me of the impact I was having on my athletes.

Every week, I am excited to go to practice, or to get on a bus to head to a tournament. In my opinion, students should volunteer with Special Olympics for three reasons: they like to help others, they enjoy sports, or they want to get away from school and the stress for a little while. Through volunteers, the world would be a better place, but it takes people willing to get up and do something about it.

Everyone complains. I say: "Go out and do something about it. Make a difference yourself!"

- Eric Sibenac '08

ALUMNI CONNECTION

*From the Desk of
Fred Sharer '60*



Greetings to W&J alumni and friends of the College!

I am honored to have been selected to preside over the Alumni Executive Council, the management arm of your Alumni Association.

During the past several years, under the leadership of Chong Park '83, the Council has been revitalized and organized into working groups to further the effectiveness of the Alumni Association, and to enhance contact between alumni and the College. The work of the Alumni Executive Council is assigned to three primary committees:

The Programming Committee of the Council will continue to promote both on-campus and off-campus alumni activities, and assess the effectiveness of those events through the longer lens of experience.

The Governance Committee is charged with development of future Alumni Association leaders and the consideration of nominees for awards, including the Distinguished Service Award and the Alumni Achievement Award. The Committee is currently developing criteria for an award recognizing outstanding young alumni.

The Communications Committee will continue to monitor, and improve where advisable, communication between the College and alumni, with emphasis on the *W&J* magazine and the monthly @ *W&J* eNewsletter. In that regard, I urge your registration of a new and exciting endeavor, Jay Connected, W&J's online alumni community. Jay Connected is a great avenue to "stay connected" with fellow alumni and your alma mater.

The Council is revisiting a grass roots campaign to encourage current students and recent alumni to stay (or become) involved with the College. Among the tools employed

are programming in which both students and alumni participate, and the promotion of internship and mentoring connections. The Council is also working with the Office of Alumni Relations to develop professional and social mentoring programs within W&J alumni clubs. This regional mentoring effort will begin with a pilot club where there is a substantial community of alumni to participate.

I encourage your continuing interest in the College. Great and exciting things are happening in terms of curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and bricks and mortar.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Alumni Relations with your thoughts.

Warm Regards,
Fred Sharer '60
Alumni Association President

Alumni Executive Council Welcomes New Members

New AEC members were welcomed during the Homecoming Meeting on October 5, 2007.

Inducted into the Council are:



John Bord '73



Maureen Connolly '04



Andy McIlvaine '70



Julie (Grebenez)
Rothbardt '93



Linda (Hunt) Wagner '85



Jimil Wilson '00

The AEC will meet again on campus on April 5, 2008.

HOMEcoming 2007 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST



The Office of Alumni Relations hosted its first annual Volunteer Recognition Breakfast during Homecoming 2007.

The breakfast recognized members of the alumni body who donate their time to the College through reunion committees, the Alumni Executive Council, Jay Admission Council, Pre-Health and Pre-Law Committees, Parents' Council, as alumni hosts and career counselors for students, as well other various volunteer capacities over the past calendar year.

This year, an amazing 400 alumni have volunteered their time for W&J and received invitations to attend this event. Michael Grzesiak, vice president of development and alumni relations, thanked the group for their hours of service and recognized all of the volunteers in attendance, including **John Mollenauer '57** (pictured), a member of the newest Old Guard class, for his more than 50 years of service to W&J!

If you would like share your time with W&J from near or far, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@washjeff.edu or call 724-223-6079.

- Sarah Sperry

Alumni Honored for Service and Achievement

Each year during the Homecoming festivities, W&J bestows the Distinguished Service Award and Alumni Achievement Award on those who show particular loyalty to the College and those who have achieved notable success in their chosen fields. W&J was proud to announce this year's award winners, who reflect the success of W&J's mission and philosophy through their personal and professional successes and their commitment to their alma mater.



Reed Day '52

Reserved for those who demonstrate great dedication to W&J, the Distinguished Service Award this year was presented to Reed Day. Following his graduation in 1952, Reed spent two years as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He then went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh in 1957.

Reed has had a long and successful career in legal services, spanning nearly 50 years. He has served as solicitor for the Peters Township School District, and as counsel for 150 school districts in Pennsylvania, challenging regulations issued by the Department of Education. Reed's experience in the construction of schools led him to become an extensive litigator in the field of education, as well as past chairman of the Construction Law Committee of the General Practice Section of the American Bar Association. In 2001, Reed received the Dr. Samuel Francis Distinguished Achievement in Law & Education Award from the Deans of the University of Pittsburgh Schools of Education and Law.

His love and dedication for W&J is evident through his service as a previous member of the Pre-Law Advisory Committee, past president of the alumni association, and former alumni trustee of the College. And, through Day's leadership as chairman of the Class of 1952 Reunion Committee this year, the class collectively raised more than \$300,000 for Endowed Scholarship, which is the largest gift from a 50th reunion class to date. Additionally at this year's Homecoming, Day organized the 55th Reunion, marking the first time that a class has held a 55th reunion at W&J.

Retired from the practice of law, Day is a recognizable face on campus today, serving as an adjunct professor of education law during W&J's Intersession.



Lynn Arko Kelley '77

The Alumni Association is pleased to honor Lynn Arko Kelley with its Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her service and commitment to W&J. Earning her bachelor of arts degree in 1977, Lynn pursued her passion for law at Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Her legal career led her to later become of counsel at Cleveland-based Kelley & Ferraro, LLP, co-founded by her late husband, Michael V. Kelley, where she concentrated her practice in the areas of children and family law.

A former alumni trustee of the College, Kelley holds the distinction of having served on the boards of trustees of her three alma maters: Gilmour Academy, W&J, and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Alumni Association.

In addition to having a very successful legal career, Mrs. Kelley has dedicated her time and energy to giving back to the College. She serves on the Pre-Law Advisory Committee, and was a founding member of the W&J Old Main Society and the W&J Ice Hockey Program, for which she has been instrumental in leading efforts to raise significant funding needed by the Team. She has hosted numerous alumni events in the Cleveland area, has provided numerous career opportunities to students and alumni alike, and has been instrumental in assisting the Office of Admission in recruiting outstanding high school students.



Philip Raskin '62

The Alumni Achievement Award recognizes a W&J graduate whose professional and personal success not only embodies the values of the College, but sets a standard of excellence to which current students can aspire. This year's recipient is Philip Raskin, a noted clinical researcher widely renowned for his work in diabetes, diabetes complications, and diabetes management. He is a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas and director of the diabetes clinic at the University Diabetes Treatment Center at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

In true W&J spirit, Philip's dedication and leadership in medicine is most impressive. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Endocrinology, and is a certified diabetes educator. He has also served the medical community as the principal investigator in two NIH-funded multi-center diabetes trials: The Diabetes Control and Complications Trial, and Epidemiology of Diabetes Interventions and Complications.

Sharing his knowledge and expertise in the field of diabetes extends well into the W&J classroom. Though he has lectured throughout the world, teaching current students in biology classes at W&J has been among the most meaningful talks he has given. His fond memories of both Dr. Dieter and Dr. Porter of the W&J Biology Department led him to be the featured lecturer at the 2003 Dieter-Porter Medical Lecture, where he spoke on the topic "Diabetes: Now and in the Future."

– Emily Trifaro

W&J Football and Tailgating— a winning combination!

Our nationally ranked Presidents had another successful season, and alumni and parent fans took part in the action!

The Office of Alumni Relations organized several pre-game tailgate parties during the 2007 season. Tailgate parties were held before both the regular season Geneva and Bethany games in Cameron Stadium's Towler Hall, with more than 150 alumni and parents in attendance at each event.

With the help of the Laurel Highlands regional club,

approximately 85 alumni, parents, and friends enjoyed a true outdoor tailgate event prior to cheering on the Presidents to a record breaking scoring victory of 64-6 against St. Vincent College in Latrobe.

Alumni and parents also enjoyed a pre-game brunch at Towler Hall prior to a dramatic, season-ending loss in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Thanks to all who attended for supporting our Presidents, and for making the events especially festive and enjoyable for all!

— Michele (Abate) Hufnagel '93



Regional Club News

Volunteer groups formed in three regional alumni clubs

Alumni volunteers in Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., and the Laurel Highlands are enthusiastic and ready to begin work in their respective regions. The Office of Alumni Relations surveyed regional alumni for programming input and volunteering interest, and alumni answered. The goal of regional volunteer clubs is to provide more frequent opportunities for alumni to get to know each other through regional volunteer-driven programming and networking opportunities. The Laurel

Highlands volunteers kicked off their regional effort with a tailgate at the St. Vincent-W&J football game. Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. alumni: be on the lookout for upcoming programming in the spring of 2008!

If you live in the Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., or Laurel Highlands areas and are interested in being a part of this effort, or are interested in helping in your region, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 724-223-6079 or alumni@washjeff.edu.

Preview of Spring Events

The Office of Alumni Relations stays very busy, and the spring schedule is certainly no exception. Alumni and parent events will be hosted in the following cities:

January 31, 2008

Dallas, Texas

To be hosted in the home of
Jim '68 and Linda Elliott

February 1, 2008

Houston, Texas

Cocktail reception to be held
at Café Annie

February 15, 2008

Fort Myers, Florida

Cocktail reception to be hosted in
the home of Charles (Tuck) '68
and Beth Nason

February 16, 2008

Bradenton, Florida

Cocktail reception to be hosted by Joe '50
and Betty Leckie

February 23, 2008

Southern California

Dinner to be held at the Restaurant at
Kellogg Ranch, Pomona, California

February 26, 2008

Phoenix, Arizona

Dinner and tour to be held at
the Phoenix Art Museum

Late March/Early April 2008

Connecticut; New York City, New
York (hosted in the home of Jason '95
and Kim Isaly); Northern New Jersey
(hosted in the home of John '81 and
Mary Ann Pendleton)

April/May 2008

Washington, D.C.; Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania; Westmoreland
County/Laurel Highlands; Boston,
Massachusetts; Cleveland, Ohio

June 2008

Detroit, Michigan; Allegheny
County event

Unless noted, exact dates will be determined closer to the month in which the event will be occurring. For more information regarding any of these events, please visit the News and Events pages of Jay Connected at www.jayconnected.com, where you can now register and pay for these events online. **Don't miss out!**



Students at Washington & Jefferson College frequently hear the phrase, by parent, advisor, or in a brochure, “A liberal arts degree can take you anywhere you want to go.” As a student myself, I hear that phrase and think to myself, “Yeah right, prove it.” The proof for any student, like me, who has ever challenged that statement, is in the accomplishment of W&J’s past graduates.

The editors of the *Red & Black* newspaper decided to focus on some of these graduates’ stories and are excited to announce the new Alumni Profile feature of the campus section. Alumni Profile articles are scheduled to appear on a regular basis in the *Red & Black*. The feature will concentrate on Washington & Jefferson College alumni and the various and unique places their W&J degrees have led them.

The article is designed to show current students the unlimited array of possibilities for someone graduating with a W&J liberal arts degree. Focusing mainly on graduates of the last decade, the feature will include

Red & Black campus newspaper introduces Alumni Profile feature

information on both the alum’s time at W&J and where he/she has been since receiving a diploma.

The first Alumni Profile spotlighted **Emily Peters ’03** and exposed students to how her post-graduation experience led her to studying abroad in Ireland and pursuing her graduate degree.

Current students can expect to learn how alumni used their time at W&J to the fullest, whether it had been in the one major they knew they wanted from the start, or taking courses in every discipline until they found their knack. The feature is also intended to demonstrate that, equipped with a liberal arts degree, students can expect the unexpected, and that fulfilling the goals and dreams that one sets is possible.

The profile is also intended to show to students that certain degrees do not necessarily determine your field that you will enter upon graduation. For example, a degree in English does not limit a graduate to becoming a teacher. With the English degree and a liberal arts background, a W&J graduate can prepare for careers in law, public relations, business, and many other various fields. In the first feature, Peters told students how, upon graduation with a degree in

history, she worked for W&J as an admission counselor for a year then proceeded on to graduate school at Case Western University. During graduate school, she studied abroad as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Ireland.

The featured alumna will also share personal experiences during their time at W&J and their corresponding fondest memories. Our staff plans on asking alumni about which staff or faculty member had the largest influence on them, a memory that always stands out in their minds, and a piece of advice they would like to give to current students. In Peters’ feature, she gave this advice to this year’s senior class: “Graduation marks the beginning of the rest of your life. Choose to live every day of your new life with passion and integrity.”

By capturing alumni in a newspaper spotlight, the hope is that students will open their eyes and see that there are endless possibilities that a liberal arts degree from W&J offers and that they will always be learning along the way. As Peters said in her profile, “We will just have to wait and see what the future holds.”

-Kerri DiGiovanni '09
Red & Black Campus Editor

The Presidents Visit the Presidents

Last summer, alumni and friends enjoyed a signature W&J trip. Led by Richard and Patricia Easton '74, the 32 travelers visited Washington’s Mount Vernon and Jefferson’s Monticello.

The coach trip from the College across Virginia also included guided tours of Monroe’s Ash Lawn, Madison’s Montpelier, and Woodrow Wilson’s birthplace. The W&J travelers also toured lovely Charlottesville, enjoying its famous outdoor pedestrian mall

and its first-rate restaurants. Evening entertainment included a performance of *Julius Caesar* by the American Shakespeare Company in Staunton, Virginia.

The laughter and conversation on the trip attested to the many new friendships among the travelers. The Eastons are planning future alumni trips, so stay tuned for future announcements!

- Richard Easton



ANOTHER MARVELOUS TIME IN MONTANA

In July, fourteen W&J alumni, faculty, students, and friends of the College traveled to the historic town of Twin Bridges, Montana to enjoy three days of guided fly fishing and instruction.

This trip served as the second annual W&J Alumni Fly Fishing Trip organized by Dr. Jamie March, assistant professor of biology, and Ian Davis '91 of Yellow Dog Fly Fishing Adventures. Small group trips like this are ideal in that they provide something for everyone regardless of past fly fishing experience. In spite of low water conditions and a brief hailstorm, everyone had a fantastic time and caught a lot of fish!

For most on the trip, it provided time to reunite with family and friends. Dr. Hank Holets '71 and his son Henry '09 have made the W&J Fly Fishing Trip a father-son outing for two years in a row.

Like W&J, fly fishing is not just for men. Karyn Brooks '95 shared the trip with her father, and Ray Verlinich '77 was able to bring the entire family, including daughter Jackie, who recently joined the W&J class of 2011.

While friends and family are essential components, great fishing is too, and Montana provides some of the best! Next summer's trip will be based on the banks of the

Yellowstone River at the Yellowstone Valley Ranch Lodge June 13-17. Many like to make the W&J trip either the perfect beginning or ending to a longer trip exploring the Greater Yellowstone Area. Jamie and Ian encourage anyone interested in fly fishing to come on the trip and give it a try. However, they warn that fly fishing is addictive. Indeed, Nate Kepler, son of W&J's Major Gifts Officer Susan Kepler '74, went on the W&J Fly Fishing trip the past two summers, and has since become a licensed fly fishing guide in Montana, splitting his time guiding between Montana in the summer and the Bahamas in winter. Fish on!

For more information on next year's trip or to see photos from previous trips, please visit: www.washjeff.edu/flyfishing.

- Jamie March, Ph.D.

Pictured left to right: Robert Brooks, Karyn Brooks '95, Nate Kepler, Dr. Jamie March, Bill Bogan '71, Robert Knight '71, Henry Holets '09, Dr. Hank Holets '71, Marty Verlinich, John Verlinich, Jackie Verlinich '11, Ray Verlinich '77, Natalie Verlinich, and Ian Davis '91.



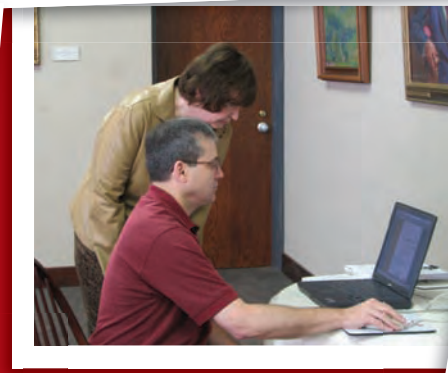
Homecoming Weekend 2007

This year's Homecoming was a time for many to reconnect and reminisce with old friends while experiencing life at W&J today.

Alumni and students alike enjoyed the traditional Homecoming football game with record-breaking temperatures in the 80s—and a 28-12 win over Thiel College— with the Homecoming king and queen being crowned during the game's half-time ceremony. Fifth Quarter was held in a new location under the tent on the lawn of Olin, and many alumni enjoyed reunion class receptions, lunches, and dinners, along with the alumni panel discussions on inflammation in health and disease and the Immigration Reform Act. Alumni with children participated in family-friendly activities such as face painting and balloon art, while many others signed up for Jay Connected, W&J's new online alumni community.

Many thanks to those who came back home to where they belong in celebration of another Homecoming at W&J!





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CLASS NOTES

1946

E. Lee North has published several books including: *Eyes that Haunt; For this One Hour; The Fifty-Five West Virginias; Battling Indians, Panthers, and Nittany Lions;* and *Chris, the Rhode Island Wonder Dog*. North has included W&J in his writing, particularly in *Snowflakes on the Don*.

1948

Andrew Procko, a professor in the School of Engineering and Applied Science Department from 1984 to 2002, retired in 2005 and is now residing in Herndon, Virginia. Sadly, his wife, Ann L. Mohan, passed away in June 2006.

Preston N. Williams received the 2006 Yale Divinity School (YDS) award for Distinction in Theological Education, which is given to "a scholar of distinction whose research and teaching reflects the best traditions of YDS." The award was presented on October 10, during the School's 2006 Convocation and Reunions. Williams is a renowned scholar who served as Houghton Professor of Theology and Ethics at Harvard Divinity School for more than three decades.

1952

Reed Day was recently appointed director emeritus of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.



Forrest Tompkins, M.D. returned to W&J from Knoxville, Tennessee, to celebrate his 55th Reunion with his classmates. He would like to note that he "really enjoyed riding the big, red bus" on the trip to the Meadowcroft Rock Shelter

during his visit. Classmate **Reed Day '52** was the bus driver.



1955

Some members of W&J's Class of 1955 and their families, choosing to change the "old guards" mission from hanging around, decided they needed to meet but with a more active wellness approach. The alumni held their second triathlon. All in attendance finished the course of 1.5 mile swim, 8 mile bike ride, and 3 mile run. Those in attendance were Barbara Sohn, Nell Simonin, Judy Roscow-Oliphant, Carol Kamerer, **Arthur Sohn, Vic Wood**, Beryl Wood, **Bob Simonin, Don Kamerer, Steve Oliphant**, Turbi Smilow, **Paul Smilow**, Joanne Waugh, and this year's winner, **Butler Waugh**. Class members are invited to email Steve Oliphant at sdolphant@aol.com for more information on future events.

1956

Dennis Must has published his second book, *Oh, Don't Ask Why*, published by Red Hen Press and was reviewed in the *Salem Gazette* and *North Shore Sunday*, the latter with wide distribution north of Boston, Massachusetts. Must's first book, *Banjo Grease*, was released in 2000. His first two published stories appeared in *The Wall*, W&J's literary journal while he was a student. He resides in Salem.

1957

Robert Holden was inducted into the Class of 2007 East Boros (Pennsylvania) Sports Hall of Fame in October. While at W&J, he was president of his senior class and lettered in basketball. He went on to teach history and coach basketball at Pitcairn Junior High School and South Junior High School in Monroeville. Recently, Bob and his wife, Janetta, celebrated their 50th wedding

anniversary. They have three children and five grandchildren.

1960

Col. Frank "Buck" Braden III and his wife Sharon, and **Ron McKenzie '55** and his wife Jane met for their annual W&J luncheon at Captain Hiram's restaurant in Sebastian, Florida, in March. Braden writes, "Although attendance was down at the annual W&J luncheon, we had a great time."



John (Jack) Olsen visited New Jersey with his grandson, **Chris Olsen '11**, after attending Launch, to visit his old neighbors, **William Luddecke '38** and Jane Luddecke. The Luddecke family has several W&J ties, including Bill's brother, **Hugh Luddecke '39**, and Jane's father, **Walter W. Carson '52**. Bill and Jane introduced Olsen to W&J. Jack writes, "I enjoyed Launch. I learned a lot; it is completely different from when I enrolled in 1956. Very impressive. Chris is pumped."

1963

Col. Paul Shattuck Drohan, M.D., retired from the U.S. Army on October 1, 2007, after serving 20 years on active duty and two terms of military service. Drohan operated a private practice in otolaryngology for 15 years before reentering the service in 1989 with



the U.S. Navy until transferring into the Army again in 2004. He was one of the last Vietnam War veterans serving on active duty at the time of his retirement. His military awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Gallantry Cross with Palm, Civil Action Honor Medal, and Meritorious Unit Commendations (Army and Navy). He is currently a resident of Lady's Island, South Carolina, and Ellsworth, Maine.

John W. Walther Jr., M.D.

retired from Licking Memorial Health Professionals in Newark, Ohio, after serving more than 22 years as a family medicine physician.

1964

Ronald N. McElhaney, Ph.D.

professor of biochemistry in the faculty of medicine and dentistry at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, has been elected to the National Academy of Science of the Royal Society of Canada.

1965



Woody Wollesen was

inducted into the Phi Kappa Psi Hall of Fame and included in its list of "Notables" as a national role model for collegiate men at special evening ceremonies held February 15, 2007 at PNC Park. Wollesen currently serves as president of Execunet Inc., which is recognized as the Internet's most comprehensive resource

for executive recruiting and human capital for C-level executives and senior-level managers.

1966

Myles Gaythwaite has joined

Gateway Bank & Trust Company as a senior executive vice president and chief retail banking officer.

Marc A. Sylvester has retired from

the faculty at California University of Pennsylvania where he was a professor in the department of biological and environmental science.

1928

REV. CHARLES DOUDNA '28 CELEBRATES A CENTURY WITH LUCKY 7S



For **Rev. Charles Doudna '28**, July 7, 2007, or 7/7/07, held special significance far beyond a calendar quirk. The former Baker University professor and W&J Class of 1928 alumnus turned 100 years old.

Doudna has spent more than half of his 100 years as a fixture of the Baldwin City, Kansas community. He and Evelyn, his wife of 67 years, moved to Baldwin City in 1953, and there Doudna became a professor and chairman of the philosophy and religion department at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. He taught two courses that were required for all Baker undergraduates: "The Life and Teachings of Jesus" and "The Philosophy of Life." He would often look for ways to bridge the campus and community, and try to stimulate thinking outside the classroom. He became involved

in an art film series at the local movie house and would often lead discussions with audiences after movie showings, concentrating on the messages and ideas within the films.

He retired from Baker University in 1975 but returned in 1977 to teach graduate students part time for three years. In 1999, the University inducted him into its Faculty Hall of Fame. And on 7/7/07, Doudna became the first former faculty member to reach 100 years of age.

Doudna credits his mental clarity to his frequent habits of reading and filling out crossword puzzles. He also said his marriage has helped keep him and his wife Evelyn happy. "We've never taken anything for granted," he said.

1967

Steve Alber writes, "since I am too old for early retirement, I'm semi-retired, working now and then (and not very hard) as a marketing communications consultant in Pittsburgh, which allows me to shirk all responsibilities and go fishing...which I do frequently, and with moderate success." His wife, Joanne, is a psychotherapist, and, he writes, "She claims I'm her single most hopeless client."



George M. Fatula Sr., M.D., was

recently named the Pennsylvania Pediatrician of the Year for 2006 by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He

has been practicing pediatrics in DuBois for more than 30 years. He is also busy as an ordained deacon in the Byzantine Catholic Church. He is married and has five children and four grandchildren. Two of his sons, **George Fatula Jr. '94** and **Dan Fatula '02** are also W&J alumni.

Peter Hoffman was appointed member and chairman of the newly developed Professional Liability Practice of the national law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellot, LLC.

Frederick Nesta Ph.D.,

university librarian at Lingnan University in Hong Kong, completed his Ph.D. at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. His thesis topic was on George Gissing and the economics of late Victorian publishing.



1968

Judson W. Starr, a practicing attorney

at Venable LLP, has been named to the *Best Lawyers in America* annual legal rankings guide. Considered one of the leading lawyer-rating publications in the U.S., *Best Lawyers* selects its annual rankings based upon more than 12,000 anonymous peer assessments of candidates' legal abilities.

Robert A. Stein of Robert Stein & Associates, PLLC has been honored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) as the recipient of the Honorable Prentice H. Marshall Faculty Award for

Development of Innovative Teaching Methods. The award recognizes Stein's long-standing commitment to NITA, which trains advocates in the United States and around the world, and specifically for his creative techniques as embodied in a series of seminars involving unique teaching methodologies and approaches to the art and science of litigation and trial advocacy.

1969



Dr. Méphie-Mbuya Ngoi and his wife Daphné passed through Washington during their summer travels and stopped by the Alumni House after a quick tour of campus.

Dr. Ngoi has retired from teaching chemistry, and they are living in Evanston, Illinois.

Robert G. Walker marked the 5th anniversary of his retirement from Merrill Lynch this past summer. He writes, "My time has been spent in foreign travel, in academic research, and writing during that lustrum (a fine Latinate word that Professor Gargano would have recognized from Poe). This year I have visited Slovenia, Croatia, Scotland, and the Cayman Islands." His recent publications include four book reviews for the *Scriblerian*, and essays on Arthur Koestler (*Sewanee Review*, 2006) and on James Boswell (*Age of Johnson*, forthcoming 2009). He resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

1970

John Brady has retired after 26 years as executive vice president and co-owner of Business & Legal Reports, Inc. He recently launched a user generated content Web site, www.Topretirements.com, which is designed to help baby boomers find retirement communities.

VADM Walter B. Massenburg stepped down from commander, Naval Air System Command. He received the W&J Alumni Achievement Award in 2005. Previously having served

38 years in the U.S. Navy, Massenburg retired as a vice admiral in 2007. He now resides in Needham, Massachusetts, with his family. Recently, he was named vice president of readiness and sustainment by Electronics & Integrated Solutions.

Andrew McIlvaine writes, "Homecoming was a special time. It was great to see old friends and to revisit the campus with all the new mixed with the old. Our family is sad to hear that McIlvaine Hall will be replaced, but look forward to the new science building and the opportunities it will provide for future generations. I look forward to seeing a large turnout at the 40th Reunion of the Class of 1970 in 2010, and encourage classmates to donate to the Class of 1970 Endowment Fund."

1972

Damon Faldowski, a partner in the firm of Phillips & Faldowski, P.C., became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America.

Alexander Miller writes, "Still living in Chevy Chase, Maryland, in the home our family first occupied in 1958. I work at Booz Allen Hamilton where I've been since retiring from the Army in 2000. Son, Andrew, and daughter, Cait, are both graduates of Colby College. Andrew is a lead D.C. producer of Good Morning America for ABC News and Cait is completing her dual masters program in musicology and library science at Catholic University. My avid interests include rowing, skiing, and working on my golf game—which needs lots of work! I recently ran into **Greg Burke '72**, who now works across the street from my office in Tyson's Corner, Virginia—it was great to catch up with him."

Kevin S. Ryan, D.D.S. and his wife, Carol, are proud to announce their daughter, Katie, is a sophomore biology and pre-health major at W&J, and their son, Kevin Jr., was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy upon his graduation from North Carolina State University in December 2007 with a civil engineering degree.

1973

Thomas M. Priselac, president and CEO of Cedars-Sinai Health System since

1994, has been named the recipient of the 2007 National Healthcare Leadership Award by the National Center for Healthcare Leadership. He has served on many boards in the healthcare field over the years and currently is the chair-elect designate of the American Hospital Association, immediate past chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the chair of the Healthcare Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

1974

Donn B. Atkins was named as a charter member of Xceedium's newly formed Advisory Board. Xceedium is the premier provider of secure access for technical and untrusted users in the financial services, government, and healthcare sectors.

Michael Riley retired after 32 years of teaching English in the New Jersey public school system. In May, he received Holy Orders, becoming ordained a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church. Michael and his wife, Terri, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. They have four grown children and two grandchildren.

1975

Gary DiBartolo and his wife, **Rose DiBartolo '77**, are pleased to announce that their son, Michael, graduated on May 27, 2007 from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, with a degree in business economics. He played football for the Brown Bears, 2005 Ivy League Champions.

1976

Gary Kreamer, education coordinator for the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife's Aquatic Resource Education Center since 1993, was presented with the National Marine Educators Association's 2007 Marine Education Award. The award honors excellence in marine science at the local or national level. Kreamer was recognized for his outstanding career as a marine science and natural resources educator.



1977

William W. Booth and his wife, Deborah, are pleased to announce that their oldest daughter, Natalie, graduated valedictorian from Palm Harbor University High School in Florida and will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall, majoring in biomedical engineering.

Clark McNutt writes, "Sorry to have missed Homecoming—what are the odds that a couple has to choose between which 30 year reunion to attend?! We ended up at Covenant College, where my wife graduated 30 years ago before coming to Haiti and having a tropical romance with me. Since then we have been in Japan and Mexico, and Lord willing, are preparing to dump all the cargo and ship out to Uganda in late 2009. Four kids, two grandkids, and still crazy after all these years."

James Moon, Ph.D. has returned to the Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Marion, Virginia, as a psychology supervisor after serving five years as the CEO of the Vanguard School in Lake Wales, Florida. After attempting to retire from the Vanguard School, Dr. Moon "failed retirement" and returned to scenic Marion to resume an active practice of clinical psychology while teaching via the Internet for the University of Phoenix. Dr. Moon resides with his wife of 13 years, Iris, and maintains a residence in Madeira Beach, Florida.

Linda J. (Merrill) O'Connor is a literacy specialist at Port Chester Middle School for seventh and eighth graders and is also the union president. She is the proud mother of four and grandmother of one.

Jayne (Shuder) Stephens recently moved to Virginia to be closer to her family. She is still working in home health as a physical therapist—primarily in orthopedics. Her children are also in Virginia now; Adam, 23, is a Navy pilot and Allyson, 19, is a student at Hollins University. Stephens writes, "Contact me—Williamsburg is a great place to visit!"

1978

Col. Kurt S. Grabey retired September 1, 2007 after 29 years of active duty service with the U.S. Air Force. A command pilot with more than 3,200

flight hours in F-4 and F-16 fighter aircraft, Grabey last served as chief of aviation for Multi National Force-Iraq. His military decorations include two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and three Air Medals along with other joint and service awards.

Michael V. Novinski was appointed to the position of president and CEO of Emisphere Technologies, Inc. in May 2007.



Noel Parent, III, M.D., and retired W&J mathematics professor Robert Forrest met in Norfolk, Virginia to attend an Old Dominion University basketball game. Dr. Parent

(proudly wearing a W&J t-shirt) practices vascular surgery. Mr. Forrest retired from teaching at W&J in 1996 and spends the winters in Virginia Beach.



Barbara (Burson) Rutt was appointed chairperson of the board of directors of Bayhealth, Inc. The all-volunteer group includes professionals in education, real estate, financial

services, small business, and healthcare fields who serve their community hospitals without pay. Rutt initially joined the board in 2003.

Gary Silverman, M.D. wrote a paper that was featured as the cover story of *Cell* magazine's September 24, 2007 issue.

1979

Honorable Christine A. Ward was assigned to the newly established Commerce/Complex Case Litigation Center effective in September. Prior to her election to the Bench in November 2003, Judge Ward attained nearly twenty years' experience in complex and commercial litigation at the state and federal levels.

1980

Col. John Burns retired from the U.S. Army after 27 years of service. Pictured with him at his retirement ceremony is his son, **Christopher '10**. The Burns family resides in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.



Dan Martell, Ph.D. visited the W&J campus in spring 2007 and met with students to speak about his work as a consultant doing forensic assessment in clinical psychological cases. His interest in the neurobiology of behavior and consulting on a number of very high profile cases led him to be quoted in a March 11 issue of the *New York Times*, "The Brain on the Stand."

Mary Ann Petro received her masters of divinity degree in May from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She has accepted a position as a chaplain resident at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Petro will serve as a chaplain resident in a hospice program the first six months of her residency and will conclude her residency in a nursing home associated with the hospital.

1981

Frank Arcuri was elected president of the Washington County Bar Association for 2007. He was also elected to council in Peter's Township, Pennsylvania.

Randy "RB" Berenfield was honored with a national Distinguished Writing Award, and his company, R. Berenfield Writing, has been working on projects ranging from the electric utility industry to real estate resorts. Berenfield resides in Florida, and is still an avid Steelers fan.

Roger Goodell, commissioner of the National Football League (NFL), was named in *Business Week's* Power 100 as the number one most influential person in the world of sports.

A. Michael Pratt, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, was awarded the J. Austin Norris Award by the



Philadelphia Barristers' Association at their annual Awards and Scholarship Gala held in May 2007. The Award is presented to a member of the Barristers' Association who has given distinguished service to both the legal profession and the community.

1982

Bruce Anderson serves as a Republican committeeman in Cheltenham Township. In 2006, he was the endorsed Republican candidate for the Pennsylvania 154th legislative district. He writes, "I'm glad to have had the opportunity to be a candidate in 2006. Maybe I can be a delegate to the convention in 2008!"

Capt. Paul D. Crain retired in September from the U.S. Navy after 25 years of service. Crain and his family reside in Leonardtown, Maryland.

Kevin A. Ohlson was appointed as the director of the executive office for Immigration Review. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, having been recalled to active duty in 1990, and was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions overseas during the Persian Gulf War.

Mark Reese, Ph.D., was named vice president of Electronic Warfare Associates (EWA) Services, Inc. EWA provides various products and services to the government and industry, which include consulting, intelligence analysis, and manufacturing of specialty radars and simulator systems. Reese and his family still live in Northern Virginia. He also received his doctorate in information systems and communications from Robert Morris University.

The Weldon-Siviy family, including **Denise Weldon-Siviy, Steve Siviy '79**, and children Tabitha, Nina, Kayla, and Nathan, was awarded the 2007 Heart in Hand award for volunteerism in the family category by the Adams County United Way.

Joyce Witowski donated a kidney to her brother, **Chuck Zubritsky III '70**, in the summer of 2005. Both are doing very well and Chuck's health has returned to normal!



1983

Brenda D. (Crosier)

Gundersen joined Cottrill, Arbutina Professional Services, one of Beaver County's largest independent accounting firms, and will practice in the firm's Audit Group. Gundersen is a project manager with the New Brighton office. She formerly was an in-house finance officer with The Watson Institute and Mellon Bank.

Chong Park, M.D., writes, "Still living in Upper St. Clair! My wife Lisa and I are steadily getting shorter compared to our three boys Alex, Ian, and Austin."

Zee Ann (Valenti) Poerio, a third grade teacher at St. Louise de Marillac School in Upper St. Clair, received a \$2,500 Best Buy Tech Award Grant for her unique approach of integrating interactive technology with the study of ancient coins and Classics through an Ancient Coin Museum project. She was also named local Teacher of the Year by the Bethel Park Wal-Mart and received a grant for St. Louise. In addition, Poerio is chair of the Excellence Through Classics Committee of the American Classical League (ACL). She presented a workshop on ancient coins and Classics during the ACL Summer Institute at the University of Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee, in June 2007.

1984

Christopher Feeney was appointed as senior vice president and treasurer of Wyndham Worldwide Corporation.

Denise (Keefer) von Herrmann, Ph.D., was recently named interim dean for the College of Arts & Letters at the University of Southern Mississippi. A faculty member at the University since 1997, she previously served as department chair for political science and as associate dean.

1985

Mitchell B. Bassi was named president and CEO of LANXESS Buna LLC, effective March 1, 2007. LANXESS is the world's largest supplier of synthetic elastomers for the rubber industry.

Laura (DiCenzo) Clark writes, "Enjoying living in the sunshine state with my husband Scott and daughter, Beccah. Our son, Jake, has moved off to college and is stirring up loads of memories for us!"

1986

Jeffrey J. Conn, Esq. was elected as the managing partner for Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP in July 2007.

LTC John "JD" Koch was accepted by the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, a U.S.-German security and defense educational institution, for its flagship Program in Advanced Security Studies (PASS) in Garmisch, Germany. PASS provides graduate-level study in security policy, defense affairs, international relations, and related topics. Koch continues work at Grafenwoehr as the director of operations for the Joint Multinational Simulations Center and vacationed in Novalja, Croatia during the summer.

Steffi Jo Lofink-Chapin, O.D. was named runner-up in the *More* magazine/Wilhelmina Models 40 and over model search. She was one of 10 finalists from more than 16,000 entries.

Mark Seraly, M.D., a board-certified dermatologist with a private practice in Pittsburgh, was featured in the November issue of *Pittsburgh Professional* magazine, not for his medical accomplishments, but for his true passion—sculpting. Seraly started his "hobby" just ten years ago, but is becoming increasingly known for his artwork, which focuses on Native American people and situations. His pieces have found homes in, among other places, the waiting room of his McMurray dermatology office and on the campus of W&J. Seraly and his wife, Loretta, have four children. For more information or to see and buy his artwork, visit www.seraly.com.

1987

Kim (Knoche) Bittner, her husband Steve, and boys, Nicky and David, bought a 130-year-old house in Clifton, Virginia, that was originally a tavern. All are having a great time restoring it!



Dr. Curtis Murphey, D.V.M. and his wife, **Ellen (Westhoff) Murphey '89**, report that they are doing well. Their sons, Aidan, 13, Corban, 11, and Ned, 6, are growing and busy with school and sports. They are living in Fairview where Curtis is starting his 16th year with the Animal Ark Pet Hospital. Ellen was president and is currently secretary of the 3,000-player Erie Youth Soccer Association.

Victoria (Corle) Sasek is working as active guard reserve as a battalion commander for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. She, along with her battalion, is scheduled to deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism. In May she received Battalion Command of the 328th Brigade Support Battalion (Lancaster), 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division.

R. T. Peck is pleased to announce that his daughter, Natalia, graduated from the International Business Program and started at the University of Toronto this fall. His partner, Lori, works at UPMC Presbyterian in the Intensive Care Unit. Peck is fulfilled by his training and consulting with care providers concerning diversity. He writes, "I never imagined a house, yard, and family would be my greatest joys, but they are."

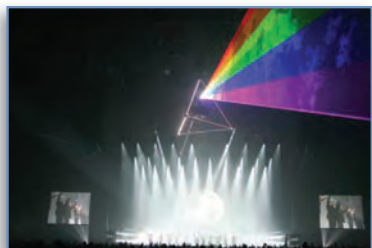
1988



Lynn (Wallace) Dodd was selected as the 2007 Woman of the Year by the Lancaster Area Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA). Criteria for the award

are based on ABWA leadership roles, professional development, and community involvement. Dodd is the vice president of communications for the chapter.

J. Alan Fuehrer, after practicing law for almost 15 years, became production manager (and to some extent, senior



For **Larry Sumney '62**, it's been all that and a life of chips.

On Friday, July 27, 2007, Sumney and the Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC) were the recipients of the National Medal of Technology from President George W. Bush. The prestigious award—which is the U.S. equivalent of Sweden's Nobel Prize—represents the nation's highest honor for technological innovation. The medal recognized Sumney's pioneering spirit for building the world's largest and most successful university research force of the nation's top technology companies and major research universities which collaborate to support the rapid growth of the semiconductor industry.

When Sumney was asked by the Semiconductor Industry Association to head up its new research consortium known as the SRC in 1982, the personal computer was in its infancy and

counsel) for Lightwave International, a company that produces custom laser shows and effects all over the world. Since joining the company, Fuehrer has worked with Pink Floyd, the Family Values Tour, the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards and Korn. He would love to hear from old friends via e-mail (alan@lasershows.net).

Matthew Montgomery, M.D., after spending seven long years practicing general surgery in Allentown and Bethlehem, started his own Christian general surgery practice three years ago, Cornerstone Surgical, in Hanover. Matthew and his wife, Sue, after 14 years of marriage, had their first baby, Mindy, on December 30, 2006. Matthew has been on three surgery mission trips to the Amazon jungle area and the Andes Mountains in Ecuador. He would love to hear from the class of '88 at susanedw@netscape.net.

1991

Ian Davis writes from Bozeman, Montana and includes a picture of his

1962

Alumnus takes hold of the chip industry

most Americans weren't aware that semiconductors were the brains behind its computing capacity. Today, a standard half-inch-by-half-inch semiconductor chip carries about 2 billion transistors, enabling people to have vastly improved computing power in much smaller packages, including laptops, personal digital assistants, and iPods. The technological advances in the semiconductors have also greatly impacted the nation's leadership in space and defense, information technology, communications, and transportation as well. Sumney currently serves as CEO and president of the SRC.

Though Sumney spearheaded the effort, he does not want to accept sole responsibility for this achievement.

"Congratulations to all of the member companies and participating universities who have created this successful blueprint of collaboration for other industries and governments to reference. The National Medal of Technology belongs to them."



three daughters, Sophie (6 months), Maggie (2 years), and Hilly (4 years). Ian is a co-owner of Yellow Dog Fly Fishing and joined up with W&J biology professor, James March, the past two summers to host a fly fishing expedition for W&J alumni, friends, and their families.

Walter Lober III, a workers' compensation attorney at the law offices of Edgar Snyder & Associates, has been elected as chairman of the Allegheny County Car Association's Workers' Compensation Section.

Elizabeth A. Parisi joined Cottrill, Arbutina Professional Services, one of Beaver County's



largest independent accounting firms, as a staff accountant in the firm's Audit Group at its Peter's Township office. Parisi was the former owner and CFO for Good Wood Grill, a Bridgeville fine dining restaurant that employed a staff of 20.

Laura R. (Minech) Starling

has completed her 200-hour yoga instructor training certification, and is now a registered yoga instructor. When not practicing yoga, Laura works as an antitrust attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.

1992

Michael Hengelsberg and his wife of 12 years, Allison, reside in La Crosse, Wisconsin with their three children: Alexis (10), Grace (5), and Charles (1). Hengelsberg is the national account manager for the stabilizer division at Main Street Ingredients, a dairy ingredient company.

John McDonough was promoted to assistant vice president of business development and manager of the financial center of the Mt. Lebanon office of Sky Bank. His previous office in Finleyville was lauded as the 2004 Financial Center of the Year.

1993

Michelle (Blair) Baker is working as a journalist and is in the process of researching individuals' experiences for a book or a series of articles for publication. The topic is women and men whose divorced fathers have remarried and had children who are around the same ages as their own children.

Tom Rooney is running for U.S. Congress in Florida's 16th district.

1994

Claudia (Burnfield) Sweger, since graduating from W&J, has become an elder in her church, the newsletter editor for both her church and the Washington County Farm Bureau, and joined both the chancel choir and the handbell choir at Grove United Presbyterian in West Middletown. The handbell choir performed with the Washington Symphony Orchestra in December. She also recently learned how to re-cane chairs.

1995

Michael V. Blair was appointed executive vice president of Lender Support Systems, Inc. (LSSI), a global provider of lending and service technology solutions. Prior to joining LSSI, Blair worked as founder and CEO of TrueClose, a Web-based loan origination system provider, and was president of a technology-based mortgage lending firm.

1996

Jason Furer was named district sales executive in the Pennsylvania Community Banking network of National City Corporation. In this role, he is responsible for the leadership and development of all consumer and small business banking in the West Central District, and will oversee 11 branches in Lawrence, Butler, and Armstrong counties.

Jennifer F. Shugars joined the Pittsburgh office of Pepper Hamilton, LLP as an attorney in the Real Estate Group.

1997



Andre Bryant was accepted by the National Comedy Theater. The group is currently touring the West Coast and will begin USO tours in 2008.

Stacy Lane finished her Infectious Disease/HIV fellowship at the University of Maryland in Baltimore in June. She accepted a position at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh in July. She writes, "I'm always amazed at the number of W&J grads I cross paths with in the medical community!"

1998

Ann Palker-Corell, Ph.D., was awarded her doctorate in clinical psychology after successfully defending her dissertation entitled, "Mental Health Professionals' Decision-Making in Competence for Execution Evaluations."

Jamie Fornsgaglio-Hull, Ph.D., brought her cell biology class from Seton Hill University to W&J to view human cancer (HeLa) cells under the confocal microscope in April.

2000

Jennifer Colpo, D.O., has completed her residency in family medicine at The Medical Center, located in Beaver. She has accepted a position with Tri State Medical Group in Hopewell.

Michael Dukes joined the law firm of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC as an associate in the firm's Morgantown, West Virginia office. His practice focuses on intellectual property. He was a scientist at the University of Michigan Medical School Biomedical Research Protein Structure Facility before beginning his law career.

2001

Joanne (Stanley) Frye accepted a position as an assistant attorney general in the Criminal Litigation section of the Virginia Attorney General's office.

Samuel J. Toney IV joined the law firm of Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. as an associate. He is a member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations.

2002

Amy Elizabeth Helms was recently accepted into Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society. Ensign Helms attends medical school at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. She graduated in May 2007 with a medical degree and was promoted to a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. She plans to further her education by completing an internship at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, followed by a three year residency in dermatology at Case Western Reserve University Hospitals in Cleveland.



2003



Kristin (Ondecko) Ligda, M.D., was awarded her medical degree in May 2007 from the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Medicine.

She was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha

and served on the Governing Council of the American Medical Association's Women Physicians Congress and on the Board of Directors of the Medical Society of Virginia. She has begun an internal medicine preliminary internship with the VCU Health System and will begin residency in anesthesiology at the University of Pittsburgh in July 2008.

Luke Ravenstahl was elected mayor of the city of Pittsburgh. Ravenstahl defeated Republican challenger Mark DeSantis on November 6, making him the youngest mayor in the history of the city. Previously, he served as the youngest-ever Pittsburgh City Council president since December 2005.



Alexis Smith Shively, D.O., graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June as a doctor of osteopathy. She is currently an intern at Delaware County Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia.



Nicholas A. Zane has been elected as the student delegate for the American Medical Association—Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Zane was awarded the Outstanding Young Leadership Award from the Zumbro Valley Medical Society in recognition of his leadership of the Mayo AMA-MSS, which earned the prestigious National Chapter of the Year Award under his guidance. He represented his original clinical research at the Mayo Clinic Conference on Quality in April. Additionally, his nature photography was recently featured in the inaugural "Art in Science" exhibit through the Mayo Graduate School. Zane is currently earning a Ph.D. in Immunology as part of the Mayo Clinic's M.D./Ph.D. program and intends to pursue a career in academic medicine in the field of pathology. Nick

(far left) is pictured receiving the AMA-MSS Chapter of the Year Award.

2004

Chad Haught graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law in May 2007 and was admitted into the West Virginia State Bar in October. Chad and his wife, Dawn, were also blessed with the birth of their first child, Ryan Chad Haught, on August 15, 2007.

Adriana (Love) Marshall graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law in May 2007.

Mauri Peyton officially opened her law firm, The Law Offices of Mauri Peyton, P.A., in October 2007. The firm focuses in criminal defense litigation. She 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 her class.

Vanessa Tome graduated from West Virginia University in May 2007 with a master's degree in music history. While there, she was a teaching assistant and eventually a part-time visiting instructor while completing her thesis: "Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge: A Life of Philanthropy in the 20th Century." Vanessa began her doctoral program in musicology at the University of Georgia in August 2007.

Jennifer Ziegler is the assistant director of therapeutic recreation at Cold Spring Hills Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, a 620-bed geriatric facility on Long Island, New York. She also had the opportunity to present at the Alzheimer's Association of Long Island "Memories in the Making" training program for activity professionals in September 2007.

2005

Amanda Miller graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in May with a master's degree in city planning and is working as a community planner for the Montgomery County Planning Commission in southeastern Pennsylvania. She lives in Philadelphia and would love to catch up with any Philadelphia area alums!

Clint Watson is serving on the W&J

Alumni Executive Council and working as a senior associate in the state and local tax group of Grant Thornton LLP in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2007

Lindsey Biddle joined the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center as a management consultant. She is based out of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence's offices in Washington and Greene counties.

Raul Sandoval was accepted into the Texas Tech University School of Law for the fall 2007.

Ryan Schrift has joined Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. as a financial advisor in the firm's Charlotte, North Carolina office.

WEDDINGS

1965

James Morosco Jr. and Lynn Marx Morosco were married on October 1, 1989. They share three children, James Brent, an emergency room trauma physician, Larissa Lyn Morosco, a fifth grade teacher of advanced students, and Andrew M. Modro, who is continuing his education and has one son, Alexander.

1972

Damon Faldowski and **Dianne McClelland '82** were married on July 6, 2007, in Washington. Faldowski is the father of three children, Julie, Ensign Damon John II, Cadet Mark Faldowski, and one granddaughter.

1988

Ann Beth Cowan and Kurt Matthew Knaus were united in marriage February 16, 2007, at the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick in Harrisburg. Delta Gamma sorority sister **Tracy (Norris) Hobbs '91** served as matron of honor. Ann is a legislative liaison with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Kurt is the managing director of the Harrisburg office of Ceisler Juberlirer LLC, a public relations/advocacy firm.

1992

Jennifer Melnick and Robert Carota were married on December 29, 2006, at the Willow Room in Rostraver. Jennifer is the owner and president of BHRS Resources and Consulting, Inc., and executive director of the Schooner Youth Center in Monessen. The couple resides in Rostraver Township.

1997

John T. Andrew Chelosky and Erin Inglis were married on July 7, 2007, at Homeville Christian Church in West Mifflin. Many W&J alumni, friends, and colleagues were in attendance. The evening was capped off with the groups' lively rendition of the W&J alma mater. A former administrator at W&J, Andrew is now a charitable relationship manager at the University of Pittsburgh; Erin is a health/physical education teacher and a varsity coach in the Baldwin-Whitehall School District. The couple resides in West Mifflin. W&J alumni in attendance were:

Robert Adkins '87, Brett Fullem '97, Rachel Askey '99, Tina Tuminella '94, Michelle Martelli '00, Michele (Abate) Hufnagel '93, Jeff Hufnagel '93, Leif Ocheltree '01, Susan (Rush) Kepler '74, Susan (Storrick) Timko '89, Michael Timko '88, Cheryl (Medich) Leydig '81, and Tom Leydig '80.

Corry Marshall and Stephanie Bauer were married on May 26, 2007. The wedding took place in Long Island, New York. Corry and Stephanie reside in Alexandria, Virginia, where Corry now works in congressional relations for the American Public Power Association after eight years of working on Capitol Hill.

1998

**Andrew Miller, D.O.**

married Kerry McFadden on May 28, 2006, at the Fonthill Castle in Doylestown. The two met where they work at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health

Network in Allentown. Andrew is on faculty in the Emergency Department and was recently voted Teacher of the Year for the Department of Emergency Medicine by the rotating medical and physician assistant students. The couple resides in Easton.

2001



Sara Beamon and Brian Bellisario were married on July 14, 2007, at Heinz Chapel in Oakland. W&J alumni in attendance were **Jamie Harper Cehelsky '01, Jaclyn Prioletto '00, Melissa Chop Dirling '01, Emily Beyer '01, Edward Cehelsky '01, Jacob Brown '01, and Nicholas Curinga III '01.** Sara works for Heartland Homes as a sales manager; Brian is a branch manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

Joe Morascyzk and **Tina Beam '03** were married on May 5, 2007. Their wedding party included W&J alumni **Kristen Morascyzk '03, Jayson Hobbs '00, Marcus Persichetti '00, and Paul Eckenrode '00.** More than 40 W&J alumni attended the wedding, including Joe's father, **Angelo Morascyzk '77**, his uncle, **Edward Morascyzk '75**, 23 of Joe's Phi Kappa Psi alumni brothers, and 12 of Tina's Kappa Kappa Gamma alumni sisters. Both Tina and Joe have cousins enrolled at W&J for the fall 2007 semester; **Erika**



and Stacey Beam '11 and **E.J. Morascyzk '11.** The couple's reception was held at Heinz Field, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and they enjoyed a honeymoon in Hawaii. Joe is an attorney, practicing law with the Family Legal Center. Tina was recently promoted to director of real estate for Aldi Food Stores. The couple purchased a home in Cranberry last year and resides there with their dachshund, Steve.

2002

Melissa Wyzkiewicz married Michael Lesko on November 19, 2005. The couple resides in Latrobe.

2003

Lynn Bialowas and **Kevin McGoey** were married on July 29, 2006, in Pittsburgh. Lynn is finishing her Ph.D. on Alzheimer's research in the biopsychology program at New York's State University at Stony Brook and Kevin is an elementary school teacher. They live in Long Island.



Kristen Morascyzk and Mark Lesako were married on June 30, 2007 at Immaculate Conception Church in Washington. W&J alumni in the wedding party included father of the bride, **Ed Morascyzk '75, Angela Morascyzk '02, Jamie Bernard '03, Tara (Belcastro)**

Knight '01, Jamie (Ball) Bandzak '01, Christina (Beam) Morascyzk '03, Jen VanVolkenburg '03, and E.J. Morascyzk '11. Also in the bridal party were W&J assistant head football coach Todd Young, W&J sports



information director Scott McGuinness, and co-head athletic trainer Michael Lesako. Kristen is teaching fifth grade Spanish and coaching girl's basketball in the Chartiers Valley School District. Mark is the co-head athletic trainer at W&J. The couple resides in Washington.



Michelle Riley and Jonathon Pons '02 were married on June 9, 2006, at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in North Huntingdon. W&J alumni in the wedding party included **Geno Vacca '02, Justin McClintock '02, Adam Tyburski '02, Tom Paff '03, Loni Pushkis '03, Susan Matz-O'Leary '03,** and Allison Evans (who attended W&J

from 1999 to 2000). Many of the guests were also W&J alumni. The couple has one son, Jackson Pons, who was a ring bearer in the wedding.



Kristin Marie OndECKO, M.D. and Erik Joseph Ligda were married August 12, 2006, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Northern Cambria. W&J alumni as bridesmaids included **Erin Livengood '03, Kisa Lape '03, and Kerry (Weichy) Warofka '03.** Kristin is an intern in the Virginia Commonwealth

University Health System in Richmond. Erik is a network security engineer for Concurrent Technologies Corporation in Johnstown. The couple resides in Northern Cambria and Richmond and will be moving to Pittsburgh in June 2008.



Ashley Walker and Justin Lawrence were married on June 10, 2006, in Pittsburgh. W&J alumni in the wedding party were **Theresa (Gray) Bachofsky '00, Nick Bachofsky '00, Julie Palmer '03,** and **Christina**

Bruno '03. Ashley is a human resources generalist for NEP Broadcasting, LLC, and Justin is a protective force trainer with the Department of Energy for Bechtel Bettis, Inc. The couple resides in Shaler Township.

2004

Deanna Dennis married Kenny Koot on August 6, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Church in Washington. Kenny is an operations manager for DH Marketing Concepts, a direct mailing company. Deanna is a sales manager for Heartland Homes, where she sells custom built houses in Cameron Estates, located in South Strabane Township.



Jerry Liberatore and **Alexandra Sawchuk** were married on June 2, 2007, at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie. Their wedding

party included a number of W&J alumni: **Charles Benedict '02, Dave Armitage '02, K.C. Hahey '05, Abbie Olsen '04,** and **Erin Arnal '04.** Alexandra is currently employed as a biology teacher in New Kensington and Jerry is employed as a consultant and accountant with Dempsey Myers, LLP, in Pittsburgh.

2005

Darren Machak and Ashleigh Hay were married August 5, 2006 at Harbison Chapel in Grove City. W&J alumni in attendance were **Tricia Micozzi '05, Nate Roberts '05, Erica Zimmerman '05, Melissa Witzberger '05, Jason Kutzavitch '05, Danielle Senge '06, Geoff**



Royer '06, and **Hannah (Engel) Royer '06.** Darren is a medical student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; Ashleigh works as a paralegal for Pogust & Braslow, LLC. The couple resides in Philadelphia.

2006

Geoffrey Royer and Hannah Engel were married June 30, 2007 in Franklin. Members of



the wedding party included W&J alumni **Katie Groznik '06, Mike Plumb '06, Edward Simon '06,** and **Keith Pisarcik '07.** Other W&J alumni and staff in attendance were **Emily Bloom '06, Sree Katragadda '06, Justin McMichael '07, Caryn Becker '07, Melissa Tolner '07, Melissa Witzberger '05, Tricia Micozzi '05, Darren Machak '05, Katie Falk '04,** and Chris Jones.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

1950

Robert Trexler is pleased to announce the birth of his sixth grandson. His youngest daughter, Victoria, gave birth to William Franklin Milner. Trexler reports that mother and son are doing well.

1970

VADM Walter Massenburg is pleased to announce that his wife, Carolyn, gave birth to their youngest son, Tiernan Padraig Flanagan Massenburg, on October 2, 2007.



1972

Walt Hertenstein and his wife, Ginny, are the proud grandparents of Lila Grace Hertenstein, born June 25, 2007.

1992

Heather (Risha) Murphy and her husband, Brian, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Delaney Elise, on August 25, 2006. Big sister, Madison, is thrilled with their new addition!

1993



Larry Schwartz and his wife, Jessica Locketz, welcomed their first son, Eitan Locketz Schwartz, born April 19, 2007. Larry is the owner of an IT

support services business, and Jessica is a rabbi at Temple Emanuel of South Hills. They reside in Mt. Lebanon.

1994



Sean O'Brien, M.D., his wife Lynn, and their three year-old daughter Merrit welcomed the newest edition to their family, Porter Ann Claire, on June 4, 2007. O'Brien is an active duty LCDR in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Okinawa, Japan, where he practices emergency medicine.

1995

Nancy (Killen) Bryant and Rick Bryant are pleased to announce the birth of Stephen Richard Bryant on June 5, 2007. He was welcomed home by siblings Patrick, age 6, and Meredith, age 4. Nancy writes, "Everyone is adjusting nicely and doing well. Patrick started Kindergarten this year and is enjoying it a lot. Meredith attends a local preschool, but keeps saying that she is ready for Kindergarten too!"



Renee (Shank) Elder and her husband,

Shad, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Cameron Michael Elder, on December 27, 2006. Renee is employed as a ninth-grade English teacher at Greensburg Salem High School in Greensburg.

1997



Capt. Matthew D. Schumacher and his wife, Ashley, welcomed Madison Montgomery

into their family on August 14, 2007. Schumacher writes, "We're blessed that everything went smoothly and that Ashley and Madison are doing great. We're looking forward to introducing her to everyone."

1998



Stacey (Rhodes) Brower, Ph.D. and her husband, **Dan Brower '97**, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Marie, on

March 1, 2007. Stacey is a scientist with Precision Therapeutics, Inc. in Pittsburgh and Dan is a high school mathematics teacher and soccer coach in the Pine-Richland School District in Gibsonia.



Mona (Bhadsavle) Criswell and **Josh Criswell '99** welcomed a baby boy, Kush, born on July 6, 2006.

Keri (Vinson) McHugh, D.O., and her husband welcomed their first baby, Liam Patrick McHugh, on October 26, 2005. The family lives in Germany where Keri and her husband serve as emergency

physicians for the military at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

1999

Jason Barr and his wife, Crystal, welcomed their fourth child, Lucas Jason, into the world on July 7, 2007.

2000

Michelle (Novak) Couture and husband, **Chris Couture '04**, welcomed their second daughter, Mia Bella, on July 10, 2006. They expect their third child in January 2008.



Jeff Jeffers and his wife, **Molly (Nicotra) Jeffers '99**, are proud to announce the birth of their son,

Jaxson Zorn Jeffers, born July 22, 2007.

Kelly (Gablick) Luckasevic and her husband, **Jason Luckasevic '97**, welcomed a baby girl, Addison Grace Luckasevic, on July 5, 2007.

2001

Tami (Swartzlander) Richardson and her husband, Kevin, happily announce the birth of their first child, Reanna Noelle, on September 12, 2006. Reanna was born on the birthday of her uncle, **B.J. Swartzlander '03**.



2003



Michelle (Riley) Pons and her husband, **Jonathon Pons '02**, are proud to announce the birth of their second child. Daughter, Addison Leigh Pons, was born on February 1, 2007.

IN MEMORIAM

Marlin W. Helfrick, M.D. '30,

Belleville, died on June 26, 2007, at the age of 99. He was a medical doctor in the Big Valley area for 50 years, retiring in 1984.

Frank F. Hickey '34, Scottsdale, Arizona, died on February 2, 2007, at the age of 94. He was an executive for the Frigidaire Division of General Motors Corporation and retired after a dynamic career of 36 years.

Frank L. Auld '35, Washington, died on March 10, 2007, at the age of 96. While in the U.S. Army during World War II, he served in the European Theater with the 62nd Topographical Engineers, taking part in the D-Day invasion. Mr. Auld worked as a surveyor and inspector for the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Uniontown, District 12, and for the state Turnpike Commission and West Penn Power Electric Company. He retired from the Department of Highways, District 11, Pittsburgh.

Grant E. Hess Jr., M.D., '35, Washington, died on July 22, 2007, at the age of 94. He opened a family practice before joining the U.S. Army. He served as a battalion surgeon and received the Bronze Star for service in World War II.

John Henry Shaffer '35, Lower Merion Township, died March 20, 2007, at the age of 94. Mr. Shaffer was former treasurer of The Pennsylvania Railroad and Penn Central Railroad. He served on numerous boards for banks and mutual fund companies.

Joseph H. Sullivan '35, Mt. Lebanon, died at the age of 93. Mr. Sullivan retired at the age of 84 after working in investment securities with Cunningham, Schmertz & Company and Parker/Hunter in Pittsburgh. He served his country for five years in the U.S. Army intelligence during World War II. Mr. Sullivan served as past president of the W&J Alumni Association and Gyro International.

Benjamin F. Streets Jr., M.D., '36, Black Mountain, North Carolina, died June 6, 2007, at the age of 93. Dr. Streets had operated a private practice before working for the Veteran's Affairs Medical System from 1973 until 1991, retiring

after more than 50 years of service to the medical profession.

Frank H. "Red" Davis III '38, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Florida, and Pinehurst, North Carolina, died June 9, 2007, at the age of 90.

Frank H. McNutt Jr., M.D. '39, Kittanning, died May 12, 2007, at the age of 89. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II in the Pacific Theater. Following his service, Dr. McNutt returned to Kittanning and operated his medical practice for more than 40 years.

J. Campbell Brandon Jr. '40, died on June 13, 2006.

Dana B. Christie, '40, Fort Wayne, Indiana, died on October 26, 2007, at the age of 90. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He continued in the Air Force Reserve, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel after 19 years of service. Mr. Christie's professional life was varied and multifaceted and included underwriter for Kemper Insurance and J.A. Montgomery Insurance; technical representative for Dupont Company, Photo Products Division; office manager for Howell Company; and Designer of Computerized Feed Formula's-Central Soya. He also taught several classes at the University of Indiana, Purdue, and St. Francis as well as being the owner of the Sunny Schick Camera Shop.

Rev. Herbert G. Grether '40, Fort Collins, Colorado, died on March 22, 2007, at the age of 87. He worked as a pastor in several churches and as a missionary in Chiangmai, Thailand. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from W&J in 1967 for the 15 years he spent translating the Bible into the Thai language.

Lt. Col. L. Wesley Martin, Esq., '40, Mansfield, Massachusetts, died on March 15, 2007, at the age of 91. He lived near his daughter, **Dorothy (Martin) Powers '74,** and son-in-law, **David Powers '75.** Mr. Martin was a World War II veteran of the Pacific Campaign, earning the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart during the campaigns of Guadalcanal, and he retired in 1961 after 21 years of service from the U.S. Marine Corps as a lieutenant colonel. Mr. Martin was one of the first lawyers in the Marine

Corps Judge Advocate General Corps. After his military career, he served as the executive assistant to the mayor of Erie and later senior executive vice president and chief of the Trust Department at Security Peoples Trust Company. He was a fixture at W&J reunions and was disappointed when his class did not continue to celebrate after their 50th.

Samuel G. Middleman '40, Bridgeport, West Virginia, died on July 4, 2007, at the age of 88. He attended W&J on a swimming scholarship, and while on the swim team, he was fortunate to have set several state swimming records. He was a self-employed builder and developer in the Washington, D.C. area for many years and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II as a fighter pilot.

Nicholas P. Carlesi '41, formerly of Kittanning, died on October 14, 2007, at the age of 89. He taught history and driver's education in the Kittanning School District for 23 years, where he also coached football and other sports.

Roger R. Soisson '41, formerly of Hampton Court, died on March 3, 2007, at the age of 87. Mr. Soisson was an associate business professor at Butler County Community College and was also a home contractor in Butler County. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during World War II.

George VanGilder Hughes, M.D., '43, Gibsonia, died on September 6, 2007, at the age of 86. He served in the Army ROTC while attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and was commissioned as a captain in the Medical Corps following graduation. In 1949, he joined the National Guard and was drafted to serve with the Army's 2nd Infantry Division, 2nd Medical Division during the Korean War, where he received the Bronze Star, the Combat Medical Badge, and the Korean Service and United Nations Service medals. Dr. Hughes opened his private medical practice in Perrysville in 1953 and served on several hospital staffs in the Pittsburgh area before retiring in 1988 after 35 years.

Rabbi Gerald Klein '43, Dallas, Texas, died on March 3, 2007, at the age of 85. Rabbi Klein began his career in 1948 at Temple Gates of Heaven as

rabbi in Schenectady, New York, and then served in a shared senior rabbi position at Temple Emanu-El in Dallas from 1952 until his retirement. Rabbi Klein was designated as emeritus in 1988. He was the first rabbi to be president of the Dallas Pastors Association.

Arnold E. Riser Sr., '43, Greensburg, died on October 29, 2007, at the age of 86. He was a World War II Navy veteran serving in Barbers Point, Hawaii, as a supply officer at the Naval Air Station. Following his discharge, Mr. Riser joined the Navy Reserves and retired in 1971 as a commander. In 1977, he started his own wholesale business, AER Imports, Inc.

Cleaveland Judd Jr., '44, Lincolnton, North Carolina, died January 20, 2007, at the age of 85.

James E. McClenathan, M.D., '44, Green Valley, Arizona, died June 1, 2007, at the age of 85. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and remained in the service for 23 years. Dr. McClenathan was associate chief of surgery at Children's Hospital from 1965 until his retirement in 1977. He helped pioneer several techniques, including open-heart surgery to correct congenital heart defects. He was presented a distinguished alumnus award from the College in 1972.

Melvin L. Adams, M.D., '49, Macon, Georgia, died October 27, 2007, at the age of 80. He served as a U.S. Marine during World War II. Dr. Adams practiced medicine with his father in a rural family practice for 15 years as well as practicing emergency medicine at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, Charter Northside Hospital, and the Heart Works Cardiac Rehabilitation.

Donald M. Allen, Esq., '49, Newtown, died May 14, 2007, at the age of 81. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and served as a destroyer officer after the war. Mr. Allen worked for most of his life at the Delaware Management Company in Philadelphia as head of the legal department and vice president and corporate secretary and director. He also served as a trustee emeritus for W&J.

Thomas W. Corbett '49, Murrysville, died June 21, 2007, at the age of 82. He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Force veteran and retired from the coal industry in 1982.

Leon E. Christiansen '50, Asheville, North Carolina, died on March 11, 2007, at the age of 82. Mr. Christiansen joined the U.S. Army at the age of 19 and fought as an infantryman in the front lines of the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. He fought as a member of the STP, a unit comprised of U.S. soldiers who had achieved top scores on the U.S. Army aptitude tests. After World War II, Mr. Christiansen worked in private industry at Sylvania, Kodak, Eli Lilly, and Evans Products Co. He was also employed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Department of Surface Mines. He completed his career at NASA, holding the position of director of health and safety at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

William "Bill" Fisher Jr. '50, Washington, died on May 7, 2007, at the age of 83. He was an insurance investigator and had been employed for more than 30 years by Equifax. Mr. Fisher was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Force as a corporal. For his service, he was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with three bronze stars, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Peter Kirr '50, Canonsburg, died August 25, 2007, at the age of 81. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and trained to be a radio operator. Mr. Kirr worked as a district manager for Western and Southern Insurance in Orlando and Cocoa Beach, Florida, and then worked as a salesman for Washington International Trucking Company.

William G. Vinck '50, Baltimore, Maryland, died on April 24, 2007, at the age of 80. He was a World War II veteran and had been employed at the Williams and Wilkins Publishing Company in Baltimore for 40 years as an editor of medical journals and textbooks.

Claude W. Waite '50, Limestone, died September 14, 2007, at the age of 83. He served in the Army's 8th Air Force 452nd Bombardment Group, which flew 250 missions over Europe during World War II. After the war, he resumed his education at W&J. After graduation, he worked for newspapers in Washington and Vandergrift before continuing his

career as an advertising manager for *The Pittsburgh Press*.

William Lehrer '51, Cambridge, Massachusetts, died on June 20, 2007, at the age of 77.

Vincent A. Sonson '52, Wexford, died on May 3, 2007, at the age of 78. He taught Spanish at Bethlehem Center and Fox Chapel and coached both football and basketball before retiring in 1989.

John Calvin Conley '54, Roanoke, Virginia, died on March 10, 2007, at the age of 75. A business executive for much of his life, Mr. Conley traveled the world working for ship building and manufacturing companies. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Kenneth R. Kost, M.D., '55, Kittanning, died on March 28, 2007, at the age of 73. He practiced medicine at the University of Pittsburgh as chief resident physician for five years and as vascular surgeon at Armstrong County Memorial Hospital before retiring after 30 years of service. After retirement in 1995, Dr. Kost volunteered in China and Africa with the Doctors without Borders organization.

Edward Steel McConnon '55, Atlanta, Georgia, died on October 29, 2007, at the age of 78. Mr. McConnon attended Atlanta Law School, where he was valedictorian of his class. He also proudly served in the Korean Conflict as a high-speed radio operator.

Howard Burton Eisen, M.D., '56, Pittsburgh, died on March 12, 2007, at the age of 73. After an internship at St. Margaret Memorial Hospital in radiation and a fellowship at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, he became a partner in Pittsburgh Radiology Associates and practiced at Montefiore Hospital for 24 years, specializing in angiography and mammography.

Richard I. Hardy, M.D., '56, Johnstown, died on August 3, 2007, at the age of 77. He attended West Point and was a member of the Army Field Band. Dr. Hardy practiced medicine in downtown Johnstown for 49 years.

James Allen Smith Sr. '56, Simsbury, Connecticut, died on July 30, 2007, at the age of 75. He was a registered professional nuclear engineer working for Combustion Engineering for 16 years

and Power Systems Energy Services, Inc., retiring in 1993.

Kenneth M. Stemen '56, Metamora, Michigan, died September 11, 2007, at the age of 73.

John A. Watt '56, Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on May 2, 2007, at the age of 74. He worked as an automotive engineer for more than 30 years and retired from Rockwell International.

Chester C. "Chip" Williams Jr. '56, Sheraden, died on August 27, 2007, at the age of 73. He proudly served the Pittsburgh Police Department for 30 years until his retirement in 1994.

William B. Bigge Jr. '57, Venice, Florida, died on June 4, 2007, at the age of 71. A career in nuclear engineering and power generation brought him to Westinghouse, General Electric, Stone and Webster, and Noell, Inc. Mr. Bigge was a member and past president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity at W&J.

Russell Richie '60, Lady Lake, Florida, died on August 22, 2007, his 69th birthday. He served two tours of duty in the U.S. Army, and was awarded several honors, including the Air Medal for Valor as a captain. Mr. Richie worked for the Atomic Energy Commission, Department of Energy, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). After retirement from the federal government, he worked as a consultant.

John Thomas Dunbar Sr. '62, Pinehurst, North Carolina, died on April 21, 2007, at the age of 67. He began his career in communications with Bell Telephone and retired from Alltel Corporation of Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Dunbar was the founding president of Alltel Mobile.

William Perryclear '62, Annapolis, Maryland, died on June 18, 2007, at the age of 66. He was an insurance agent from 1962 until 1975, when he moved to Delta and established William & Mary Enterprises, a worm and organic soil farm. After dissolving the business in 1989, he moved to the Pacific island of Koror, Palau, where he was curator of a local maritime museum and official photographer for the island.

James B. Denton '63, Rector, died on December 26, 2006, at the age of 66.

William P. Doherty, Ph.D. '63, Gilroy, California, died August 7, 2007, at the age of 71. Prior to his retirement in 1999, he was employed by Abbott Laboratories as a biophysicist.

Albert Giuliano Jr. '64, Coraopolis, died on July 31, 2007, at the age of 65. He was a retired elementary school principal with more than 25 years in the Bethel Park School District.

Glenn Eugene Swaim '64, Sandy, Utah, died on February 6, 2006, at the age of 65.

Charles D. "Chip" Forgie '65, Avon, Connecticut, died on August 28, 2007, at the age of 64. His extensive banking career included The Connecticut Bank and Trust, The Bank of New England, and Fleet Bank. Mr. Forgie was also instrumental in establishing the Simsbury Bank, where he served as executive vice president and chief lending officer until his retirement in 2006.

Bernard "Bernie" DuPaul '66, Hempstead, New York, died on September 25, 2007, at the age of 63. He proudly served 35 years in the U.S. Army as a medical service corps officer and retired as colonel. He was a financial planner with New England Financial (DuPaul Associates).

James W. Broschious, Esq., '67, Mansfield Township, New Jersey, died on May 1, 2007, at the age of 61. Mr. Broschious practiced law in Warren County for 37 years, where he established the firm of Broschious, Fischer & Zaiter in Washington, New Jersey.

LTC Thomas Alan Spickler '68, Denton, Texas, died on August 11, 2007, at the age of 62. He retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of lieutenant Colonel where he served in both Vietnam and Desert Storm. He was also employed by the Department of Defense, from where he retired in 2006.

Richmond B. Hosley '70, Lyme, Connecticut, died on March 10, 2007, at the age of 60. He was the former president of the international division and member of the board of directors of

Jockey International, Inc., from which he retired in 1995 after 21 years.

Lynn Rongaus '79, Washington, D.C., died on June 1, 2007, at the age of 50. She began her career on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., as a staff member for former Congressman Austin J. Murphy, and later worked as a paralegal for the Office of Administrative Law Judges at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Joseph G. Klonicki '82, Monroeville, died on June 19, 2005, at the age of 45.

Donald F. Turosik Jr. '83, California, died on May 21, 2007, at the age of 46. His career spanned more than 20 years in finance and customer service.

Julietta J. (L'Altrelle) Finfrock '88, Washington, died on August 6, 2007, at the age of 67. She worked in the purchasing department of Mayview Hospital until its closing and then worked for the Pennsylvania State Board of Probation and Parole in Pittsburgh.

Trapper J. Flenke '09, Lewisberry, died on August 19, 2007, at the age of 20. He was attending W&J on a full academic scholarship, majoring in psychology and philosophy with a minor in theology.

FRIENDS

John A. Anderson, Toledo, Ohio, died on July 17, 2007, at the age of 105. He attended W&J before transferring to the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania where he earned an economics degree. Mr. Anderson joined the Ohio Citizen Trust Company in 1947 following 10 years of service as president, secretary, and treasurer of the Toledo Wheelbarrow Company, a family business.

James L. Batove, Washington, died August 3, 2007, at the age of 60. He attended W&J and was employed by Molycorp as a plant engineer for 13 years.

Clarence L. Branton, Ph.D., Washington, D.C., died on June 11, 2007, at the age of 85. He was a professor at W&J from 1955 until his retirement in 1990. He served 15 of his years as Wallace Professor of Rhetoric, chair of

the English department, and the division of humanities, as well as secretary of the faculty. Upon his retirement, Mr. Branton was awarded the honorary doctor of humanities degree. Before coming to W&J, he served as a field artillery officer in the U.S. Army. After World War II, he remained in the U.S. Army Reserve until his retirement at the rank of colonel in 1982. Upon his death, Dr. Branton's widow, Harriet, and children, **Mary '80** and **Philip '83**, established the Clarence L. Branton Memorial Lecture Series in loving memory of their husband and father. This endowed lecture series was created to support the College's English Department and its scholarly guest lecture series.

Rachel Alyssa Core, Washington, died on May 16, 2006, at the age of 19. She was the daughter of **Gordon M. '71** and Lois E. Core. Miss Core was a senior at Wheeling Central Catholic High School (West Virginia), where she was a member of the school choir and a photographer on the yearbook staff, as well as an avid equestrian. Her father worked in the development office at W&J from 1986 to 2001.

Carmelina T. Davis, Washington, died on May 31, 2007, at the age of 86. She attended W&J and was a graduate of Washington Seminary. She was a retired Ohio schoolteacher, having taught in Titansville and Kettering. She served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Dr. Owen W. Dukelow Sr., professor emeritus, died on May 27, 2007, at the age of 84. Dr. Dukelow was professor of philosophy and chair of the philosophy department at W&J from 1969 to 1989. His daughters, **Ruth '77** and **Debbie '79**, are W&J alumni.

Capt. James Faddis, Edgewater, Maryland, died August 19, 2007, at the age of 85. He attended W&J before graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy. He retired from the Navy in 1974 after an extensive career.

James G. Greenwood, Findlay, Ohio, died May 29, 2007, at the age of 60. He was the director of debate at W&J from 1974 to 1981. He had been employed as a professor of fine arts at The University of Findlay since 1981.

Laura B. Hatfield, Washington, died June 27, 2007, at the age of 101. She took courses at W&J toward a teaching degree and worked for the Washington City Mission for 34 years.

Lois E. Hookey, Hamilton, Ohio, died on April 1, 2007, at the age of 81. She was very active in the W&J Auxiliary while her husband, **Dr. Joseph Hookey '50**, served on the college faculty as assistant professor of religion from 1960–1965.

Marion F. Jones, Washington, died March 5, 2007, at the age of 89. She was a secretary at W&J for 10 years.

Martha Keys Reynolds Keck, Weslaco, Texas, died September 20, 2007, at the age of 90. She attended Penn Commercial College in Washington and then worked as a faculty secretary at W&J.

Brian Kimberly, Titusville, died on January 19, 2007, at the age of 25. He attended W&J before transferring to West Virginia University and was attending graduate school at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

William D. Kraeling, Bogart, Georgia, died on August 1, 2007, at the age of 86. He attended W&J before serving in Berry St. Edmonds, England, during World War II. Mr. Kraeling was decorated with the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He retired as supervisor of the civil division of the Superior Court in Santa Anna, California in 1982.

Florence B. Kughn, Washington, died September 1, 2007, at the age of 86. She managed the W&J bookstore for 20 years until her retirement in 1986.

Robert J. Lillard, Warren, Ohio, died on April 13, 2007, at the age of 73. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was an employee at W&J.

William R. Lyon, Washington, died on May 8, 2007, at the age of 53. He had been an assistant professor in the business and economics department at W&J since 1988. He served the campus community and his students in particular with dedication and passion.

Charles E. McKie, Akron, Ohio, died May 24, 2007, at the age of 95. He attended W&J and later served with the National Guard.

Mary Louise Miller, Washington, died on April 11, 2007, at the age of 65. She was a secretary to the librarian at the U. Grant Miller Library from 1960–1966.

Doris K. Mitchell, Nashua, Massachusetts, died on April 21, 2007, at the age of 87. She was the mother of former W&J president, Brian C. Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell was a secretary at the Lowell, Massachusetts, Police Department for nearly 25 years.

Wilma Stewart Mitchell, Washington, died on May 8, 2007, at the age of 89. She attended W&J and later worked as a school teacher at Trinity High School.

Claude S. Rogers, Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on July 2, 2007, at the age of 95. He was drafted into the Army in 1941 where he served the duration of World War II and was honorably discharged in 1945 as a captain. Mr. Rogers was a partner in a law firm for 30 years, retiring in 1972.

Richard T. Roule, Lorain, died on May 18, 2007, at the age of 74. He attended W&J and then served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

Jane (Stout) Rupert, Washington, died on August 24, 2007, at the age of 60. She was the sister of **Sen. J. Barry Stout '64** and **William Stout '64**. Mrs. Rupert enjoyed making crafts and being with family and friends.



Michael G. Ruschak died tragically on September 24, 2007 in Oviedo, Florida. He was a student at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, majoring in business administration. He was the son of **George C. Ruschak '72** and Janice E. Ruschak. Michael is pictured with his sister, Natalie. Any donations in his memory should be sent to: UCF Victims Services, P.O. Box 163550, Orlando, FL, 32816-3550.

Elizabeth M. Scott, West Middletown, died June 15, 2007, at the age of 88. Mrs. Scott was founding director of Avella Public Library and served on the W&J Auxiliary. She was the mother of **John Mark Scott '69**, W&J professor of Russian.

William D. Shea, Greensburg, died on October 21, 2007, at the age of 80. He was an assistant professor of biology and microbiology at W&J.

Alice P. Sterrett, Beaver Falls, died on July 29, 2007, at the age of 89. After graduating from Geneva College, she worked in the alumni office of W&J, compiling information for the alumni directory. She was an English teacher in Big Beaver Area Middle School for 27 years, retiring in 1983.

John King McLanahan Stevens, Hollidaysburg, died on January 27, 2007, at the age of 85. He attended W&J and was the owner and former manager of the Woodbury Clay Company at Oremine. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Waverly L. Strothers Jr., Washington, died on June 18, 2007, at the age of 65. He worked in the maintenance department at W&J. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Samuel W. Traylor III, Indian Harbour Beach, Florida, died on June 15, 2007, at the age of 79. He attended W&J before entering the U.S. Army, from which he was honorably discharged.

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Through the Years

In 1966, a volunteer group of W&J students cooperated with the LeMoyne Community Center of Washington to establish a regular tutoring service free of charge to the community. At the time, pre-medical students Marc Pollock and Richard Ulevitch, both graduates of the class of 1966, served as co-chairmen of the group.

Students from Washington area schools took advantage of the service in increasing numbers. The volunteers hoped to acquire and

have available a library of information about colleges, nursing schools, trade schools, other institutions of higher learning, financial aid, and scholarships. In addition to elementary school students, the tutors also helped college preparatory, commercial, vocational and general high school students by tutoring in their subject of expertise.

The tutor and student arranged a regular schedule of days, time, and length of their meetings on or off of W&J's campus. Pictured in these

photos, Mark Scott '69 had scheduled two evenings a week as a volunteer tutor helping Clinton Perry, age 11, a fifth grader in Washington's 6th Ward School.

In addition to Scott, Pollack, and Ulevitch, volunteer tutors in 1966 included: Jay Leipzig, Leonard Eisenfeld, David Sperling, Robert Sigman, John Lovelace, Warren Borish, Larry Friedman, Richard Lodish, Alan Feren, George Delatash, Bill Forstate, James Herring, Sandy Nelson, and Edward Romanoff.



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